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An Introductory Survey of Bloomsbury's & Islington's Coal Hole Covers

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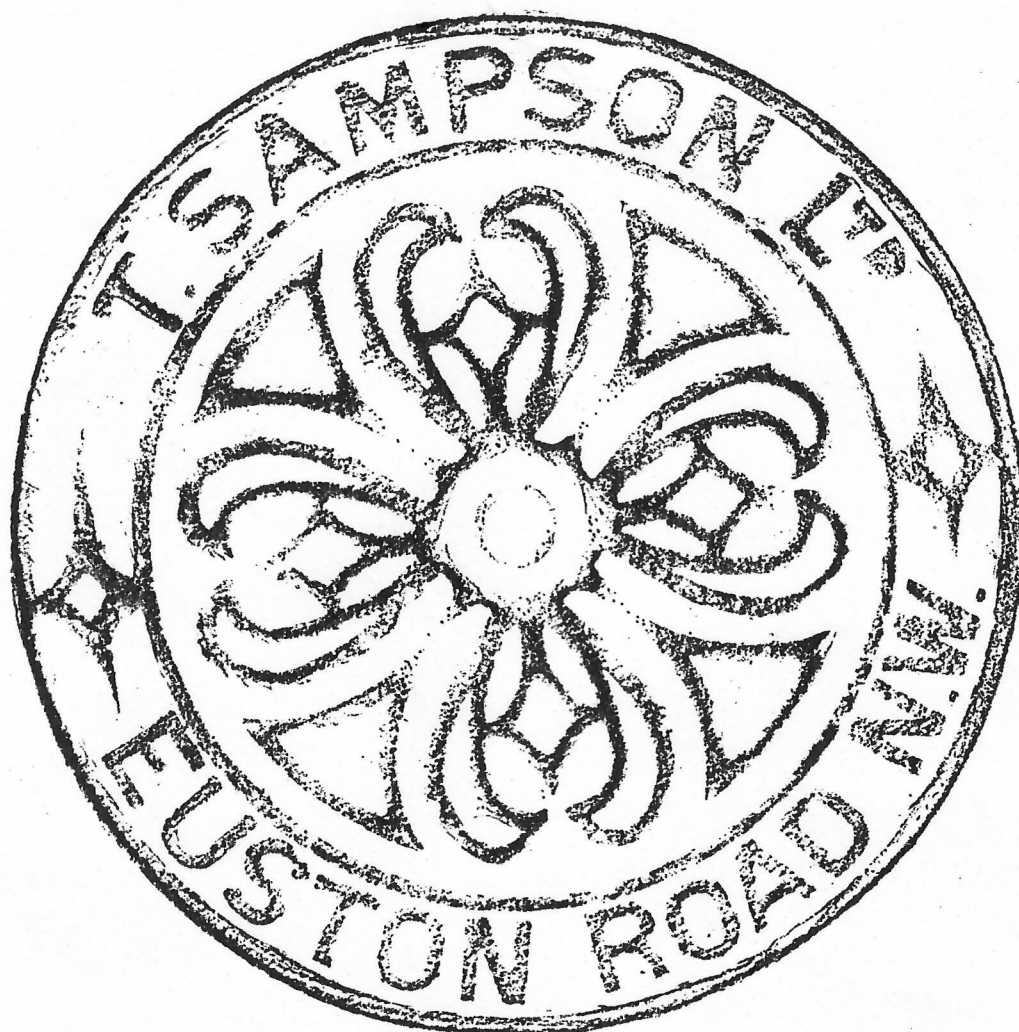
The terraced houses of the last century generally had coal cellars, in the front, under the pavement. The coal was delivered through a vertical hole, covered when not in use by a 'lid', usually with the name of the foundry, and often decorative. Shown here are a number of rubbings of these coal hole covers.

All rubbings are 12" diameter plates. 14" plates can also be found, but tend not to show the same diversity.

An indication of age is given by the address, if any of the foundry. Where the postal district is not numbered (e.g. N.W.) this is likely to be prior to 1916.

