

Maidenberg House, Regensburg, Germany, 2010

This house was discovered by a friend of Toby's, Mary Allen Wilkes, who said she came across it "while wandering around Regensburg, Germany, on April 8, 2010."

Our family tree probably does not include Kunz von Maidenberg, said by an inscription to be "famous as philosopher, natural scientist and mathematician."

I am not certain how to interpret "von Maidenberg."

Wikipedia says this of "von": *When it is used as a part of a German [family name](#), it indicates almost always a [noble patriarchal lineage](#). "Von" is usually a [nobiliary particle](#), like de in [French](#). The von particle is also often part of commoners' surnames; thus, "Hans von Duisburg" meant Hans from [the city of] [Duisburg](#).*

So it could be Kunz from the noble Maidenberg line (about which we know nothing), or it could it be Kunz from [the city of] Maidenberg/Magdeburg

Here are Mary Allen's notes and photos:

The house is in the center of town, on a side street to the left as you walk north on Maximilianstrasse from the train station to the Danube. (I forgot to make note of the name of the side street!) It sure doesn't look like a 13th century building.

Façade

The inscription is carved above the door



Inscription 1

In diesem Gebäude, im 13. u. 14. Jahrh.
hundert das Grusesserhaus genannt,
lebte und starb im Jahre 1374, 65 Jahre
alt, der als Philosoph, Naturforscher
und Mathematiker berühmte Domherr
Hr. Kunz von Maidenberg
Conradus de monte puellarum

Inscription 2

Conradus de Monte puenarum
und wohnte von 1835 bis 1845 der
gelehrte Domdechant nachmals Cardi-
nal Fürstbischof in Breslau,
Bischof von Trier
den 10. Januar 1798 in Gochow in
Pommern gestorben den 19. Januar 1853
auf Schloß Johannisberg in Schlesien

Inscription

In diesem Gebäude, im 13. u. 14. Jahr
hundert das Ernfelserhaus [Ernselserhaus?] genannt,
lebte und starb im Jahre 1374, 65 Jahre
alt, der als Philosoph, Naturforscher
und Mathematiker berühmte D_mherr [Domherr?]
Mr. [Monsieur?] Kunz von Maidenberg
Conradus de monte puellarum
und wohnte von 1835 bis 1845 der
gelehrte Domdechant nachmals Cardi
nal Fürstbischof in _ res _ _ _ [Breslau? It's not Dresden and it's not Preslau],
Melchior [?] von Dirpen _ _ _ _ [Dirpenbrock?],
[cannot make out the last 3 lines]

In this building, named the Ernfelser House in the 13th and 14th century,
lived and died in 1374, at 65 years old, the canon of the cathedral,
Mr. Kunz von Maidenberg, famous as philosopher, natural scientist
and mathematician
Conradus de monte puellarum
and from 1835 to 1845 lived the
learned dean of the cathedral, later
Cardinal Prince Bishop in [Breslau?],
Melchior von Dirpenbrock [?]

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