

# **JOSEF SINSHEIMER**

1869 –1950 Departure and Passage

## **Deed of Withdrawal of Wuerttemberg citizenship for Josef Sinsheimer**

August 15, 1885

Ludwigsburg State Archives

In 1885 the then-16 year old Josef Sinsheimer emigrated to the United States of America with 500 Marks, including passage money. His arrival point was New York City. In Brooklyn he searched for Isak Blumenfeld, the brother of his mother who emigrated previously in 1870. Josef traveled with Adolf Fuchs, a 15 year old semi-skilled butcher who was also a distant relative. Adolf continued his journey to reach his closer relatives in Texas. But despite a longer journey, his parents could only give him 250 Marks.

## **Cover letter of the Wuerttemberg Government to the Deed of Withdrawal for Josef Sinsheimer**

August 15, 1885

Creglingen City Archive

## **Exercise book for geometry of Josef Sinsheimer, middle school, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

1884/1885

Arthur S. Obermayer, West Newton

Before his emigration, Josef Sinsheimer, oldest son of Aaron and Jette Sinsheimer, completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade of the middle school in the town of Schwaebisch Hall where scientific subjects had a priority.

## **Advertisement of emigration agent Heinrich Lutz from Creglingen and others**

Tauberzeitung, July 18, 1885

After the middle of the 19th century, German shipping lines flourished, which made emigration much easier. At the Hamburg-America-Packettravel-AG (stock corporation), abbreviated HAPAG (established in 1847) and at the Bremen Norddeutscher Lloyd (founded in 1857), passengers willing to leave were able to book their passage on a ship in their particular hometown. Actually, even in very small towns like Mergentheim or Creglingen, at that time with less than 3,000 inhabitants, emigration agents established themselves.