

RODEWALD Carl

(1814 -) ¹

(DE)

Biography

Carl Robert RODEWALD was born in 1814.

He was married to Susanna OHLIG. The couple had their first child in 1838, in Koblenz, and the second child was born in 1840, in Trier.

By February 1848 RODEWALD actually lived in Luxembourg-city, in 45 Capuziner Strasse. ² In December 1848 he offered for sale his large mansion in the centre of Trier ³ and in May of 1849 he moved all his belongings to Luxembourg.

In October 1851 RODEWALD announced that he had set up his piano factory in Mondorf a year earlier, i.e. around October 1850.

He lived in Altwies, near Mondorf, with his wife and his two sons Frédéric (b. 1838) and Charles (b. 1850).

The 1861 Altwies Census reveals that son Frédéric had become a *fabricant de pianos* and that son Charles had been sent to a boarding school in Trier. ⁴

In July 1865 RODEWALD sold his house in Altwies (by auction) and moved back to Trier. He kept a showroom in Luxembourg-city and in 1868/1869 embarked on an extensive advertising campaign for selling his pianos in Luxembourg, first in the rue des Remparts and subsequently in rue Philippe.

In the 1867, 1871 and 1875 Altwies Census no reference to the RODEWALD family is to be found any longer, although son Frédéric (b. 1838) apparently still possessed a house in Altwies, since he put it up for sale in 1878. In the same year, Charles, then aged 28, offered his services for tuning pianos in Luxembourg. In 1875 the latter married Elisabeth BECKER in Trier and probably took up residence in Trier.

It is not known when and where Carl Robert RODEWALD died.

¹ FamilySearch database (G7CZ-61Y)

² Birth of his daughter Johanna Margaretha

³ Der Volksfreund, 31. Dezember 1848, p. 4

⁴ “un fils de Rodewald a été placé dans un pensionnat à Trèves, dans l'intérêt de son éducation”