

NEW PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

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New Publications 2011

It's time for another of our "New Publications" catalogs, bringing you in one convenient spot Picton's new books and CDs (plus some of those brought back into print) from the past 18 months or so. After more than three decades in genealogical publishing, we are quite used to change and the 'interesting times' accompanying them. The introduction of CDs altered the type and manner of data presentation, but not the need for quality research. The internet has already had a major impact, and advances in DNA research are still in their infancy. Today vast amounts of original data are newly available, sometimes on-line and sometimes published more traditionally, while the attention span of most Americans continues to shorten. Day by day, Tweet by Tweet, we seem to know about more and more things - in a less and less detailed manner.

One thing has never changed in these three decades: Picton Press' commitment to top quality research and top quality publications. The names on our Editorial Board over the years say it all: Joe Anderson, Jane Fiske, Hank Jones, Brigitte Burkett and Lew Rohrbach, plus the late Van Wood, Justice David Nichols and Betty White. Each of them has made major contributions to the field, and continue to do so today.

As usual I'll remind you that longer descriptions of all of our close to 1,000 books and over 1,000 CDs can be found on our web site at www.pictonpress.com, and of course secure credit card ordering is available there too.

Note to our Library friends: we are working together with Staatsarchiv Bern (who is doing the heavy lifting) to develop a secure method for libraries to offer the contents of copyrighted CDs without worrying about CD duplication and CD degradation. We hope to have news for you by the end of the year.

June 2011

Lewis Bunker Rohrbach

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GENEALOGIES



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, Descendants of the Signers of the, Volume 4, Second Edition. 586pp, 13,405 entry Every Name Index, hard cover. 2010. #1902 \$54.95

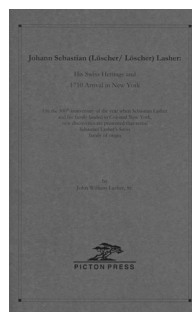
The Rev. Frederick W. Pyne has compiled the first register ever published of all known descendants of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, one of America's most important and most beloved documents. He worked from the application files of the Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, together with the massive manuscript compiled by Frank W. Leach almost one hundred years ago, and many other published sources.

Volume 4 Covers the descendants of the nine signers who represented the state of Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross.

LASHER, JOHANN SEBASTIAN: His Swiss Heritage and 1710 Arrival in New York. By John William Lasher, Sr. 56pp, saddle-stitched booklet. 2010. #2300 \$14.95

On the 300th anniversary of the year when Sebastian Lasher (Lüscher/ Löscher) and his family landed in Colonial New York, new discoveries are presented that reveal Sebastian Lasher's Swiss family of origin.

Johann Sebastian Lasher was the patriarch of the Lasher family who arrived in Colonial New York in 1710 as part of the Palatine emigration to America. The genealogy lines flowing from Sebastian Lasher are well documented in Eileen Lasher Powers' book *Lasher Genealogy*. However, for three centuries no one had been able to identify Sebastian Lasher's family of origin. All that was known about Sebastian was that he came to Colonial New York as part of a large



emigration that originated primarily in Germany. Now, like a puzzle, bits and pieces of information have been gathered and put together to finally solve this 300 year old mystery.

(ROHRBACH) JOHANN GEORG ROHRBACH of Berks County, Pennsylvania with Twelve Generations of his Rohrbach and Rorabaugh Descendants. 850+ pages, 25,000+ entry Every Name Index, hard cover, dustjacket. Delivery in October 2011. # 2326 \$89.95



Johann Georg Rohrbach, a 1732 immigrant from Germany to Pennsylvania, founded a large and thriving family in Berks County, PA. In this massive compilation, award-winning genealogist Lewis Bunker Rohrbach documents twelve generations of his Rohrbach and Rorabaugh descendants, who have spread throughout the length and breadth of America, vastly expanding on his 280 page account published in 1977.

