

MESSRS J G ZÖETH & SOHNE

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1908-1909 (RP26F)_Messrs J G Zöeth & Sohne, Poessneck (Thuringen), Germany (actually used London 18 NOV 09)

Comment:

Pößneck (or Poessneck) is a town in the Saale-Orla-Kreis district, in Thuringia, Germany. Its chief industries are the making of flannel, porcelain, furniture, machines, musical instruments and chocolate. The town has also tanneries, breweries, dyeworks and brickworks.

One understands that Zoeth and sons were manufacturers of flannel. In 1869, Zoeth and sons installed the first mechanical loom in the district in their flannel factory.

Dampfmaschinen - * Readers are referred to an extraordinary detailed document (Ref: 2)

Kreis District	Betriebsort Operation site	Besitzer Owner	Bezeichnung description	Bauzeit Construction (date)	Hersteller Manufacturer
Pößneck	Pößneck	J. G. Zoeth & Söhne	Dampfmaschine	unbekannt	R. Trenck, Maschinenfabrik und Eisengießerei
Poessneck	Poessneck	J. G. Zoeth & Söhne	Steam-driven (loom)	unknown	R. Trenck, Engineering works and iron foundry

Recently, the grand staircase in Villa Zöeth, Poessneck has undergone restoration.

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