

THE STATUE OF SAINT JEAN NÉPOMUCÈNE



On this fountain, built in 1946, is erected the statue of Saint Jean Népomucène, which was at first on the War memorial, and was made by the carver from Colmar Charles Geiss, and inaugurated on October 11th 1925. As the two pictures shows, the War memorial replaced the old little Saint Jean chapel, demolished in 1920. During World War I, the Rixheim inhabitants came here to pray for the protection by the Saint of the village.

With this reminder of the devotion to Saint Jean Népomucène, this War memorial, which mixed at the request of the local authorities of that time, the civil and the religious raised at its inauguration a sharp controversy in the French lay people in the middle of the 1920s.

Removed in 1940, at the request of the German authorities, it was erected again in 1945 in the "rue de l'Etang" (the pond street), but without the Saint Jean

Behind the fountain, was the post office built by the Zuber company and rented since 1894 to the German post office. The post office remained there until 1952, at which time it went for a few years in the old café "Aux Deux Clefs", in the "rue Zuber" (Zuber street), just across the wallpaper factory.



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