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A RARE AND VERY LARGE EARLY GEORGE I CAST IRON FIREBACK

bearing the date 1715, Bristol,
the substantial rectangular plate with a moulded edge and fielded margin bearing repeated stamps of foliate relief ornament, a monogramme "I.W" to the top corners and the date to the middle of the top edge,

DIMENSIONS: 91.5cm (36") High, 127cm (50") Wide, 3cm (1³/₄") Thick

STOCK CODE: 46083



HISTORY

Firebacks often bear dates much earlier than their manufacture. The date on this fireback is correct. Such firebacks are rare to come to market - especially in this condition. The iron founders of the Weald of Kent and Sussex were producing this type of fireback and their method of repeatedly pressing a carved wooden stamp into the mould before sand-casting the plate is clearly in evidence. The initials will often relate to a wedding with such plates being struck in commemorating the special event.

Firebacks are generally heavy. This example is extremely heavy!