

## THE STOCKBRUNNA

Behind you, the little water fountain inserted in the wall at end of the 1960s, is a reminder of the existence of a big public fountain, the Stockbrunna, which existed in the middle of the crossroads. This water point was characterized by a big water pond, that's why it was called Stockbrunna, as the picture below shows. Such fountains still exist in Habsheim, Eschentzwiller.



On the card, dated from 1925, we notice that the buildings haven't changed much on the right side.

On the left, the house at the cross with the Fountain Street was demolished in 1955. Just behind, we can see the coffee-bakery Heaflinger-Bubendorf, destroyed by fire in 1930, rebuilt under the name "Coffee of the Fountain", and which later became the pharmacy.

Between this Stockbrunna and the City Hall took place, each Easter Monday, the traditional Eggs race, organized by the conscripts : while one competitor gathered the eggs on this side of the Grand Rue, according to very strict rules, another one ran by the Rue des Pierres, until Habsheim to get back a flag, after drinking a quarter of wine (a Schappala) at the station restaurant of Habsheim. The loser was pushed from the high of a ladder into the fountain, as shows this picture taken in 1924 by the conscripts of the class 1904-1924.



In the years 1950, due to the rise of cars traffic, the pond of the Stockbrunna was considerably reduced, then, at the end of the 1960, the fountain was definitively removed.



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