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Mr. J. C. Collier,
Dear Sir:

I received your very interesting letter some time ago and would have answered before but we have had the flu and no writing has been done.

I am enclosing a photo of the Court Cupboard which you asked about in your letter. Although I was a Collier I did not inherit the peice but purchased it from a Mr. Smith at South Hill, Va., a direct descendent of Anne Vines Hicks Walker. The peice has not been out of the family since it was built.

According to the records at Yorktown we have gathered that the cupboard was brought into the Collier family through the marriage of Anne Vines and Isaac Collier. We are almost sure that we are going to be able to trace it back to Nathanel West,

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Lord Delaware's brother, who came over in 1610. His daughter married a Hill and their daughter married a Vines. Thomas Vines (2) left this cupboard to Anne Vines and Isaac Collier.

On account of its great age and its historical value and the fact that it was built in America, makes it a very valuable piece of furniture and we have been offered from eight to sixteen thousand dollars for it.

If I remember right there is a will at Yorktown dated 1675 which is Isaac Colliers. The grandfather of Isaac Collier that married Anne Vines. I believe that you could find a great deal about the Colliers at this place and perhaps some things that you do not know.

If you are ever in Petersburg again call to see us and we will tell you more of the history of the piece.

Thanking you for your interesting letter.

I am,

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Sincerely yours,
Mrs. B. L. Brockwell

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Collier Family

York county Colliers: The records of Brunswick throw some further light upon this branch:

In, 1751, Issac Collier, of Brunswick county, made a deed to Thomas Collier, his son, of the same county. This proves that Issac Collier, as well as his son Thomas moved to Brunswick. This deed is witnessed by Andrew Froughton, Vines Collier and John Dunn.

Issac Collier made his will July 8, 1771, and it was proved October 28, 1771. It names wife Ann, sons Myhill, Vines, Thos, Charles, Issac, daughters, Elizabeth Smith, Judith Hicks and Ann Collier.

There is also the marriage bond of Myhill Collier and Tabitha Harrison, daughter of Benjamine Harrison. Witnessed by Mr. Fisher Reuben Booth and Charles Collier. Dated 26 November, 1769.

Mr. John Hardeman, of Macon, Ga. Writes as follows:

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■ Vines Collier moved to Georgia and settled in Wilkes county, in a portion that was afterwards formed into Oglethorpe; there he died Sept, II, 1795, as I learn from an affidavit attached to his will. His children were Betsy Dunn, Sally Smith, Polly Owens, Ann or Nancy Hardeman (my great-grandmother), Issac, Thomas, John, William, Vines, Benjamin, William, Robert and Cuthbert. Nancy or Ann married John Hardeman, who was the son of John or Thomas Hardeman and Dorothy or Judith Edwards of Virginia. Robert and Issac were both members of the Georgia Legislative, and so the grandsons Robert V. Hardeman and Benjamin Hardeman, both serving in the State Senate and House of Representatives, and his great-grandsons Sam H. Hardeman, Thomas and Robert U. Hardeman also in the legislature, Robert in the lower house and Thomas in both houses. Thomas Jr. twice represented the state in the United States Congress, and his youngest brother Robert U. was for twelve years State Treasurer, and S.H. Hardeman was for years judge of the Superior Court of Wilkes county.

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Robert V. Hardeman was for years judge of the Superior Court, Comulgee Circuit. The following members of the family were justices or judges; Robert Hardeman of Oglethrope county: Ben Collier, of Upson; B.F. Hardeman Jack Hardeman, R.V. Hardeman, Vines and Thomas Hardeman."

Colliers of York County

Charles Collier (will proved in 1722) had issue three sons and one daughter: Issac, not mentioned in the will, but eldest son, since none of the brothers of Charles Collier left any sons. In 1726 a deed from Henry Cary (son of Henry Cary and Judith Lockey his wife) and Anne his wife, and Lockey Mihill (son of John Mihill and Mary Lockey), and Sarah his wife, to Cole Digges for 200 acres in York county, recites that this is the land whereof Edward Lockey

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died seised, and which the said Cary and Mihill lately recovered by Judgment of the general court as heirs of said Edward Lockey, deceased, from Issac Collier and Foliott Power (son of John Power and Mary his wife, Widow of John Mihill?) Thomas, Charlesm and Elizabeth.

Of these Issac Collier, first named, married Ann Vines, daughter of Thomas Vines, of York County, whose will, proved August 15, 1737, names daughter Anne Collier and her husband Isaac Collier and their children, (1) Thomas, who is said to have gone in 1749 with Lawrence Washington against Porto Bello and was afterwards second lieutenant in the Second Virginia Regiment. (2) Judith, (3) Vines, (4) Charles who is said to have accompanied his brother to Porto Bello, and was a captain in the Continental Line.

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Vines Collier removed to Brunswick and was ensign in 1758 during the French and Indian war.

Judith Collier, his sister, married James Hicks, of Brunswick, and was mother of Anne Vine Hicks Walker, who was living at an advanced age in 1860. She had also a son, Vines Collier Hicks, and in 1881 a nephew of the later, Vines Hicks Collier lived near Hickory Flat, in Chambers county, Ala. (From a letter of prof. Robert A. Hardaway, Dec. 25, 1897.)

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