1225, 1229, 1244, 1251, 1254, 1256, 1293, 1300, 1389	**Röbel**	**Convents of Bremen, Greifswald, Lübeck, Meldorf, Riga, Rostock, Stralsund, Tartu and Wismar (prov. Saxonia)**

Inscriptions in the choir stools of the Church of St. Nicholas in Röbel state the years of foundation for convents of Friars Preachers in the province of Saxonia, among them the convent of Bremen 1225, Lübeck 1229, Riga 1244, Stralsund 1251, Greifswald 1254, Rostock 1256, Wismar 1293, Tartu 1300 and Meldorf 1389.

Source: Inscription in choir stools in the Church of St. Nicholas, Röbel, Germany.

> Bremensis 1225. Erfhordensis 1229. Halberstadensis … . Sovauiensis 1241. Rupinensis 1246. Haderslauensis 1251. Strusbergensis 1254. Rostochensis 1256. Prinslauensis 1275. Poswalkcensis 1277. Brandenburgensis 1292. Wismariensis 1293. Berlinensis 1297. Maldorpensis 1389. Bruswickcensis 1310. Tarbatensis 1300. Robolensis 1285. Hallensis 1271. Sehusensis 1255. Gripswaldensis 1254. Sundensis 1251. Rigensis 1244. Hamburgensis … . Lipzensis 1229. Lubicensis 1229. Magdeburgensis 1224.

Comments: The High Gothic choir stools in oak originally belonged to the Dominican priory in Röbel, but after the Lutheran Reformation and the demolition of the priory they were moved to the local parish church of St. Nicholas. • The inscription of the convent names and years is made along the top piece of the stools. In addition to this, an inscription is made on the back of each of the 30 stools, most of them giving short references to Dominican provinces, among them Dacia; one backside inscription states that the writing was done ***Anno domini 1519 per me fratrem Urbanum Schuman***. • The listed years in the top piece undoubtedly dates the foundation of each convent, of which most fit with dates known from elsewhere, while some, however, differ slightly. They all refer to convents within the province of Saxonia, as it appeared in 1519, although the list is far from complete, just as the year lacks for Hamburg.

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