

Station 18 – District Court

1816, after the French occupation under the control of Napoleon and the Wiener congress, Bayern got the west of the Rhine of Palatinate as “Rheinkreis” and as 8th administrative region. In 1838, the “Rheinkreis” was renamed and thus Rhineland-Palatinate got today’s name.

Within the Bavarian kingdom and its administrative structures, the Palatinate had a legal and administrative special position, because the Bavarian government maintained essential and modern achievements from the French time. The area of responsibility of the bishopric Speyer and the protestant national church still orient itself towards the historical borders of the former “Rheinkreis”.

Traces from the time then still exist today. The Palatinate lion is a part of the Bavarian national coat of arms. Several bishops of the archdiocese München-Freising stem from Palatinate, like Dr. Franz Kardinal von Bettinger, archdiocese of München-Freising, who was born 1850 in Landstuhl and who was appointed honorary citizen 1909.

That’s why 1891 the royal Bavarian district court had been built, with the Bavarian national coat of arms in the gable of the building. Today, it’s still the office of the district court of Landstuhl, inside the district court area of Zweibrücken.