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Staffordshire Fire Doors – Our History



Founded in Burslem, the mother town of Stoke-on-Trent, **Staffordshire Fire Doors** began life over 90 years ago as *Washington and Riley*, established by Albert Washington and Isaac Riley. The business was first opened in 1935, around the time King George V celebrated his Silver Jubilee, this flags representing the celebration can be seen in the windows above the original shop.

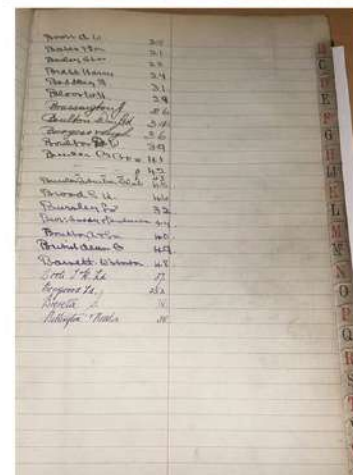
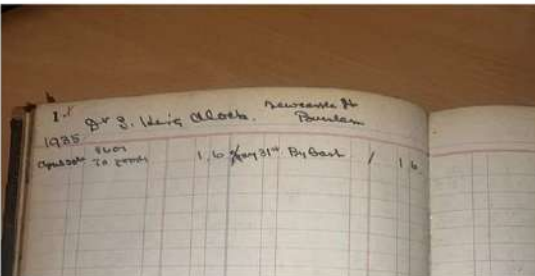
From those early days as a small architectural hardware, plumbing, and engineering merchant, the business has grown through generations of leadership. Around our 50th anniversary, Thomas Hulme guided the company forward, and not long after, Martin Hammond joined the team — later becoming our Managing Director.



In 1954, the railings lining the front of the terraced shop had been removed to be used as tank ammunition in the war.



We recently spent time looking through the original ledger for the company, not only admiring its beauty, but also looking back on past transactions, including the first transaction made by the company dated 20th April 1935.



Today, we are proud to be a **specialist manufacturer of bespoke fire doors**, combining modern expertise with the same values of craftsmanship and service that shaped our beginnings.

In recent years, we rebranded our corporate identity and relocated to Market Drayton, where we now operate from a purpose-built fire door assembly facility — a far cry from our original terraced-house premises.

Despite our growth, we remain **family-focused**, delivering a personalised, efficient service tailored to the needs of every customer. Our heritage is the foundation of who we are, and our commitment to quality and care continues to define our future.