

## **BAER & SUHM**

G A Baer worked as a merchant for Bazar Filipino between 1873 and 1875 located at Escolta 37, Manila. Between 1875 and 1879 he worked as a clerk for Baer Senior & Company located at Augusto 10, Manila.

Oscar von Willemoes Suhm worked for Baer Senior & Company as a clerk between 1873 and 1879. In 1882, records show that Oscar was one of the Stewards of the Manila Jockey Club.

In 1879, G A Baer and Oscar von Willemoes Suhm branched out from Baer Senior & Company to form the merchant company 'Baer & Suhm', with P M Gaedertz recorded as a clerk for the company. Baer & Suhm was located at Escolta 37, Manila between 1879 and around 1884 (the same premises as Bazar Filipino at the time).

In 1882, G A Baer and Oscar von Willemoes Suhm were joined by Ed Zietz and P M Gaedertz. The company was also the agent for Norddeutsche Feuer Versicherungs Gesellschaft (North German Fire Insurance Company), Hamburg between 1882 and 1888. In 1885, the company moved premises to Calle David 12, Manila. Records show that G A Baer was residing in Paris between 1885 and 1888, with Oscar von Willemoes Suhm remaining present in Manila.



Baer & Suhm moved premises to Escolta 14, Manila sometime between 1885 and 1888. Baer & Suhm ceased operations at the end of 1888 or in early 1889, most probably due to G A Baer permanently residing in Paris. Soon after, Oscar von Willemoes Suhm started the company 'O v Suhm'.

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### **BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS**

#### **BH1: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP IN TWO ROWS**

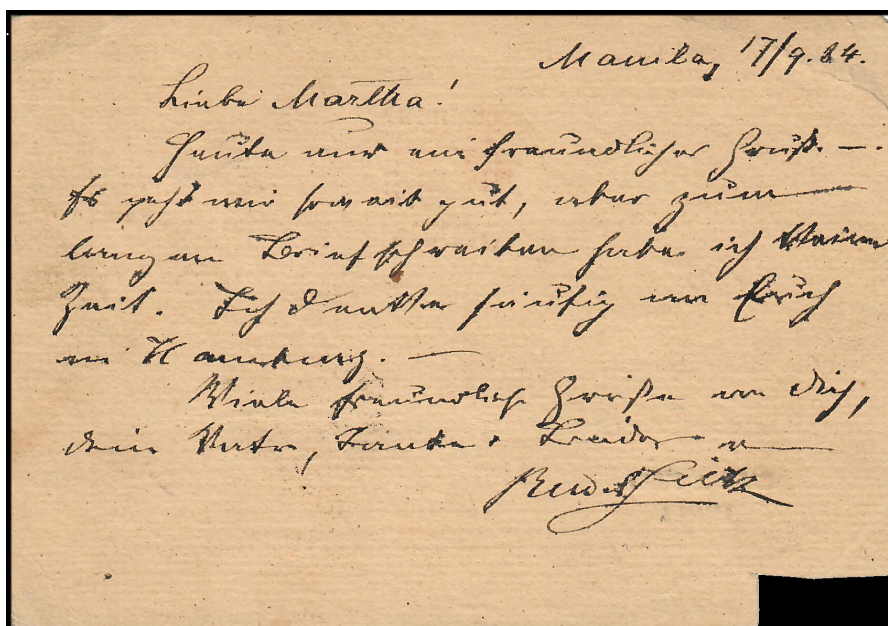
**BAER & SUHM  
MANILA**

**BAER & SUHM on Top  
MANILA on Bottom  
Top Line Serif Letters, Bottom Line Sans-Serif Letters**



Giro Fiscal Stamp (W-104)  
(1880)

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**BAER & SUHM****BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS****BH2: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP IN TWO ROWS****BAER & SUHM  
MANILA****BAER & SUHM on Top  
MANILA on Bottom  
Sans-Serif Letters**

17 September 1884 – Postal Card from Manila to Hamburg Germany, via Naples and Brindisi (Italy)

Parrilla and 'Manila - Star' Departure Cancels

Blue Baer &amp; Suhm Business Handstamp (BH2) at Bottom Left

Rectangular Boxed 'Hamburg / Hohenfelde / 24 October 1884' Receiving Cancel on Front

## **BAER & SUHM**

### **BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS**

#### **BH3: DOUBLE OUTER LINE OVAL HANDSTAMP**



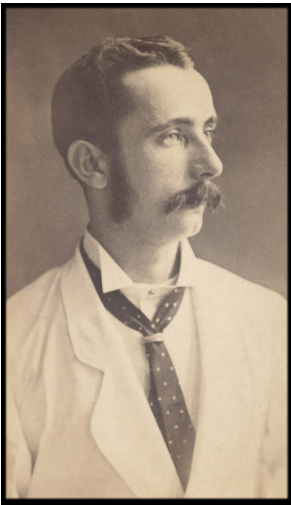
**BAER & SUHM on Top**  
**Scroll in Centre**  
**MANILA on Bottom with Emblem on Either Side**



