

Historic Bohnhorst Farmhouses

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In the former Earldom of Hoya (which includes the "Förtmeyer places"-Bohnhorst and Loccum), I found a picture from 1943 of the houses number 74 (from 1853) and 78 (from 1767) from Bohnhorst. The Förtmeyers surely knew both houses well and father Förtmeyer taught the children from the houses.

The house on the right, which is almost 100 years older, also appears to be somewhat more antique. On the roof you can see the typical gable decoration of the region, two crossed horse heads. The economic side of the house can be seen with the stables and the middle working area, the "Deele". The residential wing was located on the opposite side. Both are so-called two-story houses made of oak timber framing. The previously common clay infill has been replaced in some parts by brick masonry.

A typical feature of the house on the right is the so-called "Heck", a two-winged gate that closed off the Deele, especially in the summer. Then the large Deele gate was open for light and ventilation. The "Heck" was thus the access control, preventing small children from running into the street, or that free-roaming cattle strayed into the Deele.

Note also the manure piles in front of the houses - carefully piled by hand. A wooden harrow hangs from the small lean-to. The small iron bed plow seems to me, compared to the middle of the 19th century, and the line for electricity seems to be the only recognizable progress to the "Förtmeyer time" there.



Bohnhorst (LK Nienburg/Weser). Zweistönderhäuser: Links Nr. 78 von 1853 und rechts Nr. 74 von 1767.
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