



# Our Family

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## THE FAMILY OF SAMSON SALOMON

SAMSON SALOMON, a Court Jew, was probably one of the, if not the most important Jew living in Baiersdorf at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> / beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He was the son of Juda Selka, one of the Jews expelled from Vienna in 1670, who found a new home in Fuerth. (1)

Samson was married to Rebecca, daughter of Moses Hirsch, also one of the expelled Vienna Jews. Samson died in Baiersdorf about 1711/1712 and Rebecca in 1713. They had at least two sons, Veit and Salomon, who both were also to become Court Jews, and at least two daughters living in Baiersdorf.

- VEIT SAMSON was married. He died in Baiersdorf in 1751. A daughter of his in 1713 married her uncle Moses GOLDSCHMIDT, widower of a daughter of Samson Solomon. (2)
- SALOMON SAMSON. In 1730 Salomon applied to the Margrave for "Schutz" for his future son-in law Samson of Schwabach who was engaged to his daughter Schoenlein and wanted to settle in Baiersdorf. He stated that he had one son living in Baiersdorf and his daughters were all married elsewhere.

Samson and Schoenlein had a son Salomon Samson who adopted the family name HEIDENHEIMER.

- A daughter of Samson (name unknown) in 1700 married Moses, son of Glueckel von Hameln, born in Hamburg about 1682. Moses (Moyses) is recorded as Moyses Goldtschmied (1709) and later GOLDSCHMIDT. His wife died sometime before 1713 and in that year he married his second wife, a daughter of his brother-in-law Veit Samson. Moses GOLDSCHMIDT was District Rabbi (3) in 1728. He died in Baiersdorf about 1746.
- Another daughter of Samson was married to Abraham Koppel, whose name also appears on the 1709 list of Baiersdorf Jews.

Further research is necessary.

## Footnotes

- (1) Eckstein, A.: Geschichte der Juden im Markgrafentum Bayreuth (History of Jews in the Margravure Bayreuth).
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