Heinrich Röver

Founded/Born

1851 - 1929

Closed/Death

Still active?

Description

Carl Johann Heinrich Röver, commonly known as Heinrich Röver, was a prominent German organ builder born on December 20, 1851, in Beverstedt and passed away on March 27, 1929, in Stade. He was the son of the organ builder Johann Hinrich Röver and the brother of Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Röver. Initially, Heinrich worked in his father's workshop, which transformed into a partnership known as Johann Hinrich Röver & Söhne on July 1, 1881. After his father retired on September 1, 1886, Heinrich continued the family business, but due to intense competition from the more industrialized P. Furtwängler & Hammer organ building company, economic difficulties post-World War I, and the untimely death of his son (who was intended to succeed him), the firm was dissolved in 1926.

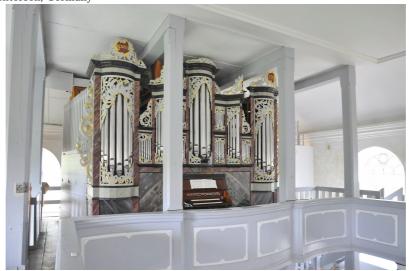
Heinrich Röver was responsible for constructing 19 new organs and worked on 21 more as part of the family partnership. His work maintained the romantic tradition of organ building with a high level of craftsmanship. Röver's activities were primarily focused in the region between the Elbe and Weser rivers. Despite making modifications to historical organs, such as changing dispositions and installing pneumatic actions, Röver and his family played a crucial role in preserving and maintaining the organ heritage in the Stade area. This tradition, which included influential figures like Arp Schnitger and Dietrich Christoph Gloger, lasted for several centuries and only ended with Heinrich Röver's death.

Sources

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl Johann Heinrich R%C3%B6ver

Drochtersen, St. Johannes und Katherina

Kirchenstraße 1, 21706 Drochtersen, Germany



Builder H. Röver

Year 1895

Period/Style Romantic

Stops 22

Keyboards 2+P

Keyaction pneumatic

Tuning Equal

Description

In 1895, Heinrich Röver from Stade built a new organ for St. Johannis und Catharina Church in Drochtersen. This organ was constructed behind a historic organ case designed by Johann Daniel Busch of Itzehoe in 1768. Nearly a century later, the organ underwent a comprehensive restoration by Martin Haspelmath from Walsrode in 1991/1992.

Stoplist/Disposition

Manual I	Manual II	Pedal
Bordun 16'	Gedackt 16'	Subbass 16'
Principal 8'	Geigenprincipal 8'	Violon 16'
Gambe 8'	Salicional 8'	Quintbass 10 2/3'
Hohlflöte 8'	Lieblich Gedackt 8'	Principalbass 8'
Gedackt 8'	Harmonieflöte 8'	Posaune16'
Octave 4'	Fugara 4'	
Flöte 4'		
Octave 2'		
Cornett 3f		
Mixtur 4f		
Trompete 8'		

Additionals: II/I, I/P, Swell pedal, Tutti

Sources

https://nomine.net/orgel/drochtersen-st-johannis-und-catharina/

Lilienthal, Sankt Jürgen

Sankt Jürgen, St. Jürgen 1, 28865 Lilienthal, Germany



Builder H. Röver

Year 1897

Period/Style Romantic

Stops 12

Keyboards 2+P

Keyaction pneumatic

Description

The organ in St. Jürgen's Church, Lilienthal, was built by Heinrich Röver in 1897. Originally, there were plans to dismantle and replace the organ, but instead, it was thoroughly restored in 1985 by the Alfred Führer company from Wilhelmshaven. This small but valuable instrument has a distinctive design that includes 12 registers across the Hauptwerk (main work), Oberwerk (upper work), and Pedal divisions, with a pneumatic action and specific mechanical couplings, such as manual and octave couplings.

The organ's history includes earlier instruments, with records indicating an organ built by Peter Tappe from Verden in 1825, which by 1870 required significant repairs. Johann Hinrich Röver, the father of Heinrich Röver, suggested a new organ in 1878, leading to the construction of the current organ by Heinrich Röver in 1897. Notably, the organ narrowly avoided being dismantled in 1982, but was ultimately preserved and restored, ensuring its continued use and historical significance in the church.

Stoplist/Disposition

Hauptwerk	Oberwerk	Pedal	
Bordun 16'	Lieblich Gedackt 8'	Subbass 16'	
Principal 8'	Salicional 8'	Principalbass 8'	
Gamba 8'	Harmonieflöte 4'	Gedacktbass 8'	
Hohlflöte 8'			
Oktave 4'			
Mixtur 3f			

Additionals: II/I, I/P, II/P, Oktavkoppel (octave coupler), Tutti, Calcant

Sources

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