

KAUFFMANN Jean Michel

(1833 - 1918) ¹

Godbrange

Biography

Jean Michel KAUFFMANN was born in 1833 as Johannes KAUFFMAN in Godbrange (Junglinster). His father was an *Ackerer* (farmer).

He was married to Marie Catherine MAY (b. 1827 in Ettelbruck), and had three sons.

From Jean Michel's civil records the following occupations and places of residence can be inferred:

1861	<i>Eisenbahnangestellter</i> (Ettelbruck)
1864	<i>Piqueur der Eisenbahn</i> (Esch-sur-Alzette)
1866	<i>Beamter der Eisenbahn</i> (Bettemburg)
1880	<i>Geometer</i> (Bettemburg)
1916	resided in Hüncheringen

KAUFFMANN settled thus in Bettemburg and later in nearby Hüncheringen. In the Census of 1880 his occupation was *géomètre* (*Meister*) without reference to the *Eisenbahn* as employer. He probably was an independent *géomètre* at the time.

In 1886 he published a 7-page booklet under the title of “Der neue Theodolite”, ² which he authored as “*Ingenieur-Geometer*”. ³

In 1906, at the age of 73, he obtained patents in France, United Kingdom and the USA for a “Distance and angle measurer”. Four years later he obtained a second patent in France for a similar device.

KAUFFMANN died in Bettembourg (*im Kloster*) in 1918.

¹ [FamilySearch database](#) (GV71-TWS)

² [Bibliothèque nationale du Luxembourg](#)

³ *Possibly a transcription of his first patent filed in 1886*