

NEW “positive” information / NEW records. NEW “negative” information (method of elimination).

Selected genealogical symbols:

* Birth / (*) Born out-of-wedlock / ~ Baptism / o Engagement (proclamation of marriage) / ∞ Marriage / † Death / o-o Illegitimate union / # Burial / NN = no name [unknown]

A. DREIFUSS / BERNHEIMER residences in Altdorf

Action: **Contact to Robert Kraiss** in January + March 2023 (email)

Result: The son Roman Kraiss has responded to my email(s). **Sadly, Robert Kraiss has suddenly passed away on January 29th, 2023.** Roman Kraiss himself is not involved in genealogy. He is dealing with Robert Kraiss’ legacy though. I [Ute-TGAC] have asked him to let me know in case he comes across documents related to the DREIFUSS family...

For the September trip preparations, I will contact the Altdorf non-profit association “Ehemalige Synagoge – Heute Kunsthalle Altdorf e.V.”

Action: **Search for collections at the Central Land Register Archive Kornwestheim of the Baden-Württemberg State Archive** in January 2023

Result: For land register records before 1900 – Reference to the Ortenaukreis County Archive [Kreisarchiv des Ortenaukreises] for Altdorf, Ettenheim district.

Action: **Contact the Ortenaukreis County Archive** in mid-April 2023 (email)

Result: Reply / Result – **PENDING**

B. Fate of Isaak DREIFUSS

Chronological order of verified events starting with the death of Isaak DREIFUSS' wife Rosa in 1864:

Date	Event & Notes
16 Apr 1864	Death of Isaak's 2nd wife Rosa neé BERNHEIMER in Altdorf [age 42 ½] <i>Source: Altdorf civil registry records / State Archive Freiburg (for Baden)</i>
05 Jun 1864	Death of Isaak's father-in-law Salomon BERNHEIMER in Altdorf <i>Source: Altdorf civil registry records</i>
15 Jun 1864	Death of Isaak's son Simon [age 1] in Altdorf <i>Source: Altdorf civil registry records</i>
15 Jun 1864	Marriage of Isaak's son Abraham DREIFUSS in Altdorf Wife: Augusta HIRSCH <i>Source: Altdorf civil registry records</i>
04 Feb 1865	Summons for Isaak DREIFUSS at Mahlberg court Regarding the division of the estate of † Salomon BERNHEIMER <i>Source: Mahlberg court record [Myrah Adams research]</i>
17 Jul 1866	Regarding the bequest of Salomon BERNHEIMER [† 05 Jun 1864]: Guardians assigned for the children of Isaak DREIFUSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maier DREIFUSS & Marx MAIER [ref. to record Nr. 4252 / 17 Jul 1866] Maier DREIFUSS = half-nephew of Isaak * 1820 via half-brother Aron – Abraham DREIFUSS (deputy) = probably Isaak's oldest son * 1841 – Samuel DREIFUSS (supervisor) = probably Isaak's brother * 1806 <i>Source: Ettenheim district court [record Nr. 4539 / 31 Jul 1866]</i>
22 Apr 1868	Marriage of daughter Dusette DREIFUSS in Baden-Baden Husband: Louis Lazarus GUTMANN Note: "...legitimate daughter of the merchant in Altdorf, Isaac DREIFUSS, and the deceased Sarah SCHWEIZER..." [indicating Isaak was alive in April 1868] <i>Source: Baden-Baden civil registry records</i>
1868	Emigration of Isaak's son Leopold to USA <i>Source: DREIFUSS ancestors book [Peter & Jeff Dreifuss / 2020]</i>
1871	Emigration of Isaak's daughter Emma to USA <i>Source: Baden-Württemberg State Archive Karlsruhe</i>
10 May 1871	Death of Isaak's daughter Sophie DREIFUSS in Altdorf <i>Source: OSB Altdorf</i>
1874	Emigration of Isaak's son Aaron to USA <i>Source: DREIFUSS ancestors book [Peter & Jeff Dreifuss / 2020]</i>
1875	Emigration of Isaak's son Heinrich "Henry" to USA <i>Source: Baden-Württemberg State Archive Karlsruhe</i>
24 Jun 1877	Death of Isaak's brother Samuel DREIFUSS in Altdorf Assigned in 1866 as supervisor for guardians for Isaak's children <i>Source: OSB Altdorf</i>
1880 or 1882	Emigration of Isaak's daughter Rosa to USA <i>Source: DREIFUSS ancestors book [Peter & Jeff Dreifuss / 2020]</i>