The picture to the left shows Jacob Rohrbach (c1490-1525), a leader in the 1525 Peasants' Revolt in Germany, at his execution. Johann Georg Rohrbach came from the same tiny area of Germany near Heilbronn and probably is a relative although not necessarily a descendant. While 1525 seems ancient history to us, almost five hundred years later, it wasn't so to Johann Georg Rohrbach. He was born roughly 175 years after the revolt – to him it was only a bit further back in time than the Civil War is to us today.

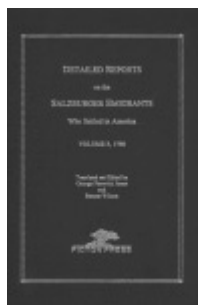
(ROHRBACH) JOHANNES ROHRBACH AND JOHANN HENRICH ROHRBACH of 1710 New York with Fifteen Generations of their German ancestors and American Descendants. Ca. 900 pp, 30,000+ entry Every Name Index. Delivery in 2012 # 2327 Price not set

Johannes Rohrbach arrived in New York City in 1710 accompanied by his cousin Johann Henrich Rohrbach (who left no descendants). In the past 300 years, Johannes Rohrbach's descendants have spread to every corner

of America. Like so many early German-speaking immigrants, today his descendants use a wide variety of surname spellings, including Roraback, Rorabeck, Rohrabacher, Roorbach, Rorabacher, Rorapaugh, Roripaugh, etc. This is the first full-length published account of this rather large family. Award-winning genealogist Lewis Bunker Rohrbach published a 76-page summary in 1970, which this comprehensive account supercedes.

GEORGIA

DETAILED REPORTS on the Salzburger Emigrants Who Settled in America. By J. M. Boltzius and I. C. Gronau. Edited by Samuel Urlsperger. Translated by Dr. George Fenwick Jones and others.



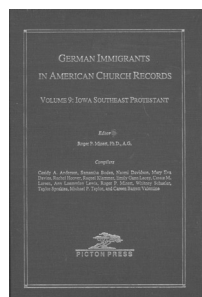
This is an important primary source for students of Germanic genealogy in America's South, for colonial historians generally, and for all others interested in 18th century Lutheran affairs. These eighteen volumes offer a firsthand account into the daily lives of some Georgia's earliest, most extraordinary, and most industrious settlers.

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Volume 5: 1738. 376 pages, hard cover. 2010	# 1535 \$49.95
Volume 8: 1741. 592 pages, hard cover. 2010	# 1538 \$65.95

IOWA

GERMAN IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS: VOLUME 9 IOWA SOUTHEAST PROTESTANT. By Roger P. Minert, PhD, A.G. 548pp, 17,093 entry Every Name Index. 2010.
#2288 \$69.95



Researchers often overlook or simply do not recognize the existence of local church records. What is known to be

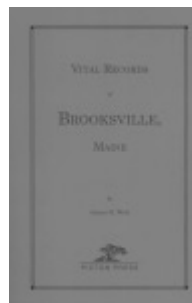
the most valuable and accessible source of vital data in Germany actually existed in the United States in similar formats. German clerics were often numbered among the emigrants, and those men (whether Catholic or Protestant) were either required to continue the recording of vital data, or simply chose to do so as a traditional aspect of their service. In literally thousands of instances, researchers find that church records kept in churches where the language and culture were German contain very much the same information that is usually included in churches of Germany: baptisms, marriages, burials, confirmations and lists of communicants.

This book is the ninth in a series of compilations of names and personal data of immigrants from Germany found in parish records in various states in the US. Southeast Iowa was chosen for this ninth volume. Counties included are: Benton, Linn, Jasper, Poweshiek, Iowa, Johnson, Muscatine, Marion, Keokuk, Washington, Wapello, Henry, Des Moines and Lee.

MAINE

BROOKSVILLE, Maine, Vital Records of. Compiled by James H. Wick. 282pp, 9,948 entry Every Name Index, paperback. 2010. **#2267 \$39.95**

The town of Brooksville is located in the county of Hancock and is the most southwesterly town in the county. The town is almost an island, being bounded on all sides by Penobscot Bay and connecting waters except where it joins its neighboring town of Sedgewick.



