

Katerine E. Cox's Statement

Written statement of Katharine E. Cox, sister of the donor (Hannah Julia Cox).

To Whom it May Concern:

The Powder puff and bag with accompanying “certificate of its character, identity and services” signed by Benjamin Graves in Plattsburgh, N. Y., in 1835, has been in the possession of my family since it was given to my great-grandfather St. John Bull Laurence Skinner, who resided in Plattsburgh, N. Y. (St. John B. L. Skinner was commissioned 1st Assistant Post Master and its certificate by President Andrew Jackson.) The powder puff, its bag, and its certificate signed by Benjamin Graves were given by my great-grandfather St. J. B. L. Skinner to his daughter Hannah Julia Skinner, who married Thomas Mason Cox of Charleston and grandmother Hannah Julia Skinner Cox to her son Thomas Augustus Cox of Cullowhee, North Carolina; they remained in my father's possession throughout my childhood (when I was shown them many times) and until his death. After the death of my father, Thomas August Cox, these three articles were in my care until given into the care of my sister, Hannah Julia Cox of Alexandria, Virginia.

[signed] Katerine E. Cox

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