



# Our Family

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## THE DISPECKER FAMILY OF BAIERSDORF

As the name may suggest the ancestors of this Baiersdorf family originated in Diespeck, a small town slightly north east of Neustadt an der Aisch in Central Franconia, which had a Jewish community until approximately 1918. Through marriage and intermarriages the Dispeckers are connected to a number of other members of the Baiersdorf Jewish community. The family can be traced back to

JOEL DIESPECK, who was born in Diespeck around 1676 and died there on 10 June 1729. His son

DAVID BEN JOEL DIESPECK was born in Diespeck in 1715 and became a well known Rabbi of the 18th century. After studying in Frankfurt he lived in Bruck for a short time before settling with Rosel SCHNAIER, daughter of Abraham of Aub, the first of his three wives, in Fuerth. Rosel died in Fuerth on 8 April 1742. To support his growing family he dealt in gold and jewels. According to Rabbi Adolf Eckstein in his 1907 "Geschichte der Juden im Markgrafentum Bayreuth" (History of the Jews in the Territory Bayreuth) David Diespeck suffered great financial loss by trying to do a favour in signing a promissory note in 1767. Rather than trying to settle this somehow, he sold all his possessions and paid this debt to "the last penny". He moved to Muehringen when he was appointed District Rabbi in the Black Forest area in 1771. After being called to Metz as Rabbi of the Burial Society and head of the Talmudschule in 1778, he eventually moved to Baiersdorf in 1784, where he published his Pardes David, a collection of lectures he had given over the years. David died in Baiersdorf on 9 November 1793 and is buried on the Baiersdorf Jewish cemetery.

David was married three times. His first wife to Rosel Schnaier died in Fuerth on 8 April 1742. Sometime in the early 1740s David married his second wife Mirjam SULZBACH, daughter of Moses Leib of Burgkunstadt.

There are at least two daughters of his first marriage:

- BUNLE DIESPECK, who was married to Wolf NEUBURG (c.1737 - 31 August 1809 Fuerth) and died in Fuerth on 19 November 1812.
- RICKEL DIESPECK (about 1740 - 22 December 1820 Fuerth), married Jacob BUTTENWIES, who later adopted the family name HENLE.
- SARA DIESPECK (mother Mirjam Sulzbach).

- JOEL DIESPECK (1748 - 1814) (mother Mirjam Sulzbach).
- FRADEL DIESPECK (1749 - 1790), (mother Mirjam Sulzbach) married Goetz KOHN.
- LOEW DIESPECK, (mother Mirjam Sulzbach) born in Fuerth in 1750 married Gitel. He appears to have received "Schutz" in Baiersdorf (1) and died there on 15 March 1825. Children of Loew and Gitel:

Scheba Dispecker 19 September 1779 Baiersdorf - October 1836 Koblenz.

Joel Dispecker 17 September 1780.

Ricka Dispecker 1 September 1783.

Jacob Loew Dispecker 28 February 1784 - 18 January 1866 Fuerth.

Moritz Dispecker 5 July 1786 Baiersdorf - 1858.

Seraphine Dispecker 6 July 1787.

- JACOB DISPECKER 1754 - 1755 (mother Mirjam Sulzbach).
- MARUM DISPECKER, born 15 January 1763 in Fuerth (mother Mirjam Sulzbach) Mirjam, second wife of David died on 15 January 1763 at the birth of Marum.

Sometime around 1764 David married his third wife EVA DESSAU, who died in Baiersdorf on 13 March 1798.

Children of David and Eva:

- SIMON DISPECKER, (6 December 1767 Fuerth - 2 October 1847 Baiersdorf) was married to Mirjam NETTER (1765 Rosheim - 28 April 1831 Baiersdorf). Simon and Mirjam appear to have settled in Baiersdorf. The 1811 document showing Jews then living in Baiersdorf shows that Simon David DISPECKER lived there without "Schutz" and at that time had four sons and five daughters. He was a merchant and also acted as deputy Rabbi of the town. (2) So far we know of six children:

HENDLE DISPECKER, born in Baiersdorf around 1788 and married David LOEWENMAYER, born 6 January 1780 in Sulzbuerg, where David died on 3 March 1847 and Hendle on 9 April 1875.

LIPPMANN DISPECKER. Nothing is known about him so far. Born around the middle 1780s, he was married and had a son.

ISAAC DISPECKER (1809 - 1886) who, in 1833, founded a wholesale drapery business in Fuerth.

JOEL DISPECKER was born about 1792 in Baiersdorf. He married Jette AUB (about 1800 - 1867), most likely to have been a daughter of Simon Meyer AUB of Baiersdorf. Joel was a wine merchant in Baiersdorf, where he died on 6 May 1852. Children of Joel and Jette:

AGATHE DISPECKER (31 May 1826 Baiersdorf - November 1882); married HAYUM SIMONSFELD.

MAYER (MAX) DISPECKER was born on 16 October 1827 in Baiersdorf. He married AUGUSTE FEIST MOHR(18 April 1828) The family settled in Paris, where their children Bertha, Julius and Louis were born. Mayer died in Paris in 1864.

DAVID DISPECKER, 12 September 1829, Baiersdorf - 1852.

ISAAC DISPECKER, 12 September 1829, Baiersdorf - 27 January 1830.

MARIE DISPECKER, born 28 June 1833, Baiersdorf; died 14 December 1910 in Nuremberg. She was married to EMANUEL ROSENTHAL, 24 September 1826, Uehlfeld - 28 August 1880, Fuerth.

ABRAHAM (ARNOLD) DISPECKER, 22 February 1836 Baiersdorf - 23 April 1848, Baiersdorf.

THERES DISPECKER, 11 September 1841 - 31 December 1925, Fuerth; married SIMON ROSENFELDER (17 April 1837 - 27 February 1896.) in Erlangen on 11 March 1863.

ADELHEID DISPECKER (1793 Baiersdorf - 15.6.1868 Fuerth) married Joel LOHMANN, born in Baiersdorf on 14 May 1744. They settled in Baiersdorf.

BABETTE DISPECKER (1799 - 1885).

FANNY DISPECKER married Abraham Baer ROSENFELDER and died in Obernbreit in 1862.

ISAAC DISPECKER (3 September 1809 - 1 June 1866 Fuerth) married Jeanette SPRINGER (18 October 1813 Steppach - 13 October 1879 Fuerth).

## Footnotes

(1) Staatsarchiv Nuernberg, Rep.270/II, 30II.

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