Groote Koninklijke Bazar

Abstract

The Groote Koninklijke Bazar (Big Royal Bazar) was a department store in The Hague. Dirk Boer, the owner of the company, started trading in Asian arts from 1825. In 1843, he opened his store at the Zeestraat.

History

The Groote Koninklijke Bazar was a department store for Asian wares in The Hague. Its owner Dirk Boer (1803-1877) began selling goods in 1825 and opened a store on Zeestraat in 1843. The store sold Asian items, mainly from Japan, China, Persia and the Ottoman Empire, as well as from the Dutch East Indies. The buyers were private individuals, including King Willem II, as well as museums, such as the Royal Cabinet of Curiosities and the then Rijks Ethnografisch Museum. After Boer's death, the business continued under new owners.

Provenance research

It is not known whether the business records of Groote Koninklijke Bazar have been preserved. Separate archive documents are held in various archives. The Municipal Archives of The Hague has some photographs of the store’s interior showing many objects. The Wereldmuseum Leiden archive contains correspondence with Groote Koninklijke Bazar regarding purchases.

Related Aids

- The trade in objects from a colonial context
- Royal Cabinet of Curiosities
- Wereldmuseum Leiden
- Kunsthandel Van Lier

Primary sources

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> *NL-HaNA 2.09.46 When public and later private limited companies were formed, their articles of association required approval by the Ministry of Justice. The content of the files could range from a single opinion to a pack of documents comprising articles of association, appeals, opinions, royal decrees and correspondence.*
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> *NL-HaNA 3.17.13.03 Documents from the Business Register (Chambers of Commerce) of the province of South Holland. Business name: Koninklijke Bazar*

voorheen D. Boer en Zonen NV, Groote. File number HA-000014 /1. Includes a set of commercial files.

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Archive:

NL-HlmNHA 476 811 Declarations of goods and services supplied, 1813, 1824-1831. The Royal Cabinet of Curiosities purchased items from Dirk Boer, which are mentioned in this archive.

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