

Dear Mr. Lawton,

I am collecting data for an article on Shaker furniture which may come out in "Antiques," and am writing you particularly to fund out if you have any available information, or can suggest references concerning this industry in the old Shirley families.

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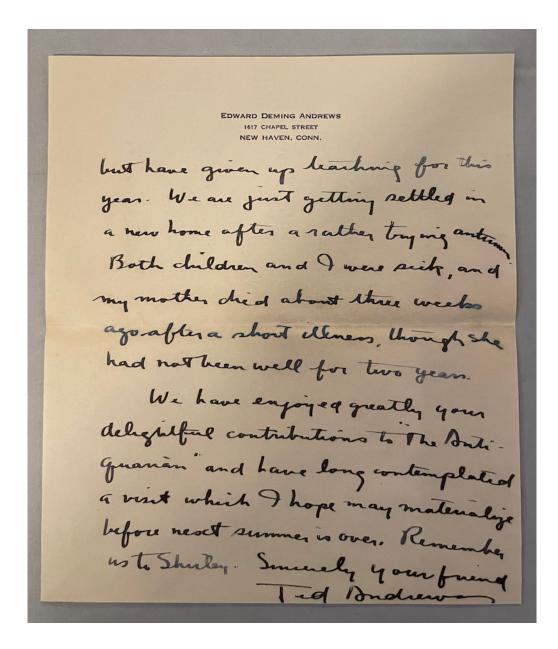
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But have given up teaching for this year. We are just getting settled in a new home after a rather trying autumn. Both children and I were sick, and my mother died about three weeks ago after a short illness, though she had not been well for two years.

We have enjoyed greatly your delightful contributions to "The Antiquarrian" and have long contemplated a visit which I hope may materialize before next summer is over. Remember us to Shirley. Sincerely your friend

Ted Andrews