DOVER-FOXCROFT, Maine, Vital Records of. *Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 67.* Compiled by John F. Battick, Ph.D. and Nancy Klimavicz Battick, M.A. 3 Volumes: 876pp, 768pp and 324pp. 61,300 entry Every Name Index. Hard cover. 2011. **#2213 \$249.95**



John and Nancy Battick have transcribed a wealth of data from the records of Dover-Foxcroft from the time of each town's individual incorporation to a short period after the towns were merged together. The towns were each settled

early, Dover in 1799 (incorporated in 1822) and Foxcroft in 1806 (incorporated in 1812) and the towns were merged together in 1822.

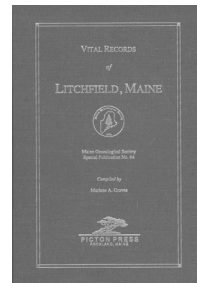
Fortunately for genealogists each town kept numerous records with none lost or missing although the condition of the original volumes varies greatly. Along with the usual births, deaths and marriages the Batticks have discovered pew deeds, ear marks of settlers, with original images incorporated into the text.

There was an influx of immigrants from Canada, Scandinavia, Lithuania and other areas in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries adding to considerable confusion in the recording of foreign-sounding names.

Many folks were recorded in the records for these towns who never actually settled there so it is conceivable many researchers will find an ancestor who was born or married in either of these towns. Well worth having on your bookshelf!

LITCHFIELD, Maine, Vital Records of. *Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 64.* Compiled by Marlene A. Groves. 608pp, 24,919 entry Every Name Index. 2010. **#2277 \$79.50**

The town of Litchfield is located in the southwestern corner of Kennebec County and is sixteen miles south-southwest of Augusta, the state capitol. The town was settled early and a survey in 1776 gives the names of these early settlers and the location of their lots. They were Benjamin Hinckley with lot 1, Eliphalet Smith with lot 2, Barnabus Baker with lot 3, Thomas Smith with lot 4, Benjamin Smith with lot 5 and Barnabus Baker Jr. with lot 6. The town was first called Smithfield Plantation and incorporated as the 93rd town in Maine on 18 February 1795. Between 1827 and 1867 land was set off from Litchfield to the towns of Wales, Kennebec, West Gardiner and Webster.



MILBRIDGE, Maine, Vital Records of. Compiled by Diana Huckins Bartlett. 364pp, 11,375 entry Every Name Index, paperback. 2010. **#2269 \$54.95**

The town of Milbridge is located in Washington County, thirty miles west southwest of the county seat of Machias, at



the mouth of the Narraguagus River. The town was incorporated from a portion of the town of Harrington on July 14, 1848 as the 375th town in Maine. Records include births 1848-1900, marriage and marriage intentions 1848-1900 and deaths 1892-1900.

ORLAND, Maine, Vital Records of. *Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 65.* Compiled by James H. Wick. 426pp, 14,106 entry Every Name Index; hard cover. 2010. #2286 \$69.95



The town of Orland is located in Hancock County, 17 miles west of Ellsworth. Granted to W. Dall, Nathaniel Snellings, Robert Treat and others in Boston. It was first settled by Joseph Gross from Fort Pownal in 1764. Zachariah Gross, his son, was the first male child born there in 1766. The first road was laid out in 1771 by John Hancock and Samuel Craig. Orland was incorporated on Feb. 21, 1800. Prior to that date it was known as Eastern River Township, or Plantation No. 2.

ROCKLAND, MAINE Newspapers, Early. Issues of *Lime Rock Gazette*, *Rockland Gazette* and *The Courier Gazette* 1846–1950 plus the *Rockland Free Press* 1859–1889, the *Rockland Daily Star* 1899–1906 and the *Rockland Opinion* 1875–1917. All on DVDs.