In July 1866, 7 children of Isaak DREIFUSS were still alive and had to be taken care of (age 5 – 26):

Children out of 1st marriage of Isaak DREIFUSS with Sara SCHWEIZER († 17 Dec 1847):

- Dusette [Dekla]: * 29 Apr 1839 [age 26] / ∞ 22 Apr 1868 in Baden–Baden
- Abraham: * 16 May 1841 [age 25] / ∞ 15 Jun 1864 in Altdorf
- Sophie [Sofia]: * 10 Jun 1846 [age 20] / † 10 May 1871 [age 24]

Children out of 2nd marriage of Isaak DREIFUSS with Rosa BERNHEIMER († 16 Apr 1864):

- Leopold: * 28 Oct 1850 [age 15] / to USA 1868 [arrival in New York on 28 Sep 1868]
- Emma: * 26 Dec 1852 [age 13] / **to USA 1871**
- Aaron: * 22 May 1857 [age 9] / to USA 1874
- Heinrich: * 29 Jan 1859 [age 7] / **to USA 1875**
- Rosa: * 05 Apr 1861 [age 5] / to USA 1880 or 1882

When Isaak DREIFUSS became a widower on 16 Apr 1864, his own parents and his mother-in-law were already dead. His father-in-law Salomon BERNHEIMER was a widower himself with children on his own – and he died shortly afterwards on 05 Jun 1864. So, neither his parents nor his parents-in-law could have taken care of Isaak DREIFUSS' 7 children between June 1864 and July 1866 when guardians were assigned. **According to the 1868 marriage record for his daughter Dusette, Isaak DREIFUSS was still alive and a merchant in Altdorf in April 1868 (provided that these information are correct).** We know that Isaak DREIFUSS did not die in Altdorf because there is no such entry in the OSB Altdorf.

Action: **Inquiry at Kenzingen civil registry office [Standesamt] on 19 Nov 2022 (email)**
for † 1904 record Abraham DREIFUSS

Result: **1904 death record for Abraham DREIFUSS († 22 Sep 1904 in Kenzingen):** Husband of Augusta HIRSCH / “Son of the deceased married couple Isack DREIFUSS, merchant – The name of the wife could not be established – Both have last resided in Altdorf.” The death was reported by the merchant Ludwig DREIFUSS (probably Abraham’s son).

The 1904 death record for Abraham DREIFUSS did not reveal any helpful, specific or new information about his father Isaak DREIFUSS.

Reply by

Action: **Search Baden–Baden (Baden) vital records for 1868 marriage DREIFUSS – HIRSCH**

Result: **∞ 22 Apr 1868 in Baden–Baden: Louis Lazarus GUTMANN, master tailor (* 20 Jul 1841 in Gernsbach as the son of Marx GUTMANN and Zerlina [Sophie] HORNBURGER) and Dusette DREIFUSS (* 29 Aug 1839 in Altdorf as the daughter of Isaac DREIFUSS, merchant in Altdorf, and the deceased Sarah SCHWEIZER). Proclamations took place in the Synagoges of Gernsbach (Murgtal), Altdorf and Kippenheim.**

Action: **Inquiry at Ettingen civil registry office [Standesamt]** on 19 Nov 2022 (email)
for † 1877 record Samuel DREIFUSS and for † 1871 record Sophie DREIFUSS

Result: **There is no 1877 death record in Altdorf for Samuel DREIFUSS.**

1871 death record for Sophie DREIFUSS († 10 May 1871 in Altdorf): 24 years / Altdorf /
“Legitimate daughter of Isak DREIFUS, merchant, and Sara SCHWEIZER – Both residing in Altdorf.” The death was reported by a relative Isak GÜNDELFINGER. We know that Sara SCHWEIZER has died 1847 – Therefore the statement for Sophie’s parents “both residing In Altdorf” is not correct and therefore we can’t assume based on this record that Isaak DREIFUSS was still living in Altdorf in 1871. Also, it was not her father Isaak DREIFUSS who had reported Sophie’s death to the authorities...

