

# The Fraktur

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## Let's tour Reutergeld country!

We bid a fond adieu to Schwerin and board our train which leaves at 8:51 a.m., headed about 12 miles north along the lake to Bad Kleinen, our next Reutergeld stop. It is only a 13-minute journey. The Bahnhof, or train station, lies along the lakeshore, with half a dozen or more tracks at the station.

Of the possible six scenes of Bad Kleinen on the three pieces of Notgeld, four are devoted to views of Lake Schwerin. The set was designed by artist Erich Koenemann; each of the six paintings bears his signature.

On the face of the 10-Pfennig note, a sail boat maneuvers on a windy day, with the opposite shoreline visible, less than a mile wide at this upper part of the lake. On the back bare trees tell of a wintry scene along the lake, apparently covered with ice.

Leaves appear on trees along the lake on the face of the 25-Pfennig note, while snow-covered thatched-roofed houses appear on the back. Again, we see a lone mariner piloting a sail boat on the face of the 50-Pfennig note, perhaps a summer scene. And on the back, we view the shoreline, looking southward toward Schwerin, a couple forlorn boats awaiting their oarsmen.



*Bad Kleinen 10-Pfennig, Face, L-685*



*Bad Kleinen 10-Pfennig, Back, L-685*

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## Monthly Notgeld Quote. . .



Köstritz  
50 Pfennig  
L-715

So pale, so skinny, lovely girl -  
Black Beer from Köstritz,  
Take it quick.





Bad Kleinen 25-Pfennig, Face, L-685



Bad Kleinen 25-Pfennig, Back, L-685

Effective April 1, 1992, the Gemeinde of Bad Kleinen encompassed the villages of Fichtenhusen, Gallentin, Hoppenrade, Losten, Niendorf, Wendisch Rambow and Glshagen.

In Bad Kleinen, population about 3,000 in 1995, there are social groups with interests in fishing, gardening, sports, music, youth activities, plus hospitals and a library.

If we stay overnight, the next morning we can leave on the train which brought us to town, leaving at 9:05 and heading northward toward Wismar, just about 20 miles. But we will again stop to visit a non-Reutergeld town, leaving the train at 9:15, just six miles north of Bad Kleinen.

But Dorf Mecklenburg is just a dot on the map, barely rating mention in travel guides.

We gaze at the remains of the walls, originally over 36 feet high, which once encircled the castle and town. Today the tower is home to an agricultural museum.

The area was occupied by the Obodrites until they were displaced by invading Slavs in the Seventh Century. The Obodrites built *Castrum Michelenburg*, also spelled *Mikilnburg*. At the height of their power, the Princes of Mecklenburg controlled the 100-mile area between the Elbe and the Havel Rivers.

We hope we are not wasting your time, but to have an understanding of this area, we need to tie it all together. As we mention Reutergeld towns along the way, we will underline them. Notice that Dorf Mecklenburg did not even rate inclusion in the Reutergeld series.

In 1229 four basic divisions were made of the area: Mecklenburg, Rostock, Guestrow (Werle) and Parchim. From 1352 to 1471, it was just Mecklenburg. Then it was Mecklenburg-Stargard and Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

Over the years, the area was occupied by armies of Denmark, Sweden, Austria and Russia.



Bad Kleinen 50-Pfennig, Face, L-685



# HEYDEKRUG - ŠILUTĖ

Though active in promoting commerce in its district in Klaipeda (Memel), and furnishing cheese, meat and fish to the capitals of Warsaw, Koenigsberg and Berlin, jealousy by nearby cities kept Silute (Heydekrug) from gaining a city charter.

The tale is told by Aleksandras Kubilas, Vilna, Lithuania, in the March-April 1999 issue of *The Knight*, edited by Frank Passic and published by the Lithuanian Numismatic Association.

Growth came to Silute when it was joined to Lithuania in 1923; it was occupied by Hitler in 1939, and received town privileges.

Historically, we trace the earliest population of the area to the Samogitians, later joined by Curonian. Samogitia (Lithuanian: Zemaitija) was an area between Prussia and Livonia. In 1253 Mindaugas was crowned the first king in Lithuania by Pope Innocent IV. He and two sons were assassinated in 1263, according to John Peter Cole of Nottingham, England.

