

## Lindenbühl 17 stood empty for 20 years and is now being renovated

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Many old houses dot the cityscape of Mulhouse; not all have been renovated or refurbished. However, each building has its own story.



In 1889, this villa enstand on Lindenbühl 17 for the Jewish industrialist, Louis OPPE. Photo: Daniel Volkmann

Mühlhausen . So also the Oppésche villa built Lindenbühl 17 Once known as House, it became the kindergarten later for maternity hospital and is now being renovated. Elaborate bay windows and turrets, gables glory and portals, as well as a lively façade characterize the ostentatious Oppéschen villa Lindenbühl. From its windows you look at well-kept green and the medieval walled city of Mühlhausen . The massive but fine brick building was kept in a Neo-Renaissance style through and through impressive building. The front garden is framed by an ornate fence. So it researched at that time also Dieter Fechner for his book "Houses in Mühlhausen " .

The Jewish producer Louis OPPE left the villa in 1889 build. Even from inside his home was in grand style, the rooms were very high, lounge, reception room and wine cellar were just some of a number of rooms on several floors. Louis and his wife Laurasara oppe , Born Skutsch , Lived previously in the "SA factory" in the Jakobistraße 3 His Muehlhaeuser Weaving coined in the 19th century for almost four decades, the economic development Mulhouses . Until the forced linearization 1938 15 needy school graduates were selected by the company to make them new clothes every year. Armin OPPE , Louis' father, ordered the construction of the synagogue in Jüdenstraße. Lived as a widow Laurasara OPPE after her husband's death in 1915 until 1940 in the villa.

Then they sold the building to the Red Cross. Six weeks were scheduled for reconstruction in 1941 in kindergarten and crèche: Among other sanitary facilities for children and infant bathtubs were needed. Sat rotting the wood in the next few years in the building, so that the bearing capacity of the ceiling could not be guaranteed. A repair was required.

Also, the garden house on the property was so dilapidated that day were accidents happen. Two families who lived there, had to leave the house in 1951. 1952-1954 saw in the maternity ward, which was housed in the villa, many newborns into the world. 1970 pulled a company kindergarten VEB Kombinat top hosiery Apolda with week crib in the former Oppésche villa.

So it is in the construction files that are stored at the City Archives in the Town Hall to read. The Muehlhaeuser Martin sinners can still vividly remember. At that time he was still working at the museum, his wife was in the health sector. His daughters had received a place in kindergarten. "I have good memories of it," he describes. "The teachers were nice, and the house was beautiful. My daughters have played there and have grown to schoolchildren.

It's really a shame that the building has not been used for so many years. "20 years there was the nursery in the villa as long was it after empty. Now, however, is busy again renovated, so the villa receives its former glory. It is planned that a doctor's office and rental housing built there. Unfortunately the owner was not willing to give our newspaper further information. The aged building where once lived a Jewish family, babies were born and kindergarten children have played, life is breathed again.

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