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Title Child's Armchair

Date 1680-1730

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple, ash, splint

Description Maple child's armchair in the William and Mary, or early baroque, style, with a slat-back, turned stiles, rails, arms, front legs, and stretchers, and a splint seat. The back of the chair is formed by two turned rails between two turned stiles; each stile has a ball-shaped finial at the top. Each rail is cylindrical in the center and tapers at the sides; the front surface of each rail is cut away to create a flat surface that is bowed back slightly. Each stile is tapered slightly from bottom to top. Below the seat, each stile forms a straight back leg over a tapered foot. Each turned arm is cylindrical in the center and tapers at the front and back. Each arm is joined to the stile in back and to the leg in front. Each front leg is tapered slightly from bottom to top and is shaped with a cylindrical section over a slight barrel form. Above the seat, each front leg supports the arm. The chair has a trapezoidal woven splint seat. All four sides of the chair have one plain turned stretcher connecting the lower portion of the legs. The chair is painted with black or dark green paint. Condition: The joints of the chair frame are loose, and each foot is well worn. The front left leg is angled out to the side. The paint is well worn; it is flaking on the finials, the edges of the back rails, the arms, the front legs, and the front stretcher. The front seat rail is broken. The front of the front legs and back of the stiles are worn down to flat surfaces. White

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paint has dripped onto the left side of the left seat rail and onto the right side of the left stretcher. Design and Construction Details: The rails are tenoned into the stiles. Each arm is tenoned into the stile in the back and into the leg in the front. The seat rails and stretchers are tenoned into the legs. Each seat rail is bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. Incised lines circle the stiles and the front legs, marking the placement of the rails, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 18 7/16 x 15 x 10 13/16in. (46.8 x 38.1 x 27.5cm)