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from the fables and satires of the people, from Hans Sachs and from the Luther translation of the Bible. This is roughly the setting of civilization, in which the first Hohenzollerns found themselves when they took over the Mark of Brandenburg, in the early years of the fifteenth century.

Here is a list of them, of no great interest in themselves, but showing the direct descent down to the present time; for from the Peace of Westphalia (1648) to the French Revolution the German states were without either men or measures, except Frederick the Great, that call for other than dreary comment:

Frederick I of Nuremberg	1417
Frederick II	1440
Albert III	1470
Johann III	1476
Joachim I	1499
Joachim II	1535
Johann George	1571
Joachim Frederick	1598
Johann Sigismund of Poland (first Duke of Prussia)	1608
George William	1619
Frederick William (the Great Elector) .	1640
Frederick III, Frederick I of Prussia (crowned first King of Prussia in 1701)	1657-1713