

*An article from the German government in Wuerttemberg written in 1986 on the Kieninger Clock Company, founded by George Kieninger.*

### **One of Europe's leading manufacturers of large clockwork mechanisms**

“We wish you a pleasant stay in this beautiful part of the country. If you have [a] little time to spare, you will find a visit to our showrooms well worth-while. There you can see an extraordinary collection of select pedestal clocks, regulators, mantle, and wall clocks.”

This invitation from the Joseph Kieninger clock factory should certainly be taken up if you are ever in the vicinity of Aldingen between the Black Forest and the Swabian Alb, in the heart of the German clock industry.

By Black Forest standards, the family enterprise with its 170 employees is still a young company even though it was founded in 1912. It has always remained true to its tradition and continues to manufacture fine quality mechanical clock movements for pedestal, mantle, table and ships' clocks as well as mechanisms for triple chime systems. Backed by their technical know-how, Kieninger now also manufactures their own range of clocks in many different casings ranging from replicas of Vienna regulators to antique clocks. Grandfather clocks with their soothing ticking sound creating such a homely atmosphere enjoy a traditionally strong demand.

Kieninger clocks and clock movements have a fine reputation world wide and are exported to over 50 different countries. Kieninger is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of large clockwork mechanisms.

Mechanical clock movements are still popular and continue to undergo interesting new developments. Kieninger, for example, has developed the “accurate second” system; an automatic night silencer for gongs and chiming mechanisms; and an automatic escapement. The latest innovation is the “J” type triple chime mechanism, the smallest triple chime system in the world. With the J-type, Kieninger has attained the most advanced technical standard possible today.

Each of Kieninger's triple chime melodies has a well-known set of words. Popular chimes include Westminster, Whittington and St. Michael.

By continuing production of some of the exceptional clocks that have long formed part of the product range, Gottfried and Rudolf Kieninger, the company's third generation family managers, remain true to traditional policy despite the exigencies of modern commerce.

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