

LÜDECKE










90 years good connections





The E.G. Lüdecke KG in 1984 in Amberg-Drachhammer

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A founder portrait: Emil Georg Lüdecke



1930



1940



1960

Emil Georg Lüdecke

Emil Georg Lüdecke was born in Berlin in January 1890.

He first worked in the 1920s as a representative of the Deutsche Werke, which later became the Deprag company in Amberg.

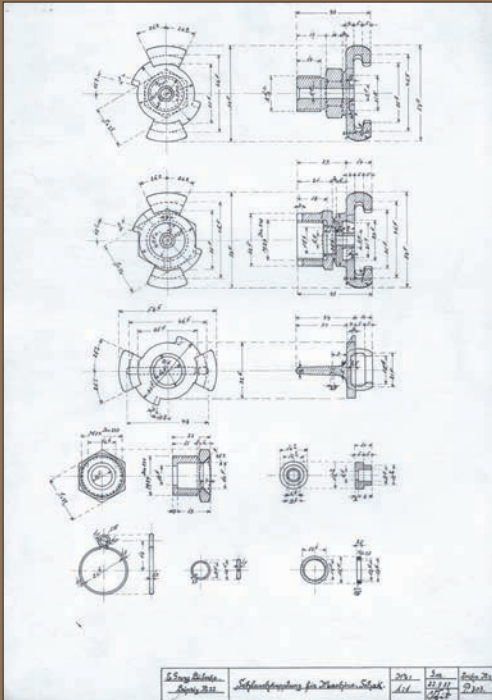
This led to his independence and the foundation of the Lüdecke company.



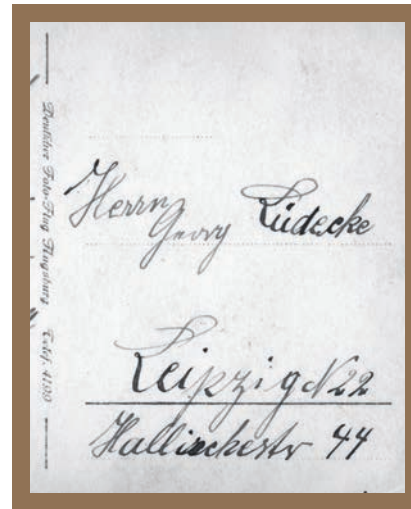
The engineer Emil Georg Lüdecke was a very determined entrepreneurial personality.

Furthermore, he was very good with people. A close personal relationship with customers and suppliers was extremely important to him. Therefore, he later travelled a lot and visited customers all over the world.

Foundation of the company in Leipzig



Technical drawing of a claw coupling



Postcard from a business partner



Emil Georg with daughter Christa and son Hans-Georg

In 1930 Emil Georg founded the company Lüdecke - distributor of compressed air fittings and accessories.

The office was located in the family home in Leipzig - Golis.

In the beginning, couplings were externally cast and machined according to Emil Georg Lüdecke's designs. Lüdecke was a solely distribution company.



Window to the business premises in Leipzig

War and destruction of Leipzig



Family Lüdecke in Waldsteinberg

During the war, just before Leipzig was bombed and largely destroyed in December 1944, Emil Georg Lüdecke brought most of his material to Beucha, near the family retreat town of Waldsteinberg. There he had rented warehouses and managed to store most of the fittings and correspondence in a safe place.



After the bombing in December 1944, the family returned to Leipzig to search for more remains in the rubble, but found only destruction.

Escape to the West

The family lived in the almost completed little house in Waldsteinberg from 1943 - 1948.

From the warehouse in Beucha, Emil Georg Lüdecke sold the remaining fittings during and after the war.

In 1948, however, he saw no other way out than to flee to the West.



