



Figure 12. Batten door; south wall, south front room.

There are no raised panel doors; all the early ones are batten doors, whose horizontal battens with beaded edges are secured to the vertical boards with clinched wrought nails. There is no evidence of any H or HL side hinges that continued to be used in some rural areas into the second and third decade of the nineteenth century. Instead, all the doors were secured to their jambs by cast-iron butt hinges. The Gould House has at least four doors with pairs of hinges with one of their leaves stamped with the name of the manufacturer. The hinges used on the door on the south gable wall in the smaller front room, the ones on the door on the west wall separating the larger front room from the back center passage, and the ones on the door next to it at the bottom of the stairwell to the garret are stamped "T Clarks Comⁿ." These sets of three-knuckle hinges with four screw holes per plate, which are mostly filled with off-set slotted screws, were made by Thomas and Charles Clark & Company at the Shakespeare Foundry in Wolverhampton, England. Established in 1795, it operated through the late nineteenth century. A fourth pair secured the closet door beneath the staircase in the smaller south front room. Those two were five-knuckle hinges with four screw holes and were labeled "T & C Clark." The precise date range of the manufacture of these two types of Clark hinges has not been established, but if so, they could provide a *terminus post quem* for the finish of the Gould House since the doors and their hinges are original. Clark saturated the American market in the nineteenth century and their stamped hinges with variations in the name and lettering have been found in buildings dating from the 1820s through the Civil War if not a few years afterward. If the hinges are useful for establishing the date of the house, the locks on the door are not since all of them are small, square cast-iron rim locks with porcelain or mineral knobs, which date to the late nineteenth or first decades of the twentieth century. Scars on most of the doors indicate that there were earlier mounted rim locks on them.

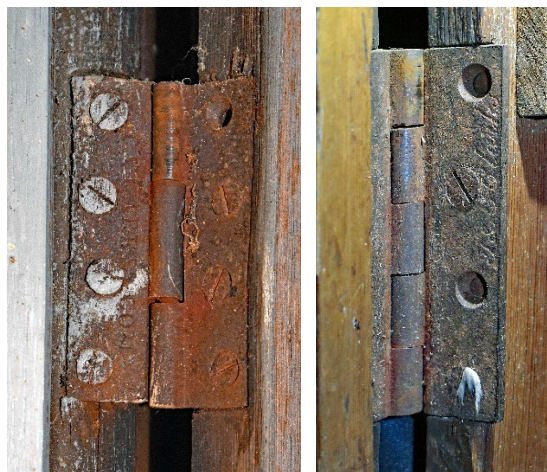


Figure 13. Left: "T Clark Comn"; Right, "T & C Clark."