

Basic Detail Report



Title Side Chair

Date 1880-1890

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Pine, maple

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Description Unpainted, pine side chair with a crest rail, spindle-back, plank seat, and tapered legs. The back of the chair is formed by a crest rail atop six spindles.

The crest rail is rectangular with curved upper corners and sides. The side spindles are thicker than the four center spindles; each spindle is tapered at the top. The spindles are slanted back and joined to the chair in a curve so the side spindles are furthest forward on the seat. The plank, or solid, seat is balloon shaped. Below the seat are four turned legs that are raked, or slanted out from top to bottom; each leg has a tapered ankle and foot. Each side of the chair has two plain, turned stretchers that join the lower legs. Condition: The chair is lightly scratched and worn over all the surfaces, with additional wear on the top front edge of the seat. The chair is very dirty and needs a thorough cleaning.

Design and Construction Details: The crest rail is supported on a tenon at the top of each spindle. The bottom of each side spindle is tenoned down through the plank seat. The bottom of each of the four slender spindles is tenoned down into the seat. The seat is constructed of two thick boards that are butted together; it is supported on a tenon at the top of each leg. The stretchers are tenoned into the lower legs. All the tenons are inserted at an angle, where necessary, to give the proper slant to each of the spindles and legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 33 1/4 x 16 x 15 3/4in. (84.5 x 40.6 x 40cm)