



Boston (Windsor) rocking chair,
possibly New Hampshire,
c. 1865–1875.
Photo Dominic Todd.



Detail of the stencilled and painted
decoration. *Photo Dominic Todd.*

A Boston (Windsor) Rocking Chair

In response to John and Rosy Gall's piece on the Beamish puzzle chair (*Newsletter* no. 74, Spring 2021, p. 16), Daphne Todd sent details of a chair she inherited from an aunt, Ruth Kitching (died 1992), who lived in Fryup Dale, North Yorkshire. It was a gift from her neighbour, Jack Welford (1910–1984), who farmed at America House, Newton Mulgrave.

Although of a similar shape to the two chairs illustrated in their article, John and Rosy Gall have

identified this as what is known in the trade as a 'Boston Rocker'. These were made in several states in New England from the 1830s. The stencilled landscape scene on the large, rounded crest rail with small lunettes cut along the bottom, is characteristic of the type, as are the forward-scroll arms and large scrolled seat.

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