

Josef Kullmann



Tombstone of the legal trainee Siegmund Kullmann



Josef Kullmann, born on January 19, 1853, in Busenberg, lived in Dahn in Marktstraße 20 with the Halfen family. During the Nazi era (mid-1930s), he moved to Munich. From there, on June 12, 1942, at the age of eighty-nine, he was deported to Theresienstadt, where he perished.

His son, **Siegmund Kullmann**, fell as a lieutenant at the beginning of World War I. He is buried in the Jewish cemetery in Busenberg, and his name is listed on the 1914–1918 war memorial in Dahn.

On gravestone 13 in row 6 of the Busenberg Jewish cemetery, it is recorded that Siegmund Kullmann, legal trainee and reserve sergeant, died a heroic death for his fatherland on September 17, 1914. This inscription is on the left half of the gravestone.

The right half, intended for his father Josef Kullmann, remained empty. Josef was deported to Theresienstadt in 1942 at the age of eighty-nine and died there the same year.

Before the outbreak of war in 1914, Siegmund Kullmann was in the United States. Upon learning of the danger and distress facing his fatherland, he wrote to his father in the Palatinate dialect: "Babbe, ich kum sofort häm, um em Kaiser sieche zu helfe" ("Father, I'm coming home immediately to help the Kaiser win"). He reached Germany on the last ship, volunteered for service, and was among the first soldiers from Dahn to fall.

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