

Karl Theresius von Richthofen 1811-1888

Karl Otto John Theresius Freiherr von Richthofen (* May 30, 1811 in Damsdorf, † March 7 1888) was a German jurist .

Karl von Richthofen was a German scholar and was an expert on Frisian history.. In addition, he also taught constitutional law from 1841 to 1860 at the Law Faculty of the Friedrich Wilhelm University in Berlin . Freiherr von Richthofen is from old Silesian Richthofen line.

Richthofen's posthumous reference library of 4250 volumes was acquired in 1926 by the Law School of Columbia University.

He came from the noble family of Richthofen . His father was Karl von Richthofen (1787-1841), lord of the manor on Brecheishof, Bersdorf, Gross Rosen, Damsdorf, etc. Tscharnikau he was also the Prussian district administrator of the district of Jawor. His mother was Therese von Grote (1791-1811) from the House Grabow, she was the daughter of the Hanoverian State Minister Baron Otto Ulrich von Grote (1750-1808) Charlotte von Plato (1757-1821). His first wife in 1840 was Sophie von Lützow (1816-1855) from Glogau, the daughter of the Prussian General Leopold von Lutzow . From this marriage the following children:

- Karl Friedrich (1842-1916)
- Irmgard (1853-1910) ⚭ 1879 Ferdinand von Richthofen (1833-1905)

After the death of his first wife he married in Berlin in 1857 Sophie von Frankenberg (1818-1879), daughter of Major Heinrich von Frankenberg and Friederike von Richthofen. His third wife, married in 1879 in Berlin was Elfriede von Grote (1848-1930), daughter of Karl von Grote and Charlotte von Frankenberg.

Works

- Frisian Land sources (PDF file, 52.79 MB)
- 1840 Altfriesisches dictionary
- 1863 Lex Frisionum (in Monumenta Historica Germaniae)
- 1880-1886 studies of Frisian History of Law (three parts)
- 1886 The older historical sources Egmonder