The 1871 death record for Sophie DREIFUSS did not reveal any helpful, specific or new (reliable) information about her father Isaak DREIFUSS.

Action: **Inquiry to Freiburg State Archive [Staatsarchiv]** on 21 Nov 2022 (email)
for guardianship / emigration records for Isaak DREIFUSS’ children
[Quote Myrah Adams 2007: “...As the focus of my research, when I was at Friburg, was not on the Dreifuss family, I am almost sure that there are even more documents...”]

Result: **No emigration records at the Freiburg State Archive for DREIFUSS**

For emigration registers: Reference to Karlsruhe State Archive

Death notice for Rosa DREIFUSS née BERNHEIMER († 16 Apr 1864 in Altdorf) including
– Information about Isaak DREIFUSS’ profession: Nothändler [Geldhändler = money jobber]
– Information about the two marriages of Isaak DREIFUSS:

1st ∞ 06 Jun 1838 with Sara SCHWEIZER

2nd ∞ 19 Mar 1848 with Rosa BERNHEIMER

– Information about the children of Isaak DREIFUSS [still alive on 16 Apr 1864 / all single]:

Out of 1st marriage: Dekla (* 29 Apr 1839) = Dusette

Abraham (* 16 May 1841)

Sofia (* 10 Jun 1846)

Out of 2nd marriage: Leopold (* 28 Oct 1850)

Emma (* 26 Dec 1852)

Simon (* 04 May 1855)

Aron (* 22 May 1857)

Heinrich (* 29 Jan 1859)

Rosa (* 05 Apr 1861)

– Appointed as guardians for minor heirs: Samuel DREIFUSS and Emanuel DREIFUSS.

– Marriage contract: YES / Testament: NO

– Assets: about 50 fl. [Rhenish guilder] – This money belonged to the 3 children of the 1st marriage (see above) / **“Since there are no other assets (or property), no notary needs to be assigned” / “Due to notorious poverty, a ratification procedure in court is not possible.” / “The very little chattel consists of 3 old beds, the merest clothes and some linen which belongs to the children of the 1st marriage. Due to notorious poverty it is not possible to divide those possessions up.”**

– Marriage contract (17 Mar 1848) was concluded in the presence and with the involvement of the bride’s father Salomon BERNHEIMER (local merchant) / Witnesses: Isak BERNHEIMER and Ismel SCHNURMANN (both local merchants) / The bride acknowledges the assets bequeathed by the deceased 1st wife of the groom / **The father of the bride gave her 400 fl. [Rhenish guilder] in cash and chattel worth 233 guilder and 41 kreutzer.**

No other relevant records for Isaak DREIFUSS at the Staatsarchiv Freiburg

Reply by Mr. Rees [Staatsarchiv Freiburg]

Action: **Inquiry to Karlsruhe State Archive [Generallandesarchiv]** in February 2023 (email) for emigration records for Isaak DREIFUSS’ children (particularly for Emma and Heinrich)

Result: **Register for Emigration and Immigration (Baden):**

Entry for Emma DREIFUSS (Emigration 1871 / Altdorf / age 19 / No profession stated)

Entry for Heinris DREYFUSS (Emigration 1875 / Altdorf / age 16 / Baker)

These records are only name lists with very few information, meaning these documents do not provide any information about their father Isaak DREIFUSS. More detailed records such as “request for emigration permit” do not exist anymore (for DREIFUSS).

