

## Station 16 – Tithe Barn

At the eastern entrance of the Church Street, between the old rests and the replicate of the city wall and the stairs to the castle, you stand in front of the “Zehntenscheune” (Tithe Barn). It was once the fee authority for the so-called “Zehnten”, a fee in form of natural produces, which had to be paid by the farmers to their reign families.

The crest with the year 1734 still reminds of the former reign family, whereby it likely handles about a new construction or a renovation of the building. At this position had always been a Tithe Barn, which had been built in the protection of the city wall.

Today the Tithe Barn is owned by the Sickingenstadt Landstuhl. While the renovation and the remediation in 1984/85, they attached great importance to the outer appearance in order to obtain the former front. The upper floor and the roof construction carry the heavy and worth seeing oaken timbers, which are still in its originality.

In the lower part of the historic masonry, in the parlor (“gute Stube”) of the Sickingenstadt Landstuhl, many private events happen, beside urban, in the spacious premises.

In the rooms of the upper floor, the native friends Landstuhl established the “Sickingen-Museum”, which deals with Franz von Sickingen, his person and his political and spiritual development.

The courtyard of the Tithe Barn got dedicated to Martin Butzer, one of the most significant theologians of the reformation time, who fell from grace because of his attitude to Luther and who found support in the reign area Sickingen, after that.