

## THE HOUSE OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY



Jacques Levy-Zivi, his spouse and one of their daughters in front of the house.

This Renaissance stone house, with two floors, a pitched roof and a half-pipped gable, is dated back to 1595 as shows the door lintel. A little behind the main street of the village, it was significantly changed in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, as shows notably the pilasters on the front.

This house was owned by Jean Welter in 1823, single, who sold it to Mathias Moeglin, son of Mathias in 1838. It then was owned by his son Nicolas, carver on rollers, who sold it to Jacques Lévy and Cerf Willard in 1873. Jacques Lévy remained the only owner in 1876. Born in Altkirch in 1845, he married Caroline Zivi, born in Biesheim. He became a large land owner in Rixheim, particularly of vineyard. According to the people's memory he employed as many as 60 people in time of the harvesting. He was also a merchant in grape vines which he imported from the United States for reselling. The Lévy-Zivi family lived in this house until World War II. Jacques Lévy died in 1916 at the age of 71, but his wife Caroline and their three daughters Camille-Marguerite, Berthe-Irma and Rose-Valérie were victims of the Nazi barbarism. They died in deportation in Auschwitz in 1944, the extinguishment date for this Jewish family.



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