Reply by Manfred Hennhöfer [Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe]

It becomes apparent that Isaak DREIFUSS was not in the position to provide well for his family because in April 1864 there was nothing left of his 2nd wife Rosa née BERNHEIMER’s dowry (see above) and apparently also very little of his 1st wife Sara SCHWEIZER’s dowry. Also, when Rosa née BERNHEIMER died on 16 Apr 1864, immediately two guardians were assigned for the minor children – Meaning that Isaak DREIFUSS as the father of these children was probably not considered to be fit to take care of the children after his wife’s death. **It can be assumed that Isaak DREIFUSS has left Altdorf at some point – But his whereabouts later in life (and his place of death) remain unknown.**

C. BLOCH – SOMMER family

- 1) Info about family of Lazarus BLOCH from Müllheim (Baden) & Judith WEIL provided by Julianne Geike (Emmendingen archive / Nov 2020) with **Samuel BLOCH * ca. 1804** (in Emmendingen).
- 2) Info in Lens book: **Samuel BLOCH * 07 Jan 1807** in Emmendingen or Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin) / parents: Isaac BLOCH & Beyle MOSEN (no further information).
- 3) Info provided by Bern Stadtarchiv (1995): **Samuel BLOCH * 1808** (from Emmendingen) and **Jeanette SOMMER * 1818 in Sievenz (probably Sierenz / Sierentz)** / Children of Samuel BLOCH & Jeanette SOMMER: Ida BLOCH (* 20 Nov 1838 / † 08 Jan 1860), Rosale BLOCH (* 1840), Leopold BLOCH (* 1843), Eduard BLOCH (* 29 Apr 1847), **Eugenie BLOCH (* 1849)**.
- 4) Tombstone for **Eugenie DREIFUSS neé BLOCH † 29 Oct 1937** in New York, USA: *** 29 Apr 1853** in Bern, Switzerland.

These are conflicting information in regard to Samuel BLOCH's birth date to be either ca. 1804 or 1807 or ca. 1808! There were several BLOCH families in Emmendingen! See note from Julianne Geike at the Emmendingen town archive (Stadtarchiv Emmendingen) – See below

In order to **verify Samuel BLOCH's birth date / place of birth**, it is crucial to search for his birth record and for the 1837 marriage record for Samuel BLOCH and Jeanette SOMMER because in such a marriage record usually the names of the parents for both, the groom and the bride (and often the birth places / birth dates) are being stated. **Possible 1837 wedding locations: Bern (Switzerland) / Emmendingen (Baden) / Sierentz (Haut-Rhin) / Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin)**. It is also crucial to search for the *** 1849 (1853) record for the daughter Eugenie BLOCH**, probably in Bern, Switzerland, in order to verify where / when she was born as the daughter of Samuel BLOCH & Jeanette SOMMER.

Information from the 1995 letter from the Stadtarchiv Bern [Bern City Archive]: “Samuel BLOCH (called Wemser?), born 1808, from Emmendingen (Baden), horse trader, **married 1837 to Jeanette SOMMER**, born 1818, from Sivenz (= Sierenz / Sierentz) / Children: Ida BLOCH (* 20 Nov 1838 / † 08 Jan 1860 [??? difficult to decipher], Rosale BLOCH (* 1840), Leopold BLOCH (* 1843), Eduard BLOCH (* 29 Apr 1847) and **Eugenie BLOCH (* 1849) / 1853 move to Thun, then return to Bern / Later expelled / Aug 1854 in Yverdon**” [Sources: Alien residents index 1845 – 1850 / Register of Jews 1840 – 1854: Resident sheet of 25 Jan 1837, renewed on 11 Apr [???] 1853].

Action: **Search Emmendingen, Baden, civil registry records (1811 – 1869)**

Result: **No ∞ record found 1833 – 1842 in Emmendingen for BLOCH – SOMMER**

No * records found 1837 – 1845 in Emmendingen for children of BLOCH – SOMMER

Record found in the 1841 birth records for the Emmendingen Jewish community about the attestation on 29 Nov 1841 in Bern for two children of Samuel BLOCH & Jeanette SOMMER: Ida BLOCH (* 20 Nov 1838 in Bern) / Rosalie BLOCH (* 27 Nov 1840 in Bern) / attested by the Bern state clerk Gottlieb Rud. Rufenacht and two members of the Jewish community Bern: Theodor Levi and Isaac Picard (or Picert – difficult to read). In late 1841, Samuel

