

# Historical Film

Duane Thompson presented 1938 film to the City of Stendal

**Stendal (bma).** On Friday, was a meeting of the members of the Circle of Friends of the Winckelmann High School which gathered in the small city hall. Günther Unnau, Burkhard Jochemzyk, and Hans Basner introduced the American citizens Duane Thompson and Patricia Mee, which live in the State of Colorado, and Deputy Mayor Axel Kleefeldt of the City officially welcomed and received them. The reason for the meeting and solemn reception of the two American citizens is the circumstance that Duane Thompson's father was in Stendal during the Second World War as a medical officer, at which time he obtained a film projector which contained a film (who's author or maker is still unknown) that was about Stendal, which he later frequently showed his children. With searches by the son on the InterNet he encountered the Circle of Friends of Winckelmann High School, made contact and now the result is this meeting and the delivery of the film to the City of Stendal. Mr. Thompson previously had the film restored in a special laboratory and copied onto a DVD. The film, which is seven minutes and 45 seconds long, shows photographs about the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Winckelmann High School in the year 1938. The city's open channel television wants to include this old document into its project "My Stendal" about the 30's up to the end of war said Andreas Bredow, Managing Director of the studio. The guests from Colorado completed an interesting program over the last few days. Among other things there was a detailed and very interesting town tour of Stendal, conducted by a pupil from the Winckelmann High School and accomplished in perfect English language. Yesterday the guests were invited to a visit into the Jacobi church and today (Sunday) they are given a tour of the Altmark.

Photo Caption:

Duane Thompson presents the reel of film to Axel Kleefeldt (left). Photo: Bernhard Maslow