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## Leather Trunk by J. Choat

Joshua Choat

Sold



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Height: 46.97 cm (18.5")

Width: 68.55 cm (27")

Depth: 46.97 cm (18.5")

## Description

A Victorian red leather on softwood trunk by Joshua Choat.

The trunk has wide tin edging and corners and brass domed head studs with iron carrying handles. The blacked tin is worn in places to reveal the metal and Choat has not been shy in his use of studs for decoration and extra protection. The interior is lined in blue and white over printed paper and there are support bars to take a long missing tray. The base has a high lip to seal the lid and the top has a skirt of leather, worn in places, to further waterproof the contents. The lid is supported by 2 webbing straps and has the makers paper label to the centre of the interior.

There is a lot of information to the label including examples of Choat's wares. It gives his address of 61 Lambs Conduit and the fact that the business used to be called Dixon and Choat.

This trunk stands out for the use of red leather and the heavy metal cladding and stud work. The brass lock cover is stamped VR for Victoria meaning that trunk can't be older than the 20th June 1837. Choat separated the business from Dixon in 1839 and died in 1846 giving us a 7 year period in which it was made. Circa 1845.