

History of Neustadt an der Orla, Germany

Many of the Purfürst family members who immigrated to America once lived in and around the Saxony village of Neustadt an der Orla (Neustadt on the Orla River) Grand Duchy Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach. The village is located in the present-day German state of Thuringia.

The earliest settlement in the area of Neustadt a/O was called Moderwitz and dates back to the year AD 800. Because of somewhat marshy or peaty land conditions in the area, most construction was on somewhat higher grounds such as in the vicinity of the area castle known as Arnshaugk. Development of techniques for construction of foundations later allowed expansion of the area. Today, Modorwitz and Arnshaugk are part of Neustadt.



Market Place, Neustadt a/O, Germany

