

MEFSRS MORAND & CO

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:

1889 (WP16b)_E Horn Esq., c/o Mefsr's Morand & Co., Gera, Reuss j L [Reuß-Gera] (canceller indistinct)

Comment:

Kammwollspinnerei Morand & Co., of Gera, Thuringia, were manufacturers of "comb-wool stuffs", cashmere and *mousselines de laine, dral d'eté*. They are listed in the Official catalogue of the New York Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations held in 1853.

In 1832, an innovative venture aimed at setting up mechanised looms in their own premises, and led by four Gera manufacturers, was thwarted through the resistance of the local Weavers' Guild. However, in 1833 the woollen-weaving mill, Morand & Co, successfully commissioned Gera's first steam-driven engine and indeed the first in the Thuringian textile industry.

Dampfmaschinen - * Readers are referred to an extraordinary detailed document (Ref: 2). This example (cited in Ref. 3) appears to be unlisted.

Kreis District	Betriebsort Operation site	Besitzer Owner	Bezeichnung description	Bauzeit Construction (date)	Hersteller Manufacturer
Gera	Gera	Morand & Co. Kammwollspinnerei		1833	Bock steam engine, preserved in the Amthorpassage.

References:

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