BLOCH was a horse trader in Bern, Switzerland. The 1841 entry in the Emmendingen birth Register is only an “attestation”, meaning these two children **Ida BLOCH and Rosalie BLOCH were not born in Emmendingen** – otherwise there would be actual individual birth entries. My [Ute–TGAC] interpretation is that Samuel BLOCH might have wanted to secure the so-called “**right of residence**” [**Heimatrecht**] in Emmendingen for both his daughters. Without any kind of social security / health care / pension system in the early / mid–1880s, the only “security” people had was this “right of residence” in a particular community which was acquired by birth (or marriage). The official proof to be entitled was the entry in the official birth (or marriage) records. According to the information provided by the Canton Bern State Archive (see below), **Jews were not entitled for any kind of such a “right of residence” in Bern, Switzerland, at that time.** I [Ute–TGAC] think that Samuel BLOCH wanted to make sure that his daughters got the “right of residence” in his home Emmendingen, Baden. The “Heimatrecht” included the community’s “Duty of Care” benefits for those residents who were poor and/or did not have a family to provide for them. Maybe it was a precaution in case the daughters did not get married? **With this 1841 attestation entry in the Emmendingen vital records, Ida and Rosalie had acquired the “right of residence” in Emmendingen and this would have allowed them to move to and live in Emmendingen.** Without such a “right of residence”, a community had the right to refuse a settlement and to send “foreigners” away. There might have been another reason for this 1841 entry in the Emmendingen vital records – But this “Heimatrecht” situation could have been one.

Random finding: ∞ 26 Dec 1814 in Emmendingen: Elias BLOCH (age 29 / father: Lazer BLOCH / mother: Judith WEIL) and Eva SOMMER (age 18 / father: Moses Levi SOMMER / Mother: Rosina ULMANN) – Elias BLOCH (* ca. 1785) is an older brother of Samuel BLOCH.

Action: **Contact Julianne Geike (Stadtarchiv) for Emmendingen vital records** on 21 Nov 2022 for Samuel BLOCH * 1807 / 1808 or * 1804 (vital records before 1811 are NOT online)

Result: **The ca. 1804 birth year for Samuel BLOCH in the family sheet Mrs. Geike had sent to Mr. Dreifuss is an estimation based on alternative sources [NOT primary vital records] =** Here an 1830 inheritance record for Lazarus BLOCH mentioning an adult son Samuel BLOCH (21 years or older). **Mrs. Geike has stated now that she can’t reconstruct how a “ca. 1804” birth year was calculated for Samuel BLOCH (son of Lazarus BLOCH).** His brother Model was presumably born 1804 (no twin mentioned). The birth year of another brother Salomon was calculated “1807/1808” – Therefore: **It is most likely that Samuel BLOCH was born ca. 1805 – 1807.** In order to determine Samuel BLOCH’s correct birth date, we need either his Emmendingen birth record or the 1837 marriage record BLOCH / SOMMER. **No death record in Emmendingen (Baden) for a member of the BLOCH / SOMMER family.** **Confirmation by Julianne Geike: No BLOCH / SOMMER marriage in Emmendingen ca. 1837.** For vital records before 1811 – Reference to the Baden State Archive Freiburg

Action: **Contact Baden–Württemberg State Archive Freiburg** in March 2023 (email)
For vital records before 1811 for Emmendingen (Jewish community)
Result: **Reference to the Deutsche Zentralstelle für Genealogie [Staatsarchiv Leipzig]**
Reply by Mr. Rees [Staatsarchiv Freiburg]

Action: **Contact Deutsche Zentralstelle für Genealogie Leipzig]** in March 2023 (email)
For vital records before 1811 for Emmendingen (Jewish community)
Result: **No vital records exist for Emmendingen before 1811**
Reply by Dolores Herrmann [Staatsarchiv Leipzig]

Action: **Contact Stadtarchiv Bern** (through website) on 21 Nov 2022 (online contact form)
For vital records (∞ 1837 BLOCH – SOMMER / * 1849 or 1853 Eugenie BLOCH)
Result: **No civil registry records stored at the Stadtarchiv Bern** – Reference to the **Staatsarchiv des Kantons Bern** and/or the **Jüdische Gemeinde Bern** [Jewish community Bern].
Reply by Mr. Thomet [Stadtarchiv Bern]

