

conferences in Zwickau included cultural events such as concerts, dances, and theatrical performances in the years leading up to the war. Unfortunately, many such events were no longer possible when the privations of the war increased. Nevertheless, district conferences in Zwickau were held twice annually, at least through the year 1944.

The last pre-war conference for which a report exists in the record of the mission office in Berlin was held in Zwickau on Saturday and Sunday, March 18–19, 1939. Herbert Klopfer of the mission office staff represented President Rees on that occasion. The main session on Sunday evening was attended by 280 members and friends.⁷

NOTES

1. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," CR 4 12, 257.
2. East German Mission Quarterly Reports, 1938, no. 46, East German Mission History.
3. *Ibid.*, 1939, no. 58.
4. *Ibid.*, 1938, no. 35.
5. *Ibid.*, 1938, no. 46.
6. *Ibid.*, 1938, no. 46.
7. *Ibid.*, 1939, no. 59.

AUERBACH BRANCH

Nine miles from the border of Czechoslovakia, the town of Auerbach was home to a tiny branch of Latter-day Saints in 1939. Amidst the beautiful Erzgebirge Mountains of Saxony, the town is just seventeen miles south-southeast of the city of Zwickau. When the war began, there were about fifteen thousand inhabitants in Auerbach. Only sixteen were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At the end of the year 1938, the Auerbach Branch was holding meetings at Kreuzstrasse 8B, apparently the home of a family named Seifert. That location is not in Auerbach itself, but rather in the neighboring community of Rodewisch, one mile to the north.

Auerbach Branch ¹	1939
Elders	1
Priests	0
Teachers	0
Deacons	1
Other Adult Males	1
Adult Females	12
Male Children	0
Female Children	1
<i>Total</i>	16

The adult female members constituted three-quarters of the branch population. The one elder may have been Brother Seifert.

By 1943, the location of the meetings was listed as Ottostrasse 17. This address in Auerbach was likely the home of some of the members of the branch.

As of this writing, there were no eyewitnesses to describe life in the Auerbach Branch during the war or the fate of the Latter-day Saints there.

No members of the Auerbach Branch are known to have lost their lives in World War II.

NOTE

1. Presiding Bishopric, "Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955," CR 4 12, 257.