

INFO ON BUDESHEIM/SPONSHEIM AREA
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BUDESHEIM

Baptisms: Johann Henry Schmidt & brothers/sisters & mother

Marriages: Johanna Schmidt(drowned) & Katherina Ruder
(still looking for death certificate on Johanna Schmidt)

St. Orious Justinious – parish church in Budesheim.

Diocese in Mainz may have Budesheim Records.

A family pays for a plot for 50 yrs., if renewed then the graves stay, if not they are moved to the crypt.

An old narrow street that runs through Budesheim, homes along the sides and the church is at the end. Braden home (still inhabited by Bradens, once a larger estate), Weinsels (?) home (now a florist shop). A block or so before the church there is a beer garden which was once a school (probably the school where Henry and siblings attended). Has a wine press in the back.

Castle Klott (Berg Klott) from Roman times. Now a state museum, lot of St. Heldagard info.

St. Rockas Church: community prayed to St. Rockus to spare them from the plague in Medieval Times. They were spared and community is very devoted the St. Rockas. This present building since the 1800's, other destroyed. Goethe donated a painting of the saint to the church. Some of the Budesheimers that came to Colorado county and established Bernardo Prairie named their church St. Rockes Church.

SPONSHEIM

Johanna (male) Schmidt was from Sponsheim (determined from marriage records).

St. George Church – parish church in Sponsheim.

Records for Sponsheim are kept in Mother Church in Dedersheim, St. ??

DEDERSHEIM

St. ???? – Mother Church for Sponsheim. Surrounded by brick wall and iron fence.

KIEDRICH : Ludwig Family

In the heart of the Rhinegau, famous for wine festival.

St. Valentine's Catholic Church: Large church, most well preserved church in Germany, never bombed. Organ dates from the 1400's, pews have carved ends.

Ludwig's married there & children baptized there.

Parish priest had "Family Record Book".

Wiesbaden has rest of records.

St. Micheal the Archangel: the crypt for St. Valentines.