



# *The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation*

*Division of Museums, Preservation and Historic Resources*  
*Post Office Box 1776 ■ Williamsburg, Virginia ■ 23187-9910*  
*Office of the Registrar ■ 757.220-7548 ■ 757.565-8506 Fax ■ 757.565.8752*

Historic Charleston Foundation

51 Meeting St

Charleston SC 29401

Att: Valerie Perry

Shipped to: Office: 843-724-8485

Tel: +1 843-724-8485

vperry@historiccharleston.or

Purpose: Return Loan

Email: g

Delivered by: US ART

Date:

Released by: Ajana Bradshaw/ Tara Chicirda

Date:

Received by:

Date:

**PLEASE SIGN ON THE "RECEIVED BY" LINE AND RETURN ONE COPY to the Registrar after checking all objects listed below.**

**The duplicate copy is for your records.**

| CWF Tracking or Accession Number | Description of Object(s)                                     | General Condition    | Insurance Value |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| T026-2019                        | Double chest of drawers<br>OH: 76"; OW: 44 1/2"; OW: 22 5/8" | See Attached Report. | \$80,000.00     |

**OUTGOING RECEIPT**



# The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION REPORT

Wooden Artifacts Lab

Page 1 of 2

|                  |                                                  |                                                                                                       |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACCESSION NUMBER | T026-2019                                        | <br>BT unassembled |
| PROJECT NUMBER   | 38056                                            |                                                                                                       |
| OBJECT           | Double chest<br>HCF, c/o Lauren Northup, curator |                                                                                                       |
| TREATMENT TIME   | 7hrs                                             |                                                                                                       |
| DATE             | 8-11-21                                          |                                                                                                       |
| IMAGING          | Digital pics BT only                             |                                                                                                       |

The double chest was treated as proposed 5-7-2019.

- The broken top boards were re-adhered with (Lee Valley) Fish Glue.
- Two cut nails were reset in the top-most backboard after repositioning.
- Nail splinter loss filled with Araldite 1243 (Ciba Geigy) paste epoxy.
- Color the fills with acrylic paint (Liquitex).



BT: broken top boards, with two backboard projecting nails.

Conservator: Swan





# The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION PROPOSAL

Furniture Lab

Page 1 of 3

|                  |                           |                |              |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Date             | 5/6/2019                  | Object/Title   | Double Chest |
| Accession Number | L.1995.3.26               | Treatment Time | Est. 5 hrs   |
|                  | CWF loan no.<br>T026-2019 |                |              |
| Project Number   | 38056                     | Date Proposed  | 5/6/2019     |

**Condition and Treatment Proposal** The loaned Charleston double chest has suffered a broken top board; known to Historic Charleston before its transport to the Collections Building at CWF. (see pictures below). The board appears to have been broken inward (now in two pieces) resulting in splintered edges and breakout losses associated with the nails. Upon further inspection, several small splinters along with an Ethafoam block were discovered inside the cornice cavity below the top boards. Obviously there was some attempt to prop up these loose boards prior to this loan. Two long (3" and 4") splinters associated with the two cut-nails from the backboard are missing.

The backboards on the chest have all been off and re-nailed with 20c wire "box" nails. There are also a few long cut nails along the top edge of the top-most back board that held the top boards. These are not original but possibly an early reinforcement (unused holes evident). The repair of the top boards will require the removal of the top-most full-width backboard. Following its careful removal, the broken top boards can then be realigned and glued back in place with collagen fish glue. The back board could then be re-nailed back in place with the same nails. The long splinters should be filled with reversible bulked epoxy to allow the nails to provide support for the top boards.

BEFORE TREATMENT Pictures taken.

## Signatures

Date

Project Conservator  
Chris Swan

Curator  
HCF Lauren Northup

Director of Conservation  
Operations

Patty Silence

Treatment:

Completed as proposed, 5-8-19., pics in archive.

## Addendum 9-30-26

The top boards were treated and secured in 2019. There are no other issues with the double chest.



Before Treatment.



Before Treatment Detail, top of upper chest.



Before Treatment Detail, top back of the upper chest.



AT, 5-8-19