Scott #88  
(1882)

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## O. v. SUHM



Oscar von Willemoes Suhm

O. v. Suhm, a Merchant and Tobacco company, is recorded from 1889 as being located at Escolta 10, Manila. This company was created when Baer & Suhm ceased operations at the end of 1888 or in early 1889. G A Baer had left for Paris in 1885, which may have been the catalyst for Oscar von Willemoes Suhm opening up his own business.

Interestingly, records in 1889 shows Oscar von Willemoes Suhm as residing in Hamburg, Germany, with Oscar Dürr in Manila having authority to sign per procuration. Other recorded staff: A Gonzalez (manager of the cigar factory), Jos. von Willemous Suhm, L M Heras and S Ignacio. A short-lived company which ended trading in the early 1890s, most likely when Suhm and Company started.

### BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

#### BH1: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP IN TWO ROWS

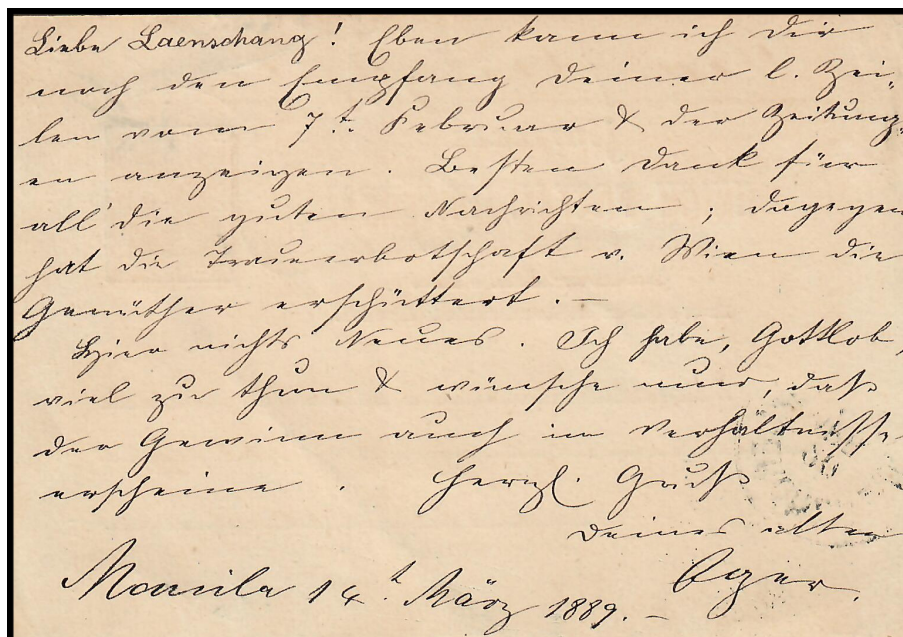
O. v. SUHM  
Manila

O. v. SUHM on Top  
Manila on Bottom

Scott #88  
(1882)Scott #105  
(1887)



O. v. SUHM

BUSINESS HANDSTAMPSBH1: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP IN TWO ROWSO. v. SUHM  
Manila

14 March 1889 – Postal Card from Manila to Munich, Germany, via Singapore

'Correos - Manila' Departure Circular Date Stamp

Blue O v Suhm Business Handstamp (BH1) at Bottom Left

'Munchen' 20 April 1889 Receiving Circular Date Stamp on Front

## SUHM & COMPANY



Oscar von Willemoes Suhm

Suhm & Company appears to have been formed shortly after the closure of the company O. v. Suhm in the early 1890s.

Earliest records show Suhm & Company in 1892 as Merchants and a Tobacco company located at Plaza del Conde 2, Manila. Oscar van Willemoes Suhm remained located in Europe with Oscar Dürre taking management of the Manila office. G A Bear remained associated with the company as an agent in Paris. Other Manila staff (assistants) include: L M Heras, Faustino Leiva, and S Ignacio.

O. v. Suhm & Company had an agency in Cagayan managed by Mariano de Leon. The company ceased operations sometime between 1895 and 1899, with no known records from 1899.

### BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

#### BH1: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP IN TWO ROWS

**SUHM & CO**  
**Manila.**

**SUHM & Co on Top**  
**Manila. on Bottom**



Scott 79  
(1883)



Scott #85  
(1882)

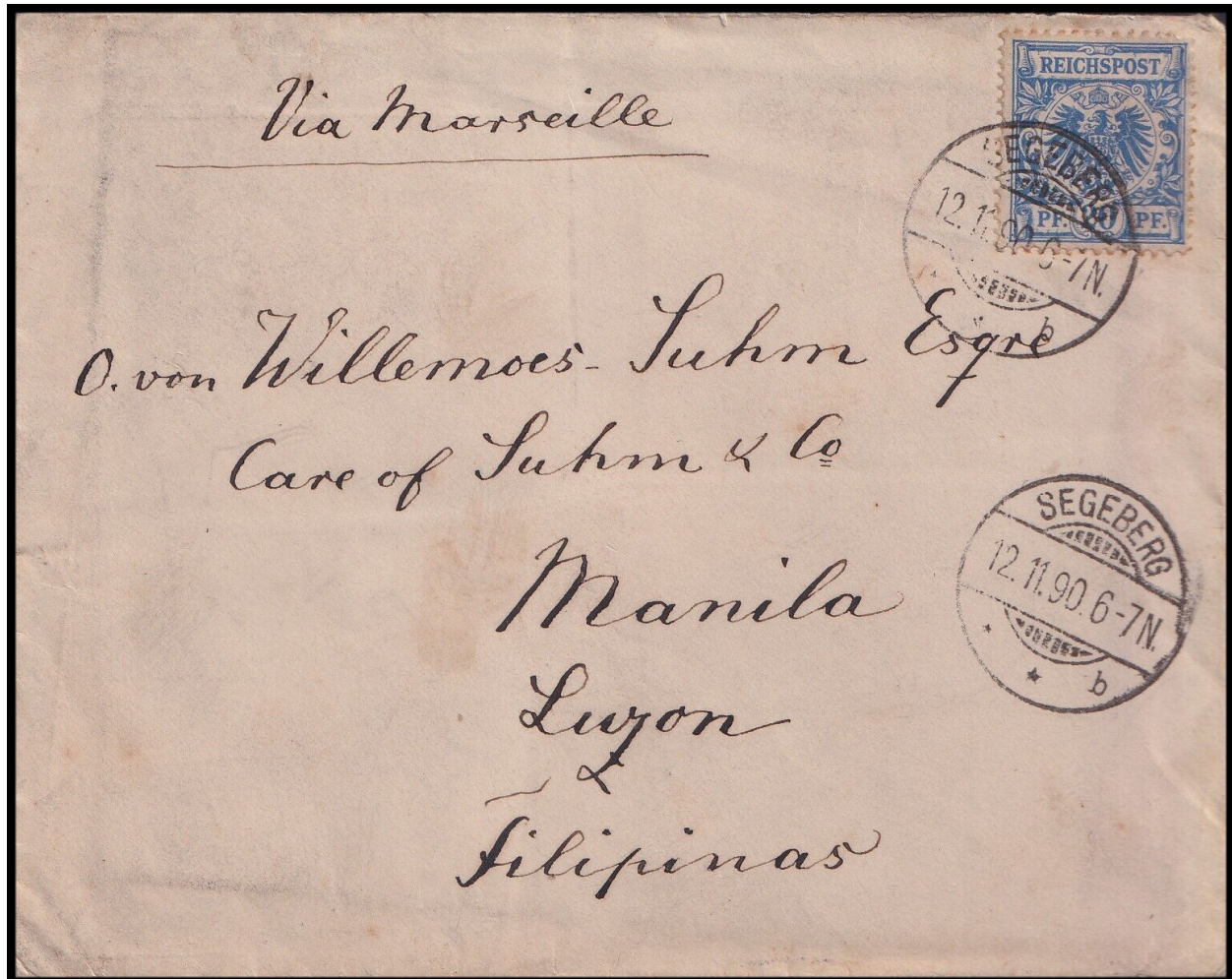


Scott #177  
(1890)



**SUHM & COMPANY**

**INBOUND COVER FROM GERMANY**



12 November 1890 – Inbound Cover from Segeberg, Germany to Manila, via Marseille  
Addressed to Willemoes Suhm, c/o Suhm and Company

[Ebay April 2023 Auction]

## SUHM & COMPANY

### BUSINESS HANDSTAMPS

#### BH2: TWO SINGLE LINED CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP



SUHM Y CIA on Top  
Date (With Lines Above and Below) in Centre  
MANILA on Bottom



Scott #144  
(1894)



Scott #152  
(1890)



Scott #153  
(1892)



Scott #153  
(1892)



Scott #174  
(1892)

#### BH3: STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP

## SUHM & CIA

SUHM & CIA IN ONE LINE  
Note: '& Cia' has not been validated



Scott #170  
(1894)