

## INTRODUCTION

This is the English translation of the Gruetli Community Church records that were kept from the beginning of the Swiss Colony in 1869, and preserved over the years by the Wichser family.

The book was translated from the original German to English by Dr. Fritz Stein of Cleveland, Ohio in 1968. He is a director of the Garfield Heights Public Library and an instructor at Case Western Reserve University.

Some of the letters and words, which were written in German script, were not very legible and therefore made it difficult to decipher. He did an excellent job although he was not familiar with the names of the people or the locations. Some of the names are spelled different in different sections of the book and this is because different people served as secretary and had different ways of writing and spelling.

The main reason for having this translation made was for the purpose of making our children aware of the activities of their ancestors, Fred and Barbara Wichser, and the part they had in making America the "land of the free". They were concerned about the welfare of those about them and believed in law, order, honesty, and hard work. This is the heritage they left to us and to our children.

Winced and Dorothy Mayes

PROTOCOL  
of  
THE COMMUNITY SWITZERLAND  
GRUNDY COUNTY - STATE OF TENNESSEE  
Started on April 11, 1869

According to the herewith notified community of Grundy County, Tennessee and by the Church Council this book is to be used only as church records.

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Where God does not watch over a town, there the watchman, watches in vain.

God, build yourself a house of Peace on this hill and make out of it your lovely home. Your word be its guide forever.

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Citizens List of the Political Community  
Switzerland

Blauenstein  
Waegelin, Rudolf  
Lanz, Heinrich  
Lanz, Jb.  
Nocher, Anton  
Zimmerl, Joh.  
Schild, Peter  
Thoeni, Melchior  
Kuechen, Joh.  
Studer, Anton  
Casper Schild  
Gessler, Jakob  
Stoher, Inou  
Hofstetter, Christ.  
Heller, Joseph  
Schwarz, Joh.  
Schwarz, George  
Weiss, Ulrich  
Egli, Joh.  
Miescher, G.  
Bollinger, Jh.  
Schneider, Jh.  
Bahnholzer, Andr.  
Gruttiger, Jh.  
Stocker, Joseph  
Schwarz, Jb.  
Sticklaus, Jh.  
Jahner, Ulrich  
Nidegger, Gottlieb  
Kissling, Joh.  
Kissling, Peter  
Baumgartner, Joh.  
Bertschinger, Joh.  
Lurri, J.  
Schwarz, Jh.

Lehman, Carl  
Schild, Joh.  
Joh. Gruicher  
Schild, Petr  
Fluri, Jh.  
Fluri, Joseph  
Zuercher, Joh.  
Born, Friedrich  
Fawer, Friedrich  
Fawer, Carl  
Buetlicher, H.  
Vom Mohr, Lenhard  
Schlazbach, Jh.  
Blumenstein, Fred  
Blumenstein, G.  
Bezeler, Joh.  
Abbuehl, Casper  
Alburn, G.  
Kissling, Alois  
Haerberli, Christ  
Zwald, Melchior  
Alois Fuigaur  
Stuecki, Carl  
Zeglin, Casper  
Hofliger, C.  
Ruf, Chris  
Sailer, Jh.  
Amacher, Chris.  
Kreis, Casper  
Kottach, J.  
Schaerrrer, Jh.  
Vogt, J.  
Werdmueller, Nikl.  
Werdmueller, Jh.

Mueller, Fried.  
Buhler, Fried.  
Kneubuehl, Fried.  
Gnaeburt, Melchior  
Maeder, Jh.  
Scholler, Jh.  
Amstutz, J.  
Zimmerman, Ulrich  
Berger, Edward  
Guggenberger, Jh.  
Guggenberger, J.  
Von Gunten, Fried.  
Dietrich, Joh.  
Ott, Carl  
Gruttiger, Jh.  
Roth, Carl  
Oertli, Leonhard  
Ruch, Jh.  
Genggeller, Ant. near the  
colony  
Baur, Ulrich  
Holzfader, Casper  
Grender, J.  
Schoenman  
Luel  
Sehr, Jacob  
The Brothers Bradi  
Bader  
Bucher, Joh.  
Bischof

124. Hiberius Luchtinger and wife  
 gone 125. Barbara nee  
 " 126. Joachim Wirz

On the 6th of December the following were confirmed:

" 127. Jacob Ruch  
 " 128. Julius Studer  
 " 129. Johann Zopfie  
 130. Jacob Schoenemann  
 " 131. Elisabeth Zoepfie  
 died 132. Anna Angst  
 gone 133. Elisabeth Gruetter  
 134. Anna Heer  
 135. ? Lauzinger, Casper  
 " 136. Mrs. Boesch, Susanna nee Schweizer  
 " 137. Mrs. Moritz, Sophie nee Roth  
 " 138. Mrs. Buetticker, Lucia nee Sprecker  
 139. Heinrich Sigrist and wife  
 " 140. Catherina nee Hiller, 3 unconfirmed children Enid 13,  
 Friedrich 12, Elisa 9  
 " 141. Burkhard Lagara and wife  
 " 142. Regula nee Lagra  
 " 143. Albert Gruendlie  
 " 144. His wife Anna nee Bublue-accepted May 9, 1880  
 " 145. Salaiwa Sigrist and his wife  
 died 146. Verena nee Bauer -accepted May 16, 1880  
 gone 147. Rudolf Schild  
 148. Kissling, Carl Johannes  
 died 149. Hofstetter, Christian No. 148-152 by adoption 1880.  
 gone 150. Ragula Zwald, Melchior  
 " 151. Elisabeth Maeder, Jacob  
 " 152. Elisabeth Stocker, August

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" 153. David Zopfie  
 " 154. William Schild  
 " 155. Kaspar Heer  
 156. Victor Fluri No 153-160-by confirmation 1882  
 157. Emil Sigrist  
 158. Friedrich Siegrist  
 " 159. Adolf Clening  
 " 160. Katherina Ruch  
 161. Von Rohr, Leonhard R.  
 162. " " Elisabeth, his wife  
 163. Flury, Henry  
 164. " Elisabeth, his wife  
 165. Schlageter, Ignatz  
 " 166. Adolf Clenin, father  
 " 167. Emma Clenin, his wife  
 " 168. Martha Clenin  
 died 169. Meinrad Hermann Schlageter admitted-December 24, 1887  
 170. Margritha Rissling " " " "  
 171. Ann von Rohr  
 172. Jacob Kutschmann

### INTRODUCTION

Since all of the matters of the colony have been discussed and carried out by the Gruetli organization, until there will be incorporation of the community, and since most of these matters had to do with the colony, it has been decided by the population to include their entire minutes of protocol of the community in this introduction.

#### I Organization of the Club

For the opening ceremonies of the Gruetli there assembled this Sunday afternoon, the 11th of April, all those Swiss citizens who settled in this area. The speaker chose this name, in a meaningful way, and he mentioned how the small number of those who had assembled on a mountain meadow 550 years ago, and he also said how much blessing and happiness had come out of that event and how Austria's dictatorship had fallen before the determination of the Swiss. They (Swiss) risked their blood and their homes over the centuries, for the higher place of freedom, and still today our brothers at home enjoy this freedom. We, too, now must further the founding of a Swiss colony and we must see to it that this colony will thrive. We shall not reach this goal by means of powder and lead, but rather through peaceful weapons of the fields and through the fruits of the forest. However, steadfastness, courage and perseverance is a must, a social democratic outlook must be within us and a selfless way of acting must be our foundation to reach our goal, namely to enrich our colony and to keep it going. Unity and calm be foremost at all of our gatherings and only then will the Almighty Leader not refuse to help our fate, with our will to prosper. Thus will blessings and good things come out of this place, for those who come after us and thus will we become useful citizens of our adoptive fatherland.

With a cheer to the representative of our fatherland Mr. General consul Hitz, under whose good guidance this Gruetli became ours, we began to sing songs of far away (Switzerland) and thus heartily the organization ceremonies were concluded.

On the second of May the text of the statutes was accepted and the following persons were elected as our leaders: Heinrich Schwarz of Gruetli, President; Rudolf Wegelin from Beersheba Spring, Vice-president; and Jakob Schneider from the Long Mill, actuary. At this meeting Mr. Emil Pluemacher, was present and he was elected as President of the colony by the Swiss Immigration Club. Since he was the originator of the project, he spoke of the early difficulties and of those still in the offing and he mentioned that no official plans had been drawn for the colony, but he hoped that with help this would be done quickly. He asked the colonists to have patience with his promises to settle the affairs of the colony as quickly as possible.

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On the 31st of May the pact which had been signed by Col. Hugher and Mr. Plumacher came to an end. Under this pact 30 families were to have been settled on the land of the colony. The Gruetli organization found out that Col. Hugher was no more willing to keep the pact since he felt that Plumacher did not keep his word nor his pledge in accordance with the pact. This news caused the organization to send a letter for help by the Generalconsul at its meeting of the sixth of June. This letter had the results which were expected and during our meeting on the 4th of July two deputies of the Generalconsul, Mr. Wermuth and Mr. Peter Staub arrived together with Col. Hugher to examine the facts in this case. The first secretary, Mr. Wermuth, suggested that a conscientious report be made to the high Swiss representative and Mr.

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Wermuth then wished to take down the words spoken by the mouths of everyone and to put down the mood and wishes of everyone. With honesty everyone declared that they liked the climate and the location of the colony and that they would, one by one, be able to establish their own existence, but above all they wished that the colony would be established with haste so that the work could be carried on.

Col. Hugher declared himself to be willing to go into a new contract with the colonist, to which the two representatives agreed and said that they would try to get as good as possible a contract for the colonists.

In accordance with this contract all the 50 acre lots that were lying along the street were given free and those which were in the background were offered to the colonists at 1 dollar per acre. This change in the contract caused another problem, since the lands just chosen belonged to a variety of owners who did not wish to let the land go at such cheap prices, but after manysided attempts it finally came about that the first auction of land was set for the 16th of August, on which day Mr. Lincoln W. Hill and the most important landowners, those of 5000 acres, came.

Protocol of the community meeting of the 16th of August in Gruetli Forenoon 10 AM.

The protocols of the meetings of the 6th of June and of the 4th and 18th of July were read and unanimously approved. Thereafter the president of the organization spoke about colonial happenings up until that time.

The committee chairman of the organization suggested that the community should constitute itself on that day, should make a choice of governing officials, which from that time on should have the power to bring decisions to their conclusion.

The committee chairman then suggested that the following matters should be gone over:

- 1.) Decision should be made regarding the opening of the lands and auction of same on that day.

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- 2.) Mark down those who have the right to participate in the auction.
  - 3.) Choice of someone to represent those named from their midst.
  - 4.) Making of an organization contract with the engineer Ladner to measure lots.

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- 5.) Partial payment for costs involved in measuring lots.
- 6.) Choice of lots by lottery.
- 7.) Make a decision to carry out the labor by statute.
- 8.) Unforeseen matters.

The order of the day declared valid.

In regard to the opening of the lands the notice which was sent to the organization by Mr. Wermuth, dated in Knoxville as of July 10th, and which was also presented to the Highconsul general, was read. From this it was gathered that just such lands and no others than those given by Mr. Lincoln W. Hill were to be considered. The exactness with the pact on the one hand, the satisfactory assurances by Mr. Lincoln W. Hill and the two other gentlemen present, caused the organization to take over the lands and to start the auction of these same lands that day.

