

**EPISODE TITLE: Fall-Front Writing Desk – Portable Secretary**

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Guest Interview:

Project: White oak secretary

This hand-made writing desk is dated 2/19/6 in the apparent handwriting of its builder. The cast brass hardware is marked “Made In England” and the pencil and scribe markings of its maker reveal the workmanship. Imported hardware was commonly used on domestic furniture, so the hardware stamp doesn’t identify the country of origin. However, the turn of the century date format of M/D/Y is more common in the United States. European date conventions employ the D/M/Y format. Since there is no 19<sup>th</sup> month, this date format indicates a domestic origin.

There is no story attached to this piece that I know of...yet. It’s just really cool and I want to make one.

