

Basic Detail Report



Title Rocking Chair

Date 1830-1860

Primary Maker Enfield Shaker Community

Medium Maple, rush

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Description Maple rocking chair in the Shaker style, with a slat back, turned

stiles, legs, and stretchers, and a woven rush seat. The back of the rocking chair is formed by three horizontal slats between two cylindrical stiles; each stile has an elongated, acorn-shaped finial on the top. Each slat has an arched top edge and a straight bottom edge. Below the seat, each stile forms a cylindrical back leg. Each front leg is cylindrical and has a rounded top that extends slightly higher than the rush seat, which is trapezoidal in shape. The front and both sides of the chair each have two plain turned stretchers connecting the lower portion of the legs. The back of the chair has one plain turned stretcher. Each side of the chair has a curved rocker that does not extend past the front leg. Condition: The rush seat may be replaced. Design and Construction Details: The slats are tenoned into the upper stiles; the top slat has a wooden pin through the back of each tenon. The cylindrical seat rails and stretchers are tenoned into the upper portion of the legs. Each rocker fits into a groove cut into the bottom of the legs on each side; each of these joints is secured with a screw through the bottom of the leg and the rocker. Narrow black lines circle the stiles and legs, marking the placement of the stiles, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 38 1/2 x 16 3/4 x 25 1/8in. (97.8 x 42.5 x 63.8cm)