



THE CONSERVATION OF THE HEARST CASTLE'S® FLEMISH SOFA IN THE GOTHIC LIBRARY



The Flemish Sofa, located in the Hearst Castle's® Gothic Library, was a two year project beginning in 2003. Working as a team, Mitchell Powell, Stan Derelian, and Katie Powell excavated (disassembled), repaired, removed, and reassembled the beautiful sofa.

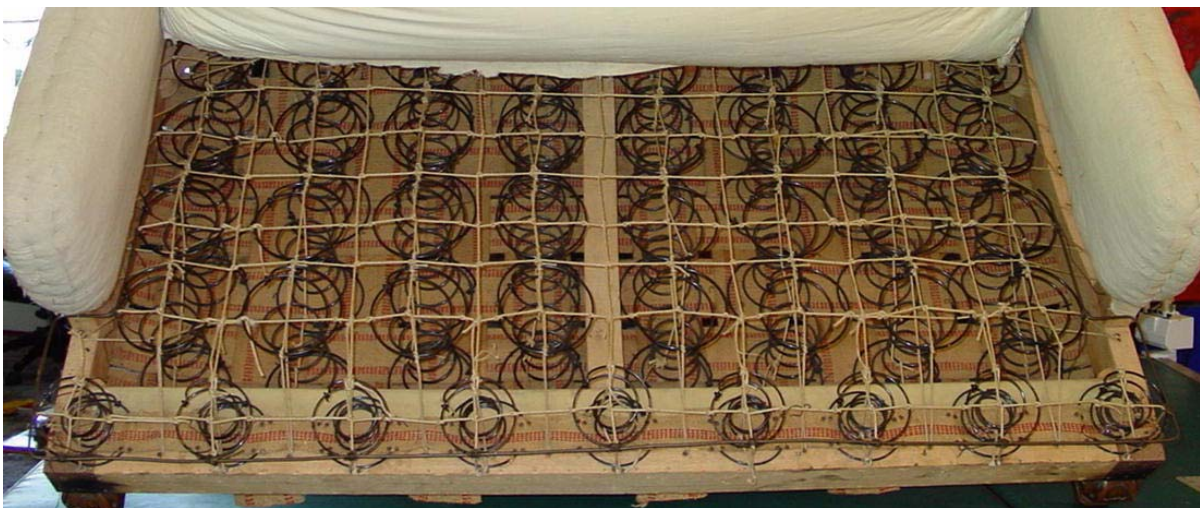
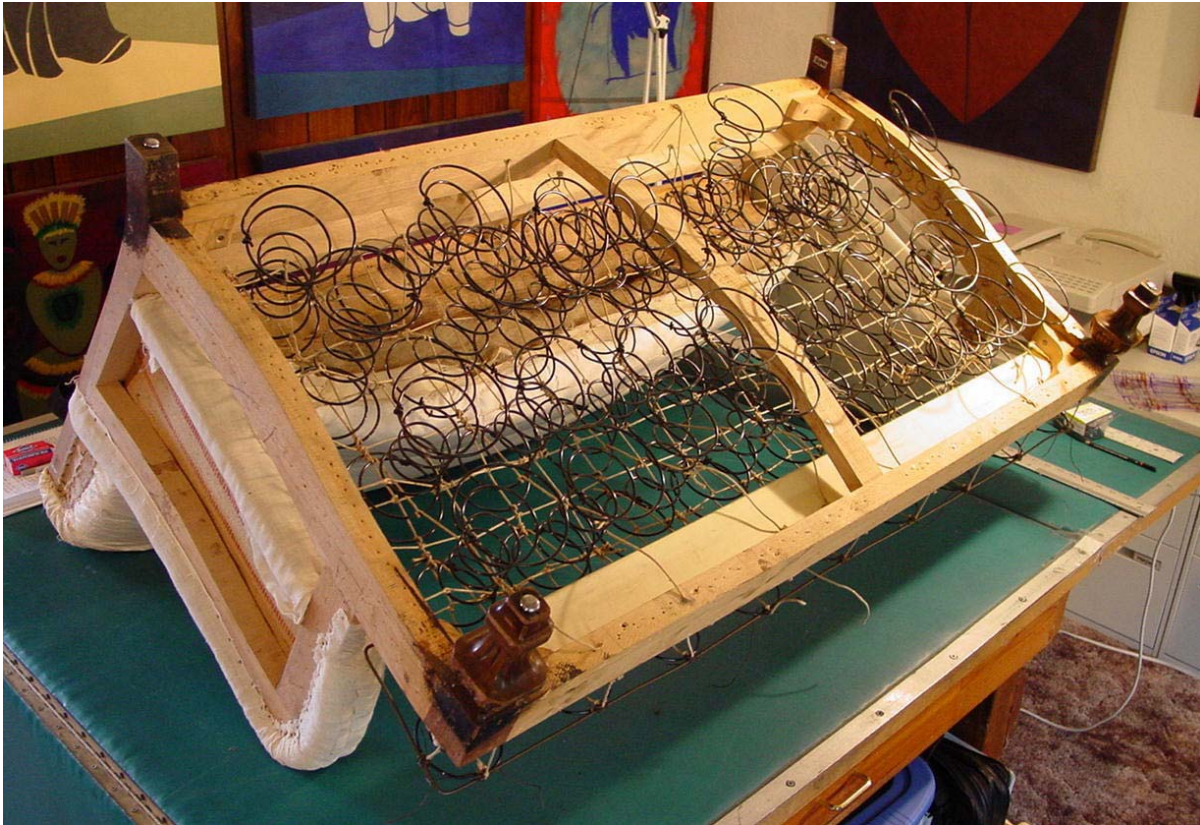
The sofa's history is rich. It sat in William Randolph Hearst's Private Library, located between his bedroom and Marion Davies' bedroom on the third floor of the Castle. Many famous and infamous people sat on this sofa!



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Following are before and after photographs of the sofa and the tapestry, and we welcome you to view our slideshow to view the disassembly and reassembly of the Flemish Sofa.

Remember, halfway through this process, the sofa appeared completely undressed!



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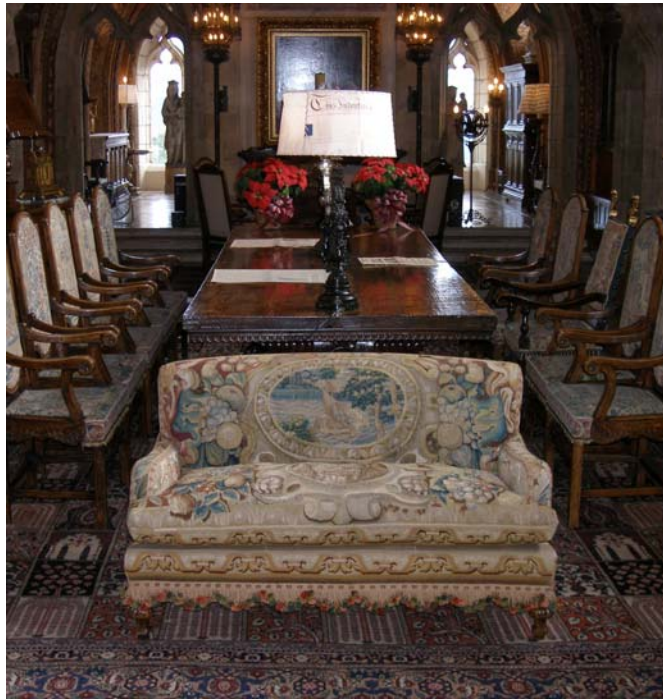
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