You [Pete] have also contacted the **Stadtarchiv Bern** and received a **reply from Mr. Camenzind** – mostly verifying these information you had received in the 1995 letter – and confirming the **reference to Yverdon, Switzerland, where the BLOCH family had moved to in 1854.**

NEW information retrieved from the record copies which were not included in the 1995 letter:

- 1) **The move of the BLOCH family to Yverdon in 1854 was reported to the Bern authorities by Eduard SOMMER / Legitimation certificate was sent to Eduard SOMMER on August 5th, 1854. Possible action:** Contact Mr. Camenzind [Stadtarchiv Bern] for a record for Eduard SOMMER in the same source: SAB_1278_0_2 Kontrolle über die Juden / SAB_1278_1_2 Fremden–Einwohnerregister Bern.
- 2) **Places of residence for BLOCH family in Bern (Jewish Quarter): Apartments no. 82 (1837) / no. 122 (1849), no. 81 ??? (1850) and no. 22 (1853)**
Possible action: Contact Mr. Camenzind [Stadtarchiv Bern] for maps of the Jewish Quarter in order to find out where these apartments were located back then.
- 3) **On the bottom of the first page for the BLOCH family, there is a Judith BLOCH mentioned as a maid / servant [Magd / Dienstbote]. She was born 1830, came to Bern 1849 and went back to Emmendingen in 1850. She has lived in apartment no. 122 in Bern (Jewish quarter) together with Samuel BLOCH’s family. Based on “The Family of Lazarus BLOCH” sheet, Judith BLOCH (* 1830 in Emmendingen) was a niece of Samuel BLOCH as a daughter of his oldest brother Elias BLOCH (* ca. 1786) and Eva SOMMER (* ca. 1793). Judith BLOCH has then married Alexander WEIL (see their children * 1857 – 1865).**

Action: **Contact the Jüdische Gemeinde Bern [Jewish Community Bern]** on 21 Nov 2022 (email)
For vital records (∞ 1837 BLOCH – SOMMER / * 1849 or 1853 Eugenie BLOCH)

Result: **No records in the collections of the Jüdische Gemeinde Bern for BLOCH family**
– Reference to the Staatsarchiv des Kantons Bern [Canton Bern State Archive]
Reply by Fabienne Messerli [Jüdische Gemeinde Bern]

Action: **Contact Dr. Barbara Studer at the Staatsarchiv des Kantons Bern** in March 2023 (email)
for BLOCH – SOMMER family 1837 – 1853 in Bern, Switzerland

Result: **No records in the collections of the Staatsarchiv des Kantons Bern for BLOCH**
Until the second half of the 1800s, the Jewish people in Bern, Switzerland, were not at all coequal to other residents there. Also, the 1848 Swiss Federal Constitution [Bundesverfassung] excluded Jews from the then applied so-called “right of free movement” [Freizügigkeit], meaning Jews were not allowed to freely choose their place of residence in Switzerland. Compared to other Cantons, Bern was one of the most progressive Swiss cantons in regard to the equality of the Jewish population: “Already” in 1846, the Bern government granted Jews the right of settlement and freedom of trade. That was about one generation earlier than the rest of Switzerland! It was not before 1883 that a Synagoge was erected in Bern. Switzerland did not keep civil registry records before 1876. So: **There are no civil registry vital records before 1876 in Bern, Switzerland. Dr. Barbara Studer assumes that Samuel BLOCH and Jeanette SOMMER did not get married in Bern about 1837 – There was no Jewish community in Bern and a civil marriage was not possible in Bern back then. Dr. Barbara Studer has checked the church records of Christian parishes in the city of Bern: **There is no Christian marriage recorded for Samuel BLOCH and Jeanette SOMMER in the city of Bern, Switzerland.** Dr. Studer assumes that they got married in Lengnau or Endingen in the Aargau Canton, or that they got married at a place in the Alsace, France, or in Baden where they had rather large Jewish communities and Synagoges.**
The only source for Jews in Bern in the early / mid-1800s are the “Control of the Jews” [Kontrolle über die Juden] / records about registered Jews (see Stadtarchiv Bern above).

