

## THE LUMPAZEPFEL

This so-called place, corresponding to the current rue Basse (Low Street), reminds that according to the old, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the Sunday walkers who went to the Rixheim hills could get a drink in front of the house that bear a cloth (Lumpa) on their front. But, for others, the “rue Basse” and the surroundings roads were called the “corner of the drunken”, because parties with a lot of alcohol were thrown there (Lumpa means drunk and Zepfel the end, the limit of the village).



The “rue Basse” reminds that this part of the village was for a long time called Unterdorf (the low village), on the contrary to the Church and Commandery sector which was called Oberdorf (the top village). As shows this map from 1823, this street before called Neuweiergasse, was once alongside a water course which went to a pond near to the actual roundabout. This water course coming from the hills is still visible at the end of the street, near the shooting range.

In this “rue Basse”, we notice several old houses, modest home for farm workers, as the one at the N°19, dated back to 1796. On the front of the N°23, a grander home, dated back probably to the end of the eighteenth century, the cut-outs in the first floor were prolonged by Ionic pilasters in the second floor, today gone.



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