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PROCESSION OF PRINCES

A family with a history: the Wettins – and at the end the modern age begins, with craftsmanship and science and even the artist Wilhelm Walther, who created the impressive mural painting.

The larger-than-life parade of riders shows all regents of the house of Wettin. The painting was done for the 800 year celebration of the family's regency and was painted 1872 to 1876 in sgraffito technique.

This wasn't that good of an idea because sgraffito is nice to look at, but very sensitive. Around the turning of the century the first damages appeared.

What should they do? Restore? Or trying a complete new technique? It was decided to do the second and the royal porcelain manufacture in Meißen offered to implement the procession of 35 counts, princes and kings and 58 additional scientists, artists, craftsmen and farmers on 24000 tiles.

The over 330 feet long procession of princes (Fürstenzug) even survived the inferno of the bombing in February 1945.

