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**Title** Child's Armchair

Date 1760-1800

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple

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Description Maple child's armchair in the William and Mary, or early baroque, style, with a slat back, turned stiles, arms, front legs, and stretchers, and a board seat. The back of the chair is formed by a turned rail atop two turned stiles; each stile has an egg-shaped finial at the top. The rail is turned with two swelled forms in the center flanked by a cylindrical section. Below the rail are two slats, each with a peaked top edge and a flat bottom edge. Above the seat, each stile is cylindrical. Below the seat, each stile forms a cylindrical back leg. Each arm consists of a turned rail that is joined to the stile at the back and to the leg in front. Each front leg consists of a rounded top, over a cylindrical section, over a tapered section, over a cylindrical lower section. Above the seat, each front leg supports the arm. The chair has a trapezoidal seat, constructed of two boards supported at the front and back by the seat rails. The top of the seat is decorated with incised circles, including one larger circle with incised petals inside. The underside of the seat has smaller incised circles surrounding incised flower petals. Each side of the chair has one plain turned stretcher connecting the lower legs (the legs are shortened). Condition: The legs have been shortened. The left board that forms the seat is loose. The upper portion of the bottom slat has split. The turned decoration on the arms is well worn. The back of each stile has a flat surface. The stiles and front legs are stained. Design and Construction Details: The rail and the bottom slat are tenoned into the upper portion of each stile. The upper slat is tenoned and pinned into the upper portion of each stile. The arms are tenoned into the stile in back and into the top of the leg in front. The back seat rail is tenoned into the stiles. The front seat rail

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is tenoned and pinned into the front legs. The stretchers are tenoned into the legs. The seat rails were formed with a draw knife. The seat is constructed of two boards that are butted together and nailed down on top of the front and back seat rails. Incised lines circle the stiles and front legs, marking the placement of the rails, slats, arms, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 22  $\frac{7}{8}$  x 15  $\frac{1}{8}$  x 10  $\frac{13}{16}$ in. (58.1 x 38.4 x 27.5cm)