

Basic Detail Report

Title Side Chair

Date 1730-1770

Primary Maker Churchill family

Medium Maple, hickory, rush

Description Maple side chair in the William and Mary, or early baroque, style, with a slat-back, turned stiles, front legs, and stretchers, and a rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by five horizontal slats between two turned stiles.

Each stile has a ball and ring form finial at the top, over alternating cylinder and ring forms. The top edge of each slat peaks in the center and tapers down to the sides. The slats are curved back in the center and are of slightly varying heights.

Below the seat, each stile forms a cylindrical back leg. Each front leg is turned with four cylindrical sections, each separated by a ring turning. Each front leg has a rounded top that extends slightly higher than the rush seat, which is trapezoidal in shape. The two front stretchers that connect the front legs are turned with ovoid forms. Each side has two plain turned stretchers, and the back has one plain turned stretcher. Condition: All four feet are replaced. The frame is refinished, and the rush seat is replaced. Design and Construction Details: The top slat is tenoned and pinned into each stile; the slats below are tenoned into each stile. The seat rails are probably cylindrical and are tenoned into the stiles at the back and into the legs at the front. Each of the stretchers is tenoned into the front or back legs. Faint grooves circling the stiles and the front legs mark the placement of the slats, seat rails, and stretchers.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 45 1/4 x 18 3/4

x 15 1/4in. (114.9 x 47.6 x 38.7cm)