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Title Side Chair

Date 1775-1800

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple primary wood, bass and ashwood secondary wood, rush

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Description Maple side chair in the Queen Anne, or late baroque, style, with a yoke-shaped crest rail, a splat-back, turned stiles, legs, and stretchers, and a rush seat. The back of the chair is formed by a yoke-shaped crest rail atop two turned stiles. Centered below the crest rail is a solid, vase-shaped splat, which attaches at the bottom to the stay rail. Above the seat, each stile is turned with baluster-and-ring 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 a bulb turning, over a tapered ankle and ball foot. Each front leg has a rounded top that 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. The chair has black paint over a red stain. The seat is coated with thick, pale yellow paint. Condition: The joints that connect the crest rail to the top of each stile are loose. The chair frame has later black paint applied over a red stain. The black paint is flaking, revealing red stain or bare wood below. The rush seat is coated with later thick, pale yellow paint. Design and Construction Details: The crest rail is supported on round tenons at the top of each stile and on a long, narrow, rectangular tenon at the top of the splat. A rectangular tenon joins the splat to the stay rail and the stay rail to each stile. The sides of the splat are chamfered. The seat rails are probably bladelike, with a rounded outer edge and a tapered inner edge. The

seat rails and stretchers have round tenons that extend into the front or back

legs. Faint grooves circling the stiles and front legs mark the placement of the

stay rail, seat rails, and stretchers.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 39 x 18 1/2 x 14 3/4in.

(99.1 x 47 x 37.5cm)