

Duty Assignments in the Town of Geradstetten in 1830

As Drawn up by Mayor David Friderich Lederer

From the *Buerger- und Notabilienbuch* 1778-1837

5 July 1830

On this day the following posts and duties were assigned by the members of the town council.

Waissen Richter
[Pasture Monitors]

Mayor Lederer*
Johann Georg Kittelberger*
Ludwig Specht, Tobias Schaal*

Gemeindepfleger for 1830/1831
[Town Trustee]

Ludwig Specht
His pay is 80 fl.

Felduntergaenger
[Field Border Inspectors]

Mayor Lederer
Johannes Buehler
Kittelberger, Specht, Schaal

Frohnmeister und zugleich Steuereinbringer
[Assigned Duty Master and Tax Collector]

Tobias Schaal

Steuer ausstands Cassier
[Tax Cashier]

Hss. Gottf. Mayer

Feldsteussler
[Field Monitor]

Schultheiss Lederer
Buehler, Kittelberger

Fleischschaezter und Viehschauer
[Meat Pricer and Stock Inspector]

Kittleberger und Specht
Each earn 1 f.

Waldvogt
[Forest Overseer]

Ludwig Specht

Brodwaeger
[Bread Weigher]

Mich. Lederer, Hss Gottf. Mayer
Each earn 3. f.

Wein Unterkaeufer
[Wine Buyer]

Gottfried Mayer

Zaelg Messer
[Rental Field Surveyer]

Jg. Leonh. Hassert

Quartiermeister und Billetschreiber
[Quartermaster and Billet Assigner]

Heu und Holtz Messer
[Hay and Wood Measurer]

Feuerschauer
[Fire watch]

Amtsknecht
[Office Assistant]

Baum Inspector
[Tree Inspector]

Tagwaechter
[Day Watch]

Waldschuerz nin der Engelberger Revier
[Forest Protection in Engelberger Wood]

Nachtwaechter
[Nightwatch]

im Oberholz
in Oberholtz

Eicher und Weinlader
[Wein Measure and Storage]

Todten Graeber
[Grave Digger]

Bettelvogt
[Begger Overseer]

Inspector beim Oberen Brunnen
[Inspector of the Upper Fountain]

Schultheiss Lederer und
die *beede Gemeindepfleger*
[See below]
Jacob Staengle

Last years

Hss. Frid. Palmer
His pay is 30 f.

Last years with 6 f. 30 x. each for
pay, and for grafting 1 x.

Johannes Schechter
His pay is 10 x from each Buerger
not yet 60 years old.

Daniel Laderner, conditions
and pay as written in the Town
Council Proceedings folio 87.

Jacob Sigle und Georg Mich.
Seibold*
Their pay is 36 fl. each.

Jg. Tobias Eissenbraun, his pay is 6f.
and 4 f. for *Flugschuz* setup.

Thomas Mak und
Jgst Matth. Frid. Schaal*. Their pay
is set down in the Town council
Proceedings of 1830.

Jg. David Mayerle
His pay is written in the last, page
233.

Matth. Rentschler
his pay is 10 f.

Jg. Johannes Schaal
His pay is 3 f. 40 x.
When conduits need to be laid, he
gets additionally a daily pay.

beim Pfarrbonnen
[Pfarr Fountain]

Joh. Hassert
His pay is to be excused from
community service.

Bronnenmeister zum Rattthausbronnen
Fountainmaster for Town Hall Fountain

Andreas Rohm
His pay is to be excused from
community service and 20 x.

Burg beim Gaiss Gass Bronnen
Upper Gaiss Gass Fountain

Jgst. Gottf. Meier*
His pay is 50 x, and additional day
pay when laying pipes.

Untern Gaiss Gass Fountain
Lower Gaiss Gass fountain

Matth. Frid. Fessler

Feuersee Inspector
Firepond Inspector

Jg. David Maylere

Flecken Schmid
?????

Mich. Enz

Feld und Wassenschuez
[Field and Pasture Protection]

Gottfried Staegle
His pay is 10 f.

*Als Messer Ableiter? in den samtl Weegen
in Oberholtz*
Drainage Measure in all paths in Oberholz

Jg. Matth. Frid. Schaal
his pay is to be excused from
community service and 3 f.

Flecken Kiefer
Area Kiefer

Jg. Joseph Schwegler

Der Feuerspritzen
Firemen

Ph. Gottfrid Maier
und Gottfrid Mak

The assigned fire crew is: Michel Enz, Schmid, Joh. Georg Schwilk. These last are excused from community service, but must check their hoses four times per year.

Attested to on 5 July 1830 by the Mayor and Town Council:

Lederer
Kitelberger
Lederer
Staengle
Specht
Schaal

Mayer
Retter
Mak

The account presented above of the posts and duty assignments of the town of Geradstetten is documented in the so-called "*Buegher und Notabilienbuch.*" This book was the notebook book or record book of the mayor. Along with the town council proceedings and transactions book, it presents many interesting insights into the problems with which the mayor was concerned. Because many of the terms are barely in use today, a brief explanation is in order.

Beede Gemeindepfleger

The mayor was backed up by the *Amtsbürgermeister oder Rechner* [Office manager or accountant] and the *Frohnbürgermeister* [community service manager]. Each served in office for one year, but could be reelected.

Bettelvogt

He drove away out-of-town beggars, assigned work to local destitutes, and supervised the allowed begging days. Sick beggars from out-of-town were quickly brought to the next town with the help of a begger's cart, as one lived in constant fear of transmission of disease.

Brotwaeger

They had to examine the quality and price of bread weekly, or even daily in times of great need. There was a chalkboard at the Town Hall on which the "Brottschätzung" [bread rating] was given.

Deuchel

Hollowed out pine logs for water conduits. [These brought water from high springs down to the fountains in town, providing water for daily use.]

Eicher und Weinlader

When selling or drawing down wine, the Eicher [measurer] and Weinlader [wine storageman] had to be present. That provided them work and bread: per pail a portion of bread, later paid for in cash.

Engelberger Revier

The forest area south of the Rems, belonging to the forest service Engelberg, earlier called "Schorndorfer Vorst."

Feldsteussler

was so to say the eyes of the *Felduntergaenger*, watching over boundary stones, drainage, and whether there was construction in rented fields [evidently not allowed], and insuring that no unauthorized paths were used. [As fields and pastures were distant from the tightly concentrated houses in town, ownership and property rights needed to be closely monitored.]

Ferndig

In prior years; last years

Feuersee

A damned pond providing water for fire fighting. (In the present Seegasse)

Frohnfreiheit

or *Personalfreiheit*. To be excused or relieved from community service. Excused were the pastor, mayor, schoolmaster, and certain other people with assigned town duties.

Frohnmeister

He had to divide up the community service tasks among the town citizens, and supervise them. These tasks consisted mostly of maintaining the paths, work in the vineyards, and in the preparations of firewood. For six whole days a year, he obtained the base pay of 2 units of wine and 2 x for bread.

Oberholtz

Forest on the "Hohen Strasse" north of the Rems.

Tag und Nachwächter

They had responsibility for keeping the peace in the town, and watching for fire. Accordingly they had police powers and could take disturbers of the peace into custody. Not an office for which one could rich. For the "Shouting in the New Year" Celebration he got bread and one unit of wine. In critical times other citizens could be assigned to help him as Scharwaechter [posse].

Zaeglmesser

The Zelg used to be a "tilled field."