

History

Herbin was established in 1670. The original J. Herbin was a sailor, and from his many journeys to India he brought back to Paris formulas for manufacturing sealing wax and inks. Generations of remarkable people, from Louis XIV to Coco Chanel, have used Herbin sealing wax. It is renowned as one of the highest quality sealing waxes ever made.

In 1798, Jacques Herbin, the 4th generation family scion, relocated the workshop and commercial establishment to Rue des Fosses-Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois in Paris.



The Oldest Name in Pen Inks in the World

Herbin is the oldest name in pen inks in the world. "La Perle des Encre" (The Jewel of Inks) was created in 1700. "L'Encre des Vaisseaux" ("Ship's Ink") was produced at an unknown date before then.

Herbin continued to develop new inks in the 19th century. They began production of India Ink (also known as Chinese Ink) in 1829. Their violet ink was the everyday color used by students during the Third Republic (1870-1940). Herbin even developed a special black ink just for Victor Hugo, one of the greatest French writers.

Today, Herbin produces a range of beautiful fountain pen and calligraphy inks, writing instruments, gift sets and accessories. Herbin inks are made in France, and the finishing touches on the bottles are still done by hand in Paris.

