

more publicity than it had ever before received in its long lifetime and, as a result, I have received many flattering offers for it. However, it has always been mutually understood that it never be allowed to leave the family and I have therefore refused all such offers, even as high as twenty five thousand dollars.

The only previous publicity the old cupboard ever received was through its mention in a book entitled "Footprints of Abraham Lincoln" compiled and published several years ago by a Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Hobson. The same book contained a picture of my grandmother (my father's mother) who was one of its owners, being the daughter of Josiah Crawford, ^{my great-grandfather,} its original owner, — the man who loaned young Lincoln "Weems' Life of Washington".

Yours respectfully,

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