

## THE OLD FORGE



Léon Tritsch (on the left) and his son Joseph were shoeing a horse around the 1930s. On the right, Jean Tritsch, a young apprentice.

Before you stands up the chimney of an old forge of Rixheim, where worked at least three generations of blacksmiths : Frédéric Tritsch (1826-1892), who came in Rixheim around 1853, then Simon Tritsch (1856-1924) and Léon Tritsch (1887-1967). The work used to shoe the horse,

repair agricultural materials and forge tools. After the Second World War, Joseph Tritsch (1910-1980), held the work alongside the management of the Restaurant "Au Cygne" (Swan Restaurant). With the changes in the agricultural world, the forge switched to building locks, activity that was developed by his son Pierre Tritsch. Needing more place, he transferred the factory to Riedisheim in 1971. The yard of the old forge, became the George Pompidou square, is used as a parking and hold the weekly market every Thursday morning.



The Tritsch locks factory, narrower and narrower, when it was transferred to Riedisheim in 1971.



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