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The Dr. Ludwig Trippen Collection

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We are pleased to offer in our auctions this collection that was put together over many decades. The material is offered in a special catalogue, our main catalogue and an additional catalogue for the smaller treasures (the latter a pure bid auction, based exclusively on written bids).

In this we are able to fulfil the Trippen family's request to offer the collector's stamps to enthusiastic collectors of all levels.





German Empire 1872, 1 kr. small shield with lower sheet margin and plate number



German Empire, 1920, Germania 60 pfg. postal forgery



German Empire 1905, 5 m. black frame mint never hinged



German Empire 1872, 2 kr. large shield mint in block-of-four

Danzig, ca. 1920



German Empire 1935, "Fliegender Hamburger" 25 pfg. imperforated with upper sheet margin



Sudetenland, Reichenberg-Maffersdorf, 1938, overprint on newspaper stamp 50 h. used



German Empire, 1912, air mail "Gelber Hund" 1 m. on 10 pfg. and "E.EL.P", mint never hinged



German colonies, Cameroon 1913, 5 m. used



Danzig 1920, "Großer Innendienst" 60 pfg., 1 m. and 2 m. on piece



German Colonies, Caroline Islands 1910, Ponape provisional 5 pfg. on 3 pfg. with inverted overprint on postcard



German Post in China 1900, handstamps 30 pfg. and 80 pfg.



German occupation WW II, Zara 1943, 3,70 I. und 10 I. auf Briefstück







German occupation WW II, Lithuania, local issue Raseinai 1941, 80 k, with inverted overprint



Local issue, Großräschen 1945, 15 pfg. "Verstorben-décédé" on postcard



German occupation WW II, Montenegro 1943, air mail 10 I. mint never hinged









German Abstimmungsgebiet Schleswig, offical stamps 1920, C.I.S. high values 1-10 m. mint never hinged





Bohemia and Moravia, local issue Mährisch-Ostrau 1939, 10 h. on parchment paper



German occupation WW II, Ukraine, local issue Sarny 1941, 1,50 kb imperforated in mixed franking on piece





Soviet occupation zone, province Saxony 1945, 12 pf. provience arms with three not approved proofs!



WW II,, Pleskau 1941, 20 kop. on 1 pfg. with red and black hand stamp



German occupation WW II, Estonia, local issue Elwa 1941, 10 rubel on piece





Soviet occupation zone, Ostsachsen 1946, "Wiederaufbau" 6+44 pf. and 12+88 pf., rare proofs on grey typewriter paper

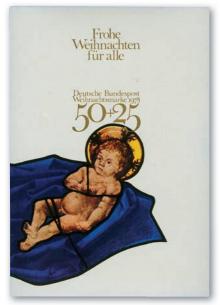




Soviet occupation zone, Thuringia 1945, christmas special sheet without roulette



Alliied occupation 1949, "Exportmesse-Block" in rare "b"-shade



Federal Republic, 1978, 50+25 pf. christmas special sheet imperforated



In 1927 Ludwig Trippen is born in Düsseldorf. At a young age his father Wilhelm Trippen gives him a collection of 'German Reich' stamps. This becomes the cornerstone of his main hobby over the next 80 years.

After achieving a doctorate, in 1956 Dr Ludwig Trippen begins work as an employee of the Legal Department of the Deutsche Girozentrale. He quickly advances his career as Head of the Legal Department until in 1965, aged only 38, he joins the Board of Directors of the Landesbank für Westfalen, and is later on the supervisory boards of many large companies. He continues in this capacity for 27 years until his retirement in 1992.

But such intensive and successful endeavours are inconceivable without other lifetime activities to provide the necessary balance. On the one hand there is his family. On the other hand, he loves the world of stamps. Although classical music and German history also mean a lot to him, for real distraction and relaxation Ludwig Trippen turns to his great passion, philately.

He invests much time and money in building an important collection. It is clear that this hobby is also a great asset and - as in his professional life - he feels it is important to focus on high-quality items.

While in the 1950s he still largely collects small, colourful 'gems', he begins to specialise during the following decades. Career success also increases the amount he is able to invest in his beloved pastime. While he tends to collect the stamps themselves, rather than postal history, Dr. Trippen knows how to put together a high-level 'general collection of Germany from 1849'.

An unparalleled collection of stamps thus emerges, thanks to the diligence, expertise and precision that is typical of Ludwig Trippen. Also his deep knowledge of history is an important aid in forming the collection.