

Peppi and Thekla Oppenheimer Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

The sisters Peppi and Thekla Oppenheimer were born in Mühlingen on August 23rd 1865 and February 23rd 1869 respectively. Their parents were Jette Ries from Mühlingen and David Oppenheimer from Dettensee. David worked as attendant in the synagogue in Mühlingen. They lived in 33 Oben im Dorf, today 12 Schlosstrasse. After their mother died of consumption in 1891, the two unmarried daughters took care of their father until his death in 1905. They remained in the parental home and ran a dressmaker's there in the former Judengasse.

On April 16th 1942 they were forced to move to Rexingen together with the married couple, Saly and Sofie Elsässer. They were the last Jewish citizens from Mühlingen.

On September 29th 1942 Thekla Oppenheimer and 2000 other prisoners were taken from Theresienstadt to Treblinka. There were no survivors.

On September 30th 1942 - one day after her sister's departure - Peppi Oppenheimer died in Theresienstadt at the age of 77. Her obituary in the archives of Theresienstadt quotes 'marasmus' (decrepitude) as the cause of her death.

In September 2012 two 'stumbling blocks' were laid in Mühlingen in memory of Peppi and Thekla Oppenheimer.

