

Surgeon's House

History...

As late as the 17th century, this craftsman's house had a licence to serve wheat beer. Since then, however, it has been in the service of health care.

In 1699, Thomas Albin purchased the building situated between Rossmarkt and *Badgassl* and moved his "*Badergerechtsame*" (barber-surgeon's licence) here from Kühberg (Karlsberg) hill. For nearly 150 years, he and his successors operated a barber-surgeon's shop in this house.

Unlike untrained medical personnel, skilled barber-surgeons were not considered quacks, but were among the respected craftsmen of the town. The Dachau representatives of this trade were members of the Munich guild of surgeons and army surgeons. In the 17th and 18th centuries, they often had a seat in the Outer and Inner Council of the market town or held the office of mayor.

The work of the midwife had always been among the few trades that women were allowed to practice. For more than 20 years, the midwife and surgeon's widow Anna Maria Braun carried on her late husband's shop by herself. In 1836, on the death of her son Anton, who had also trained as a surgeon, she finally gave up the barber-surgeon's shop and sold the house.

Decades later, the merchant Martin Huber purchased the property. His name is still present on the steps leading from the old town towards the railway station, which were named after him in 1908.

Since the 1950s, there has been a pharmacy in former Surgeon's House.

... and a story

In 1804, Dr Franz Schöfenaker was the first academically trained physician to open a surgery in Dachau. Immediately upon arrival, having been sworn in as physician in the Dachau county court, he applied for a marriage licence. Thereupon he was asked to name the *object of his marriage*: Maria Anna Stollreiterin. She was the daughter of a majordomus to the Counts of Armansperg, from Lochham. The marriage licence was granted.



The former "Surgeon's House" (left) in present-day Konrad-Adenauer-Strasse, around 1900

The picturesque old town of Dachau with its 1200-year history features many sites of historical interest. Special buildings of prominence in the townscape are marked by these historical plaques.

Dachau historical plaques are a joint project by the town of Dachau and the Dachau District Museum.

