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After long preparations (although Eugen Deubner thinks it was a short-time notice), we have persuaded a small number of family members to come to Frankfurt on Maine for the reunion in the busy month of August.

On 29 August (Wednesday) in Astoria Hotel (Rheinstrasse 25) arrived Beatrice and Alexander Caspar, Ursula Caspar, Margrit Neubauer, Hanna and Ryszard Żelichowski, Karin and Eugen Deubner (the latter commuted from nearby Wiesbaden but have not missed a bit of our social life in this city).



Happy arrival. Beatrice and Alexander Caspar, Ryszard Żelichowski

(By the way, if you happen to be in need to find a place to stay in Frankfurt a.M. some advertisement: wonderfully located, reasonably priced and member of ADAC, available on book.com).

That night we went to dine in neighborhood. Our choice was a restaurant Restaurant Classico Mediterranean at Arndtstraße 13 B with Mediterranean cuisine, where ma Neubauer could excercise her Greek. Dinner was great and food excellent.

Day one – 30 August (Thursday),

From that day on we followed a master plan prepared by Eugen Deubner. Very disciplined (by this I mean early hours visits and attention to very extensive programs) we visited HESSENWASSER, MAINOVA and the municipal SEF (Stadtentwässerung, FFM), which supply the water, power and sewage respectively to the population of Frankfurt. First Dr. Rödel, historian and retired monument preserver, gave us some information about civil engineering in Frankfurt between 1806 and 1914, as well as interesting information about the biographies of the Lindley's in Frankfurt. As Eugen reported, "Dr. Schreiber, PR chief of Hessenwasser, gave us a presentation of the history of supplying water to Frankfurt starting with the 15th century. The tour of one of the present day plants was intense and many questions were answered". Presentation took place in Goldstein Waterworks, where William and William H. Lindleys worked on the first modern water supply system for Frankfurt.



Goldstein Wasserwerk and our guide, Dr. Schreiber

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The same day was to the combined heating and power plant, Heizkraftwerk WEST. "We were shown elements of a modern power-management, some of that information was a real eye-opener – who would know, that you have to plan – exactly – a year ahead, what you want to produce, buy or sell in advance! And you have to adhere to those values within very tight borders unless you want to pay penalties" – writes Eugen in his short summing-up of the visit. Extensive tour was conducted by a passionate man Mr. Joachim Siebenhaar. And there was a lot of history as well. William H. Lindley built his first electric power plant in Frankfurt (1892-1896), with Oskar von Miller.



Everyone enjoyed blue helmets and earphones for not being hurt or lost

That night we went to Apfelwein Klaus at Kaiserhofstrasse 18/20 for local delicacies, among them – of course – apple-wine!

Day two – 31 August (Friday)

Next day we paid visit to Niederrad, an old sedimentation plant, and we learned about wastewater disposal and treatment, and, again, as Eugen puts it: “which gave us unexpected insights in today’s wastewater treatment of large cities. Mr. Lungwitz made it his personal objective to show Lindley descendants what had been made of the original plans”.



