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A REGENCY CAST-IRON HOB GRATE,

early 19th Century, by the Carron foundry of Falkirk, Scotland, the arched backplate cast in relief with a chrysanthemum roundel, above the bowed railed basket, the hob fronts cast with pilasters headed with oval patera endblocks, bearing the "CARRON" stamp to the foot,

DIMENSIONS: 54cm (21^{3/4}"") High, 80.5cm (31^{3/4}"") Wide, 23cm (9") Deep, (height incl. upstand baackplate =66cm)

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HISTORY

Carron Co. was founded in 1759 near Falkirk in Scotland. Like Coalbrookdale in Shropshire they became an enormous operation. When Thomas Pennant visited the works in 1769 he described them as "the greatest of the kind in Europe....Above 1200 men are employed. Cannon and all kinds of casting produced".

Carron had agents in London spotting the latest fashions and sending plaster casts to Falkirk for reproduction. LASSCO has bought and sold many Georgian fire grates stamped "Carron" or "Ca.Co" over the years. The Adam brothers were employed by the foundry to supply designs. (See: Temple Newsam Country House studies No. 2, "The Fashionable Fireplace" pub. Leeds City Art Galleries, 1985 for a good summary of The Carron Foundry).