

Herrenalb 1987

The color images labeled "1987" were made from slides taken by John and Patrice Waidner during their visit to Europe in September 1987. John and Patrice, with Patrice's sister Roberta, also visited Herrenalb. There they visited the Evangelisch Church and Cloister ruins, had lunch and drank a Klosterbrau (a kolsch-style local beer) at a café downtown. John photographed the war memorials in front of the church and cloister ruins. Close-ups of the two monuments are shown below.

In addition to the color images there is a picture of Herrenalb taken about 1900 and provided by John C. Waidner of Mandarin, Florida. This photo came to John via his Grandfather, Gottlob Waidner, who was born and raised in Herrenalb and who, with his brother Friedrich, immigrated to the US, settling in Columbus, Ohio.

Below is the detail on one of two monuments to local soldiers who died in WWI and WWII. This one is from WWI.



The Waidners who were killed or missing in action are:

Frankreich (France)

Albert Waidner

August Philipp Waidner

Ernest Fr. Waidner

Gottlob E. Waidner

Karl Ludwig Waidner

Missing

Eugen Waidner

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The second memorial is to WWII soldiers. There are many more names on this monument as would be expected due to the size of that conflict. The great loss of life that resulted from Hitler's drive on Moscow is clearly seen on this monument in that about 40% of the names are under the heading "Russland".



Waidners appearing on this monument are:

Russland (Soviet Union)

Erich Waidner

Otto Waidner

Eugen Waidner

Paul Waidner

Deutschland (Germany)

Otto Waidner

Italien (Italy)

Otto Waidner