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A Recent Purchase from Winterthur Museum, USA

Robert F. Trent, Curator and in charge of furniture at Winterthur Museum writes of a recent purchase: a joined armchair that fuses North Country wainscot styling with William and Mary turnings. The chair was made and owned in Huntington, Long Island, in New York. The initials "I. * C." stand for either Israel Conkling (1719-1777) or his father Jacob Conkling (1676/7-1754). In 1790, when the chair was in the possession of Israel Conkling's daughter, Hannah Conkling Ketcham (1744-1826) and her husband Sebulon Ketcham (1740-1823), it was occupied by President George Washington when he stopped at the Ketcham household for a meal.



Joined Armchair, Huntington, New York, 1730-1750. White oak, hickory, soft maple, and eastern red cedar. OH: 139.2 cm SW: 68 cm SD: 45.3 cm SH: 48.9 cm The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, 88.3