

# Daniel Heinrich Schmidt

Likely active period:

**1779-1811**

Born/baptised : 1741

Died : 29 December 1811

From Strelitz in Germany, arrived at the Cape as a soldier in 1768. Sword cutler to the Dutch East-India Company 1768-1778. Received Burgher rights as silversmith 1779. Member of the Lutheran church. Died 29 December 1811. Bonaventura Fleischer worked as a journeyman for Schmidt from 1794, and the brothers Petrus Daniel and Mattheus Johannes van Papendorp (sons of the silversmith Pieter van Papendorp) were living with him in 1800 and could well have been apprenticed to him.

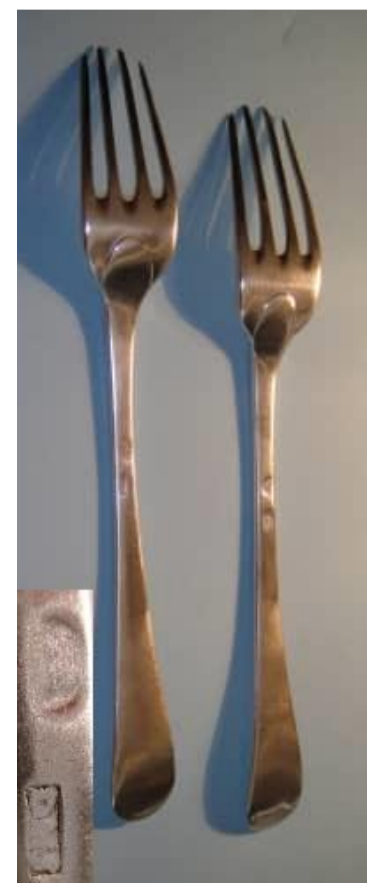
The work of Daniel Heinrich Schmidt typifies the continental European style of Welz's "Dutch East India Company Period (1652-1795)".

Flatware is mostly of the Hanoverian pattern, although some pieces in the Old English pattern, with feather edge and occasionally decorative cast terminals, are found. Pieces include table- and dessert spoons and forks, teaspoons, basting spoons, konfynt forks, sifter spoons and marrow scoops.

Other objects are generally continental European in their type and style. Extensive use of rocaille decoration includes embossed swirling bands and scallop motifs, and elaborate cast foliar and floral finials, borders, handles and feet. Coffee pots have three cast floral feet. Sugar baskets, bowls and boxes seem to have been popular as several survive. Rectangular footed tea caddies or table snuff boxes have canted corners, stepped lids, reeded borders and four cast paw feet. Tessies, book clasps, buckles, tumbler cups, salvers, candlesticks and furniture fittings are also found.

## Spoons and forks

Hanoverian pattern



Other



**Serving flatware**

Konfytt Fork



Other pieces

Coffee Pot



Sugar Basket



Sugar Bowls



(The finial on this bowl is not original)

Sugar Box



Tessie



Tea Caddies / Table Snuff Boxes



## Marks



## Rarity indicator

Flatware	Scarce	Snuff boxes	None	Other items	Available
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Note: a set of flatware of the same category and by the same maker is counted as a single item.

Key (relative rarity within each category):

Available	more than 5% of items in our database
Scarce	1 to 5% of items in our database
Rare	fewer than 1% of items in our database
None	No items encountered

## Auction price history

Note: only sales of single items by public auction, including online auction platforms, are shown here. Unsold lots and job lots have been excluded. This list does not purport to be complete.

Sale date	Item category	Item description	Price realised	Price type *
1992/03/12	Sugar bowls	Covered sugar bowl by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, the tapering circular bowl on rim-foot and with a pair of applied rope-twist floral-and-leaf handles, the domed cover with detachable flower spray finial, 310g, 12cm wide over handles	ZAR15950	2
1993/08/02	Sugar boxes	Sugar box by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, oval rococo body chased with shell decoration between shaped ribs, the domed hinged cover similarly decorated and with detachable flower-spray finial, on four shell-decorated scroll feet, lead solder repairs at the feet, 230g, 9,5cm wide	ZAR14300	2
1997/04/14	Book clasp	Book clasp by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, engraved with floral motifs, fitted to a German book 'Neues Gesangbuch der Evangelischlutherischen Domgemeinde Zu Bremen', Bremen, 1785	ZAR3300	2
1997/05/28	Tea caddies	Tea caddy or table snuff box by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, rectangular with canted corners, stepped hinged lid, on four paw feet, 150g, 7.5cm wide, hinge repaired	ZAR8800	2
1997/10/21	Marrow scoop	Marrow scoop by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, plain with double scoops, 30cm long, 60g	ZAR3300	2
1999/02/08	Furniture fittings	Stinkwood armoire with handles and escutcheon plates by Daniel Heinrich Schmidt	ZAR264000	2
2013/02/04	Sugar bowls	Covered sugar bowl, Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, the sides applied with a pair of corded handles terminating in stylised flowerheads, on a square base, the domed cover with later silver-gilt finial, 352g, replaced finial, Don Sheasby, Silversmith, Cape Town, 15,5cm high	ZAR31192	3
2014/03/17	Sugar baskets	Two-handled sugar basket, Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, oval, the rim moulded in relief with flowerheads and foliage, the compressed ovoid fluted body with rocaille decoration, the sides applied with hinged drop foliate handles, raised on four pierced legs headed by openwork flowerheads on shell-shaped feet, 200g, 8,1cm high	ZAR113680	3
2016/03/14	Tea caddies	Tea caddy, Daniel Heinrich Schmidt, rectangular with canted corners, with hinged domed stepped cover, raised on four paw feet, hinges repaired and braced, 145g, 6,5cm high	ZAR31831	3
2017/06/08	Forks - table	Two hanoverian pattern table forks, length 20cm, weights 52,1 and 55,2 grams	ZAR3000	1
2018/03/05	Sugar bowls	Two-handled sugar bowl and cover, the sides applied with a pair of twist-turned handles with flowerhead terminals, raised on a circular foot, the domed cover with foliate finial, 10cm high, 300g	ZAR113680	3

\* Price types:

1 - Auction result hammer price

2 - Auction result including buyer's commission

3 - Auction result including buyer's commission and VAT