

KNEPPER Emil

(1875 - 1911) ¹

Echternach

Biography

(Georg) Emil KNEPPER was born in Echternach in 1875. His father, born in 1834 as Jean Pierre and later called Jules, was initially a member of the *corps de chasseurs luxembourgeois* (in the rank of *lieutenant*) and upon the dissolution of the corps in 1868 he became *Steuer-Einnehmer* (*receveur des contributions*) in Echternach. ^{2 3} He died in 1898.

In 1901 Emile KNEPPER founded a company with Victor THIRY, *Minendirektor* in Esch sur Alzette and shortly afterwards (1902), married Victor THIRY's niece Louise THIRY. Emile KNEPPER's occupation in the marriage register was recorded as *Kaufmann*, resident in Esch sur Alzette.

The object of the new company was "*An- und Verkauf von Kohlen, Koaks, Roheisen und Eisenerzen*". ⁴

Ten years later, in November 1911, Emile KNEPPER died unexpectedly at the age of 36. ⁵ Louise's brother-in-law Nicolas KERSCH-THIRY briefly stepped in until the business was sold in January 1912 to Pierre BALDAUFF, a Luxembourg engineer working for a steelwork in Aachen.

BALDAUFF kept the company's name as "Emile Knepper-Thiry, P. Baldauff succ." and in 1929 restructured it as a *société anonyme* under the name of FERROKNEPPER.

The company is still operating in 2023, albeit under the name of FERROKNEPPER-BUDERUS since 1994.

Emile KNEPPER died in 1911 in Esch sur Alzette.

¹ [FamilySearch database](#) (GK2W-RH8)

² *Biographie nationale du pays de Luxembourg*, fasc. 20, page 356

³ *L'UNION*, 18 July 1868, page 2

⁴ *Obermosel-Zeitung*, 16 April 1901, page 2

⁵ *Ein tragisches Geschick riß ihn plötzlich aus seinem blühenden, hoffnungsvollen Leben*, (*Die neue Zeit*, *Les temps nouveaux*); *Gehirnentzündung* (*Obermosel-Zeitung*).