

**Provenance:**

This piece was part of the furnishings of Coe Hall during the early part of the 20th Century, when the Coe Family resided there. It is significant that it has been returned to Coe Hall-Planting Fields, as part of its original furnishings.

**NOTE:**

"Oyster-veneered" wood is wood, cut transversely, from the small branches of the walnut, olive, laburnum or kingwood tree, then pieced together to cover the desired surface.

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**Comparable: Sotheby's, New York, English Furniture and Decorations, April 21, 1995, Lot #229, an "oyster-veneered" walnut chest of drawers, c.1700, the top cross-banded, inlaid with concentric circles, above two short, over three long drawers, on bracket feet (restored), 33" x 35" x 22"; Sold, \$11,500.**

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I have valued the Appraised higher than the Comparable for several reasons:

- a. the overall patination of the wood of the Appraised is richer, and more desirable than the finish of the Comparable;
- b. the market in this type of veneered furniture has increased since the Comparable was sold in April, 1995;
- c. there is significance in the provenance of the Appraised, i.e. this chest of drawers was, at one time, part of the furnishings at Coe Hall during the Coe family's residency there.

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