

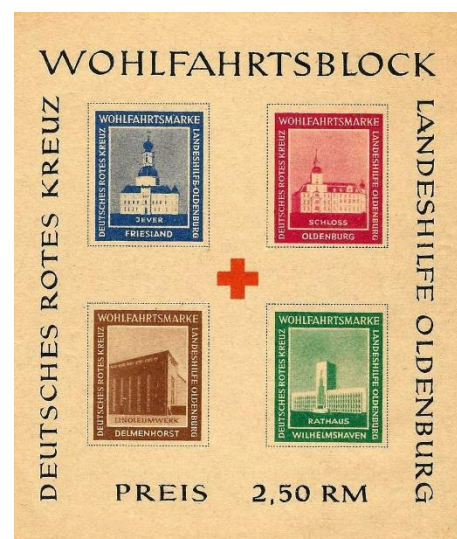
## OLDENBURG CINDERELLA RED CROSS LABELS



Oldenburg Castle

Local Cinderella stamps for Oldenburg were produced in 1948, souvenir private-issue sheets sold by the Deutsches Rotes Kreuz to raise money for reconstruction projects around Oldenburg. The sheets were sold for 2.50 Reichmarks. The stamps were not authorised for postal use.

Four souvenir sheets were produced in both perforated and imperforate forms. The designs in the miniature souvenir sheets depict a building in Jever, Oldenburg Castle, the Linoleum Factory in Delmenhorst, and the City Hall in Wilhelmshaven.



Following the collapse of the Third Reich, and up to about 1948, effectively there was no civilian or commercial infrastructure, no local government, and the only national governments were those of the Allied occupation military forces. As with all the local issues from this period, this Oldenburg issue has been heavily counterfeited and genuine examples are very scarce. Being mint with an acceptable provenance, these are assumed to be authentic.

The city of Oldenburg and the surrounding area survived World War II in pretty good shape, as the Allied bombing around the city was minimal during the war. The population of Oldenburg and its neighbouring towns, located in West Germany, increased tremendously after the war, as this area became one of the main destinations for German refugees from the Soviet occupation zone.