Quedlinburg (Germany)

Gebrüder Dippe

The company of the 'Gebrüder Dippe' was founded in 1850 by the brothers Gustav Adolf and Christof Lorenz Dippe in Quedlinburg, Germany. In 1863 Chirstof Lorenz retired from the company but remained as a business partner. The flagship product of the company was sugar beet seeds. Through culture and selection a sugar beet was selected with a high sugar content. The company grew strongly. At the turn of the 19th to the 20th century the 'Gebrüder Dippe' covered a sixth of the world's supply of sugar beet seeds. It was a large company with 1800 workers and 120 gardeners in the year 1890. Besides sugar beet seeds the company also produced vegetable and flower seeds.

In 1915 the company was transformed into a corporation and after World War II the company was expropriated. It continues under the name Deutsche Saatgutgesellschaft (DSG). After the political change in 1989 the company continues under the name of Quedlinburger Saatgut Gmbh.



Figure 1: Postcard from the 20th century from the company of the 'Gebrüder Dippe A-G' in Quedlinburg.

Literature

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gebr%C3%BCder Dippe (visited 19th May 2014).

http://www.quedlinburger-saatgut.de/wirueber-uns/firmengeschichte.html (visited 19th May 2014).



| Version | Reason of issue |
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| 1.0 | Initial version |

Catalogue

Catalogue number

- 1. Find from the surrounding of Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2. Type 1c
- 3. 1890-1940¹
- 4. 21 / 18 / 3 [mm]
- 5a. Lead
- 5b. Cast type
- 5c. QUEDLINBURG / GEBR DIPPE
- 6.
- 7. Bag seal (sugar beet?)
- 8. Germany, Quedlinburg
- 9. http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gebr%C3%BCd er_Dippe (visited 19th May 2014).



¹ Dating of this bag seal is based on the frequency that this company is mentioned in Dutch newspapers.