

## **Abraham Pressburger** **Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.**

Abraham was born in Rexingen on November 17th 1861. His parents were Sofie Zürndorfer and Elias Wolf Pressburger: He was the eldest of 10 children. The family lived in 168 Oben im Dorf, today 70 Freudenstädter Strasse.

Abraham Pressburger, a cattle-dealer like his father, married Lina Germann from Nürtingen who was born in 1870. They had four children: Hedwig, Siegfried, Max and Fanny. In 1916 their son Max was killed in the war in France. In 1920 Abraham's wife Lina died. His son Siegfried died in Ulm in 1927. In 1928 Abraham, now retired, returned to Rexingen where his four brothers were still living: Max who died in 1939; Sigmund and Julius who



*Abraham Pressburger standing on the extreme right with his four brothers and five sisters.*

fled to the USA in 1939, and Isak who was deported to Riga in 1941 together with his wife. Abraham's sisters managed to flee with their families to the USA and Argentina.

On July 27th 1939 Abraham went into the Jewish home for the aged in Herrlingen near Ulm where his fifth sister, the widow Auguste Steinharter, was living. She managed to flee with her daughter Toni to the USA in 1940.

The residents of the home for the aged in Herrlingen were forced to move into the dilapidated castle in Oberstotzingen in June and July of 1942. On the night of August 18th /19th they were taken by wagon and cattle-truck to the railway station in Niederstotzingen and from there by train to Stuttgart via Ulm to the so-called assembly camp on Killesberg. More than 80 old people were deported from Oberstotzingen to Theresienstadt. There were no survivors.

Abraham Pressburger died on October 12th 1942 at 3.45 p.m. in "attic XIII/9". A post-mortem quotes "decrepitude" as the cause of death.