

# Heidenberger's House

## History...

Until the 18th century, there was a bakehouse on this site, with stirring, kneading and baking going on day in and day out. Given its location next to the “Augsburg Gate”, it was known as “the Gate Baker’s”.

Up until the modern days in the early 19th century, a craftsman’s licence in Bavaria, such as that needed for running a bakery, could be tied to a specific house. This was changed only by the reforms made by the Bavarian minister Maximilian Count von Montgelas. These introduced freedom of trade in the kingdom in 1868. This meant that a craft could now be practised irrespective of the location of the workshop. Back in 1798, things were different. That year, the master locksmith Josef Heidenberger purchased the property from the baker’s widow Mrs Hueber and sold the dormant baker’s licence separately for 90 guilders.

In 1911, Heidenberger’s descendants had the present building with its distinctive oriel windows built. The following year, they opened an ironmonger’s next to the locksmith’s shop.

## ... and a story

From the 1930s, “Café Belstler”, popular with many Dachau residents, also operated on this site. In 1945, it was converted into a dance club by the American military administration. The Heidenberger family had to vacate their flat and move to the rear building. Later, the former American club became “Hacker-Keller”, and in 1957 it was again turned into a night club, called “Roxy-Bar”.

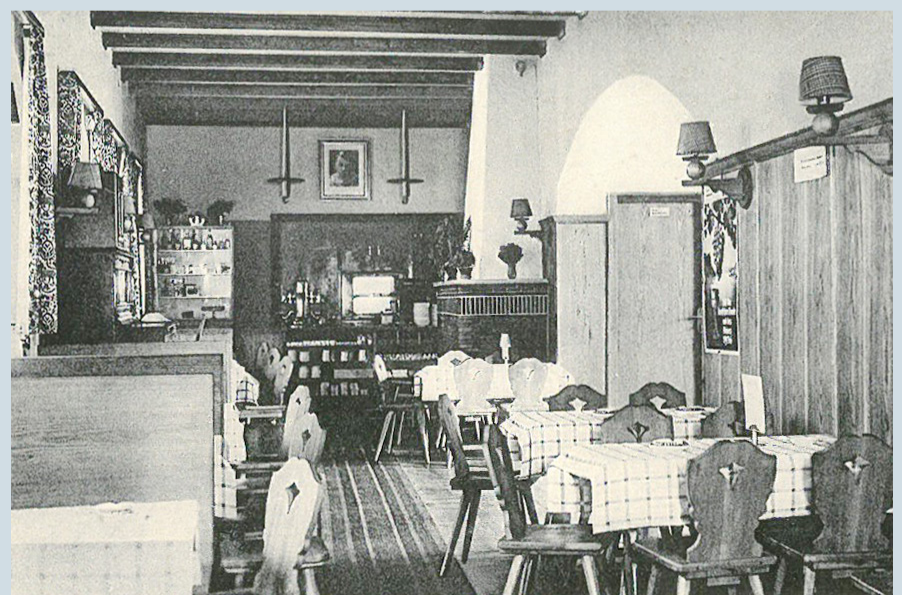
Following the requirements of the times, the locksmith’s shop was converted into a garage in the early 1960s, where cars were repaired and new cars sold until the firm moved to the Dachau-Ost business park.



The “Gate Baker’s House” (3rd left) near the “Augsburg Gate”, before 1892



The old “Heidenberger’s House”, 1908



“Café Belstler” in ‘Heidenberger’s House’, around 1930

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.

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