

THE GUTMANN FAMILY FROM CREGLINGEN

Cattle trade

Postcard with the house of the cattle trader family Gutmann

1920s

Mrs. Scherzinger, Creglingen

The Gutmann family lived on Lindleinstr. On the first floor of the house there was a stable for cattle. The Gutmanns shared the farm and the dung heap with the Christian family Riegel. In 1936 the Gutmanns were forced to sell their house for less than its worth.

Account book of Max Gutmann

1930 – 1937

Lina Merkle, Creglingen

Every purchase and sale was listed. Sometimes there were barter transactions. According to the Else Gutmann, the annual earning from 1930 to 1932 was about 6.000 Reichsmark. On a weekly basis a wagon with 12 to 15 cattle was loaded.

Wilhelm Schneider and two other herders with a richly decorated bull

Mrs. Scherzinger, Creglingen

Wilhelm Schneider, born in 1901, worked as a herder for the Gutmann family. Every week he brought a carload of cattle to the Mannheim livestock auction and returned with the proceeds.

Three generations of the Gutmann family

1920s

The family of Max Gutmann (1884-1942) and the Christian family Schneider were friends. Lina Schneider, behind the cattle, worked as a maidservant, her brother Wilhelm as a herder.

Wedding picture of the double marriage Schneider and Kellermann

Else and Anni Gutmann attended the wedding of the Schneider siblings. As with the Gutmann and Schneider families, the relations between Jewish cattle traders and Christian herders often were not just business. Else and Anni were the only members of the Gutmann family to survive the Nazi area in exile.

Drivers license of Else Gutmann

1929

Naser 2002

Since ca. 1930 the Gutmann family owned an NSU automobile. A private garage was located in the stable. The blacksmithsmith Karl Naser became the chauffeur. Gutmann's daughter Else got her drivers license at age eighteen. The increasing motorization at the end of the 1920s not only changed the lives of Jewish cattle traders in Creglingen, but the overall appearance of the locality. In rural areas Jews were often the first people to own cars, build garages or oil deposits.