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"Mrs. X., this is ________, and I'm working on a research project for the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem, NC. The museum is doing research in ________ County and in all of this area on decorative arts made in the South prior to 1820. We're studying furniture, paintings, silver, ceramics, textiles, or just anything used in the home that would pre-date 1820. We're really interested in pieces with strong family histories. I was talking to Mrs. Y and I asked her about people in the area who might have things with southern histories" (or "people who live in old homes" or "people whose roots are in the area" or "people who might be interested in the project") "and she mentioned your name."