

Our village on the way through the centuries

The first documentary (personal) mention of

Durmersheim - thurmaresheim

refers to the year 985, but is erroneously dated to 991 due to a miscalculation when copying old documents.

Of course Durmersheim is much older. One can assume that the first settlements formed in the 6th and 7th century AD - first as courtyard-like estates, which then grew together around 1000 AD to form a village settlement (Villikation).

The original focus of settlement was, as the various sites indicate, north of today's pilgrimage church Bickesheim and later in the Middle Ages shifted to the south, where the actual village of Durmersheim emerged and expanded.

Both the northern and southern settlement points lie on oriel-like projections of the Hochgestad into the Tiefgestade. This certainly also strategically important fact can be observed in most villages along the Hochgestad.

In the attached texts we want to follow the development of our community and the living conditions of its inhabitants from the beginnings to the beginning of the 20th century and show how our village history came again and again into (not always happy) contact with the great world history.

The majority of these texts are based on the chronicle "Durmersheim - The History of the Village" by Martin Burkart. The chronicle, published in 2002, is unfortunately out of print.

Martin Burkart has given permission to the Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege to use his chronicle in articles on our website. They are available for private use and should help to keep the knowledge about the history and the people of our village alive.

The Arbeitskreis Heimatpflege Durmersheim e.V. would like to thank Martin Burkart from the bottom of their hearts for this concession!