

## THE OLD CITY HALL



This picture from 1907 shows the old city hall. This big building dated back to 1544 as shows the libel on the front. This building was used as first as a court, then held the city council, after the creation of the cities by the Revolution in 1790.

The wood stairs, attached to the building, installed in the nineteenth century by the architect from Mulhouse Jean-Baptiste Schacre, was significantly changed in 2010.

It was here that during the night of August 9th to 10th 1914, particularly deadly fire shots opposed German soldiers of the 111th Regiment of Infantry, engaged in the counter-attack coming from the Hardt forest, to the French soldiers of the 35th RI, entered into Rixheim the same morning.

It was on this square that gathered the Rixheim citizens on May 17th and 18th 1940, when the French military authorities, by fear of a German attack, decided to evacuate the village. The population was to join the center of refugee of Sentheim, where 1 360 Rixheim people were transferred to the Gers and the Lot-et-Garonne in June 1940.

Since the opening, by the mayor Pierre Braun, of the new City Hall in the Commandery in September 20th 1986, this building now longer is used as city hall. It now hold the Rixheim school of music. Since June 13th 1987, this City Hall square is called the Lohne square, in honour of the twin town Lohne in Germany, Land of Basse-Saxe.

On this picture from 1970 we can still see the city scale, installed in the nineteenth century and removed in 1973.

Since 1992, a stork's nest is installed on the roof of the old city hall.