The plan of auction showed that after subtracting the lands for school and for streets that there were still 48 lots available. It was decided that all of these should be ordered to be auctioned off. Since there were 52 who had offered themselves to draw four of them not living within the community were made invalid.

48 citizens were then chosen to draw lots. Their names were to be announced at the time of the drawing. Per suggestion of Mr. Bauer the choice of a chairman of the group was postponed until the arrival of Highconsul general. In the name of the future chairman Mr. Bauer read the pact which was gone into by the community. This was accepted by voice vote. In regard to covering the costs of the organization the following was done:

- a.) Accept those bills which were presented by Mr. Plumacher until the Highconsul has caused them to be invalid.
- b.) Anyone who is not to be held responsible by the above costs and who will participate in the auction of today will pay 4 dollars to those who will measure their land.

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There was a sum of 11 dollars left over after the entire measuring of the land. This was to be paid by the end of November, with thirty days allowance. In case of nonpayment for lots to be measured the community would take responsibility for such lots at its disgression.

In regards to the labor agreement by statute it was decided that those who take possession of their lots by November 1 should be responsible. If anyone should be late in taking the lot he held he will be responsible to the sum of 1 dollar a day for the payment

of workers. For those not present at the drawing of the lots, but who did receive lots, it was decided to give them written knowledge of this and to ask them to pay the first payment within one month of receipt of notification. This to be done to the organization, as well as the payment of labor agreement. Whoever does not follow up on this duty within a month stands to lose his land.

A recess was called until 2 o'clock.

In the beginning of the afternoon session the checks of Mr. Plummer were presented and payments of four dollars each were made in accordance with the action taken in the morning. Also action was taken regarding those who lived far away and did not attend. The auction went on quietly and in good order and it had the following results:

- No. 6. Leonhard vonMohr, exchanged with Carl Kurdin No. 7.
- No. 4. Caspar Fuchs. Withdrawn by the community. Anton Mocher.
- No. 3. Jakob Lenz.
- No. 14. Inou Stocher.
- No. 16. Heinrich Lenz.
- No. 12. Benedikt Studer.
- No. 1. Jakob Sehr.
- No. 24. Anton Gengeller by means of Purchase by John Bahnhofler.
- No. 5. Joseph Stocher the elder.
- No. 13. Caspar Schild

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- No. 2. Rudolph Wegelin
- No. 30. John Stauffer/exchanged with No. 54.
- No. 9. Conrad Bolli
- No. 38. Joseph Burri
- No. 39. Anton Stocker.
- No. 19. Ulrich Weiss
- No. 18. Heinrich Schwarz from the Long Mill
- No. 8. George Schwarz " " " "
- No. 21. Samuel Mueller, at this time Mischen
- No. 10. Melchior Thony
- No. 36. Jh. Bertschinger.
- No. 31. August Werdmüller
- No. 34. Peter Riessling
- No. 23. Jakob Schneider.
- No. 17. Carl Zehnter, at this time G. Heller
- No. 11. Jos. Kychen.
- No. 28. Joseph Stocker.
- No. 22. Jakob Bollinger
- No. 20. Heinrich Egli.
- No. 32. Heinrich Wagner.
- No. 35. Jh. Riessling.
- No. 25. Caspar Holzhauser, at this time buyer Joh. Bahnhofler
- No. 26. J. W. Bader " " " " " "
- No. 15. Christian Hofstetter
- No. 7. Carl Wmodin?/exchange with Leonhard vonMohr
- No. 35. Joh. Baumgartner
- No. 27. Jakob Fruttiger
- No. 37. Friedrich Seidel, exchange Jh. Bertschinger
- No. 29. Jh. Schwarz the elder
- No. 50. Friedrich Born.



- 46. Jakob Zuercher
- 42. Albert Graeuicher
- 41. Jakob Seier
- 43. J. Kuelling
- 45. Peter Schild
- 40. Jakob Schwarz
- 44. Zimmerli Cruedenti

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After the auction there was a happy celebration during which loud hurrah's were given to our most honorable, Mr. Consul-general Hitz, Consul Staub, Mr. Wermuth, as well as to the man who gave us the land, Lincoln Hill of Altanwood and Mr. Hugher in McMinnville. The meeting was then called to a close.

## List of the owners in the second district.

- No. 46 Joh. Zurcher
- " 51 Friedrich Hawer
- " 52 Carl Hawer
- 53 Christian Haeberle
- 54 Melchior Zwald
- 55 Aleide Feigvur
- 56 Carl Stucki
- 57 Caspar Zopfi
- 58 C. Hohliger
- 59 Jb. Seier
- 59 Christian Ruf
- 60 Chris. Amacher
- 61 Caspar Kreis
- 61 also J. Rottach
- 62 Heinrich Schaerrer
- 63 I. Vogt
- 64 N. Werdmueller
- 65 Heinrich Werdmueller
- 66 Frid. Mueller
- 67 Friedrich Born
- 68 Joseph Fluri
- 69 Fried. Kundbuehl
- 70 Melchior Gaubunt
- 71 Jakob Maeder
- 72 Joh. Schoeler
- 73 Joh. Amatuetz
- 74 Ulrich Zimmerman
- 75 Edward Berger
- 77 Brothers Huggenberger
- 77 also Fritz von Gunten
- 81 Wermuth Canzler from the Generalconsulary
- 82 Consul Staub

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Protocol of the 9th of September in Gruetli

In keeping with the wishes of Mr. Generalconsul Hitz and Consul Staub the community was called together for an extraordinary meeting and the following business was done:

1. Constitution of the community
2. A plan for statutes of the community
3. Election of a governing body
4. An official document from the Generalconsul regarding the reasons and the assurances of possession of the colonial lands.

The community constituted itself as a political unit consisting of 9090 acres of land and asked the Generalconsul Hitz to notarize such and to set up procedure for the community to be incorporated.

Reasons: The community Switzerland, Grundy County, asks within the bounds of the laws of the United States, as well as those of the laws of the state of Tennessee, and those of the county of Grundy to establish religious and school instructions in accordance with our means. Also we hereby will, by use of our entire resources, ascertain the intellectual and materialistic well-being of those settled in our midst.

The elections were then held in a democratic way in accordance with the wishes of the consul. Every 10 owners of land made the choice of one member of the community council, or as the case was, the choice had to be in proportion. The community council then suggested that 3 members of the colony be chosen to pass on the validity of legislation.

Election Of The Community Council

1st district. Lot No. 1-10	Georg Schwarz
2nd district. Lot No. 11-20	Heinrich Egli
3rd district. Lot No. 21-30	Jacob Schneider
4th district. Lot No. 31-40	Heinrich Bertschinger

The three members to supervise legislation were then suggested by the community council and they were:

As President	Heinrich Schwarz
As Actuary	Rudolf Wegelin
As Treasurer	Jakob Schneider

Schwarz thanked the community council for their suggestion, but he asked to be relieved of his duties for good reasons.

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Results of election. There was a considerable majority for choice of president:

For President:	Joh. Kiessling
For Actuary :	Rud. Wegelin
For Treasurer:	Ant. Stocker

Mr. Generalconsul now spoke honestly about the current status of the colonizing matters and declared that the properties were in every instance assured, as far as the legal aspects were concerned, but in the matter of payments considerable changes had been made.

He said that there was no possibility anymore of free lands, but every citizen was entitled to a one hundred acre lot for the price of 50 dollars. The payments would have to be made within one year, all lots to be paid for by September 1, 1870 without interest. Mr. Staub was designated as trustee and he was willing to follow up for us on this complicated business matter, although he expected the colonists to help him in every way possible. The Generalconsul's final remarks, with emotional tones in his voice, were those of the dying Attinghausen: Be united. United. United.

The evening came to be and sparkling fires of joy were started. The Singing Society brought forth a little song for the most honored Mr. Generalconsul, in which the elderly mother of the Generalconsul joined as well. We sang to the honorable representative of our dear fatherland whose voice came when it was necessary to stop the suffering in Switzerland and who also helped us with material things when we needed them as we settled in America, our adoptive land. The speaker then reiterated that the happy solution to our colonial problems came thanks to him (the Generalconsul) and that he did not spare time nor money for us.

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We owe him our innermost thanks, thanks which we are unable to say to him ourselves, but this thanks will have to show itself within our deeds. Let us, therefore, without benefit to ourselves, sow our seeds, which has been given to us, to carry the burdens, which we must bear for having settled here—to have unity, courage and patience in order to reach the goals which we have set ourselves. Doing everything together, faithfully, will contribute towards easing our future and toward further development. We hope that our Generalconsul will accept our promises as payment for all he has done for us and thus we give him our trust and let us hear it: Long may he live. The honorable representative of our fatherland, Mr. Generalconsul John Ritz, Long may he live. Long. Long.  
Song: Long may he live.

With emotion in his voice Mr. Generalconsul thanked us for the honor that had been bestowed upon him and told us that it really should be due the government for which he served us and he thanked a people which is so far advanced in the republican type of government, as is the case in our Swiss fatherland. He said that also his pay was less than that of a representative of a monarchy, he was happy to be the representative of the European republic of which the strongest voice was that of the voice of the people. The toast which we gave him, he said, belonged to his government as well as to the meek Swiss citizens of the fatherland and of the U.S. Three toasts were given, the last of which went to the consul, Mr. Staub and we thanked him very much for all his deeds for the colony. A heavy rain caused an end to the happy celebration and caused the partakers to go home..

Protocol of the 25th of October in Gruetli

Order of business:

- 1. To make a decision regarding the plan of the streets
- 2. Erection of a schoolhouse
- 3. Community charter
- 4. Name of the city

The legislative committee suggested that Mr. Lauer be dismissed as roadmaster and that the committee itself should carry out the necessary work. This was approved and it was further stated that the committee should conclude the work to be done on the bridges in Gruetli.

In regards to the schoolhouse it was decided that the community council should have time until the end of the year to submit a plan and a breakdown of cost. Then they would receive moneys for the measuring of the land to be used by the city. The city was to be called Bern.

Mr. Wermuth had sent us a charter for the city and it was accepted and the chairman of the committee was asked to enter it as such and also to give the colony the name Switzerland. To make things somewhat easier it was decided to build two blockhouses, to cost no more than what credit was available.

Every owner of a lot was then given permission to cut down the timber in the street-part running through his lot and they were asked to leave stumps no higher than one foot.

Meeting closed.

Community meetings of December 31, 1869 in  
the lot of Community advisor Schneider.

The President opened the meeting and called for the following agenda:

- 1. Reading of the minutes of protocol of the meeting from October 25 at Gruetli.
- 2. Request of community advisor Schneider in regards to building a schoolhouse in the city of Bern. p.13
- 3. Determine the salesprice of the future one hundred acre lots.
- 4. Proposal in regard to auctioning off of city lots.
- 5. Proposal for plans for a cemetery.
- 6. Turning over the plans of the first 5,000 acres to the community. Notice regarding the conclusion of measuring lots and payment for the same.
- 7. Election of the chairman of the community council.
- 8. Unforseen matters.

The minutes of the meeting from the 9th of September were read and accepted without opposition. The one of the 25th of October was thereafter completed, in that in the area of street construction the obligation was with the community council to complete the work. In order to complete the decision by the community council of October 25 to consider the building of a school the following was done:

There should be erected on the spot such designated in the city a house with the dimensions of 30 meters by 24 meters wide. Over the entire matter of the schoolhouse we hereby extend a 14 day limit during which the question of what is to be needed toward completion should be resolved.

