

# TERLINDEN Johann Gerhard

(1860 - 1922) <sup>1</sup>

Sonsbeck (DE)

## Biography

Gerhard TERLINDEN was born in 1860 in Sonsbeck (near Duisburg). He became a *Schlossergeselle* and set up a *Stuhl- und Herdfabrik* in Sonsbeck which developed into an *Aktiengesellschaft*. The company, however, went bankrupt in 1901 (see Addendum).

TERLINDEN obtained a number of patents, mainly concerning chairs. He even set up a company dedicated to the exploitation of his patents (*Commandit-Gesellschaft zur Verwertung der Terlinden'schen Stuhlpatente TREFFT & Co., Aachen*)

He was married to Franziska GRAVE-WINTERBERG. The couple had a son by the name of Richard Wilhelm TERLINDEN.

Gerhard TERLINDEN was a successful entrepreneur and became owner of a number of manufacturing sites for chairs.

In 1901, however, his business collapsed in a fraudulent bankruptcy and he fled to the USA to escape the Prussian authorities. He was arrested in the USA and extradited to Prussia for trial. He was sentenced in 1903 to 6 years of imprisonment (see Addendum).

The family probably came to Luxembourg around 1909 and settled in the Siechenhof-Mühle in Luxembourg-Pfaffenthal. <sup>2</sup> The TERLINDENs established there a workshop for decorating wood panels. In 1910 they took part in the Brussels Exhibition under the name of "*Mechanische Holzkunstbildnerei Terlinden*".

In 1912 TERLINDEN took over the Weimerskirch mill: <sup>3</sup>

*Im Jahre 1912 wurde der Betrieb von Jean Gérard Terlinden übernommen. Er stellte Zigarrenkisten und während des Krieges 1914-1918 Holzschuhe her. Von 1919 bis 1925 ist als Besitzer Nicolas Mootz und Konsorten, Metzger aus Dommeldingen, in den Matrikeln eingeschrieben. J.P. Wies und Konsorten, Industrieller aus Luxemburg, übernahm 1925 das Anwesen, in dem sich 1926 die „S.A. Fonderie de Luxembourg“ als Eisengießerei und Backofenfabrik einrichtete.*

Gerhard TERLINDEN died in 1922 in Luxembourg-Pfaffenthal (Siechenhof).

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<sup>1</sup> [FamilySearch database](#) (MLRQ-M8G)

<sup>2</sup> *LuxemburgerWort*, 9 August 1909, page 4

<sup>3</sup> *Emile Erpelding, Die Mühlen des Luxemburger Landes* (1981), page 605