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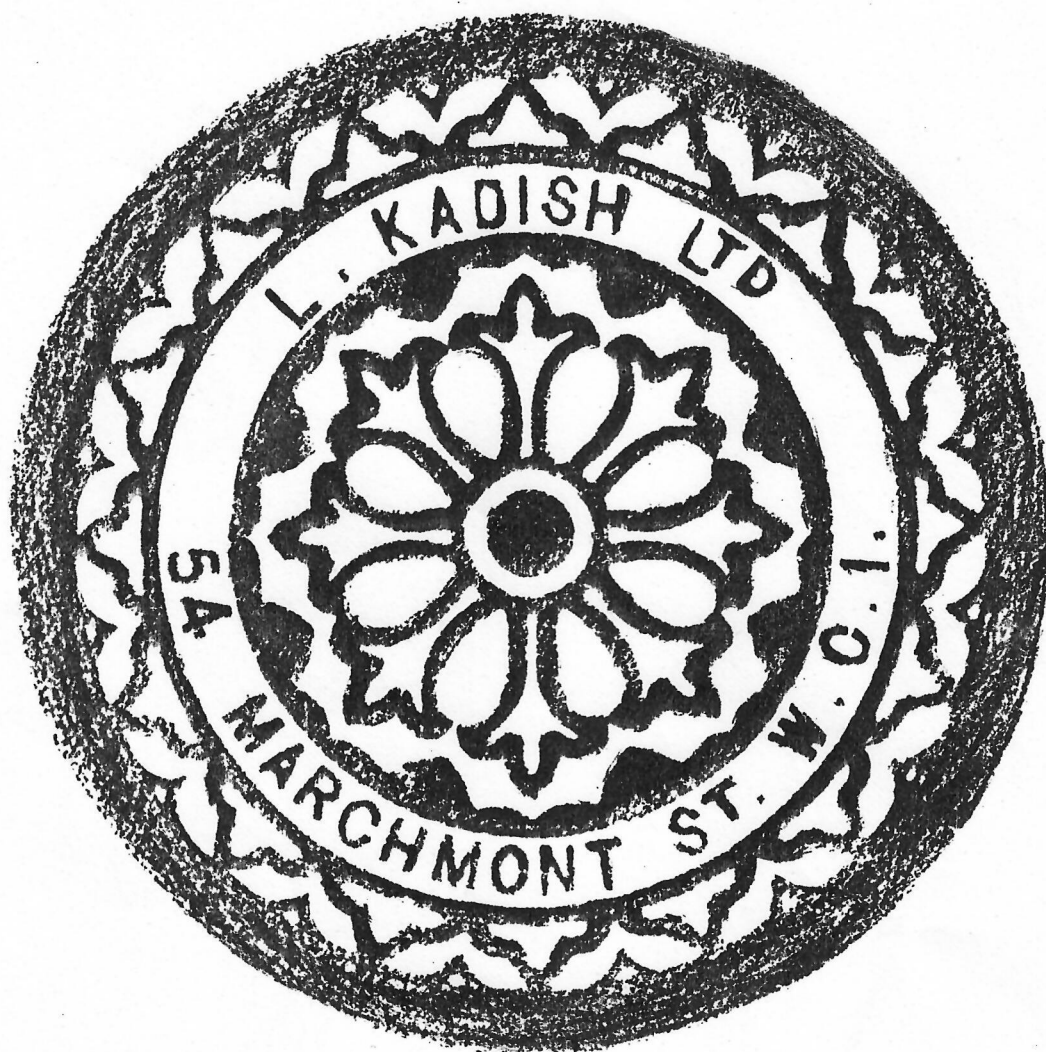


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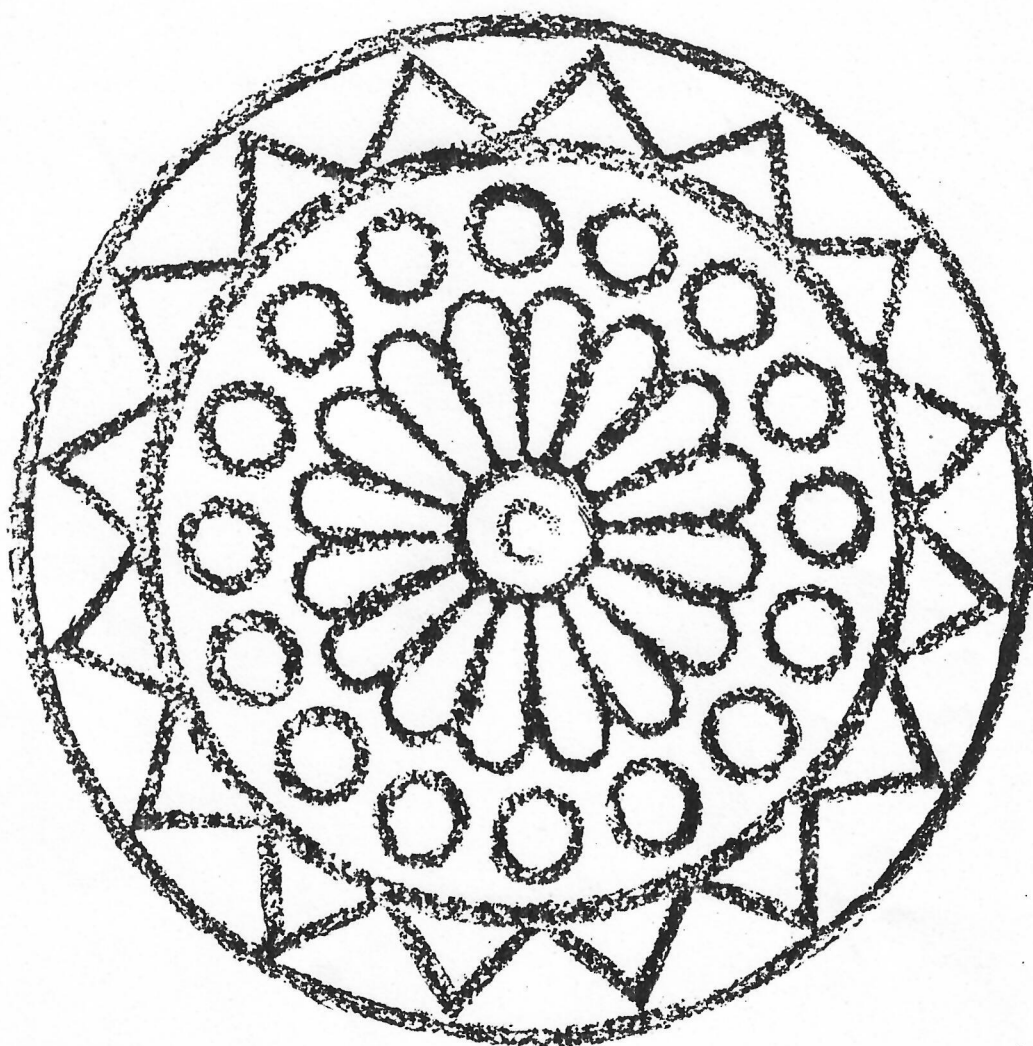


