



Our Family

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THE JEWS OF BAIERSDORF: INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Although we have researched our Aub and Dormitzer families for many years, we only in comparatively recent years got round to explore the history of Baiersdorf and its Jewish Community and to add this as a background to "Our Family".

The Aub family is certainly very large and we have limited it here to those members with direct connections to Baiersdorf and/or with our family. I was particularly interested in Rabbi Dr. Joseph Aub, who became Chief Rabbi of the *Neue Synagoge*, Oranienburger Strasse in Berlin, which he consecrated in 1866, as this was a Synagogue I attended as a child.

A lot of the dates quoted came from copies of Baiersdorf Jewish birth, marriage and death records, which were very difficult to read and at times completely unreadable. Often they do not correspond with dates given on other documents. On early documents first names may also differ from record to record and different spellings of names are very common.

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Included in "Other Families" there are just some fragments of families I came across during our general research. There is no doubt that much further research is required.

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