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Title Side Chair

Date 1790-1820

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple, ash, rush

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Description Maple side chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style, with a

yoke-shaped crest rail, a splat-back, turned stiles, legs, and stretchers, and a

rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by a yoke-shaped crest rail atop two

turned stiles. The center of the crest rail is arched; each side has an ear that is

fluted and curved to the side. Centered below the crest rail is a solid, vase-

shaped splat, which attaches at the bottom to the stay rail. Above the seat, each

stile is turned with ring and baluster forms. Below the seat, each stile forms a

cylindrical back leg with a tapered foot. Each front leg is turned with three

cylindrical sections, each separated by a ring, over an ovoid foot. Each front leg

has a flattened top that extends slightly higher than the rush seat, which is

trapezoidal in shape. Each of the two front stretchers are turned with six

cylindrical forms. Each side has two plain turned stretchers; the back has one

plain turned stretcher. Condition: The frame has been disassembled; the splat is

probably inverted. The frame is refinished, and the rush is replaced. Design and

Construction Details: The crest rail is supported by tenons at the top of each

stile; each of these joints is secured with a wooden pin. The splat is tenoned into

the crest rail above and into the stay rail below. The edges of the back side of the

splat are chamfered sharply. The stay rail is tenoned to each stile. Each seat rail

is bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. The seat rails

are tenoned into the stiles at the back, and into the legs at the front. The

stretchers are tenoned into the front or back legs. Faint grooves circling the

stiles and front legs mark the placement of the stay rail, seat rails, and stretchers.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 40 3/4 x 18 1/2

x 15 1/4in. (103.5 x 47 x 38.7cm)