The Curonian tribe was found in the area of the northern Baltic coast, recorded in Scandinavian records as far back as the seventh century. Archaeological records can further trace them back to the first century, Cole said.

In the 12th century the Teutonic Knights occupied the area of the mouth of the Nemunas River and established a foothold. The town, Memelburg, grew as an outpost of the German extension eastward. In more modern times the land was occupied by Scots, Salzburgians and French. Even when occupied, the Lithuanian spirit prevailed on both sides of the Rusne River. German occupiers forbade the use of the Lithuanian name Silute, and used the Germanized name Heydekrug.

Local insurgents ordered an uprising and issued money, declaring that the name Silokarcema (Heydekrug) be changed to Silute in 1924. Martynas Jankus and his committee, on Jan. 9, 1923, met in Silute and issued a "Manifest to All Inhabitants of Klaipeda County, that the government is being taken over by the Deliverance Committee."

Then it was Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz. In 1934 it was Land Mecklenburg; after WWII it was occupied by the Soviet Union. Since 1990 it has been Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Mecklenburg- West Pomerania) with an area of 6,080 square miles and a population of 2,000,000.

Citizens of the states of Virginia and North Carolina will recognize a Mecklenburg county in each state.

Reutergeld towns already covered in THE FRAKTUR are Heiligendamm/Bad Doberan, April 1991, and the tale of the disappearing morning coat from Kluetz, August 1998.



*Bad Kleinen 50-Pfennig, Back, L-685*



There were four issues of nine denominations of paper notes, in 1918 and 1921, with values of 25, 50 and 75 Pfennig and one Mark. Some 27 varieties are said to be collectible. After 1923, the local denomination was the Lithuanian litas.

Notes of the second series were signed by Treichler and Gaidies. The notes were printed locally, in the Otto Sekunna and Son printing shop. Printing exceeded 10,000 for each of these later denominations.

*Marketplace sign in Heydekrug points left Russ (Rusne) 4 KM and right to Tilsit, 53 KM.*



Issue Numb.	Issue Date	Nominalas				Water-mark	Size	Numbering								R A R I T Y				
		25 pf	50 pf	75 pf	1 m			h-6 mm				h-4,5		h-5			h-5 su žv.			
								violet.		Black		Black								
								N3	N4	N4	N5	N5	N5	N4	N5					
1a	1918 08 22	+				None	12,2x7,9				+									RR
1b	"		+			"	"				+									RR
2a	1920 05 05	+				"	4,9x8				+									
2b	"		+			"	6,3x9,9				+									
3a	1921 05 28	+				"	4,9x8	+												R
3b	"	+				"	"				+									
3c	"	+				"	"												+	
3d	"	+				"	"													+
<b>Hermann Sudermann Series</b>																				
4a	1921 05 28	+		+	+	Squares	25 pf-	No numbers								RR				
4b	"	+		+	+	"	6x9,5						+							
4c	"	+	+	+	+	"	50 pf-							+						
4d	"			+		Hooks	7x11						+							
4e	"	+		+	+	"	75 pf, 1 m-							+						
4f	"			+	+	None	7,7x12	With numb.												
4g	"			+	+	"								+						RR

*Emergency notes of Silute (Heydekrug) as prepared by Aleksandras Kubilas, Vilnius.*

25-Pfennig note of Heydekrug,  
May 28, 1921, with portrait  
of Hermann Sudermann.  
L-589



Half Mark note of Heydekrug,  
May 5, 1920, rubber stamp of  
the city.

P-S 993b

German author Hermann Sudermann appears on the series of notes dated May 28, 1921. They were printed at Erasmusdruck in Berlin. Sudermann was born in Macvikai near Silute; the home of his birth can be seen on the note bearing his portrait.

Emergency notes were issued in the area by the towns of Klaipeda, Rusne and Seda with text in the German, Russian and Polish languages.

Kubilas can be contacted at Ab, Dez 159, Vilnius, Lithuania 2000. Knight can be contacted at 900 S. Eaton St., Albion, Mich. 49224.

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We note in the Spring 1999 issue of the scholarly *Russian Numismatic Society Newsletter*, a review of the life of Vsevolod Mikhailovich Potin, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The numismatic curator and author had a tough assignment in the early days of World War II. Editor Randolph Zander comments, "In 1940-1941 while still a student, Potin worked as a temporary intern in the Numismatic Division of the Hermitage, where he was set to work on the numbing task of attributing and cataloguing German notgeld."

