

MRS. THOMAS FLINT NICHOLS  
153 EAST GENESEE STREET  
AUBURN, NEW YORK

October 29th, 1943.

My dear Mrs Callihan:

As I understand it, the chairs were a part of the furnishings of what was known as the Othniel Williams house in Clinton, N.Y. and were purchased about 1850.

Mr Williams was an important personage in the village, was Treasurer of Hamilton College for many years and his house, partly because of its size, was the social center of the village.

In my early girlhood, the somewhat conservative and perhaps snobbish college group kept much to themselves and the Williams house was one of the few places I was allowed to visit. A state of affairs that seems absurd in these democratic days.

About six years ago, a granddaughter of the Mr Williams noted above, who had been left the life use of the house, decided it was too heavy a burden for one woman to carry, waived her claim, and, to settle the estate, the house and furnishings were sold. I bought a lot of things, including the chairs.

Sincerely yours

*Alta Post Nichols*

MARJORIE H. EDWARDS  
EAST SENECA STREET  
OVID, N. Y.

*Sept. 15. 1943*

*Received from  
Dr. Callihan One Hundred  
Seventy Five dollars  
for pair of chairs.*

*M. H. Edwards*