In 1846 the first newspaper established in Rockland, Maine was called the *Lime Rock Gazette*, followed by the *Rockland Gazette* in 1851. By 1882 the name had been changed to *The Courier Gazette*, which it remained until just a few years ago when it was taken over by the *Village Soup*. These early

issues contain a wealth of records for the day. Not only will the reader find records of births, marriages and deaths, but daily news as it happened, news from local area towns, more information about local marriages than you can glean from town vital records, obituaries containing information about surviving relatives plus location of burials, and even an occasional local murder which was covered in graphic detail. Although this newspaper was

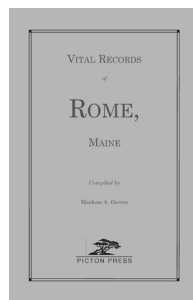


based in Rockland, many of the articles covered news from other nearby towns.

<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1846–1872	#2303 \$99.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1873–1889	#2304 \$99.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1890–1902	#2305 \$99.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1903–1911	#2306 \$79.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1912–1918	#2307 \$79.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1919–1925	#2308 \$79.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1926–1933	#2309 \$79.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1934–1941	#2310 \$79.95
<i>Courier Gazette</i> 1942–1950	#2311 \$79.95
All 9 <i>Courier</i> DVDs	#2312 \$599.95
<i>Free Press</i> 1859–1889	#2313 \$69.96
<i>Daily Star</i> 1899–1906	#2314 \$119.95
<i>Opinion</i> 1875–1917	#2315 \$119.95

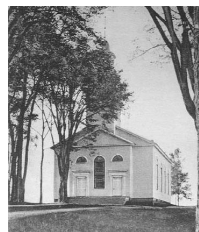
ROME, Maine, Vital Records of. Transcribed by Marlene A. Groves. 152pp, 4,671 entry Every Name Index; paperback. 2010. #2293 \$27.95

The town of Rome is situated in the northwesterly part of Kennebec County and is nineteen miles from Augusta, the county seat and capital of the State of Maine. The town was settled in about 1780 and previously was designated as West Pond Plantation. On March 7, 1804 the town was incorporated as the 149th town in the State of Maine and was renamed Rome. Parts of the town were set off to Mount Vernon in 1814, to Vienna in 1815 and 1840 and to Belgrade in 1845 and 1897.



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SEARSPORT, Maine Vital Records of Prior to 1892. Transcribed by Elizabeth M. Mosher. soft cover. 352pp, 3,470 entry Every Name Index. 2011 (1993). # 1448s \$44.95

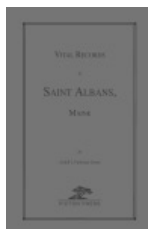


Originally part of Prospect and Belfast, Searsport was set off and incorporated in 1845. This volume includes all the Searsport vital records plus abstracted Penobscot County marriage returns relating to Searsport residents.

The original records of Searsport are found in several volumes. All vital records recorded in these volumes have been meticulously copied by Elizabeth M. Mosher from microfilms of those records and verified when necessary against the original records. In addition to the original Searsport vital records, Elizabeth Mosher also abstracted from the Penobscot County marriage records all returns relating to Searsport residents.

ST. ALBANS, Maine, Vital Records of. Compiled by Ardell J. Parkman Lynds. 228pp, 7,097 entry Every Name Index; paperback. 2010.

#2200 \$34.95



Saint Albans is a small town in Somerset County, located 25 miles north-east of Skowhegan, the county seat and 50 miles north of Augusta. It was first settled in 1800 and designated as 5R4 NWP: Township No. 5, Fourth Range North of the Waldo Patent. It was originally called Fairhaven and was incorporated as Saint Albans, the 198th town, on June 14, 1813.

SKOWHEGAN, Maine, Vital Records of. Compiled by Sally Furber Nelson. 460pp, 17,194 entry Every Name Index, paperback. 2010.

#2255 \$69.95

Skowhegan, the county seat of Somerset County, is located on the Kennebec River north of Augusta. The first settlers in this area were two farmers from Massachusetts, Peter Heywood and Joseph Weston and their families.

