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Title Side Chair

Date 1805-1830

Primary Maker Churchill family

Medium Maple, ash, rush

Description Maple side chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style, with a yoke-shaped crest rail, a banister-back, turned stiles, legs, and stretchers, and a rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by a crest rail atop two stiles. The undulating top edge of the crest rail is arched in the center, and has an angular ear at each end. The bottom edge of the crest rail is arched. Centered below the crest rail are six slender spindles which each attach at the bottom to the stay rail. Above the seat, each stile is turned with baluster, ring, and cylinder forms. Below the seat, each stile forms a cylindrical back leg with a tapered foot. Each front leg is turned with three cylindrical sections, each separated by double ring form turnings, over a tapered ankle and disc-shaped foot. Each front leg extends slightly higher than the rush seat, which is trapezoidal in shape. The front stretcher is turned with double-baluster-and-ring forms. Each side has two plain turned stretchers connecting the legs; there is one plain turned stretcher in the back. Condition: There are two areas of insect damage on the upper portion of the right stile. The lower left front edge of the stay rail has broken off. A metal cleat is attached to the underside of the stay rail. The interior corner of the top of the left front leg has broken off. The frame is refinished; remnants of an earlier dark finish are visible on the back of three of the banisters. The rush seat is

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replaced. Design and Construction Details: The crest rail is supported by tenons at the top of each stile. The spindles are tenoned into the crest rail above and into the stay rail below. The stay rail is tenoned into each stile; this joint is secured with a pin through the back of the stile. Each seat rail is bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. The front stretcher is tenoned and pinned into the front legs. The seat rails and the side and back stretchers are tenoned into the front or back legs. Faint grooves circle the stiles and front legs, marking the placement of the stay rail, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 39 1/4 x 19 1/8 x 15in. (99.7 x 48.6 x 38.1cm)