

# An Introduction

The articles in this catalogue are re-created from patterns of authentic English and Continental fittings developed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Using the best quality of malleable iron, most items are forged and finished by hand, resulting in a unique and complete line of hardware different from the mass-produced, standardized fittings common to most structures today.

In the past, limited ranges of patterns, lack of compatible locks, and difficulties of supply often discouraged architects and owners from choosing the antique hardware which they felt would truly enhance the appearance of new or remodeled buildings. Many contractors, too, were reluctant to abandon standardized methods of production installations and take the time to become familiar with period hardware.

This catalogue offers and describes for the first time a comprehensive line of available antique hardware with compatible locks and accessories needed for a full functional installation, and offers time-proven installation suggestions. We hope that the numerous dimensions included with the photographs and drawings, and frequent cross references, will help the work of the designer, and facilitate appropriate choices.

With the exception of a few items like antiqued American standard butt hinges, all articles are manufactured by the Kirkpatrick, Ltd. Foundry in Walsall, England, and most locks are made by J. Legge & Co., Ltd., in Willenhall, England. Both firms have been in continuous existence for over 100 years, and excel in their fields. Maguire Iron Corporation, their American representative, stocks most of the iron forgings and the locks in varying quantities. The foundry, however, works to order, and keeps limited inventories. We therefore highly recommend placing your orders, especially for large projects and in different metals, as early as possible.



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