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## Stool Trunk by Eyre

William Eyre Or Driver & Eyre

Sold



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REF: 81612

Height: 41 cm (16.1")

Width: 32 cm (12.6")

Depth: 27 cm (10.6")

## Description

A dark red leather on pine Stool Trunk with padded lid which acts as a seat.

A number of different trunk makers offered this combined form of trunk and stool at the beginning of the 19th century and we have had others with maker's labels for Paynter & Hawke of Cheapside and Bryant of Bath. The dual purpose of this horseshoe shaped trunk would be very useful to the traveller whether they be an officer who might also use it as a camp seat or someone on a coach. The trunk has been made with a thinner leather, which has passed through a roller to give a grained effect, to the sides and a thicker leather to the seat. Studs have been used to both finish the edges neatly and offer decoration and strength. As was common practice, the trunk is lined with newspapers or broadsheets that have been over printed with a polka dot pattern. It is interesting the Byron notes that he read a poem whilst in Malta in 1811 that was lining an Eyre trunk.

More can be read about the Eyre family by clicking on their name above.

This form of trunk is relatively rare. Circa 1820.