

DUPONT Jean Baptiste

(1758 - 1837)
Florenville (BE)

Patents (details)

1 - Nouvel engrais

LU patent	A001
Application date	31 August 1819

In 1819, two years after the introduction of the Patent Law, DUPONT filed a patent application in Luxembourg-city.

He had instructed *député* M. LECLERC to file, on his behalf, the required documents at the *Greffé des Etats* in Luxembourg-city. ¹

In support of his patent application DUPONT handed in:

... un paquet informant la description de son secret et les pièces à l'appui de sa demande.

The corresponding administrative file has not been preserved and it is therefore no longer possible to know what kind of fertiliser DUPONT had invented. ²

No notice of grant was subsequently published in the *Mémorial* which would suggest that the patent application was rejected.

¹ LECLERC was thus the first “mandataire” for patents of invention in Luxembourg

² A fertiliser known as “cendres de Flize” had been discovered in the French Ardennes some 60 km from Florenville where Dupont grew up (see LUA029). Could this substance have been the subject-matter of Dupont’s patent application? (see also: *Encyclopédie pratique de l’agriculture: 1859 Tome 2, pages 445-447*)