

GRETEN Auguste

(1870 - 1958) ¹

Reckange-sur-Mess

Biography

Auguste Clement GRETEN was born on 25 August 1870 in Reckange-sur-Mess. His father Nicolas was an *Ackerer*.

Around 1906 Auguste and his brother Charles founded a *Maschinenfabrik* under the name of “Aug. & Ch. Greten”, located in rue Mercier (Luxembourg-Gare). ²

Charles, however, left the business around 1914 and started his own company under the name of “GRETEN-HELDENSTEIN”. ³ The company was selling *machines agricoles* rather than building them, which remained the main interest of Auguste.

Initially Auguste GRETEN developed agricultural machines and later mainly combustion engines. GRETEN made a total of 49 inventions over a period of 50 years; he obtained his last patent in 1952, at the age of 82.

Auguste GRETEN died in Luxembourg-city in 1958.

¹ [FamilySearch database](#) (GVNX-PSS)

² www.industrie.lu

³ *HELDENSTEIN* being the family name of his wife