Modified 2x4 top rails

1/2" fillet
1/2" radius chamfer
Ripped cap

Dimensional lumber, such as a 2x4 may be used to form the top rail, but the profile must be modified to shed water.

If a 36" high rail is desired, add a simple supplemental rail and hold the ends away from the turned section of column

Replacement rail should match historic rail height. If details on historic height are not available, height should be no more than 30".

3 1/2" max.

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