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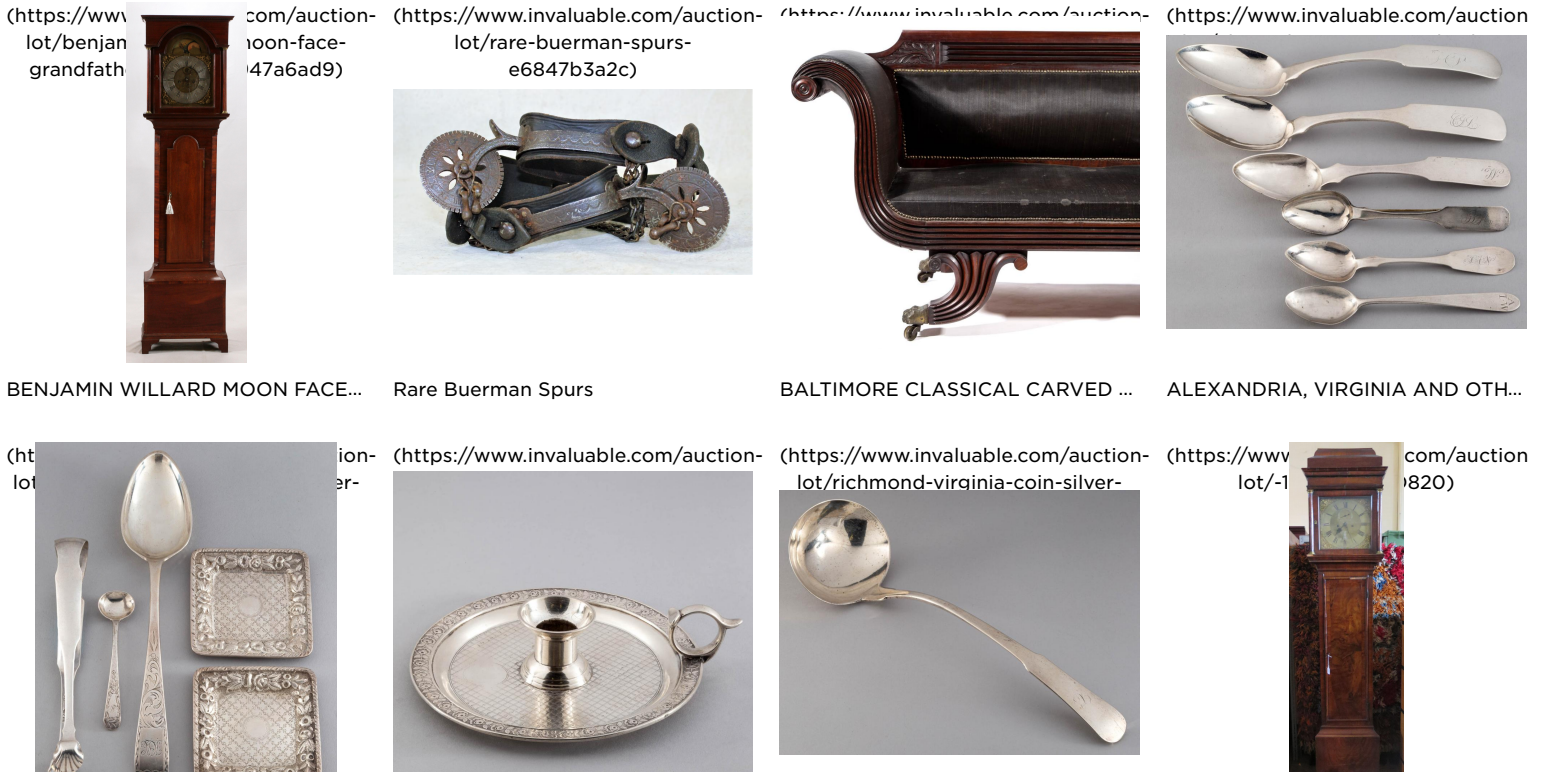
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Item Overview

Description: Baltimore, 1818-1822, engraved block letter signature on the silvered face Baltimore/Chandlee & Holloway. The fully engraved compass dial, 6" in diameter, the face with elaborate engraved fleur-de-lis North insignia, a single inset level bubble vial, and two subsidiary numbered counters, activated from beneath, for counting both poles and miles. The compass is complete with the original brass cover and period fitted wooden case.

While Chandlee & Holloway advertised as clock and instrument makers, the compass engraving and manufacturing characteristics suggests it was made by Goldsmith Chandlee in Winchester, Virginia, for resale by his son Benjamin III and his partner Robert Holloway, who were clock, watch and instrument dealers active in Baltimore from 1818 until Benjamin Chandlee's Death in 1822.

Currently, two other compasses by Chandlee Holloway have been documented, both of simpler form. One exists in a private collection and another in a museum collection, documented by Indianapolis Marion County Public Library Digital Collections.

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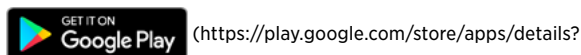
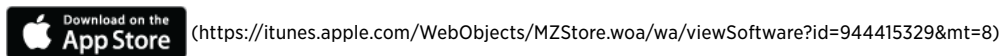
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