

## **David and Pauline Walder, nee Cahn Deported to Riga in 1941.**

David Walder was born in Rexingen on June 29th, 1883. His parents were Hannchen Lowenstein and Jakob Walder. He had four brothers: Leopold, born in 1878; Wilhelm, born in 1880; Viktor, born in 1884, and Julius, born in 1886. He had one sister Berta, born in 1889. The family of eight lived in 104 Bruhlstrasse, today 17 Freudenstadter Strasse. Three of the six siblings survived the Shoah. Leopold, innkeeper of 'Gasthaus zur Rose', emigrated to Shavei Zion with his family. Julius and Berta fled to the USA.

David Walder who lived in Stuttgart worked for a textile firm as a travelling salesman. In 1918 he married Berta Sander from Andernach, born on October 30th 1888. The marriage took place in Worms. The couple lived in 96 Bismarckstrasse in Stuttgart. They had one son Friedrich who fled to Chile with his wife Viktoria in 1939. There he earned his living as a pianist. He later became a famous photographer.

Berta Walder died in 1940 at the age of 52 and is buried in the cemetery (Pragfriedhof) in Stuttgart. David Walder was forced to give up his apartment in February 1941 and was allocated a furnished room. In March he married Pauline Cahn from Neuwied, born on May 18th 1887. The marriage took place in Andernach. Presumably they knew each other through former business dealings. Pauline Cahn ran her parents' manufacturing business together with her brothers before they were forced to close down after the night of the pogrom in November 1938. David and Pauline Walder were forced to leave Stuttgart on October 31st 1941 and move to Rexingen prior to their deportation to Riga.

In 2012 two 'stumbling blocks' were laid in Stuttgart in memory of Pauline and David Walder.

David's brothers, Wilhelm and Viktor and their wives were murdered in Auschwitz and Theresienstadt respectively.



*David and Pauline Walder lived in 2 Klugstrasse in Stuttgart, the last home of their choice. 'Stumbling blocks' were laid there in memory of the couple.*