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A CHIPPENDALE PERIOD SIDE CHAIR

England, *circa* 1765

Moss Harris & Sons in their *The English Chair* (1937) illustrate an identical armchair. The accompanying text refers to: 'a set of five (side chairs), and one elbow, mahogany chairs'. It is quite conceivable that the side chairs were sold either as a set of four or two pairs, leaving one single chair available, likely our chair. Moss Harris ascribed these chairs to Chippendale.

A fine and rare George III mahogany "Chippendale Director period" side chair, showing superb quality carving throughout. The carved splat back is very closely related to Plate IX of Thomas Chippendale's *Gentleman and Cabinet-Maker's Director*. With silk upholstered drop in seat, the front cabriole legs with finely acanthus carved detail and ending in bold scroll toes. Good colour and patina throughout.

Literature:

Moss Harris & Sons, *The English Chair*, 1937, p. 127, pl, LVA (the identical armchair illustrated, the side chairs referenced)

Thomas Chippendale, *Gentleman and Cabinet-Maker's Director*, plate IX

Height: 3' 1³/₄" in (95 cm)

Width: 2' 0³/₁₆" in (62 cm)
Depth: 1' 11¹/₁₆" in (59 cm)

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