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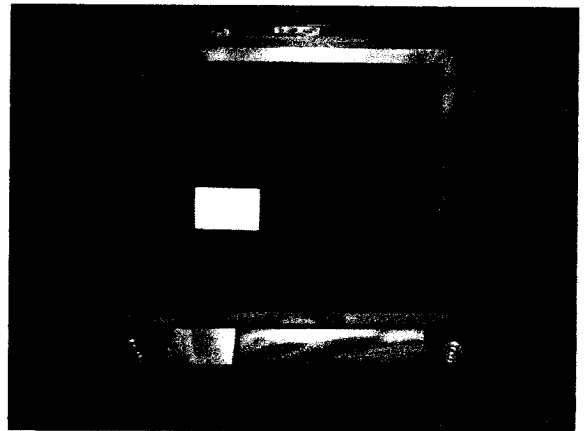
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Important news! First, a new line of descent from William Dawes has emerged! New member Kathryn Kennedy, who descends from his youngest daughter Mehetable, discovered us when she Googled William Dawes and came up with our Web site. Just three years ago, this would not have been possible, but thanks to the hard work of Webmaster Caren Secord, we have a 21st century vehicle for expanding the DWDWRA reach. The Internet Age has enabled your Association to make a big leap forward.

As you will see in Kathryn's article, she is custodian of a stunning set of historical artifacts, including items that belonged to William Dawes himself! One of Kathryn's treasures is a portable writing desk that belonged to Mehetable. Another newsletter article discusses a large collection of letters held in a Library in Cambridge, letters that were probably written at this very desk. How remarkable is that?!

Now a second piece of important news. The status of the Dawes House is still unsettled, as you will see in Marian McNair's article. Given this uncertainty, George Schulz has reluctantly concluded that this is not the best time to schedule a reunion in Chicago/Evanston, and the board agrees. But talk about serendipity! Our newest member, Kathryn, has invited us to come to Alaska. What a gracious offer, and a great opportunity to meet the Kennedy's and experience our 49th state! See the article on Reunion 2009. Alaska, Ho!

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