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Registered Designs, 1839-1964

Search No. 1 Representations under the 1839 Act, 1839-1842

Catalogue reference: BT 42

These are the designs submitted to the Office of the Registrar of Designs under the 1839 Copyright of Designs Act (2 & 3 Vict c 17).

- Design range 1-1424 other than paper hangings, with or without certificates.
 - Design range 26-1218 paper hangings, with or without certificates.
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Information that this source should reveal:

This is a sample of designs in two broad classes: paper hangings and other than paper hangings, each of which subdivided into two classes, with or without certificates. There are no registers for BT 42.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £45.

Search No. 2 Representations under the 1842 Act, 1843-1883

Catalogue reference: BT 43

These are representations submitted to the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Ornamental Design Act 1842.

Please note: There are the following 14 separate classes of materials: metal, wood, glass, earthenware, paper hangings, carpets, printed shawls, other shawls, yarn, printed fabrics, furnitures (printed fabrics), other fabrics, other fabrics (damasks), lace. Design numbers range approximately from 1400 to 408890 by classification.

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Information that this source should reveal:

These representations of the designs are in the form of photographs, drawings or actual samples. This source should be used in conjunction with the registers in BT 44 (see Search No. 3).

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success, if the design number and classification are known. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*
- classification*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

Search No. 3 Registers under the 1842 Act, 1843-1883

Catalogue reference BT 44

These are the registers of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office compiled under the terms of the Ornamental Design Act 1842.

Information that this source should reveal:

These registers are arranged in the same way, according to classification and design number, as the representations in BT 43 (see Search No. 2). They give details of the owners of the designs.

The series also includes indexes arranged by the names of the owners of designs.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success, if the design number and classification are known. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*
- classification*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

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Search No. 4 Representations under the 1843 Act, 1843-1884

Catalogue reference: BT 45

These are the representations submitted to the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Non-ornamental ('Useful') Designs Act 1843.

Information that this source should reveal:

Representations by classification 'useful', design range 1-6740.

These are representations of the designs in the form of photographs, drawings or actual samples. This source should be used in conjunction with the registers in BT 46 (see Search No. 5).

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

Search No. 5 Registers under the 1843 Act, 1843-1884

Catalogue reference: BT 46

These are the registers of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Non-ornamental ('Useful') Designs Act 1843.

Information that this source should reveal:

Representations by classification 'useful', design range 1-6740.

The registers are divided into three parts: a register of the items by design number, an index to proprietors' names in BT 46/5-7 and an alphabetical index to subjects in BT 46/9.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

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Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:
For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

If a search is required, without a design number, based on proprietor's name or subject then the standard charge may not apply.

Search No. 6 Representations under the 1850 Act, 1851-1883

Catalogue reference: BT 47

These are the representations submitted to the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Provisional and Sculpture Designs Act 1850.

Design range: Ornamental designs (provisional) 1-2025; Useful designs (provisional) 1-3819 and Sculpture 20-59.

Information that this source should reveal:

These are representations in the form of photographs, drawings or actual samples. This source should be used in conjunction with the registers in BT 48 (see Search No. 7).

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:
For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*
- design category (Ornamental/Useful/Sculpture)*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

Search No. 7 Registers under the 1850 Act, 1851-1883

Catalogue reference: BT 48

These are the registers of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office compiled under the terms of the Provisional and Sculpture Designs Act 1850.

Design range: Ornamental designs (provisional) 1-2025; Useful designs (provisional) 1-3819 and Sculpture 20-59.

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Information that this source should reveal:

These are registers of the items listed by design number. There is an index to proprietors' names in BT 48/2.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*
- design category (Ornamental/Useful/Sculpture)*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

If a search is required, based on proprietor's name but without a design number, then the standard charge may not apply.

Search No. 8 Representations under the 1883 Act, 1884-1908

Catalogue reference: BT 50

These are the representations submitted to the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Act 1883.

These are representations for all designs except sculptures. Design range 1-526397.

Information that this source should reveal:

These are representations in the form of photographs, drawings or actual samples. This source should be used in conjunction with the registers in BT 51 (see Search No. 9).

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

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Search No. 9 Registers under the 1883 Act, 1884-1908

Catalogue reference: BT 51

These are the Design registers compiled by the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Act 1883.

Design range 1-526397.

Information that this source should reveal:

These are registers of the items listed by design number. There is a name index (submitting firm or person) in BT 51/174-175.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

If a search is required, based on submitter's name but without a design number, then the standard charge may not apply.

Search No. 10 Representations under the 1907 Act, 1908-1964

Catalogue reference: BT 52

These are the design representations submitted to the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Patents and Designs Act, 1907 and Registered Designs Act, 1949.

These are representations of all textile and non-textile designs, divided into the following categories and number ranges:

- Non-textile designs (518644-548919).
- Textile designs classes 13, 14 and 15 (1-26041 and 1-11532)
- Non-textile designs summary registers (558872-860616)
- Non-textile designs branch entry books (600001-620000)
- Non-textile designs (548920-861679)
- Textile designs (11533-495183)

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Information that this source should reveal:

These are representations in the form of photographs, drawings or actual samples. This source should be used in conjunction with the registers in BT 53 (see Search No. 11).

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*
- design category*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

Search No. 11 Registers under the 1907 Act, 1908-1964

Catalogue reference: BT 53

Design registers compiled by the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Office under the terms of the Patents and Designs Act, 1907 and Registered Designs Act, 1949.

Information that this source should reveal:

These are registers of the items listed by design number.

Factors affecting success of a search:

There is a 90-100% chance of success. Please see the section at the end of these Research Notes for particular problems that will affect success.

Details required to carry out a search, and our Charge for a search:

For us to carry out a search the following information is required:

- design number*

Our normal fee for a search is £30.

Information that these sources should reveal:

Please note that a search of both representation and register will provide you with details of the design, date of registration and the name and address of the owner, and a photocopy of the drawing, photograph or material sample.

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Possible problems with finding a design:

- Wear and tear

Registered design numbers on objects made of wood, metal or earthenware can be grazed and may appear quite different from the original – for example, 6 and 9 can become 0; 8 can become 6, 3 or 5, and 7 can become 1; other permutations are possible.

- Cheating

There was a fee for registering a design and it was not unknown for owners of designs to put an unofficial number on their object to deter imitation. These numbers would in this case refer to a completely different, officially registered, object.

- Parts

Registered design numbers often refer to a part of an object rather than the whole, such as handles, lids or embellishments; or to a whole where the design number appears on a subsequently detached part.

- Damage

Damage to objects can result in shortened numbers. The volumes of registers and of representations have also suffered over the years with use and loose representations particularly may be missing or damaged. This might be a problem when searching the volumes for all representations of one type of design in a single year.
