

# **HERMANN HEIDENHEIMER**

merchant and emigrant

born 1863

## **View of Archshofen**

c. 1900

unnamed painter

Photo: Kittel family, Archshofen

The house of the parents of the brothers David, Loeb and Joseph Heidenheimer is located in the center of Archshofen in front of the Tauber bridge. Between 1851 and 1891, seven men from this family emigrate to North America. The first in 1851 is Samson, a 17 year old butcher and son of David Heidenheimer, who settles in Galveston, Texas with property valued at 200 gulden.

## **Document regarding the release of Hermann Heidenheimer from Wuerttemberg citizenship**

August 13, 1879

Staatsarchiv Ludwigsburg

When three of his uncles, as well as his two older brothers, Moses and Isak, moved to North America in 1879, 16 years old Hermann then goes overseas. The last to follow is Hermann's cousin Moses, who in 1891 exports the considerable fortune of 1000 gulden. Usually the Heidenheimer emigrants are young single Jewish men leaving for the United States to raise a family and to build a business. Usually, their parents provided them with a small amount of start-up capital.

## **Advertisement by emigration agents**

Tauberzeitung, March 1850

Emigration agents and travel agencies, such as the one of Johannes Rominger in Stuttgart established in 1842, provide information on travel opportunities and costs. The trip can be booked prior to the travel. Soon a dense net of subsidiaries and branch offices covers the whole country. Since 1850 George Salg operates as an emigrant agent in Mergentheim. Around 1885 there even is a separate agent in Creglingen: Heinrich Lutz, who also runs a small printing company.

## **Immigration**

*Get up, brothers let's go merrily to America. All our brethren already are in America, la la. Today we are close, the last time, brothers. Oh, where do we meet again? In America, la la. Today we are close, the last time, brothers. Oh, where do we meet again? In America, la la.*  
Around 1855, published in a collection of Swabian Folk Songs, according to Heinrich Krohn 1992

## **Synagogue established on the grounds of the Hamburg-America-Line in Hamburg after 1880**

HAPAG Lloyd, Hamburg;

From Ruth Gay 1993

The number of Jewish emigrants to America who wanted to adhere to their religious customs is so large that not only is a special prayer book published in several editions, but also at the port of Hamburg, where the ships are embarking, there is a synagogue as well as a separate dining room for kosher food.

**Josef Pressburger founded the cemetery society Chevra Eretz HaChayim in 1879 through donations to construct the cemetery wall received from emigrants such as the Heidenheimer family**

Juedisches Gemeindeblatt für die Israelitischen Gemeinden  
in Wuerttemberg, 1930

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and emigrants of his family