



Research July 2014 in Zweibrücken for Seel family 1830

What did we know?

The Seel descendants knew that their ancestor Christian Seel emigrated to America on the ship "Mason". Christian was born in Zweibrücken in 1830. We also had birthdates of his parents and grandparents from Zweibrücken.

What did we find?

We had contact with the people from the archive in Zweibrücken who were very helpful and confirmed that they had almost all original documents as birth and marriage certificates.

What else?

We took the Seel descendants to Zweibrücken for the visit in the archive. The archiver charged a fee for the copies of the original documents. It was amazing for the clients that many documents were in French due to the fact that this part of the country was after the Napoleon wars under the French government.

After the visit in the archive – where they even had an old town map and could point out the location of the former home – we took them on a walk through the old part of the town and to the local museum.

The clients knew that Zweibrücken is famous for their rose garden and we also visited the beautiful flower exhibition. Luckily it was July – the best time for the roses.

What had impressed us most?

We always enjoy the moment when our clients hold the original birth or marriage papers of their ancestors in their hand or walk through the same streets which the great grandparents once used. In Zweibrücken we were surprised to find many documents in French. But they are far easier to read as they did not use the old German handwriting which really can be difficult to read.





