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## A RUN OF ENGLISH HEAVY-DUTY CAST-IRON LATTICE RAILING,

removed from the Portsmouth Harbour Ferry pontoon, possibly Victorian - in which case 1880's (and reinstated on various re-builds such as after bomb damage in WWII - research continues),

each rectangular section comprising a lattice design with a timber hand-rail, supported with interval posts - taller because they bolt to the stringer of the pontoon,

DIMENSIONS: 79cm (31") High, 131cm (51 $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ") Wide, 5cm (2") Deep, 5800cm (2283 $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ") The Run, each panel (each post 91cm h, 22.5cm w)

STOCK CODE: 44787









## **HISTORY**

Qty: 40 panels and 25posts salvaged - giving a 58m run - with one post, every two panels. Please enquire about quantity remaining.

This distinctive railing is well-known to Portsmouth and Gosport residents as they have leant against it throughout their lives as they queue down the slope of the pontoon, waiting for the next Portsmouth-Gosport ferry to take them across the harbour.

The railing seems to be there in Edwardian photographs. It could date as early as late 1870's when the scheme to extend the railway line from the Portsmouth & Southsea terminal to Portsmouth Harbour was built. The extension was to enable the railways to better serve the Isle of Wight steamer and Gosport ferries. The station has undergone re-fits and upgrades on numerous occasions since - including when it sustained bomb damage in World War II - but it does seem that these railings could have survived them all - up until the most recent works in

2018 when the pontoon was re-fitted.