

CHRONICLE OF SAGEBIELS FÄHRHAUS

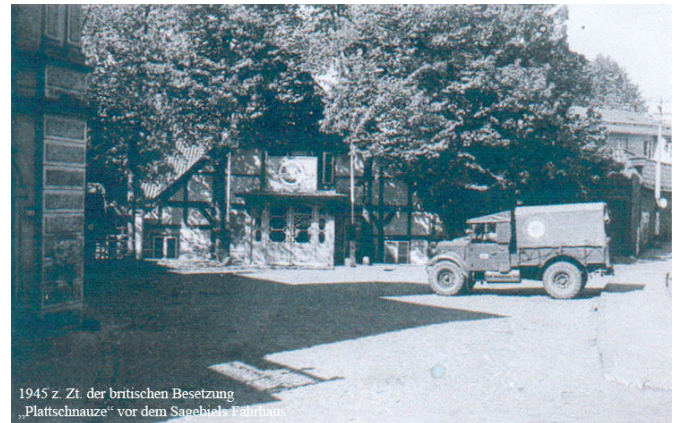
834
a fortified house

In the years 810 – 834 a. D. emperor Ludwig the religious had Hammaburg castle build. Around that time old chronicles and some legends report, that a fortified house was erected at the location of today's Sagebiels Fährhaus. It was made of stone to guarantee better protection against raids. The high location was chosen to grant the ferry people a wide view over the river Elbe. That way they could more easily manage their ferry services.

1302
*Documentary evidence
of the ferry house*

The first documentary evidence of the Fährhaus can be traced back to the year 1302. Thanks to the increase in transportation of cattle in the years 1480 to 1490, the Blankeneser Fährverkehr transport increased considerably. Correspondingly the ferry houses' restaurant and accommodation service flourished. In 1568 the draughtsman and cartographer Melchior Lorichs was asked by the Hamburger Rat council to draw a map of the river Elbe, including the ferry house.

Several times the ferry house was destroyed by fire and then rebuild. During the first half of the 20th century the ferry house served as base for different landlords from Saxony, Sweden, Germany, England or the Danish to the often hostile position on the other side of the river Elbe or for postal services to England.



1704
*Royal Ferry House
in Blankenese*

Around 1704 the Royal Ferry House to Blankenese consisted of a cottage with thatched roof and a diagonally attached house. The last-mentioned house was fully renovated in that year. 53 years later the tenant Müller had a fireproof wall erected around the diagonally attached house.

In November one year before the stairs were severly damaged by a stormy tide; it was repaired shortly after. A devastating fire destroyed a large part of the Royal Ferry House in 1826. Around that time it was lead under Danish authorities, who immediately ordered ist reconstruction. Since that time the ferry house solely served as a pub. In 1837, after the tenant of the Fähre, Mr. Pl. G. Carl Hansen terminated his contract in order to erect his own restaurant on the Süllberg, the ferry house was lead by Peter Moormann.

1868
*Wilhelm Anton Conrad
Sagebiel*

1868 Wilhelm Anton Conrad Sagebiel bought the whole estate from the Mohrmann's widow, and renamed the ferry house into Sagebiels Fährhaus. Ever since it was owned by the family.

Wilhelm A. C. Sagebiel was born 5th July 1828 in a small village called Afferde in Lower Saxony. In the 50th's of the 19th century Sagebiel moved to Hamburg.

With indefatigable energy, inherent thriftiness and his business oriented vision Wilhelm A. C. Sagebiel became one of the most successful restaurant owners in Hamburg. 1857 he became the proud owner of the Collosseum. It was torn down, rebuild and



further on famous and renowned as “Sagebiels Etablissements AG“. 1873 A.C. Sagebiel had two halls established, in which great balls and celebrations were held. Exhibitions were also held. The Great hall in the middle of the building was generously decorated with sentimental scenic paintings, made by the photographer and artist Wilhelm Teegen from Blankenese. 1878 the „Festsaal“ was built by the popular fashion architect Haller.

After Wilhelm A.C. Sagebiel passed away in 1889, his son Sohn A.C. Ludwig Sagebiel scintillated in leading the two companies and became a respected restaurant proprietor. With its garden with 1,000 seats Sagebiels Fährhaus became a place of popular resort.

1944
Hans Albers in
„Große Freiheit Nr. 7“



In the legendary movie “Große Freiheit Nr. 7“ Hans Albers takes his love Gisa for a dance in “Sagebiel’s“.

The furious rejuvenation period in the 1960’s also affected the Sagebiels Fährhaus. Both of the ball rooms were transformed into car parks. After 1927 the Bill-Brauerei brewery became the general leaseholder, which then again, nominated subtenants. These randomly changed, until the Walter family became the new tenants in 1962.

In 1990 the restaurateur Michael Ming-Hao Chen had the Sagebiels Fährhaus redeveloped and a lavishly renovated. Since then it serves German-International and Chinese cuisine.



For over a century Sagebiels Fährhaus is one of the most popular restaurants and a place of popular resort in the suburbs of the river Elbe. Enjoy the hospitality and stay for a while at the “most beautiful spot at the river Elbe”.

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