Then the proper authorities shall have the right to accept and ratify the lowest bid. Joh. Schwarz then asked that this should be modified to read that only for the construction should there be competitive bidding. He suggested that the populace should out of their own free will chop the wood needed and deliver it free to the sight and thereby considerable money would be saved. Should this method, however, not be possible, the local government should then immediately go ahead with the job since a school house was absolutely necessary. Action taken: The community council and its chairman is hereby requested, by means of the free labor, to clear some land at the designated spot for the school, as well as to open a street to lead to this spot. Where possible the gentlemen from the sawmill should accomodate the delivery of the cut loads of timber. Bids are to be opened for the actual construction of the house and there will be no ratification needed by the community and the lowestbidder should be given preference. If the primary work will not be contributed free, credit should be given for this work as well.

3. The president has informed the community that the consul Staub has a matter of fact bought 5,000 acres of land, and he wished that the community should determine the salesprice of the same and the Mr. consul Staub be given remuneration in accordance with his efforts and contributions which were connected with this matter. He hereby wants us to know how much goodhearted means of action was employed towards all of us, since all this has been done without any specific action from us.

Jb. Sehr suggested that Mr. Staub be given the right to determine the purchase price, but he could not find it to determine the moneys to be paid to the consul for the consul's efforts could never be put on a basis with that of a laborer. The President was worried that someone from another group may designate the Mr. Consul Staub as a land speculator, something which the consul certainly did not want to be in regard to the Swiss colony and therefore the consul wished that the colony itself should determine the price of all of it. Joh. Schwarz seconded the suggestion of Sehr, since already much dispute had grown out of this question of why the agent of the sale was at the sametime the one to determine the areas of the parcels. It was Schwartz's opinion that Mr. Staub should act as consul and as seller, provided that the prices of the parcels, etc. would not go too high.

Result of discussion: We thanked the Mr. Consul Staub for his generous actions towards us and we left it up to him to determine the prices.

4. In regard to the city lots being auctioned off, the city counsel determined that these lots should be surveyed and then they should be brought up for auction. To complete this project Mr. Bertschinger suggested that the city council turn toward Mr. Engineer Beuer to have a plan made by him whereby all of the 200 city acres be subdivided into half acre lots, that the streets be built in parallel directions. However, an inquiry showed that the cost of such a plan would be too high.

since Mr. Bauer presented a bill of 20 dollars just for the plan, plus 1 dollar for each parcel of land, for a total cost of the entire project of 600 dollars. This bill was too much for the council and the entire project was tabled.

Joh. Schwarz added that he too felt that the bill was exaggerated and he thanked the council for their action and he added that the project could be completed without the help of the engineer at much lower cost. He also felt that the buyers of these ~~lots~~ lots should have a choice to buy up to 4 acres.

Result of discussion: The city council and its chairman were asked to consider the second suggestion as to the distribution of lots and to initiate an auction.

5. The city council and its chairman asked that at a designated place there should be made room for a cemetery. It was decided that lot No. 21 should be returned to the community and since the position and the soil would be favorable 10 acres from the street to the valley should be thus designated and 1 acre of this to be cleared and bonded. This was done to make the initial costs as small as possible.

6. In regard to the surveying of the first 5,000 acres there were many complaints because the borderlines had not been determined correctly and also in some cases the deeds had been mislaid. The following result came about:

The owners of 100 acre lots were given a one month period to determine their exact boundary lines. During this period there were to be no written complaints presented to the chairman. At the end of this period the chairman is to determine who should pay for the costs of the new surveying.

7. The constitutional elections to determine chairmen of the various districts showed the following results in the city council:

- 1st district Jakob Lanz
- 2nd district J.A. Weiss
- 3rd district Jb. Schneider, who declined, and in whose place on the 17th of January Mr. Bahnholzer was elected.
- 4th district Heinrich Bertschinger
- 5th district Carl Zehnter

As members of the executive committee the council suggested the following:

- For President: Mr. Joh. Riessling Jb. Sehr
- " Actuary: Rudolf Wegelin and Hch. Schwarz
- " Treasurer: Anton Stocker and Joh. Baumgartner.

Result of election: For President. Number of those voting 31. Absolute majority 16. Mr. Riessling 29 votes. Sehr 1 vote. 1 vote invalid.

Mr. Riessling thanked the community for its trust in him and he declared himself eligible, with the wish that the community might have a happy, peaceful development.

Treasurer. Number of those voting 29. Absolute majority 15. The following received votes: Mr. Stocker 17. Baumgartner 9, Bertschinger 2. Thus Mr. Stocker was elected. Actuary: Number of those voting 31, absolute majority 16. The following received votes: Mr. Wegelin 3, Bertschinger 2, Hch. Schwarz 26.

Under article 8 of the rules Mr. Jb. Sehr indicated to the assembled that he had received a legal opinion from the court in regard to the fact that he as spokesman of the city had the right to designate all citizens who had begun on their twentieth year and who were not above 65 years of age by the first Thursday in January as able for statute work. Such would be turned over to the court immediately.

Hch. Schwarz protested against such an action because he felt that the streets should be built first and this should be brought before the citizens of the community. He mentioned with seriousness in his voice that this action by the court was only undertaken at the request of a few citizens and he hoped that if the community would ask the court for time to finish the streets first, the court would grant this. He said that the building of the streets was a necessity, but one should not ask too much of the colonists at once. Without previous knowledge of the facts, it was intensely believed that the streets should be built. Schwarz from the Long mill too complained about the amount of statutory labor and he mentioned that during the year 1869 he and his brother were asked to give 36 days of statutory labor and he said he would leave the

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area(mountain) if things were carried out so strictly.

The members of the community then asked the chairman to direct request to the court at Altamont to postpone the question before them, and when such had been granted to get a plan indicating the direction of the streets, which would be of benefit to both communities involved. Then the plan of the community should be presented for approval. Furthermore a communication from the President to the Mr. Consul Staub was read, in which it was pointed out how sadly off the family Lager had been at Glarus and the members of the community were reprimanded because they did not turn over the pledges they had made previously-in the form of gifts-to the cashier. These gifts then were to have been sent to the consul for the family named above. Meeting was adjourned.

Extraordinary meeting of the community of 7th February, 1870. As a result of the quarrel between the owners of the first and the second complex, particularly those of the city complex, and the difficulties having arisen from the street problem, Mr. Consul Staub called together a committee in order to settle the causes of the quarrels peacefully. The committee consisted on the one side of Mr. Engineer Bauer, Jakob Sehr and Edward Berger.

The committee of the second group consisted of President Riessling, Bertschinger and Schwarz.

As presiding person over the procedure the Consul Staub was elected. The most important features of the matters to be discussed were the following:

- 1.) Should the charter which was designed by the General Consul Hitz on the 25th of October of last year and which was approved by the citizens of the community be kept intact or should it be declared null and void?
- 2.) In which direction should we go in order to bring about a peaceful settlement of the city matters?

3.) Is it not within the interest of the population to break up the settlement into two parts, comprising two school districts and two districts for streets, but to distribute the amounts given to the two districts into two equal parts in accordance with the city complex limits?

After quite intense and long discussion agreement was reached between the committees and a proposal was presented which read as

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follows:

I. 1. The constitution (charter) of the community was only to be changed to the extent as it was necessary to do so and the changes were to be left up to Mr. Consul Staub at our request.

II.a.) The two city complexes in force at this time should be combined and the second complex should contain the 100 acres comprising lots, 45,46,43, and 44, so that the complex would then be 600 acres in size.

b.) For public buildings there is designated hereby a complex of 25 to 30 acres, provisions to be made for the city to buy from both sides involved.

c.) The affairs pertaining to streets are then designated to be supervised by the citizens living in that area.

d.) Any sums derived from the sale of gift lots should be designated for the protective services.

III.) Since the community is so large in area and since the settlement has taken place so quickly, the community should be divided into two school districts, for which moneys are to be derived from the sale of the city lots. These amounts should be equally divided between school and church. In order to build the first school each school district is to be allotted a 200 dollar credit.

IV. Each one of the school districts is to be responsible for the streets necessary and the bridges necessary in their area, as well as the county roads passing through their districts.

V.) There is to be made a contract with Mr. Engineer Bauer in regard to the surveying of the areas of the city.

VI. Acceptance of the surveying of the first 5,000 acres.

VII. There is to be a community meeting on the 7th of February for the purpose of ratification or drawing up of these proposals.

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Minutes of the Community Meeting  
Of February 7, 1870

- 1.) Reading and ratification of the minutes of December 31, 1869.
- 2.) Ratification or discarding of the present commission report.
- 3.) Ratification or discarding regarding Mr. Zurcher's 100 acre lot No. 46, already built upon.
- 4.) Ratification of the contract with Mr. Engineer Jugnieder Bauer. The president opened the meeting with a short but serious introduction, pointing at the disagreements which have arisen as lack of communication and he asked that the citizens keep away from personal attacks during the day's most important transaction and to pay careful attention to them. All party differences should be put aside, he said and then he used the call of Stauffer's great wife who said: Look forward Werner and not backwards. The president expressed the hope that the words of the highly respected Mr. General



Consul, "Be united, united, united", should have buried themselves into their hearts. Only unity makes certain survival, only unity furthers the growth of the community, and only a democratic way will bring us to the desired. These were the words the President repeated. And with these few words he declared the meeting as having begun.

Thereupon the minutes of the meeting of December 31, were read and ratified with 100 percent vote.

The pending requests by the committees were read and the reader, Mr. Schwarz explained the reasons for the committee requests. Mr. Edward Berger then seconded the reading of the requests. Mr. Schneider and Mr. Bollinger said that they believed the owners of the 100 acre lots in complex number one were shortchanged and the two gentlemen requested that the so called polar spring (of water) be kept open and undisturbed.

Mr. Consul Staub agreed to this request with many thanks that the matter was brought to his attention, and he said that the 200 acres in question would be bought for 130 dollars, including cost of surveying and the lots could be sold to school district number one in order to create smaller complexes from it.

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The two who requested this were hereby satisfied and they suggested that ratification of the committee reports be carried out without further questioning. The point was then accepted one hundred percent.

It was then decided that until final incorporation would take place a committee of five would be chosen, to be composed of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, plus one owner of land, for the purpose to further the welfare of the community with all their abilities, to find means as quickly as possible to sell the city lot and to take preliminary actions regarding the building of a school. The results of the elections were as follows:

Elected as President: Herr Riessling

Vicepresident: Edward Berger

Treasurer: Anton Stocker

Secretary: Hch. Schwarz

Fifth member: Ulrich Zimmerman.

The discussion in regard with the surveying contract with Mr. Engineer Bauer, showed the following result. With the exception of the complex which had been designated for public buildings, for which at this time only the grounds had been designated, Bauer has committed himself to divide the entire complex into 1 acre lots, to be exactly alike with four corners and a center stake being determined. The directions of the streets should also be outlined after the completion of the work there should be an inspection regarding correctness of the measurements. Mr. Bauer is also expected to present the community with a bill for the work that has been done in the sum of 250 dollars, to be paid to the extent of 100 dollars after the first auction and 150 after a one year period. This will include all the surveying costs of both city complexes. The sum was agreed upon and Mr. Bauer requested that he be permitted to survey a number of these lots as quickly as possible.

