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## **AN INTERESTING SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH CAPE CHAIR WITH A BRASS PLAQUE**

AN INTERESTING SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH CAPE CHAIR WITH A BRASS PLAQUE READING : 'TAKEN FROM A FARMHOUSE NEAR ERMELO . S.A 1901 . BY JOHN DISNEY . 1 ST ESSEX REG?.' STINKWOOD WITH RAWHIDE THONG  
CIRCA 1850 – 60

SIZE : 85 CM HIGH – 33½ INS HIGH

ERMELO IS ON THE BORDERS OF SWAZILAND 205 KILOMETRES FROM JOHANNESBURG AND WOULD HAVE BEEN AN AREA INVOLVED IN THE SECOND ANGLO-BOER WAR OF 1899 – 1902 .

A CHARACTERISTIC OF THESE CHAIRS , OFTEN MADE BY TURNERS AND JOINERS WHO DOUBLED UP AS WAGON MAKERS AND HOUSE WRITES , IS THE PROTRUSION OF THE FRONT LEG POSTS SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE SEAT RAILS WHICH WAS A DEVICE TO KEEP LOOSE SEAT CUSHIONS USED AT THE TIME FROM SLIPPING .

## **LITERATURE**

SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 5 ( ITEM NO. 21 ) FOR A COLLECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DUTCH CAPE CHAIRS