

New results on biographical research on WC Röntgen



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Free Online lecture

Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen would have celebrated his 175th birthday in the X-ray year 2020. Röntgen was born on March 27, 1845, the son of a respected cloth merchant in Lennep. His family roots reach deep into the history of the Bergisches Land. The first references can be traced back to the middle of the 17th century. His oldest ancestors were already weavers and came from Dabringhausen in the former district of Lennep. After the 30 Years War the families can be found in Dabringhausen and the neighbouring villages and towns. A special migratory instinct led family members also to the Rhine, to the Netherlands, around 1750 to Dutch India and in the middle of the 19th century also to North America. In 1721, Röntgen's direct ancestors moved to the then metropolitan city of Lennep. Once there, they married into well-off Lennep cloth making families. Through their own business acumen, they quickly achieved prosperity.

The lecture provides information about Röntgen's family history and his deep roots in the Bergisches Land. In addition, new insights into Röntgen's extensive image and document archive in the German Röntgen Museum will be presented.

Admission to this virtual lecture is free

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