The main historical building

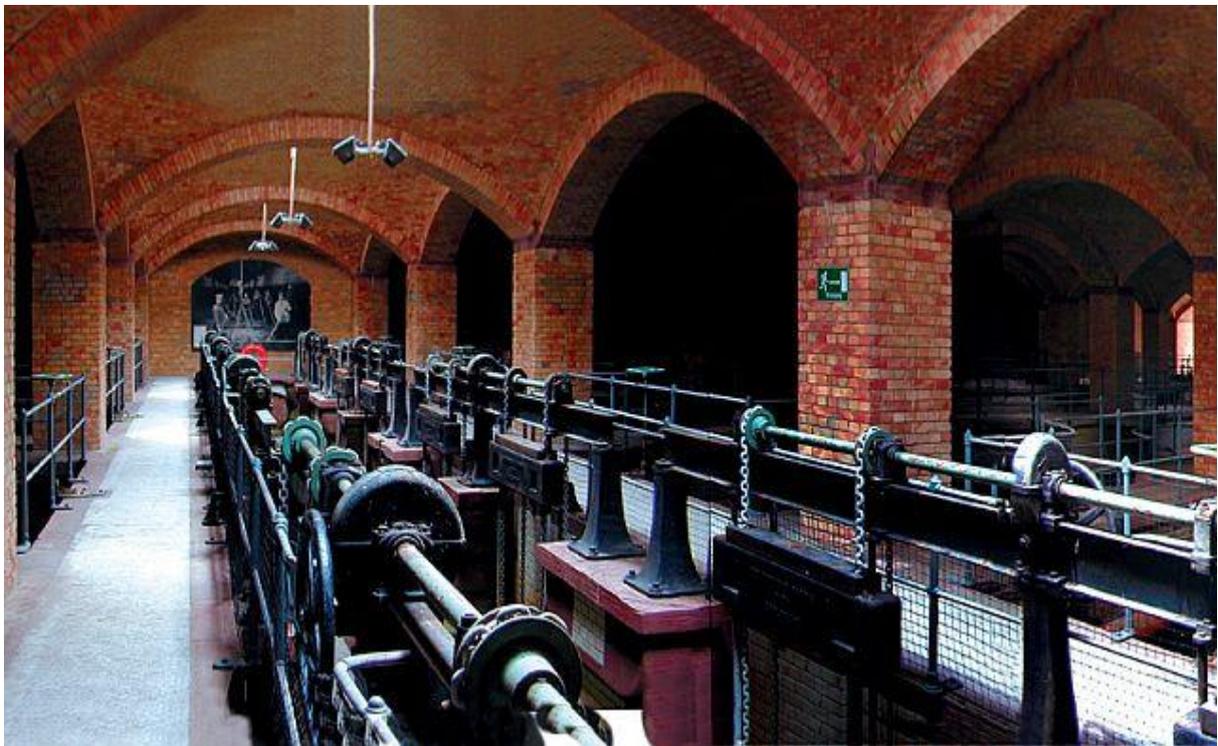
On all locations we were treated with lunches (drinks and sandwiches). But most of all, we were treated with great esteem and were able once more to realize how important the Lindleys were also for this city.



Niederrad. Conference room



With our guide Mr. Lungwitz. Historic building in the background



The old machinery



Inside of the old building



In the name of the family Eugen Debner offers Mr. Lungwitz the book about the Lindleys from Hamburg Conference in 2010

After the tour we went to the city and met Mr. Volker Harms-Ziegler, an historian from the City Archive, who gave us brief historical tour of Römer and Zeil.



Our Swiss connection – Alexander and Beatrice Caspar



Mr Volker Harms-Ziegler and Alexander Caspar

Later that day we went to an Italian restaurant *Divino* in Zimmerweg, again using Ma's experience in Italian cuisine. It was close to our hotel, and we had an entire room in the restaurant for our joyful evening. Very relaxing, especially for Ma since she has undertaken an heroic effort to drive us around in her spacious "Volvo".



Ma Neubauer, Ursula Caspar and Hanna Želichowska in Divino

Day three – 1 September (Saturday)

This day was on me (Ryszard). We went to Evangelical Reformed Church - West (Deutsch Evangelisch-Reformierte Kirche) on *Freiherr vom Stein Strasse No. 8*, (former Church of England) founded by William Heerlein Lindley. It was very disappointing since the church is gone and replaced by a big modern religious center of Evangelical Reformed Church.



The Church (1998) and the plate (then on the wall of the church tower)

However, the commemorating stone has been preserved and exposed in front of a new religious center.



Next we went to former *Blittersdorffplatz* 29. It was another disappointment. The historical place is gone and the square is now called François-Mitterrand-Platz (he became a honorary citizen of Frankfurt a.M. in 1986).



This is how it was. Below how it looks now



On this corner once stood the house

We gave up walking through the Neue Mainzer Strasse (to No. 51, where the Getz family used to live). It was too hot, the distances were too big, and there was nothing to see either. The number 51 is incorporated into huge new Frankfurter Sparkasse and the street has become mainly a brick-canyon for the mass city traffic.