*Emil Georg with his wife Annemarie
in Waldsteinberg*

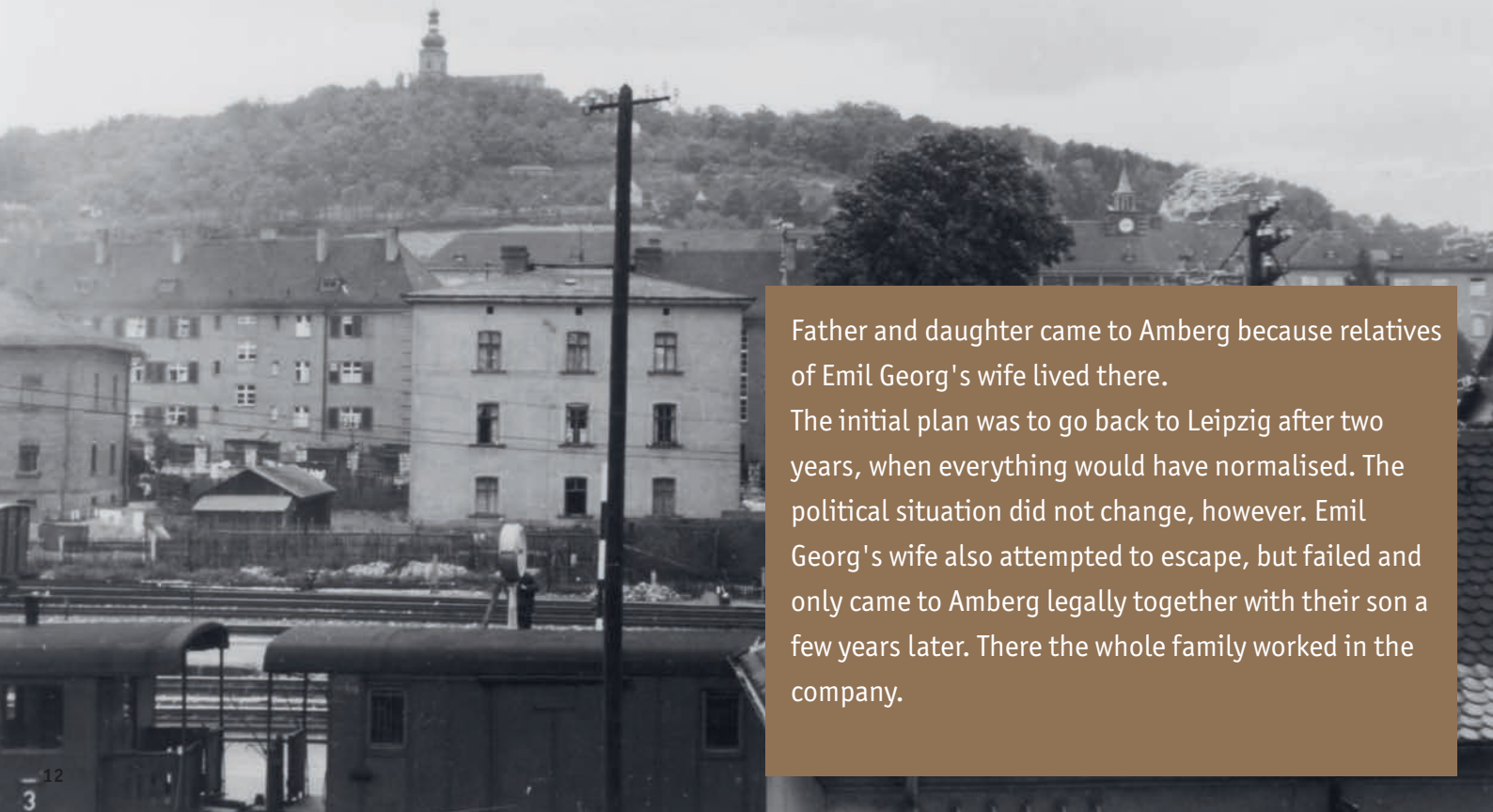
The daughter Christa remembers the night of the escape:

"The escape took place by night and fog. Merely with a suitcase on his shoulder. I had to stop at a tree and saw the Russians patrolling. It was dawn, around three or four o'clock. There was a long valley in the fog. My father said, if we could get through there, we would already be in the west. Over there is the west! ... And then we ran."

It was the area around Sonneberg / Coburg, where Emil Georg and his daughter Christa managed to cross the border.

