

Basic Detail Report



Title Tea Table

Date 1780-1800

Primary Maker Carlton Seymour

Medium Cherry, brass and iron hardware

Description Cherry tea table in the late Chippendale or early Federal style. The tea table has a round top which is not stationary, but tilts up into a vertical

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position. The pedestal had a cylindrical top over a conical section that flares at

the base to form an abstract urn, over a cylindrical base with three cabriole legs

each with a plain foot. The lower edges of the pedestal base, between each leg,

have a raised triangle flanked by a curved edge. Condition: The top is reglued

and the cleats are replaced. Splines were used to repair cracks in the top. The

top has many small plugs that extend through the wood; these are to repair

holes from previous screws. The top of the table has a water stain in the center.

The left side of the underside of the top has a wide pattern of drips that begin

above at the edge. The foot below also has drip marks. The brass catch and

accompanying catch hole is missing from the underside of the top and the block

at the top of the pedestal. The block has split and been repaired with a bolt. The

underside of the pedestal, where the legs join the base, has several splits in the

wood. The tea table is refinished. Design and Construction Details: The top is

constructed of three boards. A pair of slender cleats (replaced) are screwed (with

replaced screws) to the underside of the top. Between each cleat is a thick block

which is joined to the cleats with round hinge pins; the top pivots on these pins.

The lower edges of the block are chamfered. The pedestal is tenoned into the

block. Each leg is dovetailed into the base of the pedestal. There is a small pad

underneath each plain, pointed foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of top): 25 9/16 x 29 11/16in.

(64.9 x 75.4cm) Component (maximum width between two feet): 21 9/16in. (54.8

cm)