

## Gertrud Loewenson (Löwenson)

Kiefernweg 8

**Gertrud Loewenson** was born on 15 December 1880 in Tilsit, East Prussia. Starting in 1932, she was the owner of the house at Kiefernweg 8. In 1939, after her husband Louis Loewenson died 21 Nov 1938, she tried to register her house in the name of her non-Jewish sister-in-law Else Weinberg and her daughter.

*“In August 1940, an agent for the SS came to her and told her that the Charlottenburg District property office intended “to acquire her land for public purposes”. Four days later, she signed a deed of gift for the benefit of her two nieces. There was detailed correspondence between the Charlottenburg District Office and the mayor: concerning transfer of the Jewish property at Kiefernweg 8, Charlottenburg: permission was denied for this gift. Mrs. Loewenson lodged an objection. “The legatees are ‘half Jewish’ because the mother is a ‘full Aryan’. The transfer of land is, therefore, legally permissible”. The responsible department head, a Hauptsturmführer, responded to this objection with the following message to the mayor. “I am interested in the acquisition of land for public purposes and therefore request that the complaint be dismissed. I ask that resolution of the matter be accelerated, since the Jewish owner obviously only seeks to delay the matter.”*

In March 1941, **Gertrud Loewenson** had to move to a sublet on Barbarossastraße. Her assets, which resulted from a forced sale by the non-profit organization „Housing and Homes GmbH Dachau“ (Wohnungs- und Heimstätten GmbH Dachau, an SS organization), was blocked in favor of the Charlottenburg Finance Office, possibly to be assessed as the German Departure Tax (Reichsfluchtsteuer). In June 1943, the Regional Finance Office sent following notice to the Residence Registration Office: "Gertrud Loewenson was evacuated to the East on January 19, 1942."

At the age of 61, in January 1942, she was deported to Riga where she was murdered.

Her brother Martin Weinberg died in 1941 as a result of an accident during his forced labor at Siemens. His wife Else and his two daughters survived.

Her uncle Curt Jacobsohn lived with this mother and aunt at Eichkatzweg 28. In 1938, he sold his property in his home town of Liebstadt, East Prussia (his family had a dry good shop). In 1940, he died in the Jewish Hospital on Iranische Straße from a heart attack.

Finally, in 1956, ownership property was transferred back to the brother of Gertrud Loewenson, Richard Weinberg and other family members. Richard Weinberg had been able to emigrate to Paraguay.

In the fall of 2011, there was a letter from a great great nephew in the USA.

He was very interested in genealogy. Through the internet, he found that a relative Edwin Rewald had been hidden at Zikadenweg 46 in Eichkamp. A Stumbling Stone memorial was installed in Lichterfelde for him and his parents. Contact has also been established with a granddaughter of Edwin Rewald.

The great great nephew in the USA found another relative in Eichkamp: Hedwig Rosentreter geb. Friedländer, who formerly lived at Am Vogelherd 12.

Quellen: \* Manuela Goos & Brigitte Heyde: „Eichkamp – Eine Siedlung am Rande -mitten in Berlin“, Hrsg. Siedlerverein Eichkamp, 1999, Landesarchiv Potsdam, Entschädigungsarchiv Berlin  
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