

MESSRS ARNDT & COHN

The 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:

1901 (WP18)_Messrs Arndt & Cohn, Johannesburg, South African Republiek (actually Ju 12 01)

Comment:

Carl Johann Cohn (born Neustrelitz 19 November 1857, died Hamburg 7 May 1931) was an Hamburger, businessman, politician of the German Democratic Party (DDP) and Senator. In 1883, together with his brother, he established the firm of Cohn & Cohn Arndt, operating in southern Africa as Arndt & Cohn, having branches in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth. Cohn & Cohn Arndt went on to become among the largest and most prestigious Hamburg import and export companies.

Late 1900, Arndt and Cohn received a consignment of gold from Wilcken & Ackermann of Lourenço Marques and in the process became embroiled in the saga that was to become known as The Kruger Millions, a story which in the minds of many has never been satisfactorily resolved.

In 1938, Cohn & Cohn Arndt of Alter Wall 32 was aryanised by the Nazis.

On 5th March, 1956 ARNDT AND COHN Limited of Adelaide House, London Bridge, London, E.C.4 was placed into voluntary liquidation.

In South Africa, the following documents are extant but, for logistical reasons, to-date have not been examined.

TAB SR/SN 000/00 SOURCE KG REFERENCE CR4243/96 DESCRIPTION: Agent Van Arndt En Cohn Hamburg Johannesburg. Offereert De Levering Van 2,000,000 Mauser Patron En Model 1888 Vermeldt Leverings Prijsen. 1896.06.03

TAB SSA REFERENCE RA648/98 DESCRIPTION: Arndt En Cohn, Hamburg. Re Het Oprichten Van Eene Commerciele Agentuur Der Regeering Van De Zar In Europa. 1897.12.23

TAB SSA REFERENCE RA1804/98 DESCRIPTION: Consul Generaal Zar Berlijn. Kan Niet Aanbevelen Het Verzoek Der Firma Arndt En Cohn Tot Oprichting Van Een Agentschap Der Zar In Hamburg, Toe Te Staen. 1898.03.17 Remarks By Ra648/98.

NAB RSC VOLUME_NO 1/5/190 REFERENCE 33/1903 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt And Cohn Versus Aj Coleman And Company. 1903-1904

NAB RSC VOLUME_NO 1/5/190 REFERENCE 34/1903 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt and Cohn Versus James James And Company, Also Known As James, James And Company. 1903

NAB RSC VOLUME_NO 1/5/190 REFERENCE 35/1903 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt and Cohn Versus Pechey Brothers. 1903-1904

NAB RSC VOLUME_NO 1/5/190 REFERENCE 36/1903 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt and Cohn Versus Maister Celine And Company. 1903

KAB CSC VOLUME_NO 2/2/1/274 REFERENCE 514 DESCRIPTION: Record Of Proceedings Of Provisional Case. Govey And Co. Reiners, Von Laer and Co., Arndt And Cohn, R Warner And Co., J Woof And Co. and Charles Wilding Clarke versus Robert Warner. 1905

KAB CSC VOLUME_NO 2/2/1/512 REFERENCE 286 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt and Cohn versus The Deutsch Australische Dampschiffs Gesellschaft. Claim for the Recovery of Money. 1906

NAB RSC VOLUME_NO 1/5/241 REFERENCE 66/1907 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Arndt and Cohn Versus Dickinson And Fisher. 1907-1909. Remarks: 166/1907, 129/1907.

KAB LC VOLUME_NO 1113 REFERENCE UC9590 DESCRIPTION: Limited Companies: Act 46 of 1926. Corssen Arndt and Cohn (Proprietary) Ltd. 1937-1939

KAB CSC VOLUME_NO 2/2/1/1379 REFERENCE 298 DESCRIPTION: Illiquid Case. Goods Sold. Corssen Arndt and Cohn (Pty.) Ltd. versus Wiggo Johnson Trading As Johnson and Bylsma. 1940

SAB BVE VOLUME_NO 374 REFERENCE W3/2 DESCRIPTION: Corssen Arndt and Cohn (Pty) Limited. 1939-1942

SAB BVE VOLUME_NO 374 REFERENCE W3/2 DESCRIPTION: Corssen Arndt and Cohn (Pty) Limited. 1943-1958

SAB BVE VOLUME_NO 378 REFERENCE W3/28 DESCRIPTION: Arndt and Cohn. 1953-1957

SAB BVE VOLUME_NO 378 REFERENCE W3/28 DESCRIPTION: Arndt and Cohn. 1957-1967

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6. Divided Lives: The Untold Stories of Jewish-Christian Women in Nazi Germany by Cynthia A. Crane (Editor) Publ: Palgrave Macmillan, March 2003