The town now known as Skowhegan has been known by several other names. The first settlers called the area Canaan, but Howardston and Heywoodston were also used. In 1814 the town of Bloomfield was set off from Canaan; it included all of the territory on the west side of the Kennebec River as well as the islands. On 5 February 1823 Milburn was separated from Canaan and became the 251st town incorporated in Maine. On 25 March 1836 the name of the town of Milburn was changed to Skowhegan, the old Indian name for the Falls, since this was once the territory of the Norridgewock tribe of the Abenaki Indians. Bloomfield was annexed to Skowhegan March 4, 1861. Land from



Norridgewock, Fairfield, and Cornville was added to create the present boundaries of the town.

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VINALHAVEN, Maine, Vital Records of Prior to 1892. Transcribed by Elizabeth M. Mosher. 328pp. 13,207 entry Every Name Index, soft cover. 2011 (2004, 2000, 1994) **#1465s \$49.95**

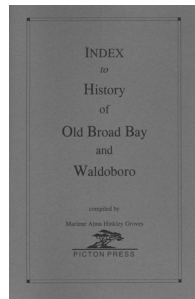
Vinalhaven, first settled in 1765 as South Fox Island, is well known and much beloved by both Mainers and summer folk. North Haven, split off in 1846, is almost as well known today as its parent island; the North Haven records are of course included here until 1846. Betsey Mosher has once again done a meticulous and exact transcription of all of the vital records of this town from its founding until the State of Maine took over registration of vital records in 1892.

A massive Every Name Index makes every part of this work available to you. Many island families are related to those on the mainland; this book is a valuable addition to any serious Maine genealogical library.



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WALDOBORO, Maine, Index to Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro, by Marlene Groves. 72pp booklet, 11,008 entry index. 2011 (1997) **#1799 \$12.95**

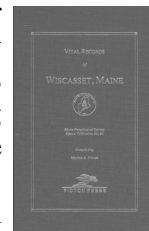


Stahl's classic history of the German-speaking immigration into the Broad Bay area of Maine in the 1730s and 1740s, has always irritated researchers with its inadequate index. Here Marlene Groves unlocks all of the data hidden in Stahl – over eleven thousand entries in all!

WISCASSET, Maine, Vital Records of. *Maine Genealogical Society Special Publication No. 66.* Compiled by Marlene A. Groves. 640 pages, 24,339 entry Every Name Index; hard cover. 2011. #2292 \$84.95

The town of Wiscasset is situated on the Sheepscot River in the southeastern part of Lincoln County and is the county seat. The town was first settled in 1663 but the settlement was abandoned during the French and Indian Wars and the King Philip's War in 1675. Not until 1730 did settlers return to the area.

The town was first included in the region called South Precinct of Pownalborough. The town of Pownalborough was incorporated as the twelfth town in Maine on February 13, 1760 and originally included what are now the towns of Wiscasset, Dresden, Alna and Swan Island. Land was set off forming the towns of Dresden and Alna on June 25, 1794 with the name of Pownalborough being retained for the remaining portion until June 10, 1802 when it was then changed to Wiscasset.



MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON INVESTIGATOR NEWSPAPER. 1837–1840. DVD.

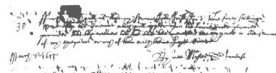
#2319 \$29.95



This DVD contains images of the *Boston Investigator* between 1837 and 1840 in PDF format. These records will be of interest to the historical researcher, the genealogist, and anyone just interested in reading articles from a bygone era. Even if you are only interested in the advertisements of the day for various elixirs and other remedies for various ailments, you will not be disappointed.

