

# MERGEN Jean

(1893 - 1964) <sup>1</sup>

Paris

## Biography

Jean MERGEN was born in Paris in November 1893 as Jean SCHMITZ, illegitimate child of Josephine SCHMITZ (1870-1898). She was born in Larochette and was working and residing in Paris as *ménagère*.

In 1895 she married Henri MERGEN (1869-1901) in Larochette. MERGEN was born in Wiltz and was *Metzgermeister* in Larochette. He legitimised Jean as his son who took on the name of Jean MERGEN.

The family settled in Larochette. <sup>2</sup>

In 1898 Jean MERGEN's mother died and his father Henri MERGEN remarried later in the same year Margaretha BECKER with whom he had a son in 1901. Henri MERGEN died at the end of the same year and Jean MERGEN thus grew up with his stepmother and his half-brother.

In 1915, at the age of 22, Jean MERGEN married Margaretha (Maria) FABER in Heffingen (Mersch). His occupation at the time was *Chemiker*. In 1919, when his first child was born, he gave his occupation as *Ingenieur*.

In 1929 MERGEN became *Directeur* of the “*Compagnie générale des Goudrons*”, founded in 1923: <sup>3</sup>

*La société a pour objet l'achat, la vente et la manutention de tous goudrons généralement quelconques, l'achat, la vente et l'application industrielle de leurs sous-produits et de tous articles similaires.*

He remained in this position at least until 1940.

In 1945 MERGEN took over the “*Maison Mich. Manderscheid*” (87 route d'Esch):

*charbons, cokes, goudron et tous les produits de la houille.*

He used this company for offering his services for:

*Abdichten von Terrassen, Balkons, flachen Betondächern.*

As of 1949 MERGEN conducted his commercial activities under the name of “*Etablissements Jean Mergen*” (29 rue du Fort Neyperg).

In 1955 the company changed its name to “*Lubri-Pneus-Auto*” and re-directed its activities to the sale of cars and tires (Wartburg, Chrysler, Kléber-Comombes, etc.)

MERGEN died in 1964 and his company's name changed to “FABER & JACQUEMART s.e.n.c.” <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> FamilySearch database (GT2F-1PK)

<sup>2</sup> Larochette Census (1895)

<sup>3</sup> Mémorial, Recueils spécial, 3 May 1923, pages 273-279

<sup>4</sup> the name “Faber” presumably refers to his widow Marguerite (Maria) Faber; she died in 1982.