After a successful escape, they sat in a small railway house and waited for the first train, which brought them to Amberg.

New beginning in Amberg

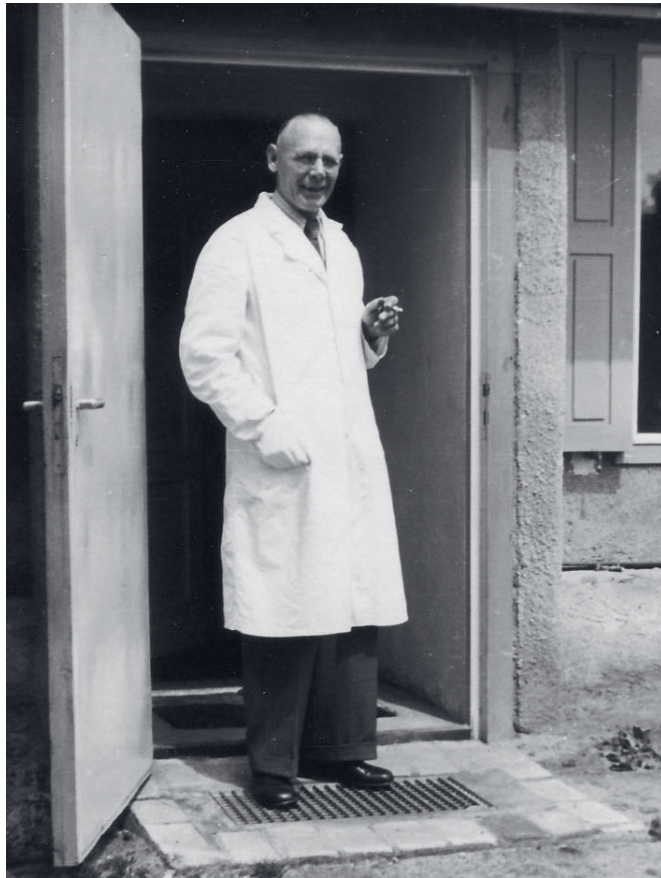


Father and daughter came to Amberg because relatives of Emil Georg's wife lived there.

The initial plan was to go back to Leipzig after two years, when everything would have normalised. The political situation did not change, however. Emil Georg's wife also attempted to escape, but failed and only came to Amberg legally together with their son a few years later. There the whole family worked in the company.



The initial period in Amberg was difficult, all material had been left behind in Waldsteinberg. Emil Georg Lüdecke had rented a room in Marienstraße, and his daughter Christa was sent to boarding school. Emil Georg walked every day to Josef-Schmidt-Straße, where he soon rented a barn, which served as his first business premises. In the barn there was a small office, a warehouse and a workbench. This was the place where the Lüdecke company was refounded in 1949.



*Emil Georg in 1952.
His trademark was the white work coat.*



Since Emil Georg had no securities of any kind, it was difficult for him to gain a foothold in his new home. However, he managed to reconnect with old business friends in Germany and abroad.