Mr. Zurcher then requested that the community would give him<sup>p.21</sup> restitution for 20 of his 100 acres, on the western side of his lot, because his house was standing there. He also suggested that he be reimbursed the 15 dollars which he already had paid for the surveying job and he declared that he was willing to let the community have the other 80 acres, plus the capital investment on these at 50 dollars.

The citizens present found that this was a reasonable request and agreed to the request one hundred percent.

The 200 acres which had been added to the city was to be divided in two equal parts. Next a request was made for clarification on how the deficit in money would be taken care of. The chairman was thereupon asked to give a report regarding the aforementioned deficit and how it would be covered by July 4th. Community No. 1 then designated 4 acres as school properties, part of this being designated on the northside and part of this being designated on the south side of the city complex. When, then, the president asked if anything else should be added to this matter Joh. Schwarz asked permission to speak and he said in a few words that Mr. Consul Staub had given much of his energy to the establishment of the colony and how much he still had to do as a trustee of the community and what zeal he had shown even this time to bring about the required peace in the community. The colonists, Schwarz continued, had much to be thankful for, and Mr. Consul Staub had done all this without asking for monetary rewards. He, too, then pledged himself to unity, by means of which the colony would bloom and ripen and he suggested a strong toast as a sign of thankfulness. Mr. Consul Staub. May you live a long happy life.

Mr. Staub was very happy about this day, during which it was his pleasure to stay with us, even if we had no wine, which in our fatherland usually enlivened the moods, but he found here at the waterfountain the moods happy and always cheerful. He brings us today as well the words of our representative Mr. General consul Hitz who at this time is staying in Switzerland: Dear fellow countrymen, be united, be united, united.. He has saved our project once before and now too we trust his judgement again. Long may he live.

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The largest part of you who are here today, remember, however how he rejected the toast you gave him here, because he felt that it belonged to the government, whose representative he is. I for am completely convinced that the government at home has not forgotten you, that it will not take away from you its protection, and that the preferences which were promised you, shall not be forgotten.

The fact is really that it is possible for the common man to pull himself up to greater height over here than in our fatherland. Even though it should not be said about our government at home that they are encouraging the emmigration from Switzerland, it may be certain, however, that you will have all possible support.

from the government of Switzerland. Trust in your Swiss government, and let them know, when you are in danger. Here on this mountain of Tennessee your brothers stand with you, one for all and all for one.

To you my dear landbrothers we owe recognition for your strong will and for your perseverance which you have shown with this project day by day. I thank you further for the good image you have given to us and our fatherland and for your diligent character, which you have earned amongst the inhabitants of this land. Stick close together and feed your hearts with real Swiss food, which means pure freedom, character building of the entire population here, song and above all communal life which will further the intellectual efforts. As far as the colony is concerned I must say here and now that the progress of it can only be expressed in my entire satisfaction. Remain busy like this, remain united like this and I guarantee you that I shall support the colony with all my strength and I shall try to avoid all selfishness in this respect. At last I wish to bring a toast for the Swiss government, without whose help this colony would no more exist. Secondly I propose a toast to the sweet nation of ours and to the people therein. Thirdly a toast to all the Swiss people, wherever they may be.

To the Swiss government, to her people and all Swiss in other lands, wherever they may be. May they live long, long, long. With the beautiful song of our fatherland: Brother give us your hand for unity, the meeting was closed and those present were dismissed.

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Members of the 1st Church Community, Grundy County, Tennessee

- 1. Sehr, Jacob from Zuerich
- 2. Sehr. Clef. nee Sollingersein, wife
- gone 3. Zimmermann, Ulrich from Bern
- " 4. Zimmermann, Anna, nee? his wife
- " 5. Zimmermann, Friedrich, his son
- " 6. " Adolf " "
- " 7. " Anna " daughter
- " 8. Big, William
- died 9. Big, Anna, nee Stufsein, wife
- " 10. Stychen, Johann
- 11. Stychen, Elisabeth, nee Thoenie
- 12. Hunzicker, Jakob
- 13. Hunzicker, Elisabeth, nee Hess
- died 14. Hunzicker, Friedrich
- not of age 15. Hunzicker, Albert- died
- died 16. Hunzicker / Widow
- 17. Leutzinger, Kaspar
- 18. Leutzinger, Rudolf
- died 19. Leutzinger Verena, ne Treben
- 20. Blauenstein, Samuel
- gone 21. Ruf, Christian
- " 22. " Magdalena, nee Weber died
- died 23. " Margritha, Daughter "

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- 24 Marugg, Christen *Brosi*
- 25 " Anna, nee Brodie, his wife
- 26 " Rudolf, their son
- 27 " Martin, " "
- gone 28 " Barbara, their daughter
- " 29 Zwald, Mechior
- " 30 " William, his son
- " 31 " Margritha, his daughter
- " 32 Zu Bergen, Edward
- " 33 " " Margritha, nee ott, his wife, left
- " 34 Bollinger, Jakob
- " 35 " Elizabeth, Nee Zullinger, his wife
- " 36 " Katharina, his daughter
- " 37 " Barbara, his daughter
- " 38 Maeder, Jakob
- " 39 " Catharina, nee Aplanalg, his wife
- " 40 Werthmueller, Niklaus died
- " 41 " Magdalena, nee Grossmann, his wife
- " 42 " Maria
- " 43 Grossmann, Peter
- left 44 Schild, Kasper
- " 45 " Margritha, nee Demmler, hiswife
- " 46 " Elisabeth, the daughter
- gone 47 Fessler, Jacob
- " 48 Bannholzer, Andreas
- died 49 " Katharina, nee Von Sergen, his wife
- gone 50 " Melchior, his son
- " 51 " Andreas, his son
- " 52 Schoenemann, Jacob
- " 53 " Anna, nee his wife
- left 54 Scholler, Johann
- " 55 " Marianna, nee Tarn his wife
- " 56 Jennie, Samuel
- " 57 " Maria, nee his wife
- gone 58 Wichser, David
- " 59 " Barbara, his wife
- " 60 Thoenie, Conrad
- " 61 " Barbara, his wife
- left 62 Hofstettler, Christian
- " 63 " Anna, nee Pfielman, his wife
- gone 64 Thoenie, Melchior
- died 65 " Anna, nee his wife
- " 66 Rissling, Johann
- " 67 " Margrit, nee Kalsiger, his wife
- gone 68 " Anna, the daughter
- " 69 " Johann
- " 70 Bollinger, Jacob, Jacob's son
- " 71 Banholser, Johann Amadeus
- " 72 Zwald, Melchior
- " 73 Fuhrer, Jacob Johannes
- " 74 Schild, Johann Petrus
- " 75 Siegert, Carl Leonhard

- gone 76. ZOpfi Markus, Caspar & son.  
 " 77. Aplanalp. Andreas & Andreas, son  
 " 78. Thoenie, Anna, Malch, Daughter  
 " 79. Zopfie, Carl, Caspar, son  
 " 80. Werner, Elisabeth, Samuel, son  
 " 81. Werner, Anna, her daughter  
 " 82. Siegert, Markus, 1. son?  
 " 83. Schild, Peter  
 " 84. Schilds from Ruf, Margarite, his wife  
 " 85. Schild, Elise, the daughter  
 died 86. Schild, Caspar, of Weiringen, died.  
 " 87. Marugg., George  
 gone 88. Kissling ? Johann  
 " 89. Grossmann, Victor  
 " 90. Schild, Elise, crossed off (see above No. 85.)  
 died 91. Bauholzer, Curt?  
 gone 92. Zwald, Melchior  
 " 93. Luchsinger, Margaret  
 " 94. Leuzunger, Werner, Caspar  
 " 95. Thoenie, Margarete and Melchior  
 gone 96. Stocker, Josephine  
 " 97. Heuser, August  
 " 98. Hauser, nee Kieben, Jeanette  
 " 99. Pater (Father?) Rissling  
 " 100. Friedrich Krebs  
 " 101. Leonhard Oerth  
 came 29  
 Nov. '79  
 " 102. Caspar von Almen and wife (could be also Caspar from Almen)  
 gone 103. Rosa nee Hunziker  
 " 104. Reinhard Bauer and wife  
 " 105. Anna Barb nee Graf and 5 children, Anna, Maria, <sup>1</sup>?, <sup>2</sup>?, <sup>1</sup>Heinrich  
 " 106. Jacob Angs and wife  
 " 107. Anna nee Demuthand five children, Anna, <sup>17</sup>Bertha(died), <sup>11</sup>Haubin,  
 " <sup>9</sup>Jacob, <sup>8</sup>Louise.  
 " 108. Jacob Weidmann and wife  
 " 109. Susanna nee Neukom and 3 children, <sup>11</sup>Gustaf, <sup>6</sup>Albert, <sup>3</sup>Luise.  
 " 110. Arnold Schmied and wife  
 " 111. Anna nee Fans and 1 child, Arnold Fans, 2 yrs.  
 " 112. Werner Paul and wife  
 " 113. Elisabeth nee Kramer 4 children at home ? 15, Hans 13, ? 10  
 " <sup>7</sup>Samuel 7.  
 died 114. Russ, Jacob (Pfiiegel place) and wife  
 " 115. Afra nee Schoenberger and 3 children not confirmed, Afra 13,  
 " Catherine 14, Anna 4.  
 " 116. Ruch, Jacob (Lang) and wife, Fritz 16, Jacob 14.  
 gone 117. Lisette the wife  
 " 118. Ulrich Schmiedlie and wife  
 " 119. Verena Gross and 4 children Berthall, Jacob, 10, Anna & Johann 4  
 " 120. Heinrich Heer and wife  
 left 121. Elise geborene Werner, Heinrich, 20, Jacob, 18, Anna, 17,  
 " Caspar 14, Julia 2.  
 " 122. Caspar Zopfie and wife  
 " 123. Catherine nee Zimmermann and children. Not confirmed. David 14  
 " Heinrich

173 Pauline nee Kutschmann, his wife  
 174 Gerhard Rohr  
 175 Joseph Flury  
 176 Arnold Rissling  
 177 Jacob Angst  
 178 Julius Stocker  
 179 Heinrich Zopfi  
 180 Luise Angst  
 181 Catharian Ruch  
 182 Lisette Ruch  
 183 crossed out  
 184 crossed out  
 185 Peter Schiesser and wife  
 184 Mrs. Barbara nee Knobel  
 185 Friedolin Wichser and wife  
 186 Barbara nee Wild  
 187 Anna Flury  
 188 Idia Born  
 189 Afra Ruch

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190 Christina Marugg  
 191 Erhard Flury  
 192 Anna Bertchinger (Siegrist)  
 193 Peter Grossmann (crossed out)  
 194 Benedict Studer and wife  
 195 Elisabeth nee Gruetter  
 196 Jacob Stocker

