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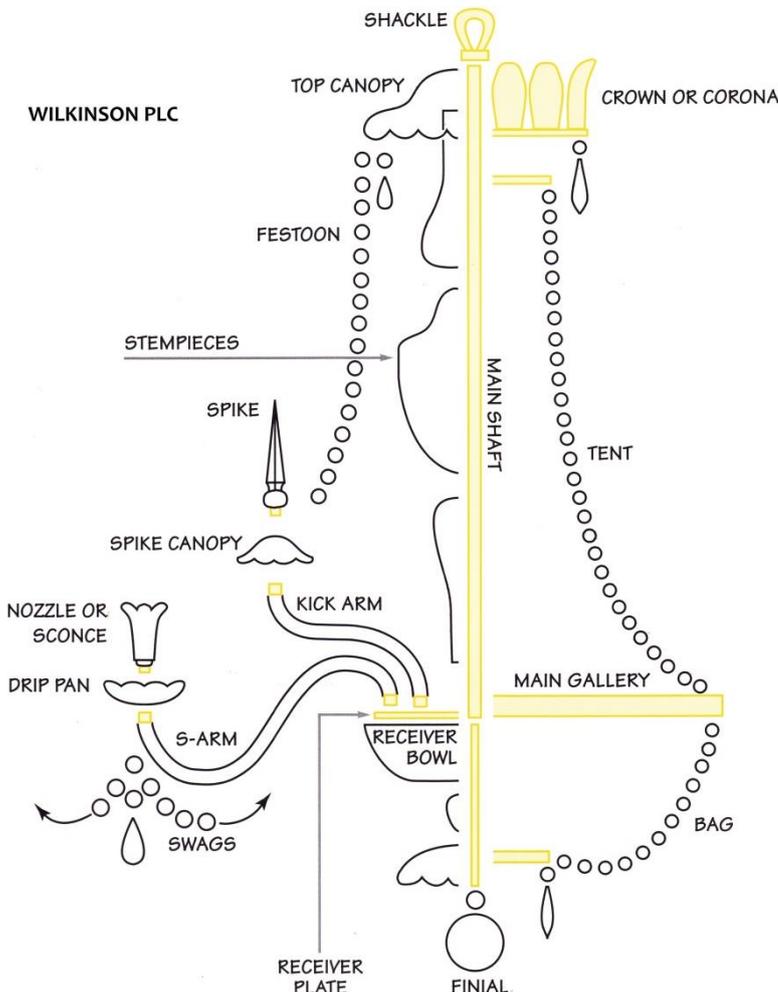
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Osler and Faraday

Did you know that Wilkinson Plc acquired Osler and Faraday lighting company, including the name and manufacturing rights and a large number of their patterns and drawings in 1985? The Osler and Faraday name is now registered to ensure that the legacy of their work continues at the high standard it was known for. The Osler archives, along with the pieces accumulated by Reginald and Arthur, mean Wilkinson's today holds one of the largest collections of antique patterns and samples in the world. We are proud to be one of the World's leading specialist in Osler and Faraday having restored many pieces over the years, from chandeliers to some of the larger pieces of furniture that were so unique produced. The Osler and Faraday lighting company is the culmination of two businesses – glass makers F & C Osler and metal workers Faraday and Sons Ltd, trading ceased on 30th June 1965 after 158 years.

Interesting Fact – The Stourbridge glass industry was established in the mid-16th century when Lorraine glass makers from eastern France were attracted to the natural resources of coal and fireclay, ideal for lining furnaces.

Right – The famous crystal water fountain that was destroyed in the Crystal Palace fire. Below – Samples of our O&F work



Anatomy of a chandelier

We hope that you can use the diagram to the left to identify the various elements of your chandelier if ever they require repair or replacement.

Gold areas show metalwork while the black outlined areas are glass.

Obviously each chandelier is different and may only contain one or two of the various dressings and differently shaped arms or stem pieces, but we can almost guarantee we will be able to find replacements in our large stock of pieces or be able to produce replica pieces.

