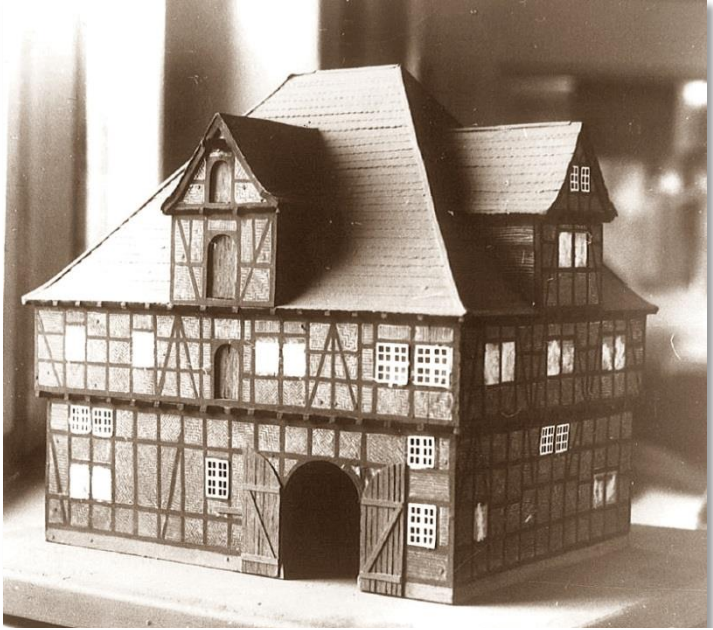


The story behind the Ratswaage Hotel

1300 until 1900

The Ratswaage Building has been existing since the beginning of the 13th century at this position. The marketers had to weigh their goods on a calibrated scale to show that they wouldn't betray. Nearby this ground, at the Old Market, they traded these goods - until this very day.



The old Ratswaage building - Picture from 1860 (city archive)

From 1330 on the Ratswaage building was used for the bakery and brewery guildhall. The guilds were wealthy and inhabited a magnificent building with a banqueting hall, beer garden and a fountain at the yard.

During the Thirty Years 'War the old Ratswaage burned down.

In 1657 the building was reconstructed and an emblem stone of the baker and brewery guild, which you still find at the façade, had been attached

The Inscription says:

"Renovated anno 1709. This old house destroyed by the gruesome flames, as the city was going down by the hand of the enemy. Stands newly constructed under friendly fate. Spending happiness and keeping its old rights. May it last until the latest years and the guild enjoying the rewards of peace. "



Emblem next to the main entrance

In 1807 the French occupied Magdeburg and acquired the bakery and brewery guild to quarter their troops.

Soon after, the building was passed to the city of Magdeburg, which let the Prussian troops stay in the Ratswaage. The construction was transformed into a barrack, which had to be enlarged because of the growing numbers of pioneers. In 1900 the relocation of the troops was inevitable due to the lack of space and the post office number 4 moved in.