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Stool Trunk by Eyre

REF:- 81612

AUTHOR LABEL : William Eyre or Driver & Eyre

Height: 41 cm (16 1/4")

Width: 32 cm (12 1/2")

Depth: 27 cm (10 3/4")

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Short 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.

William Eyre was born in 1791 and took over his father's business around 1814. His father Isaac had died in 1808 but had originally set up in business from 1798 as Driver & Eyre at 19 Cockspur Street. Between 1800 and 1806, the business traded solely as Isaac Eyre. Between his father's death and William dealing in his own name, it is likely that his elder brother Isaac Jnr. ran the business and then continued at 11 Charing Cross when William took over Cockspur Street. Although William advertised the Princes Regent and Saxe Coburg amongst his customers he does not seem to have thrived at business. He was bankrupted in 1821 and 1824. On the latter occasion he move to 258 Regent Street with Samuel Pratt taking the Cockspur Street premises. By the 1830's he is no longer listed in the directories.

This form of trunk is relatively rare. Circa 1820.

More Information

Year	Circa 1820
Medium	Leather on Pine
Origin	England
Signed	William Eyre Label
Style	Luggage
Exhibitions	The Baggage Elephant