Any takers for a "numbing task"?

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TAMS Journal June-Aug. 1963; irregular June 1970 to 1979; also reprints bound, Vol. I through Vol. III; Vol. IV through Vol. VI.

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Journal of the Emergency Money Society (JEMS) complete

Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine

World Coins Magazine

Frontier Times: Vol. II, Nr. 11 Aug. 1925, \$10; 1960, 1 issue; 1975-1981, various issues.

True West: 1966--1; 1980-1987- various issues.

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## Mail Auction Revisited

Grasser	Date	Denomination	Estimate
<b>Bielefeld</b>			
16a	July 15, 1921	25 Mark Linen 700-year Fair	\$20
17a	July 15, 1921	25 Mark Silk 700-year Fair Purple stamp	\$20
19a	April 2, 1921	50 Mark Silk	\$30
20a	April 9, 1922	50 Mark Silk Wars of 1870; 1918	\$25
21a	July 15, 1921	100 Mark Linen 700-year Fair	\$25
24a	Oct. 21, 1922	500 Mark Linen	\$35
53	Feb. 1, 1923	1 Gold Mark Silk	\$55
56a	Nov. 25, 1923	\$1 - 4.2 Mark Velvet oval orange	\$55

### Poessneck

Aug. 11, 1923 5 Millionen Mark Leather blue, violet, on brown, central chair \$75

Aug. 11, 1923 5 Millionen Mark Leather Am Schabebaum \$75

(Mail bids only, due in by July 20, in case of tie, earliest postmark accepted)

**THE NOTGELD CLUB** continues to roll along. Chief Engineer Jack Van Dyke can be contacted at 10616 Ridge Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60415.

**KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS** are hosting a "Day in the Country" Monday, August 16, 1999. Bring your Notgeld-collecting friends. The train ride up should be interesting, following the ANA convention in Chicago. I hope to see you on the grounds!