Relocation of the business premises up to the current factory



The office in the Josef-Schmidt-Straße



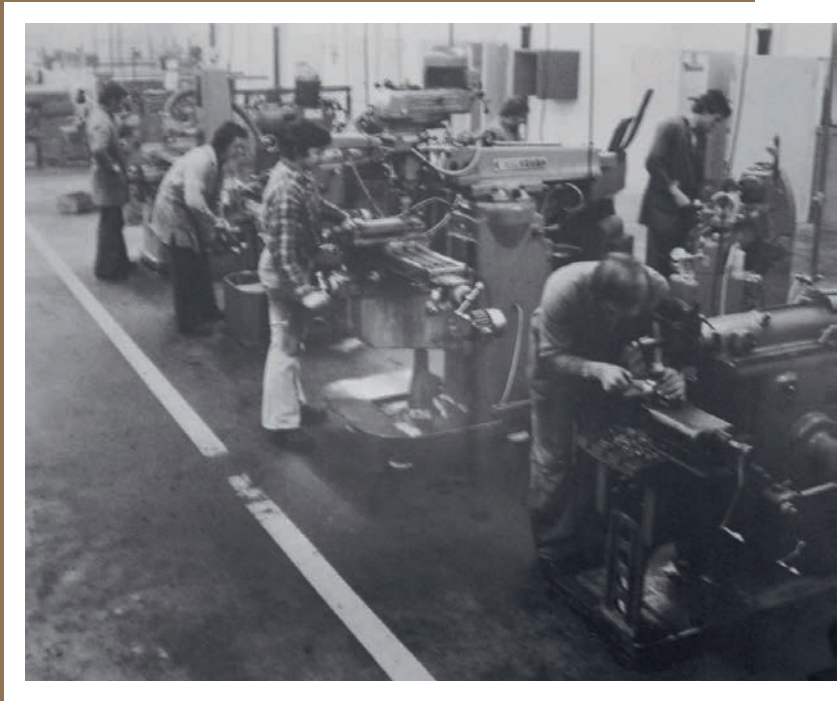


*Emil Georg Lüdecke and his son-in-law Erwin Bogner,
partner and managing director from 1956 to 2015*

In the 60's the company moved from Josef-Schmidt-Straße to Gasfabrikstraße in Amberg. Business was already better there and Emil Georg Lüdecke had reestablished important contacts, for example in Sweden. Step by step, things improved for the company E.G. Lüdecke Pressluftarmaturen.



Construction of the business premises in the Gasfabrikstraße



The company now already had about 15 employees, a large warehouse, and the first steps towards its own production were taken.

First trade fair participation and strong growth in the economic miracle years



The first exhibition stand at the Hannover Fair, year 1964





*1890- †1973

Emil Georg Lüdecke in his office.

With the development of the claw coupling for compressed air he laid the foundation for the success story of the Lüdecke company. At the age of 60, he ventured a complete new start in Amberg and built up the company step by step in the post-war period together with his son-in-law.

He died in 1973 in Amberg.

Continuation as a family business



In 1986 the company was taken over completely by Emil Georg Lüdecke's son-in-law, Erwin Bogner, who had already been managing director and partner at Lüdecke since 1956, and continued as a family business. Thanks to him, the medium-sized family business developed into a top address for high-quality coupling systems. With entrepreneurial vision and huge personal effort through 60 years, he established a global sales distribution network and set the tracks for future product focuses.

Under his direction, the planning and the start of the company building from 2015 onwards were developed.

*1933 - †2015



Erwin Bogner also placed great importance to good, personal customer relations and visited business partners all over the world, such as here on a construction site in Chile.

On single-spindle mechanical lathes, some of which are still in use today, were used to produce the components for quick release couplings.



Impressions from the factory in the 80s



In 1995, Lüdecke GmbH was founded as an operating company within the framework of a company split.

Responsible Growth



Klaus Herdegen has been working for the LÜDECKE GmbH since 1995 and has continued the family business as managing partner since 2000. He is Erwin Bogner's son-in-law and married to the granddaughter of the company founder Emil Georg Lüdecke. During his leadership, LÜDECKE is taking his biggest steps in expanding and developing in its 90-year-old history. In addition to highly innovative product developments, the permanent expansion and optimisation of the product range, the expansion of production, the implementation of digitalisation in all areas, as well as the transfer of know-how and knowledge, this also means: taking on more responsibility. Responsibility for daily actions as a company with regard to the environment, employees and society.



A responsible approach to the environment and nature is vital at Lüdecke. The adjacent Thomasgarten is a place for relaxed breaks, as well as environmental and bee-sharing projects.



In 2015 the company expansion started, which included additional production halls and the Lüdecke Academy. The production halls could be put into operation in 2016, the Lüdecke Academy in the following year.



View of the Lüdecke company today





The 90 year old success story of the Lüdecke company is of course always owed to a great team. Each individual has contributed to the development of the company. Thanks to the great commitment and the unique cohesion of the Lüdecke team, Lüdecke coupling systems are used today in almost all industries worldwide.



And the next generation is already in the starting blocks to continue leading the Team Lüdecke into the future as a family business.

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