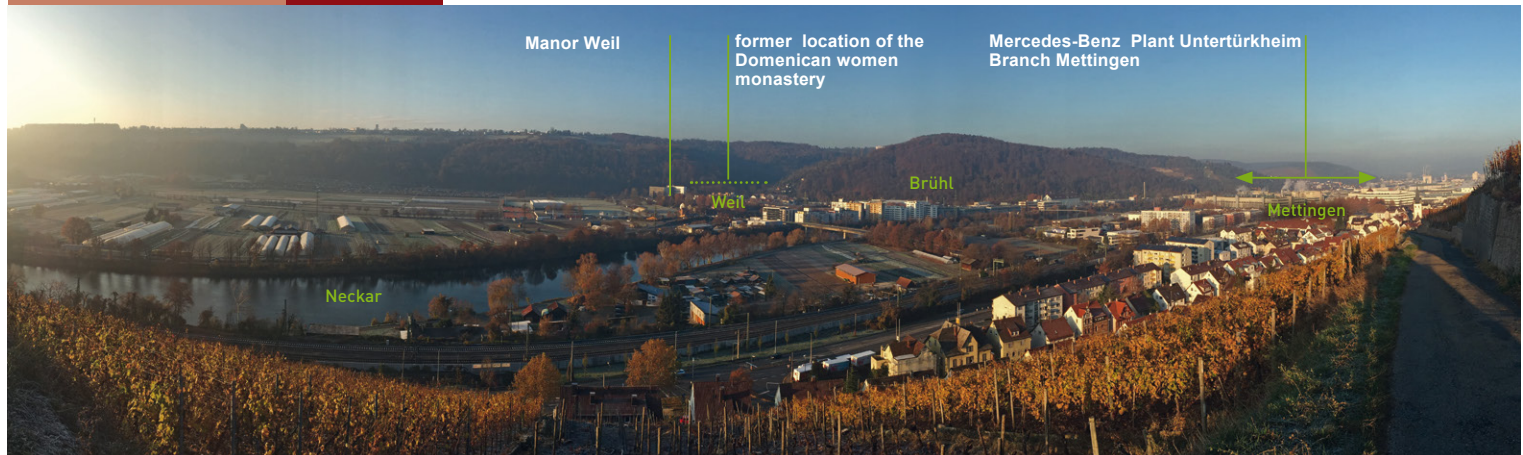


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Horsepower in the NeckarValley