Wittgensdorf July 1, 1921 25 (2), 50 (2) Pf L-1408 Mehl 1446.1 \$8\*  
 Wittlich Sept. 15, 1919 50 Pf P-S 2646a \$3\*  
 Wittlich Sept. 15, 1919 25 Pf P-S 2646b \$2.25\*  
 Wittlich April 1921 25 Pf K-2646 eI \$2.25\*  
 Woerishofen, Bad 1921 50 Pf L-1411 Mehl 1449.1 \$1.25\*  
 Wohlau April 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 2649b \$3\*  
 Woldegk ND 10, 25, 50 Pf L-1414 Mehl 1452.1 Reutergeld \$2.25\*  
 Wuerzburg/Bayern ND 50 Pf P-S 2667e \$2.50\*  
 Wurzach Oct. 10, 1923 50 Milliarden Mark K1923-5740 \$2  
 Wurzbach/Thuer. July 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1421 Mehl 1459.1 fold \$.50  
 Wunsiedel Nov. 11, 1918 25, 50 (2) Pf P-S 2670c II \$9  
 Wunstorf ND 5, 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-1420b 1458.2 \$3.25\*  
 Wustrow ND 25 Pf L-1422 Mehl 1460.1 Reutergeld \$.75\*  
 Wyk/Foehr ND 1 Mark L-1423 Mehl 1461.1 \$5\*  
 Xanten Oct. 1, 1921 50 (6) Pf L-1426 I V with Control Nr; Mehl 1464 Schiestl artist \$36\*  
 Xanten Oct. 1, 1921 50 Pf L-1426 II Cont. Nr.; colon after Dompfarrer: Mehl 1464 \$9\*  
 Zarrentin ND 25 Pf L-1428 Reutergeld \$.75\*  
 Zeulenroda Dec. 31, 1921 25 (5), 50 (5), 75 (5) Pf L-1432 Mehl 1470 \$10\*  
 Zons/Rhein Oct. 1, 1921 50 (2) Pf L-1438 Mehl 1476.1 St. Martin \$6\*  
 Zuelz/Schlesien March 31, 1921 10 Pf L-1439 \$1.25  
 Aachen Oct. 31, 1918 25, 50 Pf P-S 1a \$3.50\*  
 Aachen Oct. 6, 1922 500 Mark Mueller 005.2 \$2  
 Aachen July 1, 1923 100,000 Mark K1923-1a \$2  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 100,000 Mark K-1923-1b \$2.75  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 500,000 Mark K-1923-1b \$2.75  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 1 Million Mark K-1923-1b Printer Aug. Heinries \$2.75  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 1 Million Mark K-1923-1b Printer Jos. Deterre & Sohn \$2.50  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 1 Million Mark L-1923-1c La Ruelle foundry - orange \$3.25  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 5 Millionen Mark K1923-1e city view, orange \$3  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 5 Millionen Mark K1923-1b Printer Aachener Verlages \$2  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 10 Millionen Mark K1923-1b Printer Heinrigs \$2.25  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 20 Millionen Mark L1923-1b Charlemagne \$2.50  
 Aachen July 20, 1923 50 Millionen Mark K-1923-1b Printer Aachener Verlages \$1.75  
 Achim Jan. 15, 1921 25 Pf L-2 Mehl 2.1 \$1.25\*  
 Adelshieim Aug. 22, 1923 500,000 Mark, 1 Million Mark K1923-12 \$25\*  
 Ahrensboek December 1920 50 Pf L-6 Mehl 6.1 \$.65\*  
 Ahrweiler Aug. 15, 1921 25 (2), 50 (2) Pf L-7a Mehl 7.1 "O Koennten wir..." \$2.50  
 Ahrweiler Aug. 15, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-7b Mehl 7.4 "Es Wachse..." \$6.25\*  
 Aidenbach Jan. 17, 1917 25 (2), 50 Pf P-S 5 h, i Darlehenskassenverein \$4\*  
 Aken/Elbe Oct. 1, 1921 25, 50 (4), 75 Pf L-8 Mehl 8.1 \$5\*  
 Alfeld/Leine July 1, 1921 50 Pf L-11 Mehl 11.1 \$.65\*  
 Altgaarz ND 10 Pf L-26 Mehl 27.1 Reutergeld \$.75\*  
 Allendorf/Werra ND (1921) P-S 59b I \$3\*  
 Allenstein/Ostpreussen April 1, 1921 10, 50 Pf L-13 Mehl 13.1 Series A \$1.25\*  
 Allenstein/Ostpreussen April 1, 1921 10, 50 Pf L-13 Mehl 13.2 Series B \$1.25\*  
 Allstedt Dec. 22, 1920 5, 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 12b \$3\*  
 Allstedt Oct. 1, 1921 25 Pf L-15 Mehl 15.1 \$.50  
 Altenau/Harz May 1, 1921 75 (6) Pf L-17 Mehl 17.1 \$7.50\*  
 Altenburg/Saxe-Altenburg April 1, 1917 P-S 14a \$2.50\*  
 Altenburg/Saxe-Altenburg Nov. 15, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark Geiger 011 \$15  
 Altenburg/Saxe-Altenburg 1921 L-21a M-21.1 Prinz Robber \$1.25\*



