

Kochwirt

History...

This building in late-Renaissance style was mentioned as a bakery in the early 17th century.

In 1639, “Grümb’s property”, encumbered with debt, was purchased by Simon Mezger – who as mayor led the town through the difficult times of the Thirty Years’ War – for 200 guilders. Besides this house, Metzger owned a further five properties in the town.

Following several changes of ownership, the property was bought at auction in 1787 by Sebastian Knorr, electoral secretary and court clerk.

As part of the modification of the *Karlsberg* hill, Augsburg Strasse was lowered in 1790. The terraced steps were built to enable continued access to the house.

Around 1810, the cook August Treuter of Puchheim bought the house. From then on, the “*Kochwirt*” inn existed here.

In the 1920s, it was a meeting place popular with Dachau factory workers. Since the granting of town privileges in 1934, a statue of the Virgin Mary by sculptor Wilhelm Neuhäuser (1885–1960) has stood on the roof ridge. In 1964, the Dachau municipality purchased the house.

... and a story

In 1791, Knorr’s widow married the Dachau county court clerk Johann Adam Heydolph. In 1803, he was responsible for implementing secularisation in the counties of Dachau and Bruck, including the dissolution of the Augustine monastery of Taxa near Odelzhausen (already in 1802), the Cistercian abbey of Fürstenfeld (county of Bruck) and the Augustine canons’ college at Indersdorf. On account of his implacable manner in carrying out his duties, Heydolph was called a “*Höjdeifi*” (hell’s devil) by the people.

A good 200 years later, the short-lived Bavarian Soviet republic left its mark on Dachau as well: in April 1919, the “Red Army” under Ernst Toller was victorious against government forces. For a few days, they occupied the town of Dachau. On 16 April 1919, Toller addressed the local workers from the “*Kochwirt*” terrace.



Simon Me(t)zger’s commoner’s coat of arms on the “Dachau memorial plaque” of 1620, Dachau District Museum

The picturesque old town of Dachau with its 1200-year history features many sites of historical interest. Special buildings of prominence in the townscape are marked by these historical plaques.

Dachau historical plaques are a joint project by the town of Dachau and the Dachau District Museum.