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PLYMOUTH COLONY WILLS AND INVENTORIES VOLUME 1: 1633-1669 by C. H. Simmons Jr. Introduction by Jeremy Bangs, Ph.D., 602pp, paperback, 3,196 entry Every Name Index. 2011 (1996) # 1608 \$69.95

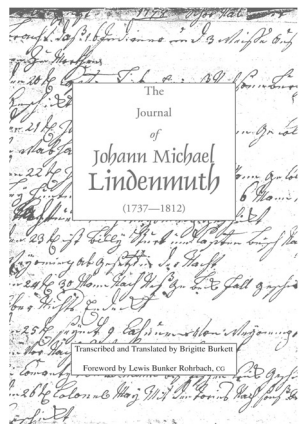


Plymouth Colony – the very name sends shivers of anticipation down researchers' spines. Mr. Simmons has transcribed verbatim et literatim, all of the wills and inventories of Plymouth Colony between 1633 and 1669. Every page of the original record is reproduced here, typeset, on a separate page exactly as it is found in the original. This is a Mayflower research tool you will find useful again and again.

A lengthy and scholarly new Introduction by Dr. Jeremy Bangs, Guest Curator of Manuscripts, The Pilgrim Society adds considerably to the value of this work. Dr. Bangs is a widely known and highly respected authority on the Pilgrims – every Mayflower researcher should read his introduction!

PENNSYLVANIA

(LINDENMUTH) JOURNAL OF JOHANN MICHAEL LINDENMUTH 1737-1812. Transcribed and translated by Brigitte Burkett. 128pp. 5½" x 8½", soft cover, 1,102 entry Every Name Index. 2011 (2000). # 1943 \$23.95



Johann Michael Indenmuth (1737-1812) has left us one of the better day-to-day journals of the French & Indian War as well as a brief journal of his service in the Revolutionary War. Only 15 when his parents brought the family from the Odenwald in Germany to Pennsylvania, within a few short years Johann Michael Lindenmuth was entangled in a war even more vicious than those the family had left behind in Europe. Young Lindenmuth enlisted in 1756, barely 19, for three years to fight “die Indianer und Franzoßen”. His father, also named Johann Michael Lindmuth, enlisted only two weeks later.

The Revolutionary War portion of his journal begins in 1778 and continues through to the end of hostilities. In keeping with his laconic manner, he does not mention his appointment 10 May 1780 as Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth Battalion of Militia in Berks County, Pennsylvania, but the actual 1780 certificate was found with the journal. This section of the journal is less detailed than that covering the French & Indian war, yet even it will be of interest to historians and genealogists.

Rounding out this unique and valuable journal is a genealogical account by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, CG of the Lindenmuth family from about 1635 and continuing until Johann Michael Lindenmuth's death in 1812. Brigitte Burkett has done a masterful transcription and translation of the original German diary, which itself is now lost.

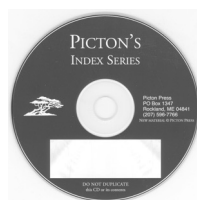
MÜHLENBERG, Heinrich Melchior Correspondence of Volume 4: 1757-1762. Translated and edited by Wolfgang Splitter and Timothy J. Wengert. 432pp. Frontispiece, Index of Names and Places, Scriptural index. Hard cover. 2010. **#2287 \$69.95**

This is the fourth volume of the translation of the correspondence of The Rev. H. M. Mühlenberg, which has never before been published in English. Rev. Mühlenberg was one of the seminal figures in the origins of the Lutheran Church in America, and a fascinating man in his own right.

Researchers interested in Colonial America, in early Lutheran affairs, and in the genealogy and social organization of German-speaking settlers in Pennsylvania in the 18th century will want to add this book to their library. Libraries with sections on any of the above will also want a copy of this scholarly limited-edition book.



FOREIGN



GERMAN-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICAN CHURCH RECORDS AND OTHER SOURCES. CD. 2010. **#2299 \$29.95**

Compilation of indexes to many of the German-Speaking books published by Picton Press. 477,163 entry Every Name Index. 8,839 pages, in PDF format.

