

Basic Detail Report



Title Side Chair

Date 1730-1770

Primary Maker Churchill family

Medium Maple, ash, rush

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Description Maple side chair in the William and Mary, or early baroque, style,

with a slat-back, turned stiles, front legs, and stretchers, and a rush seat. The

back of the chair is formed by four horizontal slats between the two turned

stiles. Each stile has a ball and ring form finial at the top, over alternating

cylinder and ring forms. The slats are curved back in the center, and they

decrease in height incrementally from the top slat down to the bottom one. The

top slat has an arched top edge; the slats below each have a top edge that peaks

in the center and tapers down to the sides. Below the seat, each stile forms a

cylindrical back leg. Each front leg is turned with three cylindrical sections, each

separated by a ring turning. Each front leg has a rounded top that extends

slightly higher than the rush seat, which is trapezoidal in shape. The front and

each side of the chair have two stretchers, turned with ovoid forms. The back

has a plain turned stretcher. Condition: All four feet, and possibly the back

stretcher, are replaced. A split in the top of the front right leg has been repaired.

The frame is re-glued and refinished. The rush seat is replaced. Design and

Construction Details: The top slat is tenoned and pinned into each stile; the slats

below are tenoned into each stile. The seat rails are cylindrical and are tenoned

into the stile at the back and into the legs at the front. Each of the stretchers is

tenoned into the front or back legs. Faint grooves circling the stiles and front

legs mark the placement of the slats, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 41 9/16 x 18 3/4

x 14 1/2in. (105.6 x 47.6 x 36.8cm)