

DELVAUX-HAUSEMER Nicolas

(1880 - 1965) ¹ Altrier

Biography

Nicolas DELVAUX was born in Altrier/Bech. His father was a Hufschmied.

In 1911 he married Marguerite HAUSEMER, born in Nospelt, daughter of an *Ackerer*. At the time Nicolas DELVAUX was living in Steinfort and his occupation was *Hufschmied/Schlossermeister*.

He was joined by his younger brother, called Nicolas as well (1882 - 1962), who also was a Schlossermeister. ²

In 1914 Nicolas DELVAUX (the younger) married Barbara SCHARLÉ in Steinfort.

Initially the brothers created an association and offered the services of a Schlosser in Steinfort. ³ They later separated (1928?) and created each their own company using their wives' family names as a distinguishing mark: DELVAUX-HAUSEMER, respectively DELVAUX-SCHARLÉ.

The former company developed into a national and international enterprise for *constructions métalliques* (*Metallkonstruktionen*) while the latter company offered their traditional services at a local level only.

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Constructions métalliques: Charpentes métalliques, halls et toitures, hangars, pylônes

Chaudronnerie: Tuyauteries soudées, conduites à vent et à gaz, réservoirs, tanks

Équipement pour usines chimiques et métallurgiques: Appareils pour la chimie industrielle, réservoirs inoxydables, épuration des eaux industrielles, épuration des eaux d'alimentation des chaudières, installations pour l'oxydation des paraffines, dépoussiérage industriel, séchoirs

Matériel de manutention: Chariots à usages divers, convoyeurs, élévateurs, ponts roulants

Articles pour minières et carrières: Armoires garde-poudre, portes spéciales pour caveaux à explosifs, récipients pour le transport de la poudre.

The company DELVAUX-HAUSEMER was managed by Nicolas (the elder) and his son Arthur (1912 - 1976) who was himself a *maître-serrurier* and inventor.

After Nicolas DELVAUX's death in 1965 the family set up an s.à r.l. in 1967. ⁵ Arthur continued managing the DELVAUX-HAUSEMER firm up to his death in 1976.

After Arthur DELVAUX's death in 1976, the company's finances declined and it was placed under gestion contrôlée in 1979.

In 1984 it was decided to dissolve DELVAUX-HAUSEMER s.à r.l., which decision finally took effect in 1992^{6} .

The DELVAUX-SCHARLÉ company closed in the 1960s. The couple's only son had died in 1934 at the age of 17.

¹ FamilySearch database (GLKP-WST)

² FamilySearch database (GL29-N75)

³ www.industrie.lu

⁴ d'Letzeburger Land, 29 October 1954

⁵ Armand Delvaux, a cousin of Arthur, obtained 1% of the parts in the s.à r.l. He was living in the Congo and was presumably DELVAUX-HAUSEMER's representative there.

⁶ Mémorial, 17 January 1992, pages 10-11