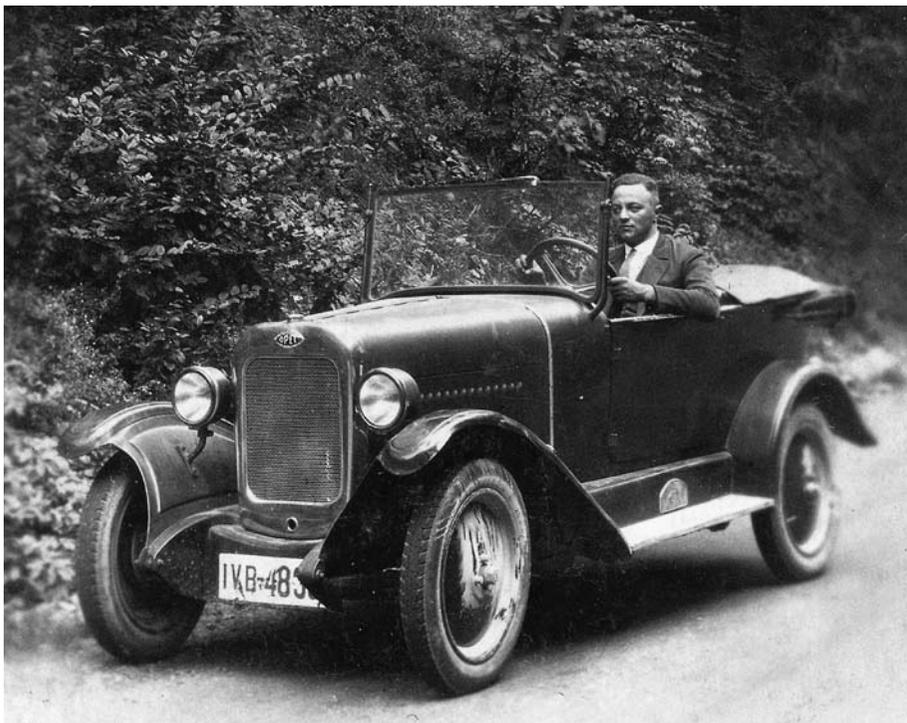


## **Sally Hopfer** **Deported to Riga in 1941.**

Sally was born in Rexingen on July 19th 1903. His parents were Auguste Zürndorfer and the cattle-dealer Julius Hopfer. Sally's mother died in 1913 at the age of 34, when he was ten and his sister Paula six years old. The father married again, this time Berta Hanauer from Schluchtern near Heilbronn. She died at the age of 36 after the birth of their son Arnold in April 1916. Julius Hopfer married a third time, this time his sister-in-law Ida Hanauer. The couple had no children. The family lived in 210 Brühlstrasse, today 30 Freudenstädter Strasse.



*Sally Hopfer in Höllental in August 1929.*

Sally Hopfer did an apprenticeship in a cigarette shop and later worked as sales representative. His nephew, Ernest Pressburger, described him as a cheerful, happy person always ready to give a helping hand.

Whenever he was on business trips he tried to get home to Rexingen on Jewish holidays. He was unmarried. After his sister Paula and her husband Adolf Pressburger emigrated to the USA, Sally took care of their children, Ernst and Anneliese Pressburger. They had stayed behind and lived with their maternal grandparents. Sally saw to it that the children got emigration papers and they finally managed to escape to America via Lisbon in March 1941 when they were nine and six years old respectively. His brother Arnold had also managed to flee to America in 1939. It was too late for Sally himself to get a visa for America. He was forced to work on the railway line Stuttgart / Singen, was then deported and survived concentration camps in Riga, Theresienstadt and Buchenwald. On February 9th 1945, shortly before liberation, he was killed during transport by an air attack of the allies. Sally's father Julius Hopfer and his stepmother Ida were deported to Theresienstadt in 1942 and were murdered in Auschwitz.