

TERRITORIAL SOFA



NEW MEXICO TERRITORIAL
GOVERNOR EDMUND G. ROSS,
CA. 1880

In 1869, President Andrew Johnson was impeached; Senator Edmund G. Ross of Kansas cast the deciding vote. Many of Ross's constituents were angered by this and voted him out of office. Seventeen years later, President Chester A. Arthur took pity on Ross and appointed him Governor of the New Mexico Territory.

During his 1885-1889 tenure as governor, the affairs of the territorial government were carried out in the Legislative Assembly of the famed double-domed capital building in Santa Fe. Today the table on which Governor Ross signed many important legislative bills is housed in the collections of the historic Palace of the Governors/New Mexico History Museum, in Santa Fe. The original, simple plank-top table with its distinctive "honey dipper" shaped legs is the inspiration for the turning on this sofa stretcher.

INTERIOR OF PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS DURING GOVERNOR ROSS'S ADMINISTRATION

