Georgian Naval Chair

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Height: 86.33 cm (34")

Width: 46.97 cm (18.5")

Depth: 45.7 cm (18")

Description

This mahogany Naval Chair is an interesting variant to the other Georgian versions we have seen.

It has a tapered leg with a mould cut to the front corners and a turned spindle stretcher to the back. Although we have seen drop in seats with Naval Chairs before, typically they have not had a hinged seat frame to support a removable seat. This chair does with an applied, simple rounded moulding to the edge. It also has a lug hole to the front and back to fit a removable padded seat. This may have been to give the user the option of an upholstered seat for cold climates or a caned seat for hot. The green leather seat pad is a replacement. The back is also unusual. The uprights taper towards the top and are rounded. There is a curved horizontal bar, with incised line moulding, to the middle but no bar to the top of the back. Instead, the chair has a removable, leather support that fits over the top of the back's uprights.

The folding action is just as quick. With the padded seat removed, its supporting frame will hinge against the back. The front legs will then concertina flat against the back legs on the hinges set into the side rails and stretchers. A further point worthy of note is that the hinges are set to the outside of the rails rather than to the break with just the barrel evident. The chair is well made with the side rails and stretchers having short mortice and tenon joints, at the points they hinge, for added strength.

An interesting version of the Naval Chair for its unusual design. Circa 1780.

Size For Use Is Given.

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