Action: **Search Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin) vital records** (* 1804 / * 1807 – 1808) for BLOCH (online)

Result: *** 09 Jan 1804 Samuel BLOCH (father: Isaak BLOCH / mother: Beyle MOISEN)**
*** 21 Apr 1807 Salomon BLOCH (father: Isaak BLOCH / mother: Beyle MOISEN)**
No * record for Samuel BLOCH ca. 1807/1808 in Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin)
No ∞ record found 1836 – 1838 in Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin) for BLOCH – SOMMER
Based on other sources I [Ute-TGAC] think it is safe to assume that Samuel BLOCH was born 1807/1808 in Emmendingen, Baden, as the son of Lazarus BLOCH and Judith WEIL.

Action: **Search Sierentz / Hegenheim / Hagenthal (Haut-Rhin, Alsace) civil registry records**
for vital records for Jeanette SOMMER (and her parents)

Result: **No ∞ record found 1832 – 1842 in Sierentz (Haut-Rhin) for BLOCH – SOMMER**

No * record found 1808 – 1825 in Sierentz (Haut-Rhin) for Jeanette SOMMER

The only two SOMMER children born in Sierentz in this time frame were Rosine SOMMER (* 1808) and Moyser SOMMER (* 1821), both with the father Guillaume [Wilhelm] SOMMER.

There were 5 men with the surname SOMMER who got married in Sierentz 1808 – 1812:

∞ 1808 Guillaume SOMMER & Sibille HAAS

∞ 1810 Francois SOMMER & Eva NORDEMANN (from Hegenheim, Haut-Rhin)

∞ 1810 Lazare SOMMER & Carolina BLOCH (from Mullenheim – maybe Müllheim, Baden)

∞ 1812 Samuel SOMMER & Madelene NORDMANN (from Bern, Switzerland)

∞ 1812 Jaques SOMMER & Jeanette BUMSEL (from Ober Hagenthal, Haut-Rhin)

No * record found 1815 – 1826 in Hegenheim (Haut-Rhin) for Jeanette SOMMER

No * record found 1815 – 1826 in Hagenthal le Bas (Haut-Rhin) for Jeanette SOMMER

No * record found 1815 – 1826 in Müllheim (Baden) for Jeanette SOMMER

Random Finding: * 12 Dec 1818 in Müllheim (Baden): Hanna SOMMER (father: Lazarus SOMMER / mother: Katharina BLOCH / witnesses: Moses BLOCH and Jacob BLOCH)

Action: **Contact A.S.I.J.A. (Le Judaisme d'Alsace et de Lorraine)** on 21 Nov 2022 (email)
for Jeanette SOMMER * 1818 in Sierentz ??? / plus online research on their website

Result: Reference to **“GenAmi – Association de la genealogie juive”** (forum & online databases)

No response / No lead for Jeanette SOMMER (* 1818) in Sierentz from GenAmi community

No findings / No lead for Jeanette SOMMER (* 1818) in Sierentz in GenAmi online databases

Random finding: * 04 Feb 1824 in Sierentz: Ludwig SOMMER (∞ to Marie BLOCH [* 31 Jan 1832 in Sierentz] / † 16 Apr 1863 in Bern, Switzerland) with daughter Henriette SOMMER (* 24 Aug 1856 in Bern, Switzerland).

Based on online search in the respective local vital records we know: **Samuel BLOCH and Jeanette SOMMER did neither get married in Emmendingen (Baden) nor in Sierentz (Haut-Rhin) nor in Mulhouse (Haut-Rhin) about 1837.** Based on the reply of the Bern State Archive, they probably also did not get married in Bern, Switzerland.

Jeanette SOMMER was not born about 1818 in Sierentz (Haut-Rhin)! I [Ute - TGAC] have not been able to establish the place of birth for Jeanette SOMMER without her 1837 marriage record. I [Ute-TGAC] assume that Jeanette SOMMER was not born in Sierentz but that she might have lived there before she moved to Bern, making Sierentz her previous place of residence - But it is not her place of birth. I [Ute] have double checked the Sierentz birth records 1808 - 1825: No Jeanette SOMMER!!!

It is impossible to find the birth record for Samuel BLOCH who was most likely born in Emmendingen about 1807/1808. If vital records had been kept for Emmendingen before 1811, they don't exist anymore.
