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Wempe

Steinstraße 33 - 26931 Elsfleth

53° 19.595'N - 8° 29.075'E



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Gerhard Diedrich Wempe opened a shop in the street Steinstraße in Elsfleth on the 5th of May 1878. Thereby, the clockmaker Wempe, who was barely 21 years old, laid the foundation for an enterprise which now has its central domicile in Hamburg, four generations later. Moreover, Wempe has offices in such prime locations as London, Paris, New York and Peking. Particularly in the shipping industry, the production of very precise timing devices, so-called chronometers, was a most significant part of the business. These were utilized to acquire an accurate determination of the ship's position at sea. Today, these instruments are eagerly desired by collectors. The Maritime Museum "Haus Elsfleth" also has additional information pertaining to the history of Wempe and the importance of chronometers for navigation at sea.



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