



Buckley Secretary Restoration

c 1820

This desk belonged to Thomas Buckley

born Jan 29, 1771

died April 28, 1846

married Anna Lawrence Sept 11, 1793

He was President of Bank of America New York for many years.

Of the thousands of pieces of furniture we have restored over the last 35 years we thought this particular piece might serve to illustrate a broad overview of the many processes involved in a comprehensive restoration.

- Structural gluing of broken foot and broken crown
- Regluing of detached mullions
- Splicing and carving of missing mullions
- Regluing of many loose veneers
- Splicing of many missing veneers
- Reglue loose arches over letter slots
- Replace missing arches over letter slots
- Fasten loose ivory knobs
- Replace damaged ivory knob by turning an exact duplicate
- Install leather writing surface
- Clean and preserve existing finish, including old brass polish
- Blend for color all replacements and splices
- Renew finish generally-French polish
- Polish, lacquer and remount brass hardware
- Wax drawer runners

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The picture above shows the piece after we made replacement veneer and spliced into the damaged areas. Note the brass polish that had built up around the hardware.

Below is after the final French polish.



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The picture above shows the interior after we made replacement veneer and spliced it into the damaged areas.

Below is after the final French polish and replacement leather.



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