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Sculptor's representation of Thomas Day, a free African American in Caswell County who created fashionable furniture and architectural elements before the Civil War.







Thomas Day (ca. 1801–1861), a free African American, was a successful



Table, ca. 1840–1850 Geometric pedestals [Detail] Lion's paw feet





Bureau, 1855 Owned by Governor David S. Reid [Detail] Pillar and scroll mirror supports

Bedstead, 1853

Purchased by Azariah Graves, Caswell County

[Detail] Carved Gothic arches

Lounge, 1858 Crafted for Governor David S. Reid [Detail] S-scrolled front stile and foot



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