



Pinneberg flag

# Pinneberg

Sister City since 1957



Street view, Dingestatte, old postcard



Pinneberg Rosen-Garten



Der Drostei (Cultural Ctr.)

# Pinneberg, Where is it?



Diagram locating Pinneberg in Germany

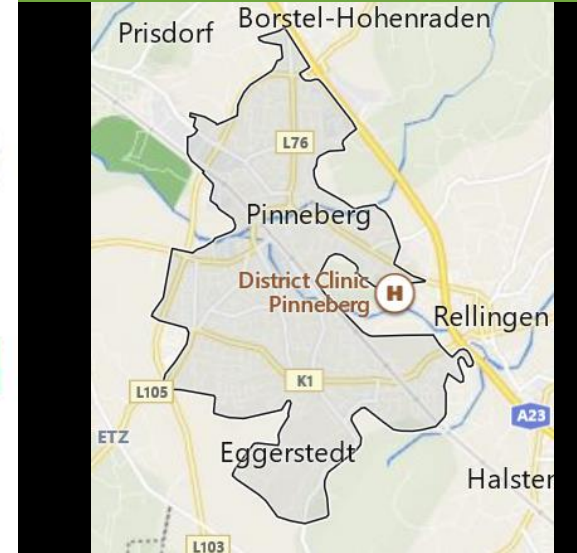


Contemporary Map of NW Germany



# Pinneberg Geography

- State of Schleswig-Holstein
- Seat of Kreis Pinneberg (County)
- 11 miles NW of central Hamburg
- Land area = 8.32 sq. miles
- Population (2020) = 43,503
- Now exurb of Hamburg



# Ancient History, Gothic Europe

- Romans never cross Elbe River
  - Germania not occupied by Romans
  - Gothic Europe distinct from Roman Europe
- Pinneberg bit east of the Elbe
  - Romans do not get there



Map showing extent of Roman Empire in Europe



# Next 1400 Years

- Gothic Europe remains tribal
  - Patchwork fiefdoms
  - Holstein attains cultural identity
- Hamburg becomes Hanseatic City
  - Independent of feudal rule
- Pinneberg yet to exist





# First Political Identity: Kingdom of Denmark

First polity of Holstein, in 15<sup>th</sup> Century...

- By Denmark
  - 400 years, approx.
  - Danes are lax rulers
  - Castle built for Count of Schauenburg
- Start of Pinneberg and county of Schauenburg-Pinneberg



Map of Denmark in early Renaissance

# Schloss Pinneberg (Castle)

- Pinneberg exists from its castle
  - First medieval castle, circa 1200.
  - Danes capture (1370), by Count Adolf VIII of Schauenburg.
  - Danish rule.



Pinneberg Crest



Medieval Castle

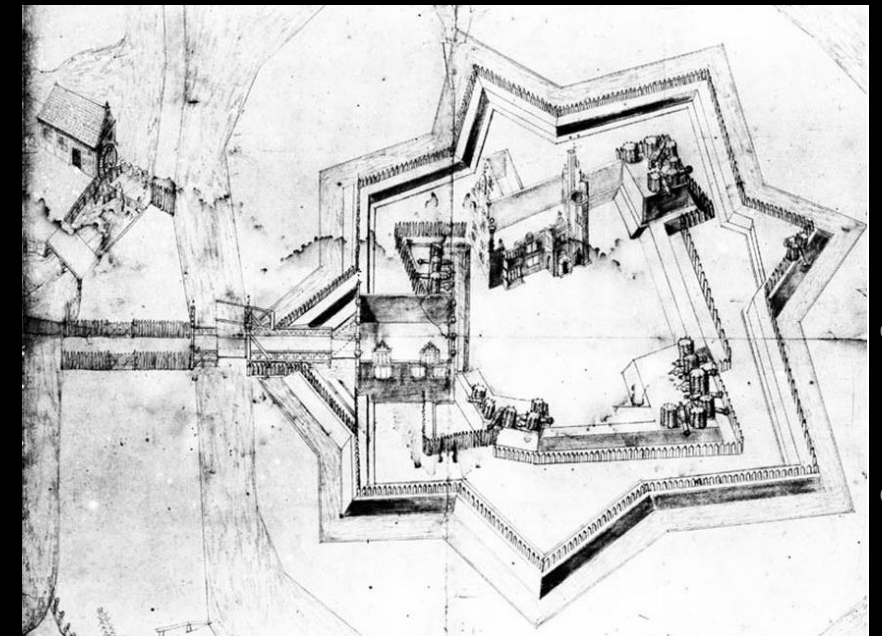


Schloßmuseum, Sonderborg

Count Adolf VIII of Schauenburg

Jurgen Ovens, painting detail

- Grander Renaissance castle rebuilt (1472)
- Heavily damaged during 30 Years War
- Danish King orders castle torn down (1720).



