

STEIGMANN Albert

(1897 - 1966) ¹

Heilbronn (DE)

Biography

Dr Ernst Albert STEIGMANN, born in Heilbronn in 1897, was a chemist.

He obtained his first patent in Germany in 1920 in the field of photographic processes. He worked at the *Photochemische Abteilung des Physikalisch-Chemischen Instituts der Universität Göttingen*. ²

In later years (1927-1928) he worked for the *Heidelberger Gelatine-Fabrik Stoess & Co.* in Ziegelhausen b. Heidelberg.

In the early 1930s he came to Luxembourg-city where he resided in 7 rue Fresez. ³ During his stay in Luxembourg in the years 1936 to 1938 STEIGMANN obtained 28 patents in Luxembourg, mainly relating to photography. He also was a consultant with the German company *Felix Sager & Dr Gossler GmbH*.

He moved to the United Kingdom around 1938 and was interned in 1940 when WWII broke out.

In 1947 he emigrated to the USA.

He was a consultant engineer for *Gen Foods Corp in Boston* and made 12 inventions for that company.

STEIGMANN died in Boston in 1966.

His daughter Maud STEIGMANN (b. 1923 in Giessen/Hessen), while residing with her father in Luxembourg in 1937, obtained two Luxembourg patents relating to toys/games. She was some 14 years old and already a mature inventor (?), like her father who had obtained his first patent aged 23.

¹ [FamilySearch database \(GX53-YRQ\)](#)

² [Steigmann, A. Ueber die Reduktion des Natriumsilberthiosulfats mit Hydrosulfit, I. Kolloid-Zeitschrift 27, 249-254 \(1920\)](#)

³ *He probably fled from NAZI Germany (although he belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and was not of Jewish descent). His role in the period 1934-1938 of NAZI Germany is not clear. His name appears in the French archives of the Direction générale de Sécurité nationale, on the so-called "Fonds de Moscou" list ([Geneanet database](#)).*