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## Christenings

Name of the children	Parents	Birthdate	Christening Date	Sponsor
1. Alma	Carl Moritz from Morseburg, Province Saxony. Sophie, nee Roth from Cleveland	Aug.24.1873	Mar.20,1875	Wendelin Boesch his wife Julia nee Schweizer
2. Johann Jacob David	Wichser, from Schwanden, Glarui	April21. 1874	"	Wendelin Boesch and Anna Marok, nee Crosi
3. Albert	Johann Kissling. From Schwarzenburg, Glarui, Margritha, nee Balsiger	Nov.22,1874	Mar.21, 1875	Friedrich Hauser & Magdalena Ritschard, nee Zahn
4. Margaritha	" " " "	Apr.19,1873	"	Heinrich Flury and Cathrina Bauholz, nee vonBergen
5. Emilie	Heinrich Flury from Jagenbach, Solothurn and Elisabeth, nee Rohr	May 3. 1874	"	Johann Kissling & Marianne Wandmueller
6. Heinrich	Heinrich Trub from	Mar 21, 1875	"	For Heinrich & Emilie Conrad Utzinger & Johann Utzinger, for Emma Johann Furren & parents
7. Emilie	Maur, Zuerich and			
8. Emma	Catharina nee Utzinger			

9. John Parents: Johann Steichen from Interlacken, Turn  
and Elisabeth, nee Thoenie  
Christening Date: March 21, 1875  
Sponsors: Johann Thoenie, Ferdinand Grossmann, Anna Thoenie
10. Emil Parents: Johann Steichen from Interlacken, Turn & Elisabeth  
nee Thoenie  
Christening Date: March 21, 1875  
Sponsors: (Ferdinand) Schild, Jr., Melchior Thoenie and  
Elisabeth ?
11. Elisabeth Parents: Jacob Ruch from Glanu and Elisabeth Linker  
Birthdate: May 2, 1873  
Christening Date: March 21, 1875  
Sponsors: Jacob Ruch, Elisabeth Linker & Maria Zennie
12. Anna Parents: Leonhard von Rohs from Kestenholz. Solothurn &  
Elisabeth nee Schoenman  
Birthdate: 1-13-1873  
Christening Date: March 21, 1875  
Sponsors: Jacob Schoenman & Anna nee Mueller, daughter  
of Grossmann
13. Walther Parents: Leonhard von Rohs from Kestenholz, Solothurn  
& Elisabeth nee Schoenman  
Birthdate: 1-13-1874  
Christening Date: March 21, 1875  
Sponsors: Samuel Jennie & Margarethe Maurer
14. John Parents: Ulrich Zimmermann from Jabkern, Turn & Anna, nee  
Brimmer  
Birthdate: 4-1-1874  
Christening Date: March 22, 1875  
Sponsors: Friedrich Hunziker, Friedrich Zimmermann &  
Anna Zimmermann
15. Albert Parents: Jacob Hunziker from Moolerau, Aargau Elisabeth  
nee Hess  
Birthdate: 10-5-1874  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
Sponsors: Friedrich Hunziker & Barbara Hunziker
16. Jacob Parents: Christian Ammacher from Isenfluss. Trau &  
Elisabeth, nee Ruch  
Birthdate: 8-4-74  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
Sponsors: Edward von Sengen & Catherina von Sengen, nee Ott
17. Emma Parents: Jacob Maedern from Schwanden, near Triens. Turn &  
Catherina, nee Alhanalg  
Birthdate: 8-26-1873  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875
18. Johann Jacob Parents: Jakob Heer from Flach, Zuerich,  
Elisabeth, nee Sellinger  
Birthdate: 2-23-1874  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
Sponsors: Jacob Sollinger & Catherina Sollinger
19. Lulla Parents: Max Heinsinger from Konstanz & Lina Grossmann  
Birthdate: 9-16-1873  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
Sponsors: Niklaus Werdmueller & Lina Werdmueller
20. Max Parents: Max Heinsinger from Konstanz & Lina Grossmann  
Birthdate: 6-21-1874  
Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
Sponsors: Ferdinand Grossmann & Maria Werdmueller

21. Elisabeth Parents: Christian Ruf, Berner Oberland, Turn & Magdalena, nee Ruf  
 Birthdate: 11-24-1873  
 Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
 Sponsors: Wilhelm Zimmermann & Elisabeth Werdmueller
22. Arnold Parents: Johann Anderegg from Muehring, Turn & Elisabeth, nee Aplanalg, from Tracy City  
 Birthdate: 3-13-1874  
 Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
 Sponsors: Christian Ruf, Ferdinand Grossmann & Anna Ruf von Segen
23. Elisabeth Parents: Johann Anderegg from Muehring, Turn & Elisabeth, nee Aplanalg, from Tracy City  
 Birthdate: 4-2-1873  
 Christening Date: 3-22-1875  
 Sponsors: Felix Leuzinger & Margaritha Zwald, nee Borsen
24. Rosina Parents: Johann Scholler, from Zunskan, Baselland, & Margaretha, nee Born  
 Birthdate: 6-3-1873  
 Christening Date: 5-23-1875  
 Sponsors: Samuel Jenni & Margaretha Maurer
25. Johannes Parents: Matheas Stuesli from Lindhal, Glaraus & Margaretha, nee Baumgartner  
 Birthdate: 8-25-1875  
 Christening Date: 10-10-1875  
 Sponsors: Johann Baumgartner & Anna Baumgartner, nee Heuensneider

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26. Clara Parents: Elisabeth Schild, Caspar von Brienz  
 Birthdate: 3-30-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-6-1875  
 Sponsors: Caspar Schild & Magarithe, nee Dehler, grandparents
27. Anna Parents: Andreas Bauholzer from Gustanau, Turn & Catharina, nee von Sergen  
 Birthdate: 9-22-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: Melchior Bauholzer, Margaretha Kissling-Balsigera? & Margaretha Zwald
28. Gottfried Parents: Ulrich Zimmermann from Jabkern, Turn & Anna, nee Brimmer  
 Birthdate: 9-16-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: Christian Ruf, Adolf Zimmermann & Catherina Maeder
29. Alfred Parents: Jacob Sayersal from the Canton Turn & Anna nee Ruf  
 Birthdate: 5-20-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: Frederick Hunziker, Edward von Sergen, ? Hunziker & Anna Zimmermann



30. Lina Parents: Christian Amacher, from Isenfluh, Turn. & Anna,  
 nee Ruf  
 Birthdate: 4-27-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: Christian Ammacher & Anna Big, nee Ruf
31. Magdalena Parents: Ferdinand Buettiker, from Solothur & Luzia,  
 nee Sprecher  
 Birthdate: 4-11-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: David Wichser & Barbara Musak
32. Barbara Parents: David Wichser from Schwanden, Glaraus, &  
 Barbara, Nee Luchsinger  
 Birthdate: 6-3-1875  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1875  
 Sponsors: Heinrich Heer & Luzia Buettiker, nee Sprecher
33. Lucilla Parents: Johann Ruch and Anna nee Graber  
 Birthdate: 9-30-1873  
 Christening Date: 11-14-1875  
 Sponsors: The parents of the child
34. Ernst Parents: Jules Bal & Anna nee Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 8-18-1875  
 Christening Date: 4-23-1876  
 Sponsors: Moritz Bal and Johanna Maekie
36. Katharina Parents: Adam Goelz & Margaretha, nee Mecht  
 Birthdate: 7-23-1872  
 Christening Date: 7-1-1876  
 Sponsors: The parents
37. Carl Parents: Adam Goelz & Margaretha, nee Mecht  
 Birthdate: 2-19-1876  
 Christening Date: 7-1-1876  
 Sponsors: The Parents
38. Emma Parents: Johann Rychen & Elisabeth, nee Thonie  
 Birthdate: 5-8-1876  
 Christening Date: 7-30-1876  
 Sponsors: Andreas Baunholzer & Margareta Wendelmueller
39. Daniel Parents: Johann Schollen & Maria nee Born  
 Birthdate: 9-26-1875  
 Christening Date: 8-27-1876  
 Sponsors: The parents
40. Margretha Parents: Melchior Zwald & Margretha, nee Posten  
 Birthdate: 8-17-1876  
 Christening Date: 9-23-1876  
 Sponsors: Benedikt & Margreta Zwald
41. Arnold Parents: Christian Ruch & Magdalena, nee Ruch  
 Birthdate: 4-4-1876  
 Christening Date: 9-22-1876  
 Sponsors: Ferdinand Grossmann, Christian & Magdalena Ruch
42. Ida Adeline Parents: Pedro Bianky & Julia Roth  
 Birthdate: 9-17-1876  
 Christening Date: 9-22-1876  
 Sponsors: Carl Moritz, Mrs. Boesch, Sophie Moritz
43. Johann Jakob Parents: Ignatz Scilageter and Rosa, nee Iagna  
 Birthdate: 12-28-1876  
 Christening Date: 10-21-1877  
 Sponsors: Ferdinand Buetticker & his wife, Lucia,  
 nee von Sprechen

44. Fridrich Carl Parents: Ignatz Schlageter and Rosa, nee Lagna  
 Birthdate: 12-28-1876  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Mrs. Zopfie and Mrs. Stocker?
45. Lucia Roslia Parents: Heinrich Schaerer & Anna, nee Bollinger  
 Birthdate: 6-4-1877  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Ulrich Zimmermann & Julie Schaerer
46. Julia Susanna Parents: Heinrich Heer & Elise, nee Werner  
 Birthdate: 8-25-1877  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Emil Schaerer & Elisabeth Werner
47. Emma Parents: Johann Rychen & Elisabeth, nee Thonie  
 Birthdate: 8-9-1877  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Peter Thonie & Magdalena Thonie nee Zopfie
48. Johann Georg Parents: Heinrich Zollen & Alma nee Bollinger  
 Birthdate: 2-21-1873  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Jacob Feha and wife
49. Heinrich Parents: Heinrich Zollen & Alma nee Bollinger  
 Birthdate: 1-15-1877  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Jacob & Pauline Bollinger
50. Rosa Barbara Parents: Heinrich Strub & Cath. nee Utzinger  
 Birthdate: 12-1-1876  
 Christening Date: 10-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Gustav Schulz and wife
51. Heinrich Parents: Johann Kissling & Marg. nee Balsigra  
 Birthdate: 10-17-1876  
 Christening Date: 6-17-1877  
 Sponsors: Melchior Zwald & Anna Rissling
52. Rosa Parents: Leonhard von Rohr & Elisabeth Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 3-25-1876  
 Christening Date: 6-17-1877  
 Sponsors: Cranach Studers & Mrs. Zeuthen
53. Rosa Lina Parents: Jacob Hunziker & Elisabeth Hess  
 Birthdate: 10-28-1876  
 Christening Date: 6-22-1877  
 Sponsors: Jacob Hass & Rosa Hunziker
54. Johann Parents: Jacob Maeder & Catherina Aplanalg  
 Birthdate: 2-27-1876  
 Christening Date: 8-19-1877  
 Sponsors: Andreas Aplanalg & wife and Anna Schauer
55. Elisabeth Parents: Heinrich Flurie & Elisabeth von Rohr  
 Birthdate: 1-23-1876  
 Christening Date: 8-19-1877  
 Sponsors: Andreas Aplanalg & Mrs. Anna Schauer
56. Edward Parents: William Big & Anna Ruch  
 Birthdate: 9-29-1877  
 Christening Date: 11-25-1877  
 Sponsors: Jacob Ruch, Ulrich Zimmermann & Wife ?
57. Heinrich Parents: Johann Schullan & Maria Gover  
 Birthdate: 8-31-1877  
 Christening Date: 11-25-1877  
 Sponsors: Die Elrurh??