(SWITZERLAND) GUIDE TO SWISS GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, 2nd Edition. By Lewis Bunker Rohrbach. 192 pages, paperback. 2010. # 2297 \$29.95

Here is an invaluable guide for Americans researching their Swiss ancestors whether they came to North America in the 17th, 18th, or 19th centuries. This is just an introductory guide and was not designed to cover the entire subject of Swiss genealogy or history.

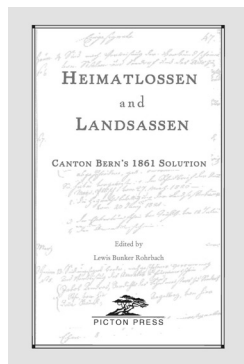
This guide tells the researcher what resources are available, whether in the form of printed books found in many libraries, CDs available for purchase from Picton Press or microfilms available for loan through LDS Family History Libraries.

Once you have established where in Switzerland your ancestors originally were from, the remainder of your research will not vary too much regardless of whether your people came to North America in 1610, 17010, 1810, or 1910.

With this guide you will discover that a great majority of early records have survived (note the CDs which Picton Press is offering of church books for Canton Bern) so that you can do quite a bit of your own research without having to leave this country.



(SWITZERLAND) HEIMATLOSSEN & LANDSASSEN Canton Bern's 1861 Solution. Edited by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach. 160pp. 3,793 entry Every Name Index. Soft cover. 2010. #2276 \$34.95



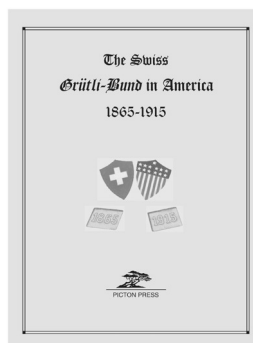
This is a unique book: essentially a census of 1% of Canton Bern residents who previously had left hardly any paper trail at all. Unlike other Federal census rolls of the time which only gave information with no names, this detailed list gives us family groups, birth years, occupations, and on and on – dream information for any genealogist doing Swiss research. The people covered were all Swiss citizens who didn't have a Gemeinde to call their own, and now – thanks to this crucial list – they finally do. Lewis Bunker Rohrbach has provided us with yet another sterling publication that should be on the

bookshelf of every serious family historian with Swiss ancestry and in the genealogical collections of libraries worldwide.

(SWITZERLAND) THE SWISS GRÜTLI-BUND IN AMERICA 1865-1915. 286 pages, 5,982 entry Name Index, illustrations, photos. Soft cover, 8 ½ x 11. 2011 # **2321 \$37.95**

From a genealogists' viewpoint *The Swiss Grütli-Bund in America 1865-1915* has a significant benefit: it is an extremely valuable research tool for finding the exact Swiss origins of some 6,000 Swiss individuals and families who arrived in America between 1865 and 1915.

In the original 1915 book, which is in German, Sigbert Meier included not only a comprehensive history of the *Grütli-Bund*, but he also listed the full name of every living member as of 1 Dec 1915, together with the year, place and canton of their birth, plus their occupation and the year they joined the *Grütli-Bund*. This new book contains many additions to the 1915 edition: "Publisher's Foreword", a lengthy 18-page article "Portrait of an Immigrant Society: The North American *Grütli-Bund*, 1865-1915" by Leo Schelbert and Urspeter Schelbert, and a new 5,982 entry Name Index (all three of which are in English).



(SWITZERLAND) BERNISCHE FEUERSTÄTTEVERZEICHNIS 1653 DVD #5235 \$59.95

This DVD contains the assessments of the various Gemeinden in Canton Bern for the costs of fire in 1653. These lists include the names of the taxpayers in each of the Gemeinden, and are a unique source for these data. For the serious historian or genealogist these are unique documents.

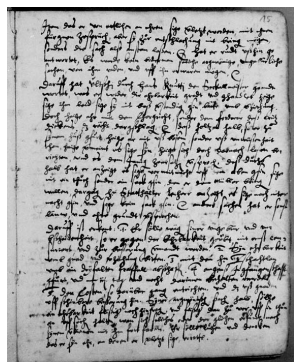
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