

"This book belongs to Ahron son of Abraham in Altdorf "

Son Law born on 21 Av 5503 Hanna Meyer-Moses

My mother Betty Moses born Dreifuss (Nov 19, 1886 Altdorf – Oct 22, 1940 Gur / France – May 30, 1942 Auschwitz) found the Hebrew script reproduced here in an old prayer book in the Altdorf synagogue. It probably belonged to my great-great-grandfather Aron Jan 9, 1780 – November 5, 1848), the son of Abraham (born 1747). A handwritten entry states: "This book belongs to Ahron, son of Abraham in Altdorf "

When Hans Max Dreifuss, a cousin of my mother and the son of Emil Dreifuss, wanted to explore our ancestors family tree in 1935, my mother helped him. She wrote to him many things from her own memory, referred him to other relatives and handed him this Hebrew text, which was glued with sealing wax into the old Prayer Book of Ahron.

Only in 1968, many years after my parents and we children had been deported in October 1940 with few possessions to Gurs from our Karlsruhe apartment, I came into possession of a copy of this letter containing interesting family and cultural history. My mother's cousin was able to bring in 1936 from Portugal to the United States securely and safely this document, a letter from my mother, who got her translation and the pictures of my grandparents and great-grandparents, which were printed in this book.

Born in 1747, Abraham had the name Dreifuss, which the family then retained as the Jews had to accept 1809 civil inherited name law in Baden.

For the full family tree of the Dreifuss family Hans Dreifuss also used old Mohel books. In the Hebrew version of the Jewish Encyclopedia "Pinkas Hakehillot" for Germany (1986 Jerusalem), an Altdorf Mohel book² of Baruch Weil, who practiced 1783 until 1833, is specified as the source. Where this important book is located for additional Altdorf local history has yet to be learned.

The first part of the Hebrew text has my Great-great-great-grandfather Abraham (born 1747) wrote or had it written:

My son Ahron was born on 9 Schevat (January) 5540 (1780)

The son Moses was born on 29 Ellul , Erev

Rosh Haschone, 5542 (1782)

The son Jacob was born on 2 Tamuz 5546 (1786 July)

The son Mahrem born on Tuesday the 5 Nissan 5548 (1788)

The son of Samuel (birth date illegible)

The daughter Zierle (birth date illegible)

My great great-grandfather Aron made or had someone else make the second entry:

The son Menle born on Saturday the 2nd Tebeth 5572 (1812)

My son Meier¹ born on Thursday, 26 Tebeth (January) 5580 (1820)

Daughter Mirjam was born on 3 Jjar 5582 (1822)

Son Abraham was born on 17 Av 5585 (1825)

Daughter Vögele born on 13 Tamuz 5588 (1828)