58. Ludwig Parents: Anton Bocker & Joseph. Ackermann  
 Birthdate: 10-24-1874  
 Christening Date: 12-25-1877  
 Sponsors: Ludwig Bocker & Mrs. Schild
59. Bellina Bertha Parents: Anton Bocker & Joseph. Ackermann  
 Birthdate: 1-24-1872  
 Christening Date: 12-25-1877  
 Sponsors: Jacob & Josephine Bocker
60. Caecilia Parents: August Jauger & Jeanette Rieben  
 Birthdate: 5-16-1878  
 Christening Date: 8-30-1878  
 Sponsors: August Jauser, Vater, Caecilia, nee Strieben
61. Mina Parents: Maximilian Heinsinger & Lina Wandlmuehler  
 Birthdate: 4-22-1878  
 Christening Date: 9-28-1878  
 Sponsors: Joseph Grig & Frau & Josephine Grig, nee Strasburg
62. Rosa Parents: Jacob Mader & Catherina Abolanalp  
 Birthdate: 3-29-1878  
 Christening Date: 4-29-1878  
 Sponsors: Johann Anderegg & Frau Sexual
61. Hermann Parents: Maximilian Heinsinger & Lina Wandmueller  
 Birthdate: 8-1-1876  
 Christening Date: 9-28-1878  
 Sponsors: Joseph Grig & Wife, Josephine Grig, nee Strasburg
63. Lisa Parents: Johann Stychen & Elisabeth Thonie  
 Birthdate: 8-9-1878  
 Christening Date: 9-28-1878  
 Sponsors: Peter Thoenie & Magdalena Thoenie, Zoepfi
64. Heinrich Parents: Heinrich Flury & Elisabeth von Rohr  
 Birthdate: 8-9-1878  
 Christening Date: 9-28-1878  
 Sponsors: Peter Thoenie & Magdalena Thoenie-Zoepfi
65. Alfred Parents: Peter Rissling & Rosian Guggisberg  
 Birthdate: 10-20-1867  
 Christening Date: 11-9-1878  
 Sponsors: Johann Bauholzer & Frau Stychen
66. Rudolf Parents: Peter Rissling & Rosina Guggisberg  
 Birthdate: 10-20-1867  
 Christening Date: 11-9-1878  
 Sponsors: Melchior Bauholzer & Frau Bauholzer
67. Robert Parents: Peter Rissling & Rosina Guggisberg  
 Birthdate: 12-15-1870  
 Christening Date: 11-9-1878  
 Sponsors: Andreas Bannholzer & Mrs. Bannholzer
68. Verma Ida Parents: Peter Rissling & Rosina Guggisberg  
 Birthdate: 8-3-1877  
 Christening Date: 11-9-1878  
 Sponsors: Ulrich & Carolina Buechie, Nashville
69. Rosina Parents: Christian Ammacker & Anna nee Ruf  
 Birthdate: 8-17-1878  
 Christening Date: 11-10-1878  
 Sponsors: Christian Ammacker & Vater, Maria Waldmueller  
 & Elisabeth Schild

70. Emma Parents: Leonhard von Rohr & Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 12-20-1877  
 Christening Date: 10-12-1879  
 Sponsors: Jacob Feha and Anna Rissling
71. Johann Parents: Leonhard von Rohr & Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 1-7-1879  
 Christening Date: 10-12-1879  
 Sponsors: Samuel Werner & Jacob Marugg
72. Heinrich Parents: Johann Andererg & Elisabeth Aplanag  
 Birthdate: 10-5-1878  
 Christening Date: 10-18-1879  
 Sponsors: Andreas Andererg & Grandfather & Elisabeth Schild
73. Friedrich Parents: Anton Stocker & Joseph Ackermann  
 Birthdate: 7-24-1878  
 Christening Date: 11-30-1879  
 Sponsors: Ignatz Schlageter & Joseph Stocker
74. Caspar Parents: Caspar von Alman & Rosemarie Hunsiker  
 Birthdate: 5-28-1879  
 Christening Date: 11-30-1879  
 Sponsors: Jacob Hunziker & Catherina Baunholzer
75. Rosina Parents: Christian Hofstetter & his wife Anna, nee Spielman  
 Birthdate: 2-20-1877  
 Christening Date: 12-3-1879  
 Sponsors: The Parents
76. Anna Parents: Christian Hofstetter & his wife Anna  
 Birthdate: 6-10-1879  
 Christening Date: 12-3-1879  
 Sponsors: The Parents
77. Carolina Parents: Christian Hofstetter & his wife Anna  
 Birthdate: 6-20-1874  
 Christening Date: 12-3-1879  
 Sponsors: The Parents
78. Friedrich Parents: Ferdinand Buttiker & Luisa, nee Sprecher  
 Birthdate: 10-9-1879  
 Christening Date: 12-4-1879  
 Sponsors: Johann Rissling & Margaretha, nee Bolsigen
79. David Parents: David Muehsen & Barbara, nee Luchsinger  
 Birthdate: 6-10-1877  
 Christening Date: 12-4-1879  
 Sponsors: David Buettiger & Frau Ruch (Stenger?)
80. Amalia Elisabeth: Parents: Jacob Hohe & Elisabeth, nee Bollinger  
 Birthdate: 2-3-1879  
 Christening Date: 12-5-1879  
 Sponsors: Leonhard von Rohr & Barbara Bollinger
81. <sup>GEORGE</sup> Rosina Parents: Ignatz Schlageter & Rosina, nee Lager  
 Birthdate: 7-10-1878  
 Christening Date: 12-7-1879  
 Sponsors: Andreas Stocker & Regula, nee Lager
82. Jules Parents: Jules Bal & Anna, nee Schoenemann  
 Gottfried Birthdate: 1-6-1877  
 Christening Date: 12-7-1879  
 Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann, the son, & Elise Schoenemann

83. Clemenee Louise Parents: Jules Bal & Anna, nee Schoenemann  
Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann, the grandfather & Louise Schoenemann  
Birthdate: 1-30-1878  
Christening Date: 12-7-1879
84. Noah Parents: Johann Scholler & Marianna, nee Born  
Birthdate: 2-10-1880  
Christening Date: 5-5-1880  
Sponsors: The Parents
85. Friedrich Wilhelm Parents: Christian Ruf & Agnes, nee Bollinger  
Birthdate: 1-22-1880  
Christening Date: 5-17-1880  
Sponsors: Heinrich Schneider, Catherina Bollinger
86. Anna Catharina Parents: Jacob Maeder & Christine, nee Abplanalp  
Birthdate: 3-13-1880  
Christening Date: 8-27-1880  
Sponsors: Heinrich Flury & Margareta, nee Deculet
87. Andreas Parents: Johann Rissling & Marga, nee Balsiger  
Birthdate: 2-21-1880  
Christening Date: 8-27-1880  
Sponsors: Johann Bauholzer & Catherina Bauholzer
88. Jacob Parents: Jacob Suehler & Margaritha, nee Schild (deceased)  
Birthdate: 1-22-1872  
Christening Date: 8-18-1872  
Sponsors: Caspar Schild & his wife & Peter Schild
89. Rosa Elisabeth Parents: Heinrich Schlagbach & Margritha Schild  
Birthdate: 12-27-1879  
Christening Date: 6-8-1880  
Sponsors: Johann Schild & Elisabeth Schild
90. Berthold Parents: Christian Ruf & Magdalena, nee Ruf  
Birthdate: 1-24-1880  
Christening Date: 2-13-1881  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild, Peter Schild & Elisabeth Zopfi
91. Bertha Parents: L.R. von Rohr & Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
Birthdate: 11-13-1879  
Christening Date: 3-13-1881  
Sponsors: Jacob Humzeraecke & Maria Werner
92. Friedrich Parents: L.R. von Rohr & Elisabeth  
Birthdate: 12-20-1880  
Christening Date: 3-13-1881  
Sponsors: Julius Stucker & Maria Hungruecken
93. Jacob Parents: Heinrich Bertschinger & Elisabeth Schild  
Birthdate: 10-29-1877  
Christening Date: 6-26-1881  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild & wife Margaretha, nee Dennler
94. Franz Parents: Heinrich Fluri & Elisabeth, nee von Ruhr  
Birthdate: 5-20-1880  
Christening Date: 1-1-1882  
Sponsors: The Parents
95. John Parents: Johann Spies & Anna Maria, nee Moser  
Birthdate: 6-6-1873  
Christening Date: 2-5-1882  
Sponsors: Caspar Leuzinger & Jenni Thoenie, nee Maurer

86. Emil Parents: Johann Spies & Anna Maria nee Moser  
 Birthdate: 12-28-1878  
 Christening Date: 2-5-1882  
 Sponsors: Jacob Ruch & Barbara Luchinger
87. Emil Ernst Parents: Emil Schuerer & Anna, nee Werner  
 Birthdate: 11-27-1878  
 Christening Date: 6-3-1882  
 Sponsors: Wilhelm Wepf & his wife Maria, nee Werner
88. Samuel Albert Parents: Emil Schuerer & Anna, nee Werner  
 Birthdate: 7-9-1881  
 Christening Date: 6-3-1882  
 Sponsors: Samuel Werner & Elise Heer, nee Werner
89. Emil Ernest Parents: Edward von Bergen & Julia nee Roth  
 Birthdate: 4-18-1882  
 Christening Date: 6-18-1882  
 Sponsors: Emil Karl Roth & Anna Heer
90. Eugin Parents: Maximilan Hinsinger & Magalena, nee Werthmueller  
 Birthdate: 3-19-1880  
 Christening Date: 7-16-1882  
 Sponsors: Burkhold Langer & Ragula, nee Langer
91. Karolina Parents: Jacob Ruch & Lisethe, nee Linker  
 Birthdate: 4-6-1882  
 Christening Date: 10-24-1882  
 Sponsors: The Parents
92. Edward Parents: Jacob Hunziker & Elisabeth Hess  
 Birthdate: 10-21-1878  
 Christening Date: 11-26-1882  
 Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann & Anna Marugg
93. Emma Parents: Jacob Hunziker & Elisabeth Hess  
 Birthdate: 5-13-1880  
 Christening Date: 11-26-1882  
 Sponsors: Jacob Ruch & Anna Schoenemann
94. Rosa Parents: Jacob Hunziker & Elisabeth Hess  
 Birthdate: 8-12-1882  
 Christening Date: 11-26-1882  
 Sponsors: Johann Kissling & Margretha Kissling
95. Franz Parents: Heinrich Fluri & Elisabeth, nee Von Rohr  
 Birthdate: 3-22-1882  
 Christening Date: 1-14-1883  
 Sponsors: Rudolf Marugg & Anna Heer
96. Jacob Parents: Leonhard Von Rohr & Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 3-14-1883  
 Christening Date: 6-17-1883  
 Sponsors: Christian Ruch & Barbara Studer, nee Bollinger
97. Ernst Parents: John Friedli & Marianne, nee Friedli  
 Birthdate: 2-7-1884  
 Christening Date: 9-14-1884  
 Sponsors: Leonhard von Rohr & Afra Ruf, nee Bollinger
- All below by Pastor of District Neuenschwander
98. Jacob Ernst Parents: Ernst Kummer & Anna, nee Toeni  
 Birthdate: 2-9-1885  
 Christening Date: 1885  
 Sponsors: Johannes Schild & Margereta, nee Toenie