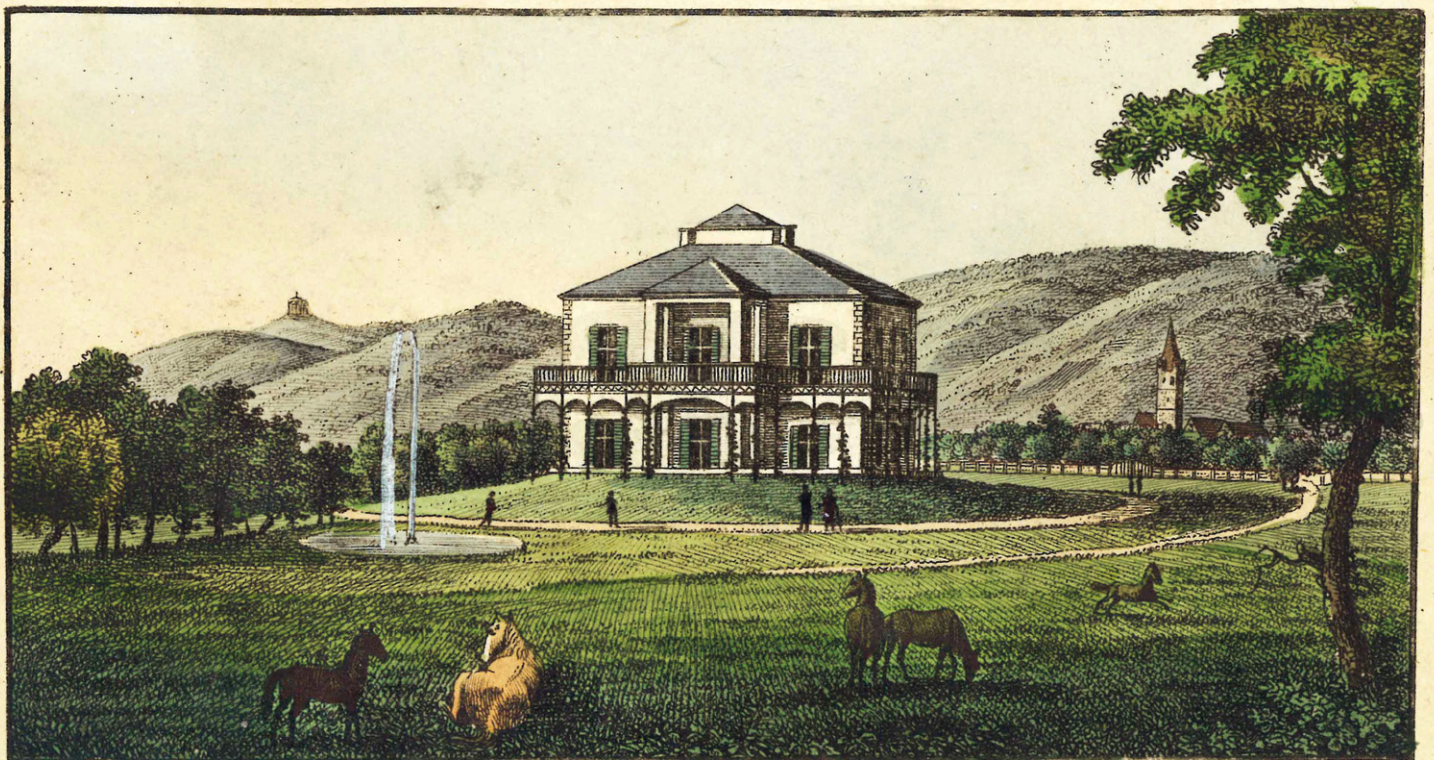


For more than 200 years strong horses and horsepower shape the view of the Neckar valley.

The manor Weil built in 1818 for King Wilhelm I by Giovanni Salucci is one of the few buildings of the horse stud still existing until today.

In 1815 the Florentine Salucci was appointed courtyard builder and so he created in the Stuttgart region the Burial chapel on the Wirtemberg, the castle Rosenstein, King Wilhelm's Palace, the Royal riding house and the Lion's Gate.

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Stuttgart bei G. Ebner.

Das Schloß in Weil.

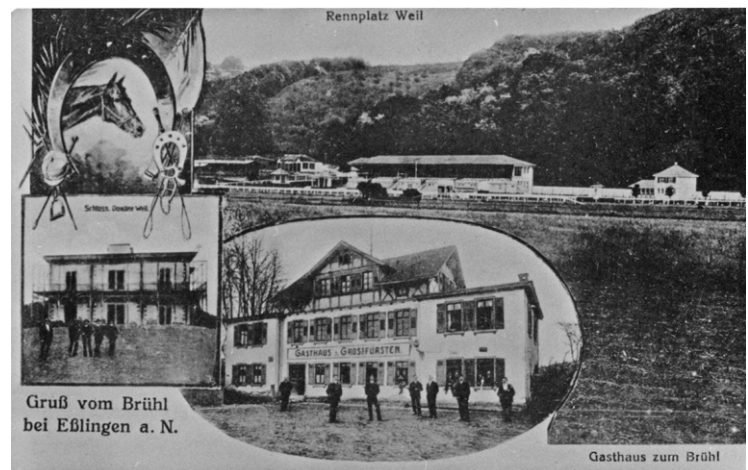


On the territory of the Dominican women monastery which was founded in 1230 and closed in 1558 King Wilhelm I of Wuerttemberg ordered to set-up a stud farm in 1817, which served as extension to the Marbach Stud and the foal stud in Scharnhausen. For half a century here Arabian stallions were successfully bred:

„The king tested the Arab horses in his campaigns and learned about their remarkable power and qualities, so he tried hard to establish a tribe of the noblest breed of the Orient.“ (Julius Freiherr von Huegel, first equerry of Weil).



Under King Wilhelm II. Weil developed to the „Swabian Ascot“: In 1892 the Wuerttemberg Racing club opened a racetrack in Weil. Until 1929 there were racings in spring and autumn and it was meeting point not only for exclusive people from Stuttgart. The horse races were a social event for well dressed visitors from all over Wuerttemberg.



Beginning of the 20th century in Mettingen the foundation stone was laid for a different kind of horsepower:

In 1909 the Machine factory Esslingen (ME) moved here. The former Daimler-Benz AG took over the Foundry of the locomotive pioneer and developed as motor of Neckar valley to the biggest employer of the region.

The Mercedes-Benz-Headquarter Untertuerkheim consists of 7 factory parts among them Mettingen with the plant management and Bruehl on the former territory of the Wuerttemberg Cotton Spinning Mill and cotton weaving.

