

Steigerbräu Zieglerbräu

History...

A brewery and inn existed on this site from the early 17th century. The present building dates from 1766 and is a typical example of late-Baroque traditional Bavarian inn architecture.

In 1791, “*Steigerbräu*” was purchased by Johann Evangelista Ziegler, son of an Aichach innkeeper, for 22,000 guilders. The inn and the brewery remained with the influential bourgeois Ziegler family for over 200 years.

As no brewing could take place between St George’s Day (23 April) and Michaelmas (29 September), the beer produced in the spring had to be kept chilled during the hot summer months, using natural ice. For this reason, he also bought the former “Baron Mandl’s House” (“Judge’s House”) in Schlosstrasse. There, he had an ice house built.

Ziegler also had a summer house with a shingle roof built near the former bowling alley behind the town hall, to which another storey was added by his grandson Johann Ziegler in 1857. This created the “Ziegler Veranda”, one of the most popular meeting places in Dachau society.

In 1895, a small inn called “Zieglerkeller” was built above the ice house in Schlosstrasse, and in 1919, the “Schlossbergbrauerei” brewery was opened in newly erected buildings in the immediate vicinity. The last batch of beer was brewed there in the 2000 millennium year.

... and a story

It was under Eduard Ziegler Sr and his wife Josephine, known as *Aunt Peppi*, that “Zieglerbräu” saw its most glorious years. Between 1894 and 1897, Ludwig Thoma and local dignitaries were regulars here at the nightly meets of the “Stellwagen” (“Stagecoach”) cycling club. Artists such as Ignaz Taschner and the poet Joachim Ringelnatz also liked to stop for a drink *At Ziegler’s* .

In 2019, the town of Dachau purchased “Zieglerbräu” as an extension to the municipal administration.



The painter Hans Müller-Dachau (1877–1925) on the bench in front of “Zieglerbräu”, around 1910



A love of art ran in the family:

Josephine Ziegler was an older sister of the painter Max Joseph Pitzner (1855–1912) and the aunt of the Dachau painter Maria Langer Schöller (1878–1969), around 1900

The picturesque old town of Dachau with its 1200-year history features many sites of historical interest. Special buildings of prominence in the townscape are marked by these historical plaques.

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