99. Emilia Parents: Jakob Maeder & Katharina, nee Abylanaty  
 Birthdate: 4-1-1885  
 Christening Date: 11-1-1885  
 Sponsors: Adolph Maeder & Elisabeth, nee Abylanaty
100. Anna Parents: Rudolph Marugg & Anna, nee Herr  
 Birthdate: 4-4-1885  
 Christening Date: 9-6-1885  
 Sponsors: Heinrich H. Heer & Barbara Schild
101. Christian Parents: Rudolf Marugg & Anna, nee Heer  
 Heinrich Birthdate: 6-21-1886  
 Christening Date: 9-20-1886  
 Sponsors: Jacob Heer & Christian Marugg
102. Johann Parents: Joahann Schild & Barbara nee Marugg  
 Martin Birthdate: 5-26-1886  
 Christening Date: 9-20-1886  
 Sponsors: Martin Marugg & Christiana Marugg
103. Lina Parents: Leonhard vonRohr & Elise Schoenemann  
 Birthdate: 6-30-1884  
 Christening Date: 11-7-1886  
 Sponsors: Johann Rissling & Father
104. Emilie Parents: Jacob Maeder & Mother Elisabeth  
 Birthdate: 4-17-1885  
 Christening Date: 11-1-1885  
 Sponsors: No Sponsors
- No. 101-103 were written in during the tinerim period of government  
 in the community by pastor Warren
- No. 104-109 were written in by the Pastor of District Neuenschwander  
 per letter of April 13, 1887
105. Anna Parents: Rudolf Marugg, mother Anna, nee Herr  
 Birthdate: 4-4-1886  
 Christening Date: 9-6-1885  
 No Sponsors
106. Rudolph Parents: Balthoser Luchsinger, mother Verana, nee Leuzinger  
 Birthdate: 1-11-1886  
 Christening Date: 6-6-1886  
 No sponsors
107. Wilhelm Parents: Jacob Rutschmann & mother Pauline  
 Birthdate: 2-15-1886  
 Christening Date: 7-4-1886  
 Sponsors: Jacob Angst & Anna Angst
108. Friedrich Parents: Ignatz Schlageter & Elisabeth Schild  
 Birthdate: 10-1-1885  
 Christening Date: 5-20-1887  
 Sponsors: Heinrich Flury & Elisabeth Hunziker, Jacob's  
 wife, nee Herr
109. Rosina Parents: Ignatz Schlageter & Elisabeth Schild  
 Birthdate: 2-9-1887  
 Christening Date: 5-20-1887  
 Sponsors: Martin Marugg & Josephine Stocker

## CHRISTENINGS:

The following Christenings done by Pastor Charles August Nussbaum caused acceptance by these children into the new church, where they were christened.

## Christening Names

1. Brosi Schild Marugg born January 9, 1891 in Tracy City (Tenn)  
Parents: Martin & Elisabeth Marugg  
Christened: September 20, 1891 in Gruetli (Tenn)  
Sponsors: Rudolf Marugg & Margareta Schlafbach
2. Anna Margaretha born August 4, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Schild Parents: Johann & Barbara Schild  
Christened: September 20, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Peter Schild, Rudolph Marugg, Magareta Schlafbach, Anna Marugg
3. Fridolin Wichser born August 6, 1877 in Schwanden, Glaraus, Schweiz  
Switzerland  
Parents: Fridolin & Barbara Wichser  
Christened October 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Jacob Sonnhauer & Ursula Hefti
4. Anna Wichser born September 18, 1878 in Schwanden, Glaraus. Switzerland  
Parents: Fridolin & Barbara Wichser  
Christened October 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: David Wild & ?
5. Barbara Wichser born September 23, 1882 in Knoxville, Tenn.  
Parents: Fridolin & Barbara Wichser  
Christened Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: David Wichser, Barbara Wichser Luchinger
6. Katharina Wichser born Feb. 15, 1887 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Parents: Fridolin & Barbara Wichser  
Christened Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Jacob Wichser, Katharina Refti
7. Rosina Wichser born March 20, 1889 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Parents: Fridolin & Barbara Wichser  
Christened Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Tobias Wild, Anna Wichser
8. Emil Johannes born Oct. 30, 1891 in Tracy City, Tenn.  
Hoehn Parents: Gottfried Johann, Lydia Hoehn
9. Andreas Edward born March 30, 1890 in Pittsberg, Tenn.  
Von Allman Parents: Kaspar, Rosina Von Allman  
Christened Jan. 3, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Jacob, Lina Hunziker
10. Johannes born May 23, 1888 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Schlageter Parents: Ignatz, Elisa Schlageter  
Christened Oct. 30, 1892 Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Peter Schild, Anna Schlageter
11. Margaretha born Nov. 7, 1889 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Schlageter Parents: Ignatz, Elisa Schlageter  
Christened Oct. 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Albert Kissling, Clara Schild
12. Emma, Catharina born Apr. 5, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Schlageter Parents: Ignatz, Elisa Schlageter  
Christened Oct. 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild, Margaretha Schild



13. **Margaretha Schild** born August 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
 Parents: Peter & Rosa Schild  
 Christened: April 16, 1893 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
 Sponsors: John Schild, Farena Luchsinger
14. **Sophia Lydia Hoehn** born February 11, 1893 in Tracy City, Tenn.  
 Parents: Gottfried Johann, Lydia Hoehn
15. **Franz Hassler** born November 8, 1890 in Tracy City, Tenn.  
 Parents: Traugott Leopold Hassler & Catharina  
 Christened: May 26, 1893 in Tracy City, Tenn.  
 Sponsors: Charles Hassler & Clara Hassler

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The following children were christened by Johann von Grueninger, Pastor of the first German Protestant reformed community at Nashville, Tennessee: (Compare this with pages 224 of this Church book)

- Jakob Meyer** born September 17, 1891 in Tracy City  
 Christened August 13, 1893 in Gruetli  
 Parents: Jacob Meyer and Julia, nee Born, Tracy City  
 Sponsors: Jacob Born, Bertha Gisel-Meyer.
- Johann Heinrich Heer** born June 29, 1893 in Gruetli  
 Christened August 13, 1893  
 Parents: Kaspar Heer and Susanna, nee Schiesser  
 Sponsors: Gabriel Schiesser, Anna Marugg-Heer
- Barbara Marugg** born November 15, 1891 in Gruetli  
 Christened August 13, 1893 in Gruetli  
 Parents: Rudolf Marugg and Anna, nee Heer  
 Sponsors: Martin Marugg, Susanna Heer-Schiesser
- Rudolf Heinrich Schild** born November 22, 1893 in Gruetli  
 Christened January 4, 1894 in Gruetli  
 Parents: Johannes Schild & Barbara, nee Marugg  
 Sponsors: Peter Ruef, Tracy City, Rosa Schild-Leuzinger
- Rudolf Andreas Bauholzer** born July 5, 1893 in Sewanee  
 Parents: Johannes Bauholzer and Anna, nee Rissling  
 Christened October 30, 1893 in Sewanee  
 Sponsors: Arnold Rissling, Rosa Margareta Bauholzer
- Margaretha Helena Ruef** born August 16, 1893 in Sewanee  
 Christened October 30, 1893 in Sewanee  
 Parents: Christian Ruef & Agnes Bollinger  
 Sponsors: Johann Pehr, Elisabeth Ruess, sister of the father

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- Elisabeth Christina Schild** born August 19, 1895 in Gruetli  
 Christened November 24, 1895 in Gruetli  
 Parents: Johannes Schild and Barbara, nee Marugg  
 Sponsors: Heinrich Nett (Graubunden), Katharina Schild (St. Louis, Mo.) Anna Marugg, Nee Rychen (Ala.)
- Lilian Margaritha Kissling** born January 18, 1897 in Gruetli  
 Christened March 25, 1897 in Gruetli  
 Parents: Albert Kissling & Clara, nee Schild  
 Sponsors: Luis Haessler, Ida Schild, represented by Margaritha Schild-Taennler
- Peter Rudolf Olgiati** born on the 24th day of August in Gruetli, 1901  
 Parents: Roman A. Olgiati & Anne, nee Wichser  
 Baptized on the 10th day of November 1901 in Gruetli  
 Sponsors: Jacob & Tobias Wichser, Olga and Alma Schmidheim, William H. DuBose, Minister

The following children were christened by Pastor John Heberle, member of the Lixumatic Classis of the Reformed Church. July 6, 1902.

- Ida Elisa Sigrist born March 3, 1902, daughter of Mr. Emil Sigrist and his wife Katherina, nee Zopke. Sponsors were Miss Emilie Fluri and Frank Feeden. p. 63
- Anna Sigrist born the ninth of February, 1903, christened June 28, 1903 in Gruetli by Reverend W.H. DuBose.  
Parents: Emil Siegrist and Anna Katherina, nee Zopfi  
Sponsors: John Tidman and his wife Anna, nee Sigrist, (Tracy City, Tenn.)
- Rosa Luchsinger Born October 4, 1902  
Christened June 28, 1903 in Gruetli by Rev. W.H. DuBose.  
Parents: Johann Balthaser Luchsinger in Verena, nee Leuzinger  
Sponsors: Peter Schild, Jr. and his wife Rosina, nee Leuzinger
- Roman Lee Olgiati Parents: Roman A. Olgiati and Annie Wichser Olgiati  
born on the 14th day of June, 1903, in Gruetli  
Baptized on the 6th day of September, 1903 in Gruetli  
Sponsors: Fred Wichser and E.L. Hampton, Barbara Wichser and Elsa Schmidheim  
Wm. H. Dubose, Minister
- Fritz Anton Olgiati Parents: Roman A. Olgiati and Annie Wichser Olgiati  
born on the 21st day of February, 1905, in Gruetli  
baptized on the 11th day of June, 1905, in Gruetli  
Sponsors: John McClure and John Schild, Maggie Schiesser and Kate Wichser  
William H. DuBose, Minister
- William Haskell Siegrist Parents: Emil and Katherine Siegrist, born on the 28th day of April, 1904, at Gruetli.  
Baptized on the 11th day of June 1905 at Gruetli.  
Sponsors: Will Tidman and Pauline Angst.  
Wm. H. Dubose
- Carl Henry Scholer Parents: Henry and Caroline Scholer  
Born: July 23rd, 1904 at Gruetli.  
Baptized on the 11th day of June, 1905.  
Sponsors: Katie Ruch and Dan Scholer.  
Wm. H. Dubose. p. 64

The following received permission to partake of the Holy Last Supper:

October 30, 1875.

