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Resistance

Scholl



Grimminger

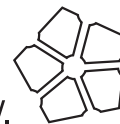
Places of remembrance:

- 1) Birthplace of Inge and Hans Scholl in Ingersheim, Schollenberg 6
- 2) Gschwister Scholl School, Ingersheim: mural painting by Gerhard Frank
- 3) Scholl-Grimminger display case with changing exhibitions in Crailsheim's City Hall

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Crailsheim und
die Weiße Rose

In May, 2005, the „Association of the White Rose“ in Crailsheim published the booklet **Resistance. Crailsheim and the White Rose** (60 pages). Sixty years after the end of World War II, it was time to issue a publication about Hans Scholl, the head of the student resistance group „White Rose“ and its supporter, Eugen Grimminger. Competent writers such as the historian Dr. Michael Kißener and Crailsheim’s archivist Folker Förtsch, as well as the artist Klaus Gaida, have been gained for this publication.



Hans Scholl (left) and Eugen Grimminger (right, charcoal portrait drawing, 1948)

Hans Scholl and Eugen Grimminger, two important representatives of the German resistance, are connected in a special way to the city of Crailsheim: In 1918, Hans Scholl was born in Ingersheim, a suburb of Crailsheim. Eugen Grimminger, the financier of the flyer the „White Rose“, was also born in Crailsheim and remained closely connected to his native city his whole life.

This booklet also commemorates Robert Scholl and Inge Aicher-Scholl. Robert Scholl, the father of Hans Scholl, was mayor of Ingersheim-Altenmünster from 1917 until 1919. With his liberal and pacifistic attitude, he de-

veloped an independent and astute point of view, distanced from devotion to authority and blind patriotism. Within this realm, he became a role model for his children. Without his father’s influence, Hans would never have evolved from an enthusiastic leader of a Nazi youth organisation into the central character of the group of dissident students.



Inge Scholl with her father Robert Scholl in his office, ca. 1940

Inge Scholl was born in 1917, during the time when the Scholl family lived in Ingersheim. She has made the commemoration of the work of her brother and sister, Hans and Sophie, her life’s work. Her book „The White Rose“ became a bestseller. By founding the adult education center in Ulm and aiding in the establishment of the Academy of Design, she made an important contribution to the educational development of the Federal Republic of Germany – she was a democratic patriot.

The booklet *Resistance. Crailsheim and the White Rose* also gives information about Alfred König and Berta Wagner, citizens of Crailsheim who secretly supported Grimminger financially, which has been until now an almost unknown fact.



Alfred König (1889–1949) and Berta Wagner (1899–1986)

Crailsheim offers a unique opportunity to reconcile the history of the „White Rose“: here are places of remembrance, a collection of items which belonged to the Scholl siblings and Eugen Grimminger, as well as works of artists and students which provide a vivid picture of the leading representatives of the German resistance.



Elisabeth Hartnagel-Scholl (sister of Hans Scholl), Anneliese Knoop-Graf (sister of Willi Graf), Hedi Wild (secretary of Eugen Grimminger) in Crailsheim on 22nd September 2000, during the inauguration of the Scholl-Grimminger-display case in the town hall

The booklet *Resistance. Crailsheim and the White Rose* wants to encourage vigilance concerning erroneous trends in politics and to support democratic thinking and acting.