Renaissance Castle, 1658

Image: Pinneberg Museum

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# Pinneberg: Danish Government

- Law court (“Dingstatte”) first mentioned in 1358.
  - Court formalized under Danish rule (1370)
  - Mention of settlement around the castle, by 1600.
- Danish King absorbs County of Pinneberg as royal holding
  - Schauenburg line ends (1640)
  - Local royal chief administrator appointed
- Town grows near old castle site
- Pinneberg recognized as township, in 1826
  - Gets royal law court
  - Railroad arrives in 1844, boosting prospects (pop. in 1845 = 1087).
    - Excursions to countryside, from Hamburg, become common



[Danish] Museum of Natl. History

King Christian IV, Denmark  
Pieter Isaacs painting



Photo: Pinneberg Museum

Ludwig Nicolaus von Scheele,  
last royal Danish Landdrost  
(departs 1863).





# Pinneberg Layout

- Drostei built (1765)
  - Town reorients around it
  - Town Square in front
  - Roads from Hamburg intersect there
- Remains basic town configuration, with additions:
  - Railroad
  - Autobahn
  - Modernization



1792 Map of Pinneberg



# Wars for Schleswig-Holstein and Germany

- Denmark & Prussia fight two wars for Schleswig-Holstein (1848-51 & 1864)
- Prussia wins second war
  - Annexes Schleswig-Holstein
  - Pinneberg becomes Prussian
- More Prussian wars with Austria, then France
- German state declared (1871) under Prussia
  - Pinneberg becomes German







# Pinneberg, Prussian & German Administration

- Kreis Pinneberg (county) created (1867)
  - Prussians organizing new territories
- German State consolidated (1872)
  - Pinneberg named county seat (1875)
  - New county offices built (1893)
    - All govt. offices in Der Drostei previously
- Incorporated as a Pinnebergdorf (city) (1905)
  - population = 6074
- Pinneberg has 10 factories, by 1900
  - Largest: Wupperman Mill, employs 600



Kreis Pinneberg crest



First Kreis Pinneberg (County) offices.

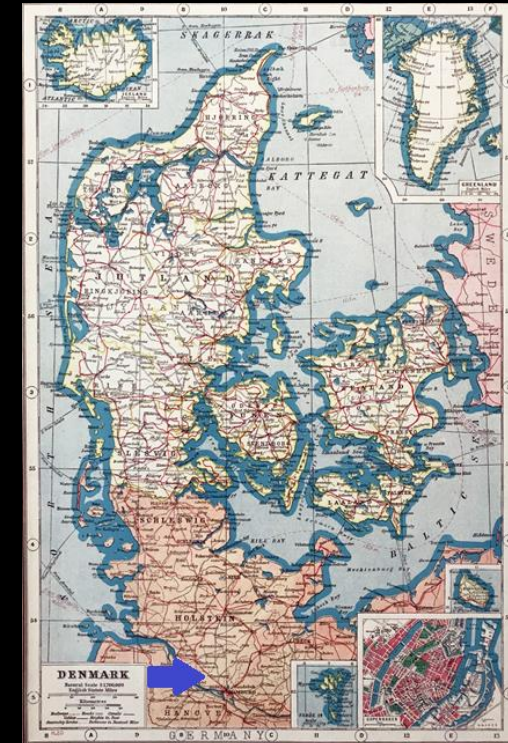


# Pinneberg: World War I +

- WWI: town industries convert to armaments
- War shortages cause civilian hardships
  - 271 Pinnebergers die in military service
- War fronts are far from Pinneberg
- After WWI, Treaty of Versailles
  - Danish border moved
  - Holstein remains German (with Pinneberg)
- German economy suffers in 1920s
- Depression causes business bankruptcies
- Economy booms under Natl. Socialists in 1930s
  - Town population nearly doubles (to approx. 14,000)



