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## GÖTTINGEN BRANCH

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Famous for its outstanding university, the city of Göttingen lies near the southern border of the old kingdom of Hanover, approximately one hundred miles south of the city of Hanover. The railroad from Hanover to Frankfurt connected the two cities and made it easy for members of the Church in Göttingen to attend district conferences in Hanover.

One of the smallest branches in Germany when the war began in 1939, Göttingen had a single elder, and most of the members were older women. According to the mission directory of August 1939, the only meeting held in the branch was Sunday School, which took place at 10:00 a.m.<sup>1</sup> The location of the meeting hall was Schildweg 5 in a Hinterhaus. The term “cottage meeting” was used, suggesting that the address was that of a member of the branch.

Göttingen Branch <sup>2</sup>	1939
Elders	1
Priests	0
Teachers	0
Deacons	1
Other Adult Males	4
Adult Females	11
Male Children	0
Female Children	1
<i>Total</i>	18

The branch president, Bruno Regenscheit, is the only person named among the leaders of the Göttingen Branch. Nothing else is known about this small group of Latter-day Saints as of this writing because no eyewitnesses or documents can be located.

No members of the Göttingen Branch are known to have died in World War II.

### NOTES

1. West German Mission manuscript history, CHL MS 1004 2.
2. Presiding Bishopric, “Financial, Statistical, and Historical Reports of Wards, Stakes, and Missions, 1884–1955,” 257, CHL CR 4 12.

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## GOSLAR GROUP

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When World War II began in September 1939, the only members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints living in Goslar were the family of Walter Horn. With his wife, Rosilie, and three daughters, Walter had moved to Goslar from Weimar, where the family had been faithful members of the branch. The family was motivated to move because Nazi Party leaders in Weimar were putting pressure on Brother Horn to join the Party. It occurred to him that he might escape that pressure by moving to Goslar, where he found other employment. According to his daughter, Evelyn (born 1932), the tactic worked: “Once we got to Goslar, the party there did not come looking for my father.”<sup>1</sup>

Evelyn’s earliest memories in Goslar include seeing Jewish residents with the garish yellow Star of David on their coats. She recalled telling her girlfriend that it was not nice to make the people wear that star because it made them nervous when people saw it. When she told that to her mother, Sister Horn panicked and said, “Don’t you ever dare say this to anybody or else they will pick up your father and take him away!” After that, Evelyn worried every time there was a knock at the door that somebody was coming to arrest her father.

The Horns held church meetings in their home. Walter and Rosilie taught their children the gospel, and they sang the hymns of Zion. “We rented a pump organ and eventually owned it,” recalled