

CHARLOTTE of WÜRTTEMBERG

Princess Charlotte of Schaumburg-Lippe (* Bohemia 10 September 1864 – † Bebenhausen 16 July 1946) was the second consort of King William II of Württemberg (m. 1886 – 1921) and last Queen of Württemberg. With the abolition of the kingdom, the couple were banished from Karlsruhe Schloss to live out their lives in Bebenhausen Schloss.

As with other members of German Royalty she extended patronage to the Württemberg Landesverein and Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (DRK) in its fund raising.



Incidental information of interest on the postcard: cancelled 29 December 1915 VAIHINGENBURG A.D.FILDERN by Feldtpost from a soldier likely based at / near Schloss Kaltenstein. The card is marked Rudolf- Sophien-Stift Wildparkstation near Stuttgart. The Rudolf-Sophien-Stift was a Psychiatric Institute offering coordinated inpatient, semi-inpatient and outpatient services. It exists to the present. Presumably, the service was intended to be recipient of the surcharge levied on the card.

The card is addressed to one Anton Rudel via Kloster Blaubeuren (formerly a Benedictine Order Abbey later becoming a Protestant seminary) to Herrlingen, a village of later historical interest. In 1926, Anna Essinger established her famous education institution, Landschulheim Herrlingen there. Her activities 1933 – 1948 on behalf of an estimated 900 children, most of whom were Jewish, were profound.

A cairn on the road outside of Herrlingen marks the place of suicide by cyanide of Field Marshall Johannes Erwin Eugen Rommel “The Desert Fox” (* 15 November 1891 – † 14 October 1944), and since 1989 the borough of Herrlingen has been home to Rommel museum at Villa Lindenhof.

Postcard Photograph: Queen Charlotte of Schaumburg-Lippe c. 1914.

Photographs: copy of a topographical postcard of AK-Stuttgart-Wildparkstation-Rudolf-Sophienstift Schloss near Stuttgart; Schloss Kaltenstein in Vaihingenburg; entrance to Kloster Blaubeuren; memorial cairn to Erwin Rommel on the Herrlingen road; images of Bebenhausen Monastery and Bebenhausen Schloss gardens.