Pinneberg WWI Memorial,  
dedication in 1934 and today

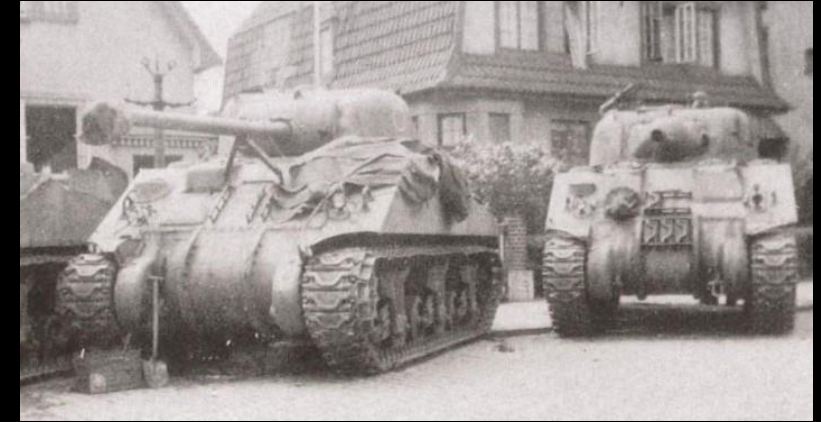




# Pinneberg: World War II +



- Large military base, two small prisoner-of-war camps, and quartermaster warehouse
- Town industries again convert to armaments, some forced labor used
- Mostly spared the heavy bombing of Hamburg
- After WWII, Pinneberg in British occupation zone
- A million displaced German refugees resettled in Holstein.
  - 9753 resettled in Pinneberg (prior pop. = 14,682). 400 more come later.
    - Refugees are German, mostly from East Prussia, Silesia and occupied Poland
    - Severe living space shortage occurs.



British Sherman tanks occupy Pinneberg  
[secretly taken photo]



[British] Natl. Army Museum

Civilian food line in Pinneberg during the  
post-war shortages

# How German is Pinneberg?

- Was: Gothic tribal, Feudal, Danish, Prussian, then German
  - Drost is Dutch word/title: bailiff of castle or lord.
  - More historic variety than conspicuous.
  - Post-war resettlement may be key 20<sup>th</sup> century demographic occurrence.



Photo: David Hill

City Square, view to Drostei Cultural Center





# Pinneberg Industry

➤ Historically had large industries

## Binne & Sohn, Roofing Mill

- 1885 - today
- 6<sup>th</sup> Generation, Family Owned
- 140 employees today



Photo: Pinneberg Museum

Binné & Sohn Roofing Mill, circa 1950

## Wupperman Co. (orig: Union-Eisenwerk)

- 1856 – 1962 Steel stamping
- Herman Wupperman (namesake)
- 725 employees in 1925 (height)



Photo: Pinneberg Museum

Wupperman Mill,  
1962 at closing

Wupperman Mill water tower  
is a Pinneberg landmark



Photo: City website

## ILO Motorworks

- 1911 - 1990
- Heinrich Christiansen, entrepreneur
- 1500 employees in 1955 (height)



Photo: Pinneberg Museum

ILO Motorworks in 1970

1913: "Three horse drawn carts were  
sufficient to move the machines."

