

Research August 2016 in Schalkalden, Thuringa for Völker and Bamberger family 19ths

What did we know?

Hedwig Eleanore Völker, born in Schmalkalden 1910. When she was 2 years old she emigrated with her mother to America. The clients had information and some copies of documents of their ancestors back to 1857. Clients were a family of four who wanted to visit Schmalkalden in Thuringa, from where their ancestors once came. There was a confusion if there were step-siblings from a second marriage.

What did we find?

We found many people with the names we were looking for and made many phone-calls. But only one person said that he remembers that his aunt had some visitors from the US some years ago. All the other people we called did not know anything about brothers or sisters of ancestors who had immigrated to America.

We did find the former houses and made an appointment at the local archive of Schmalkalden.

What else?

When the family came, we took them on a walk through the beautiful little town. They loved the old fashioned architecture with so many half timbered houses. The church of Schmalkalden was an important church during the Luther reformation movement.

That's the church where the client's ancestors got married.



What had impressed us most?

The beauty of the little town of Schmalkalden in Thuringa. It was part of Eastern Germany, former DDR and this why there aren't too many new buildings. Visiting Schmalkalden is like going on a time-travel. The speciality of Thuringa is the "Thüringer Bratwurst" (sausage) which of course our clients loved.









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