



Desk and Bookcase

Medium

Cherry, tulip poplar, and white cedar

Description

A desk and bookcase in two parts, the upper section features a heavily molded scroll pediment ending in carved rosettes, three plinths with carved and turned urn and flame finials, and a central carved shell in the tympanum flanked by acanthus scrolls above a pair of arched doors with fielded panels and two pierced brass scroll escutcheons. Candle slides are centered below each door. The bookcase interior includes nine slots on both sides to accommodate adjustable thick board shelves with double-arch molding on their front edges. At one time there may have been more shelves than the remaining two. Along the bottom of the interior, ten pigeonholes with scalloped valances are placed above five small plain drawers. The bookcase rests atop the lower desk section, with front and side molding attached to the desk's upper

surface. A hinged fall front rests on a pair of lopers when opened. It reveals a relatively simple interior, with a plain prospect door flanked on each side by four pigeonholes with scalloped valances above two pairs of two drawers. The lower section includes four graduated drawers with thumbnail molded edges, all with original open brasses and escutcheons, above a molded skirt and four boldly curved ogee bracket feet.

Dimensions

99.5 × 45.75 × 24 in. (252.7 × 116.2 × 61 cm)