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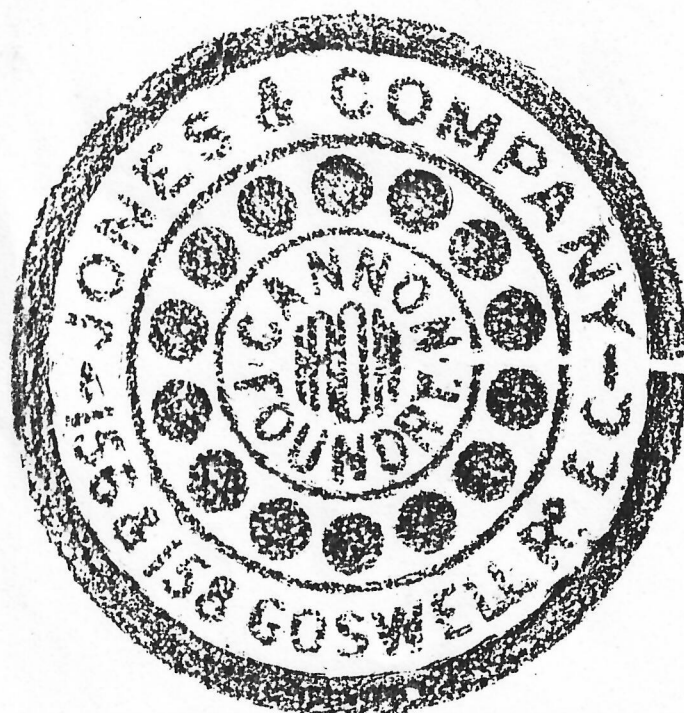
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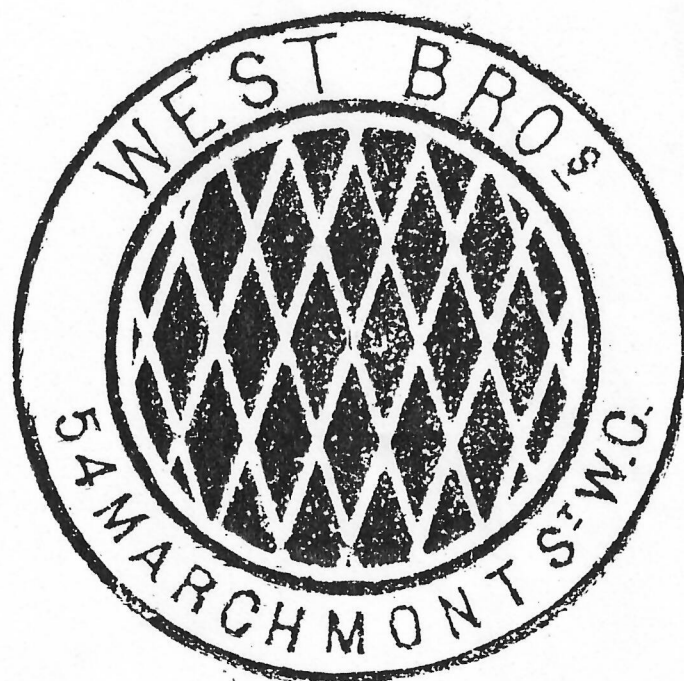
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