



The exhibition shows some of the few existing objects that belonged to Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg.

The Assassin

He risked everything, and he lost everything. Before Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg came to oppose Hitler and paid for it with his life, his personal history was closely linked to Stuttgart. He grew up there in the Altes Schloss (Old Castle), during his father's tenure as senior court chamberlain to the king of Württemberg.

Stauffenberg's military career began under Germany's first democratic government, and in the Nazi Wehrmacht he enjoyed success as a high-ranking officer. But as of the summer of 1943, he became the driving force behind the movement to overthrow the Nazi terror regime. After the failed assassination attempt, he was shot to death. The exhibition shows Stauffenberg's actions in the Nazi era, and his transformation from a committed officer who was loyal to the system to a key figure in the overthrow movement.



An interactive multi-touch media table offers information about the 20 July plot.

The Overthrow Attempt

On 20 July 1944, Stauffenberg took explosives with him into the Führer's main headquarters at the Wolf's Lair near Rastenburg (today, Kętrzyn, in Poland). He wanted to kill Hitler during a meeting and overthrow the Nazi regime. As an assassin and a key leader of the overthrow attempt, he played a central role on 20 July 1944.

The overthrow movement consisted of an extensive network of individuals who belonged to a range of political and ideological camps. A media station brings to light the manifold connections among the conspirators and makes it possible to engage in biographical research.

The dramatic course of events on 20 July 1944 at various places in Germany and in the occupied territories can be reconstructed at a multi-touch media table. What happened on that day in Berlin, Prague, Paris or Stuttgart?

Stauffenberg
Memorial



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ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. *STAUFFENBERG*

An exhibition by
the Haus der Geschichte
Baden-Württemberg,
the state history museum,
at the Stauffenberg
Memorial in the Altes
Schloss (Old Castle)
in Stuttgart



The House of History Baden-Württemberg reopened the museum with a new exhibition in 2022.

The Exhibition

Who was the man who wanted to kill Adolf Hitler, and why is he so controversial today? How did the assassination attempt unfold, and who played a part in it? How was the Nazi regime to be destroyed, and who participated in the overthrow attempt? How did the events of the 20 July 1944 unfold at key places in Europe?

“Assassination attempt. Stauffenberg” is a new type of memorial: At its center is the biography of Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg, who tried to assassinate Hitler, and the overthrow attempt of 20 July 1944. An art installation examines the failed attempt, the dramatic progression of events, and the tragedy of the failure. Several of the rare original objects from Stauffenberg’s life that have been preserved are presented in special display cases.

The exhibition also illustrates how Stauffenberg as a person, and the assassination attempt, have been interpreted quite differently at different times, by different groups, and in a number of countries, in the past and up to the present. Interactive media stations make it possible to actively experience the content of the exhibition.



The Stauffenberg Memorial with its new exhibition is housed in the archival section of the Altes Schloss (Old Castle) in Stuttgart.

12:42 – The assassination attempt – a multimedia approach

At 12:42 a bomb exploded in the Führer’s main headquarters at the Wolf’s Lair. What happened on 20 July 1944? A media table in the exhibition provides the opportunity to take part in an interactive search for clues. From Stauffenberg’s ride to the Wolf’s Lair in the morning, up until the ultimate crushing of the overthrow attempt that same night in Berlin, you can follow the course of events in detail. Seek out the answers to your own questions about the story of this event!

Programs for school classes and for other groups

In addition to a TOUR THROUGH THE EXHIBITION, the memorial offers a COMBINATION TOUR that includes a nearby historical site, the “Hotel Silber.” In the workshop “PLACES OF RESISTANCE,” participants learn about stories of resistance at historical places in Stuttgart. The workshop “STAUFFENBERG AND 20 JULY 1944” focuses on Stauffenberg’s transformation from an officer who was eager to participate in warfare to an opponent of Hitler. In English on request.

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ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. STAUFFENBERG

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Booking

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