Altenkirchen/Rhineland 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-23 Mehl 24.1 all prefix A \$2\*  
 Altenkirchen/Rhineland 1921 10, 25, 50 L-23 Mehl 24.1 no prefix A \$6\*  
 Altenkirchen-Waldbroel/Rhineland 25, 50 Pf 1920 P-S 17 \$3.75\*  
 Altenwerder u. Finkenwaerder Nov. 1, 1921 50 Pf L-24 Mehl 25.1 \$1.25\*  
 Altheide/Schlesien ND 50, 75 Pf L-27 Mehl 28.2 black & red \$17.50\*  
 Altoetting/Bayern ND 50 Pf P-S 19 Heinz Schiestl \$4\*  
 Altona/Schleswig-Holstein Nov. 2, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark Geiger \$ 012. \$6  
 Altona/Schleswig-Holstein Dec. 12, 1921a 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-29a \$4\*  
 Altona/Schleswig-Holstein Dec. 12, 1921 20, 30, 40, 60, 70, 80 Pf L-29b \$4\*  
 Altusried/Bayern ND - to Dec. 31, 1920 50 Pf P-S 27a \$6.50\* ??  
 Altusried/Bayern ND - to Dec. 31, 1920 1, 3 Pf P-S 27c II Karton \$2.25\*  
 Altusried/Bayern ND - to Aug. 31, 1918 50 Pf P-S 28b Rabatt \$2.75\*  
 Alzey/Hessen Feb. 1, 1919 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 30b \$4\*  
 Amberg/Bayern 1919 50 Pf P-S 31 \$3.75\*  
 Andernach/Rhineland April 1, 1920 10, 25, 50 Pf L-31 Mehl 32.1 \$4.50\*  
 Andernach/Rhineland Aug. 1, 1923 1 Million Mark K1923-97a \$3.50  
 Anklam/Pommern ND (1920) 10 Pf P-S 44 \$3\*  
 Annaburg/Sachsen Nov. 1, 1918 5, 20 Mark Geiger 017 \$6  
 Annaburg/Sachsen ND (1920) 5, 10, 50 Pf P-S 45d \$7.50\*  
 Ansbach/Bayern 1917 50 Pf P-S 47a \$4\*  
 Ansbach/Bayern 1918 50 Pf P-S 47b \$2.75  
 Ansbach/Bayern Nov. 1, 1918 25 (red cont. Nr.); 50 (black cont Nr. Pf P-S 47d \$6\*  
 Ansbach/Bayern Aug. 12, 1921 25 (7) Pf L-34 Mehl 35.1 \$15\*  
 Ansbach/Bayern Aug. 12, 1921 75 (7) Pf L-34 Mehl 35.1 \$15\*  
 Apenrade (Aabenraa, Denmark) 1920 25, 50 Pf \$10\*  
 Apolda/Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach Nov. 15, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark Geiger 021. punch-cancelled \$15  
 Apolda/Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach Aug. 1, 1921 10 (20, 25 (2) pF l-35 Mehl 36 \$2.50\*  
 Appen/Schleswig-Holstein ND 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-38 Mehl 39.2 \$15\*  
 Archsum/Sylt March 21, 1921 2 Mark L-39 Mehl 40.1 \$2\*  
 Arendsee/Mecklenburg-Schwerin ND 25 Pf L-40 Mehl 41.1 \$.75\*  
 Arnsberg/Westfalen March 1, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 53 \$4\*  
 Arnsberg/Westfalen Dec. 15, 1921 to July 15, 1922 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-41a Mehl 42.1 \$4\*  
 Arnsberg/Westfalen Dec. 15, 1921 to Oct. 15, 1922 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-41b Mehl 42.2 \$4\*  
 Arnstadt/Schwarzburg-Sonderhausen 1921 10 (6), 25 (6), 50 (6) Pf L-41b Mehl 43.1 \$10\*  
 Arnswalde/Brandenburg Aug. 10, 1923 1 Million Mark K1923-141c \$3.50  
 Arolsen/Hessen June 1921 25, 50 Pf L-43 Mehl 44 \$1.25\*  
 Artern/Saxe-Altenburg July 1, 1920 50 Pf P-S 58b \$2.25\*  
 Artern/Saxe-Altenburg Jan. 1, 1921 5, 10 Pf P-S 58c \$2.50\*  
 Artern/Saxe-Altenburg 1921 50 (6) Pf L-45 Mehl 46 In Verpackungen (envelope) \$6\*;  
 without envelope, \$4\*  
 Aschaffenburg ND (1918) 5, 10, 20 Mark Geiger 022 \$6  
 Aschaffenburg ND - to Jan. 1, 1921 50 Pf P-S 60a \$4.50\*  
 Aschaffenburg ND - Nach Wiederuf 25, 50 Pf P-S 60d \$4.50\*  
 Aschaffenburg ND - Nach Wiederuf 25 Pf P-S 60e \$2.50\*  
 Aschersleben April 14, 1917 25 Pf P-S 63 \$2\*  
 Aschersleben Dec. 1, 1921 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-48b \$3.25\*

Uncirculated

K-Keller catalogs; L-Lindman *Serienscheine*; P-S Pick-Siemsen Circulated issues

G-Gieger *Das deutsche Grossnotgeld 1918-1922*. Mehl: *Deutsche Serienscheine von 1918-1922*

M-Mueller, *Das Notgeldscheine der deutschen Inflation, 1922*.