Heinrich Christiansen, founder

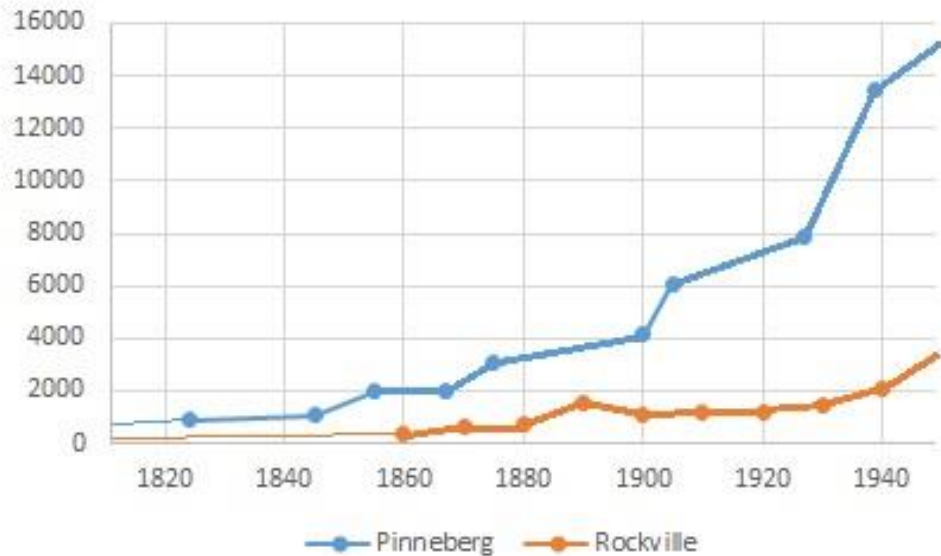




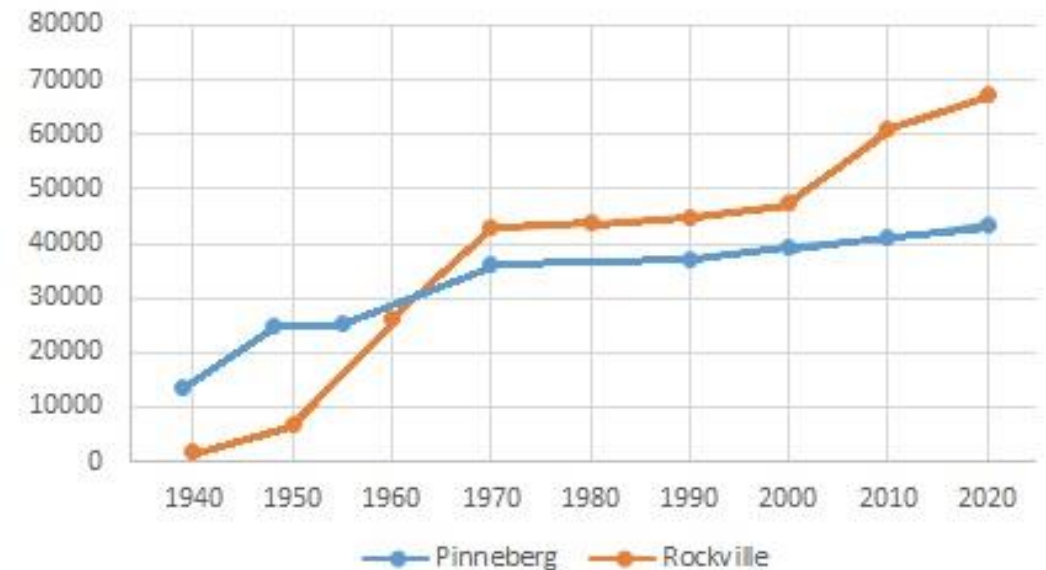
# Pinneberg v. Rockville: Population Growth

- Pinneberg and Rockville have different growth patterns

Pinneberg v. Rockville Population, to 1940



Pinneberg v. Rockville Population, 1939-2020



- Pinneberg grows in the 19<sup>th</sup> century because of early industries
  - Large 1930s spike is Natl. Socialists economic boom
- Rockville remains small, on slow growth path

- Pinneberg growth in later 20<sup>th</sup> century, is flat linear mostly
  - Resettlement spike occurs immediately post-war
- Rockville has post-war suburban high growth path, and another boom in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- At 1957 Sister City founding, cities near the same size



# Pinneberg Places: Der Drostei

- Central edifice of Pinneberg
  - Anchor of the city square.
  - Built 1765 for royal executive, official residence and government seat
  - German Rococo style
  - Since 1970, a Cultural Center



Der Drostei, circa late 18<sup>th</sup> century



Image: Pinneberg Museum



Der Drostei, 2019

Photo: David Hill





# Pinneberg Places: Pinneberg Museum

- History and art museum
  - Built in 1892, as court building, separate from the Drostei.



Image: Pinneberg Museum

19<sup>th</sup> Century advertisement artwork: “Without hurry, Pinneberg is a place for an excursion”



Photo: David Hill

Pinneberg Museum, in 2019



# Pinneberg Places: Bahnhof [Train Station]

- Railroad arrives in 1844. Train station built.
- Now on the Hamburg S3 subway line.

Photo: Pinneberg Museum



Pinneburg Bahnhof in 1890



S3 Bahn from Hamburg, 2019

Photo: Pinneberg City website

# Pinneberg Places: Christuskirche

“Christ Church”

- Pinneberg became independent Lutheran Parish in 1890
- Church completed in 1894
  - Neo-Gothic style, cruciform layout
  - On Bahnhofstraße, next to Fahlt Holzs (park)



Photo: Christuskirche website



Photo: David Hill





# Pinneberg Places: Parks

- Fahlt Holzs (woods), 74 acre, forested park in midst of city today.
  - Historic attraction, often destination for day outing Hamburg-ers



Photo: Pinneberg City website



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- Pinneberg-Rosengarten
  - Roses culturally significant to area
  - Pinneberg home to a number of horticultural orgs. & businesses
  - First Holstein Rose Festival in 1927
  - Rockville has gift roses from Pinneberg







# Pinneberg Places: Feuerwehrwache

- Pinneberg also has a long-standing volunteer fire brigade
- Fire departments in Rockville and Pinneberg are tightly connected via Sister City exchanges.



Photo: David Hill

Pinneberg Volunteer Fire Brigade Station







# Pinneberg Places: [well...]

Bigger than  
most in U.S.



Complete with  
drive-thru

Photo: David Hill







# Auf Wiedersehen Pinneberg

Webcam