After a cup of coffee we took tram No. 11 to Lindleystrasse, and it was rewarding. It has been built-up with many decent houses and the East Harbour (Osthafen) has been renovated and decorated with a monument dedicated to the city-mayor Franz Adickes (1890-1912), under whose authority W.H. Lindley worked until 1896.



The highlight of this day was an idea of Karin and Eugen the diner at “Zum Bembelsche” in Raunheim, where we could try local Hessian dishes with names too difficult to pronounce. Full to the limits and in high spirits, we had to say goodbye to Karin and Eugen, who returned home from there.



*Last evening at "Zum Bembelsche" - Alexander and Ursula Caspar.
Below: Hanna and Ryszard Żelichowski, Beatrice Caspar*



Departures, 2 September (Sunday)

After the breakfast we went to our own destinations. We have planned next family-reunion for 2014 in England.



Ryszard Żelichowski, Eugen Deubner – a perfect team

Our devilish smiles explain everything – you will hear from us yet!



Here is original report of William Heerlein LINDLEY from 1911
on his works in Frankfurt on Maine

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W. H. Lindley's

B a u t e n und damit zusammenhängenden Ausarbeitungen usw.

1879-1896	<u>Frankfurt a.M.</u>	1.1. 1879	<u>Entwässerung</u> , Oberleitung des Baues
		1.4. 1880	" Ernennung zum Oberingenieur.
		31.12.1881	" Klärbeckenprojekt
		1.11.1882	Ernennung zum Stadtbaurat und Übernahme des gesamten Ingenieurwesens des Tiefbauamtes.
		1886	Erbauung der Kläranlage
		14.1.1892	Entwurf zur Entwässerung der unteren Altstadt.
		1897	Bau der Siele und des Pumpwerks in der unteren Altstadt.
		1884/1885	<u>Wasserversorgung</u> . Projekt und Bau der Mainwasserleitung.
		11.11. 84	Projekt für die Ausdehnung der Wasserversorgung der Stadt.
		1885	Bau der Grundwasserleitung am Oberforsthaus.
		1887	Bau der Grundwasserleitung aus Goldstein
		1889	Projekt der Grundwasserleitung aus Hinkelstein
		1889	Vergrößerung des Hochwasserbehälters an der Friedberger Landstraße.
		1890-1893	Bau der Grundwasserleitung in Hinkelstein
		20.1.1892	Generelles Projekt zur Ausdehnung und Ergänzung der Quellwasserleitung aus dem Vogelsberg
		7.3. 1896	Spezialprojekt für die Ausdehnung des Quellwasserleitung im Vogelsberg mit Baubeschreibung vom Februar 1896.
		1883	Projekt eines <u>Sicherheits- und Handelshafens</u> nebst Hafenhafen und Lagerhäusern.
		1884-1888	Bau der Hafenanlage.
		15.6.1892	Gutachten über die Fortführung der <u>Mainkanalisierung</u> und die Anlage des <u>Oberhafens</u> (Flohafen).
		1890-1891	<u>Wilhelmsbrücke</u> , Umbau der Main-Neckar-Eisenbahnbrücke in eine Straßenbrücke.

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- Frankfurt a.M. Elektrizitätswerk, Entwurf allgemeiner
- 13.2.89 Grundlagen und Bedingungen zur Beschaffung endgültiger Anerbieten für die Herstellung der elektrischen Beleuchtungsanlage.
- 10.11.89. Gutachten von Ferraris, Kittler, Lindley, Uppenborn und Weber über die Frage der Einführung der elektrischen Beleuchtung
- . 6.1892 Gutachten und Projekte von O. v. Miller und W.H.Lindley für die Errichtung einer elektrischen Zentrale in Frankfurt a.M.
- März-Nov. Bau des städtischen Elektrizitäts-1894 Werkes.
- Juni 1896 Schlußbericht über den Bau des Elektrizitätswerkes und über das erste Betriebsjahr.