

HEIDECKER



One of the largest buildings in the community: the hop storage hall. The extension with the lettering on the gable was the residential building. Left photo: In front of the building are from right to left Frieda, Emanuel and his sister Jette. The person on the far left is unknown. Right photo: The lettering was soon changed, from the previous owners "Heim & Heller" to "Emanuel Heidecker".



Abraham took over his father's house at Marktplatz 42. He was joint owner of his brother Emanuel's hop hall, and he also ran a hop kiln near the Schaller factory (left photo). Above photos from left to right: Abraham married Sophie Weißmann from Altenmuhr in 1904. Three sons were born: Ludolf, Justin and Fritz-Joseph. The three sons around 1915 as children: Ludolf in the back, Justin in front, Fritz-Joseph is held (right photo).
Source all pictures without the portrait of Justin Heidecker: Leo Baeck Collection. Source of Justin Heideckers portrait: Gerd Berghofer Collection.



A successful businessman with his family, from left to right: Ludwig, Frieda, Karl, Emanuel und Else, in the early 1920s. In 1933 the SS took Ludwig and Emanuel with them. They were taken into protective custody and mistreated. Karl and Else were able to leave for France in good time.

Wedding in 1903: Frieda Keiner from Baiersdorf marries the merchant Emanuel Heidecker from Georgensgmünd (left photo). They have three children (right photo): Ludwig (with cap), Karl and Else.



Ludolf was a tough defender, played in the sports club, was also the 2nd board member until the Nazis came to power in 1933. He joined ITUS Nuremberg: it is the only known photo of the 1st team of this time that still exists. 5th from left Ludolf Heidecker (left photo). Next to it: gymnastics on the Bruckespan in Gmünd. Ludolf is lying on the ground. Source of all pictures: Leo Baeck Collection

Ludolf at his wedding to Ruth Schmitt from Hirschaid in 1937. Ludolf Heidecker had been taken into protective custody by the SS in 1933 and mistreated. In the following years he tried not to "attract attention". He emigrated to America with Ruth. His parents sold their residential and commercial building in 1938 and moved to Rosa Gern in Friedrichsgmünd. Ludolf's brothers had already been in Palestine for a long time.



The Heidecker family with their spouses in Israel: Standing on the outside left Ludwig, 2nd from the right Else, on the far right Karl. Sitting: Selma and Willy Heidecker and Frieda. Selma and Frieda Heidecker were sisters (née Keiner from Baiersdorf).

Frieda Heidecker in the last years of her life. Until her death, she was in correspondence with people in Georgensgmünd.

The last photo of Emanuel Heidecker. In 1934, one year after his arrest and mistreatment by the SS, he died. His widow sold the hop hall to the community and followed her children to France and from there to Palestine.



Ludolf and Ruth Heidecker on the crossing to America. He found work, moved up and remained faithful to football for his whole life. Source: Leo Baeck Collection

In Palestine they found each other again. From right to left: Justin Heidecker, Bertha Gerstle, Malka Heidecker, Julius Gerstle. Julius and Justin were cousins. The Gerstle family later moved on to the USA. Justin held a doctorate in economics. Source: Leo Baeck Collection

Fritz Joseph had emigrated to Palestine quite early. He tried in vain to get his parents to Palestine. But the country seemed too unsafe for them in the 1930s. Fritz-Joseph later frequently visited his place of birth. Source: Leo Baeck Collection



Meeting of the Heidecker family in Israel. More than 120 family members are living there today. Many of them have already visited Germany and Georgensgmünd.

After being kicked out of Georgensgmünd, the Heideckers moved to Munich to live with Rosa Pindrik, née Großmeyer, at Goethestrasse 3/III. Abraham already died in June 1939, a broken man since long time. Sophie was deported to Piaski on April 3, 1942. She was murdered there or in a further concentration-camp. One of her last messages went to an acquaintance from Georgensgmünd. Source: Leo Baeck Collection



Dear Mrs. Hörnd! Before I leave here, I would like to say a warm farewell to you. You have probably heard that many people are being transported from here and all towns again. Justin Gerstle, his wife and I are also among them. My brother-in-law Sigmund and his wife from Nuremberg have already gone, and also Ludolf's in-laws and their children. Whether there will be a return for all of us, and what is waiting for us, God alone knows! He won't leave us entirely! Perhaps you will visit my sisters-in-law at Klenezstrasse 4, they would be very happy. **Haven't the white aprons been made? Probably not because nothing** has been heard by now, if so, give it to my sister-in-law Emma. Are you going home at Easter? Greet your sister, your husband, and best greetings to yourself, a warm farewell from your Sophie H.
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