



Desk and Bookcase

Primary Maker

William Applegate

Medium

Mahogany, mahogany veneer, poplar, and pine

Description

This imposing desk and bookcase is constructed in two parts, with the upper or bookcase section topped by a scroll pediment with a dentil cornice and three small plinths with turned finials (the finials are currently missing). A pair of paneled doors with serpentine double ogee top rails and two brass scroll escutcheons are mounted flush with the outer edges of the bookcase frame. The bookcase interior features three adjustable shelves which fit into grooves cut into the side boards. Two candle slides with small brass pulls are centered below the doors. The lower or desk section includes a hinged slant top which when open rests on a pair of lopers. The veneered slant top's interior writing surface is

lined with green wool baize edged with gold stamped morocco leather. The interior features a plain prospect door flanked by four pigeonholes with arched valences above pairs of plain shallow drawers and a second tier of five shallow drawers running the full width of the interior. Below the slant top are four graduated drawers with thumbnail molded edges, brass bails with solid backplates, and brass escutcheons. Large carved claw and ball front feet, curved ogee back feet, and a simple front skirt pendant complete the base.

Dimensions

96.5 × 45.5 × 24.25 in. (245.1 × 115.6 × 61.6 cm)