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Title Side Chair

Date 1740-1770

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple, rush

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

yoke-shaped crest rail, a vase-shaped splat, turned stretchers and front legs,

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

two stiles. The crest rail bows down in the center and has a beveled ridge at each

side. Centered below the crest rail is a solid, vase-shaped splat, which attaches

at the bottom to the stay rail. The stay rail has molding across the front. Each

stile has a molded front, consisting of a projecting semi-circle with a bead to

each side; this molding extends from the arched sides of the crest rail down to

just below the back seat rail. Above the seat, each stile angles backward. Below

the seat, each stile forms a straight leg above a backward-slanting foot. Each

front leg is turned with a sequence of baluster, block, baluster, block, over a

Spanish foot. Above the top turned baluster, each front leg has a block that

supports the rails of the rush seat, which is trapezoidal in shape. The front

stretcher that connects the front legs is turned with double-baluster-and-ring

forms. Each side has one stretcher turned with double-cone-and-ring forms. The

back has one plain turned stretcher. The side chair is painted black overall.

Condition: The black paint is worn off the projecting edges of the crest rail, the

stay rail, the front seat corners, the front legs, and the front stretcher. The block

at the top of the left leg has a nail through the front. The frame is re-painted, and

the rush seat is replaced. Design and Construction Details: The crest rail is

supported by a tenon 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 back edges of the splat are chamfered. The stay rail is tenoned into

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each stile. Each seat rail is bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered

inner edge. The seat rails have round tenons that extend into stiles at the back,

and into the separate block at the top of each leg in the front. The stretchers

have round tenons that extend into the front or back legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 43 1/4 x 20 13

/16 x 20 11/16in. (109.9 x 52.9 x 52.5cm)