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Title Side Chair

Date 1800-1815

Primary Maker State of Connecticut

Medium Oak, pine, ash

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Description Side chair in the Windsor style, with a square-back, bamboo turned

posts, legs, and stretchers, and a plank seat. The back of the chair is formed by

two horizontal rails, or bows, between two four-part bamboo-turned posts.

Below the bottom bow are seven slender ash spindles. Between the two bows

are the top of three spindles that extend up from below. The spindles and posts

are slanted back; the spindles are joined to the seat in a semi-circular

arrangement. The pine plank seat is square with rounded edges. The sides of the

seat are chamfered, or cut at an angle. The plank has a saucered seat, or a

concave top surface with a flat section at the back where the posts and spindles

join the seat. The seat is supported by four three-part bamboo turned oak legs.

Each side of the chair has a two-part bamboo-turned stretcher that joins the

lower legs. A three-part bamboo turned medial stretcher joins the two side

stretchers. Condition: The chair is refinished. The underside of the seat has

earlier black paint. Design and Construction Details: The bows are tenoned into

the upper posts. The center spindle, and the second spindle to either side are

tenoned up through both bows. The remaining spindles are tenoned into the

lower bow. The posts are tenoned down through the plank seat; a wedge is

inserted into the end of each tenon. The spindles are tenoned down into the

spindle platform. The seat is constructed of a solid plank of wood and supported

on a tenon at the top of each leg; the front legs have tenons that extend through

the seat. The side stretchers are tenoned into the lower legs. The medial

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stretcher is tenoned into the side stretchers. All the tenons are inserted at an angle, where necessary, to give the proper slant to the bow and each of the spindles and legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 33 x 17 7/8 x 17 3/8in. (83.8 x 45.4 x 44.1cm)