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## COMPUTER HISTORY

# ANKER-WERKE BANKING MACHINE

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*From 2014 to 2020 we researched and cataloged over 5000 items (hardware, software, and text) at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. We sometimes blogged about our experiences and the fascinating items we encountered; this post is part of that set.*

Last week (week of February 1, 2015) we were cataloging the last of the SAP collection in the Computer History Museum warehouse. One of the more interesting objects was a banking machine made by Anker-Werke, a German company that used to be headquartered in Bielefeld, North-Rhine Westphalia.



Anker-Werke logo

According to an article in Wikipedia (“Anker-Werke,” written in German), the company was founded in 1876 by Carl Schmidt as a knitting machine factory. Besides knitting machines [*Nähmaschinen*] the company has also made cash registers [*Registrierkassen*], ticket and reservation machines [*Buchungsmaschinen*], small motorcycles [*Kleinmotorräder*], and bicycles [*Fahrräder*].



*Banking machine*

After World War II Anker-Werke focused exclusively on office machines. In 1976 the company was liquidated. Part of the business was sold to the British firm Thomas Tilling, and the rest now belongs to technology giant Oracle.

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