1. Rudolf Marugg, born June 27, 1859.
2. Martin Marugg " April 14, 1861.
3. Melchior Bauholzer "August 21, 1858.
4. Andreas Bauholzer " April 2, 1861.
5. Johannes Kissling " January 12, 1859.
6. Wilhelm Zwald " June 29, 1859.
7. Friedrich Zimmermann " January 12, 1858
8. Adolf Zimmermann " October 22, 1860
9. Christian Ammacher " April 22, 1860
10. Barbara Bollinger " May 19, 1860
11. Margritha Ruf " June 19, 1860
12. Maria Werdmueller " January 6, 1862
13. Margritha, Zwald " January 7, 1862

January 8, 1876

1. Jacob Bollinger, Jacob's Dec. 14, 1855
2. Johann Bauholzer, Andreas Aug. 21, 1855
3. Zwald, Theodor, Melchior's Feb. 13, 1855
4. Fuhrer, Jacob Johann's July 25, 1858
5. Schild, Johann, Peter's July 8, 1858
6. Siegert, Carl, Leonhard's Sept. 14, 1857
7. Zopfie, Markus, Casper's May 21, 1859
8. Aplanalp, Andreas, Andreas' Nov. 1, 1855
9. Thoenie, Anna Melchior's Oct. 26, 1859
10. Zopfie, Barbara, Casper's April 14, 1860
11. Werner, Elisabeth, Samuel's March 15, 1855
12. Werner, Anna, " May 21, 1859
13. Siegert, Maria, Leonhard's March 2, 1859

1877

1. Zopfie, Markus, Casper's
2. Aplanalp, Andreas, Andreas'
3. Thoenie, Anna, Melchior's
4. Zopfie, Barbara, Casper's
5. Werner, Elisabeth, Samuel's
6. Werner, Anna, "
7. Siegert, Maria, Leonhard's
8. Schild, Peter, Johann's

Nov. 10, 1878

1. Marugg, Georg, Christian's Born, Feb. 19, 1864
2. Rissling, Friedrich, Joseph's " May 20, 1864
3. Grossmann, Frieda, Niklaus' " Sept. 25, 1864

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4. Schild, Elisabeth, Peter's " June 27, 1864
5. Baumholzer, Catherina, Melchior " June 7, 1864
6. Zwald, Catherina, Melchior " Oct. 7, 1864
7. Luchsinger, Margarete, Melchior's " Oct. 23, 1860
8. Lauzinger, Verena, Casper " Dec. 10, 1863
9. Thoenie, Margaretha, Melchior " July 24, 1863
10. Stocker, Joseph, Anton's " Dec. 3, 1864

Dec. 6, 1879

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Jakob Ruch, Jakob's          | born Mar. 2, 1865 |
| 2. Julius Studer, Bernard's     | " Mar. 24, 1864   |
| 3. Johann Zopfie, Samuel's      | " June 21, 1865   |
| 4. Schoenemann, Jakob, Jakob's  | " Oct. 15, 1863   |
| 5. Zoepfie, Elisabeth, Casper's | " July 19, 1863   |
| 6. Anna Angst, Jakob's          | " May 12, 1862    |
| 7. Gauster, Elisabeth, Eugene's | " Sept. 4, 1864   |
| 8. Anna Heer, Heinrich's        | " Dec. 14, 1861   |
| 9. Lauzinger, Rosian, Casper's  | " Dec. 24, 1864   |
| 1. Rudolf Schild, Peters' ✓     | " Nov. 12, 1866   |
| 2. Carl, Rissling, Johann's     | " March 24, 1866  |
| 3. Christian Hostettler         | " Dec. 27, 1866   |
| 4. Regual Zwald, Melchior       | ? 1866            |
| 5. Elisabeth Maeder, Jacob's    | " May 22, 1866    |
| 6. Elisabeth Stocker, Andreas'  | " May 22, 1866    |

August 28, 1880

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| Palm Sunday of 1882                 | 1. David Zopfi Casper's     | "   | Jan. 18, 1866  |
|                                     | 2. Wilhelm Schild Peter's ✓ | "   | Oct. 9, 1868   |
|                                     | 3. Kasper Heer              | "   | Oct. 14, 1865  |
|                                     | 4. Victor Flury             | "   | Nov. 1, 1865   |
|                                     | 5. Emil Siegrist            | "   | Jan. 6, 1867   |
|                                     | 6. Friedrich Siegrist       | "   | Dec. 28, 1867  |
|                                     | 7. Adolf Cleming ?          | "   | July 3, 1867   |
|                                     | 8. Katherina Ruch           | "   | Sept. 16, 1866 |
| Palm Sunday 1883                    | 1. Alois Studer             | "   | Jan. 4, 1867   |
|                                     | 2. Peter Thoeni             | "   | Sept. 4, 1867  |
|                                     | 3. Jacob Clening            | "   | June 25, 1867  |
|                                     | 4. Bertha Gruetter          | "   | Dec. 16, 1866  |
|                                     | 5. Emma Gruetter            | "   | Feb. 15, 1869  |
|                                     | 6. Anna Fluri               | "   | May 31, 1867   |
|                                     | 7. Julia Born               | "   | March 17, 1870 |
|                                     | 8. Afra Ruch                | "   | Oct. 17, 1867  |
|                                     | 9. Christina Marugg         | "   | Apr. 22, 1867  |
| Second Sunday after<br>Easter, 1884 | 1. Adolf Maeder             |     |                |
|                                     | 2. Ehrhard Fluri            |     |                |
|                                     | 3. Elisa Siegrist           |     |                |
| 1886- February 9                    | Paulina Angst, born         |     |                |

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The following were included into the community of Gruetli during the interim period of government.

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| November 7, 1886  | Bertha Clening,   | born August 7, 1871 |
| December 24, 1886 | Leonhard von Rohr | " June 17, 1871     |
|                   | Jakob Born        | " June 17, 1871     |
|                   | Joseph Flurie     | " Aug. 29, 1871     |
|                   | Arnold Rissling   | " July 1, 1870      |
|                   | Jakob Angst       | " July 25, 1869     |
|                   | Julius Stocker    | " Dec. 2, 1871      |
|                   | Julius Sigrid     | " Sept. 1871        |
|                   | Johann Stychen    | " Sept. 18, 1871    |

December 24, 1886	Heinrich Zoppie	born December 24, 1870
"	Anna Naester?	" March 27, 1871
"	Louisa Angst	" August 7, 1871
"	Bertha Stocker	" January 25, 1870
"	Catherina Ruch	" June 30, 1870
"	Lisette Ruch	" May 2, 1873
December 24, 1887	Meinrad Herman Schlageter	December 25, 1872 ✓
"	Martha Clenin	" January 5, 1873
"	Margritha Rissling	" April 19, 1873
"	Anna von Rohr	" January 13, 1873

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From September 1886 until the New Year the following confirmations were noted by Pastor Warren.

Tobias Wichser	" July 1, 1873
Ludwig Stocker	
Johann Jakob Sehr	"
Albert Rissling	" 1874
Emil Rychen	
Walter von Rohr	
Emilie Fluri	
Anna Schlageter	

Furthermore the following were confirmed by Pastor Warren  
 May 24, 1890 Clara Schild " March 30, 1875

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#### CONFIRMATIONS

The following were admitted into the new church by Charles August Nussbaum by means of confirmation:

1. Emma Von Rohr	born December 19, 1877	confirmed April 10, 1892
2. Margaretha Schiesser	February 26, 1878	" " " "
3. Lina Hostettler	" June 20, 1874	" " " "
4. Rosina Hostettler	" February 20, 1877	" " " "
5. Jacob Schild	" October 29, 1877	" " " "
6. Fridolin Wichser	" August 6, 1877	" " " "
7. Emil Spiess	" December 23, 1878	" " " "
8. Leonhard Sutter	" March 6, 1878	" " " "
9. Fritz Stocker	" July 24, 1878	" " " "
10. Edward Hunziker	" October 22, 1878	" " " "
11. George Schlageter ✓	July 10, 1878	" " " "

The following were taken into the Protestant Reformed Church by Johann von Grueninger, Pastor in Nashville, Tennessee on February 3, 1898, by means of confirmation:

Confirmed		
February 3, 1898	Johann Jakob Hauser	born
" " "	Ida Schild	born January 24, 1883

## Friends Participating In the Last Supper Ceremony

Date	Number Present	Notes
May 23, 1875	56	
Ocotober 31, 1875	69	
January 9, 1876	72	
December 25, 1877	61	
December 25, 1879	74	
December 7, 1879	78	21 Communion of the sick at the house of Mrs. Big
August 28, 1880	80	
Palm Sunday 1881	54	
2nd Advent 1881	44	
Easter 1882	55	
Christmas 1882	51	
Easter 1883	64	
Whitsuntide 1884	52	
February 6, 1886	54	
Easter 1886	None given	

On Thursday February 3, 1898 there was here a prayer meeting, confirmation and celebration of the Last Supper in the presence of Pastor Johann von Grueniger from Nashville, Tennessee.

The following persons took part in the Holy Last Supper:

February 3, 1898

Mr. Fuerstenfeld  
 Kaspar Schild  
 Samuel Jenni  
 Jacob Angst, Senior  
 Friedolin Wichser  
 Burkard Langer  
 Emil Sigrist  
 Tobias Wichser  
 Johann Jakob Hauser  
 Jakob Schild  
 Andreas Rissling  
 Mrs. Margritha Schild  
 Mrs. Pauline Angst  
 Pauline Rutschmann

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February 3, 1898

Mrs. Regina Laager  
 Mrs. Barbara Schild  
 Mrs. Rosa Schild  
 Mrs. Luisa Baggenstaedt

## WEDDINGS

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Date of Wedding	Details
November 27, 1879	Reinhold Kleinwaechter, shoemaker in Winchester with Elise Hunzicker in Savannah.
December 31, 1881	Jacob Bollinger and Josephine Knice
March 6, 1882	Wilhelm Wepf and Maria Werner
June 17, 1883	Benedict Studer and Barbara Bollinger
March 1, 1884	John Rissling and Margretha Jenni
June 24, 1884	Rudolf Marugg and Anna Heer

The following were married by Pastor John von Grueninger:

November 23, 1895 Johann Baggenstoss and Louisa Angst

The following were married by Pastor John von Grueninger

January 1, 1897      Jacob Wichser and Esther Angst

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### MARRIAGES

The following were married by Pastor Charles August Nussbaum of the new church:

Date of Marriage

October 20, 1891	Emil C. Roth and Emma J. Bissell
July 12, 1892	Peter Grossmann and Catharina Buedter
October 20, 1892	Heinrich Zopfi and Barbara Buedter
April 27, 1893	Lucas Church and Mary Wepf

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### Church Community Decisions

Because during the term of Pastor Neuenschwanders there were certain utterances by him against the community of Gruetli; which caused an apparent demonstration against him within the community, the church council saw themselves in a situation to hold several community meetings. However, since up to this time the decisions were never included in the protocols of the church it has been decided to include the same from this day on.

I.) Church meeting of June 13, 1886. As per invitation of the deacons Angst and Jenny and the elder Rutschmann a large number of community members met in the schoolhouse in order to rehire the pastor Neuenschwanders and Jacob Angst was chosen as the chairman. After a quite lengthy discussion it was decided to relieve the pastor of his duties; however, since his contract was still valid, he was asked to come or not. Jacob Rutschmann was asked to carry the above decision to the Pastor Neuenschwander.

II.) Church meeting of August 1, 1886.

Since Pastor Neuenschwander did not go along with the decision made above and would not give up the Pastor position, because he felt that only he, as presiding officer of the church had the right to call a meeting, and thus the above meeting was declared unconstitutional, as well as the decision itself. It was therefore decided by the members of the community to get together during the month of August in a large number. Since, however, the pastor did not arrive, it was decided that Jacob Angst

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should be the chairman and Jakob Hunziker should be secretary. The reason for calling the meeting was to determine whether the church community should keep the present Pastor, whose contract had now expired, for another year of duty.

After the discussion was closed by the chairman Kaspar Zoepfi and Christian Marugg were appointed to count the votes. The motion to keep Pastor Neuenschwander no more as the pastor received 22 votes. Against the motion there were no votes, and thus the motion was accepted as unanimous by the chairman.

Secondly it was decided to include the names of the members of the church community who had not as yet been included in the church register at once. The teacher R. Marugg was delegated to do this job.

Thirdly the church council was asked to deliver to Pastor Neuenschwander and to the church council of Belvidera the decisions which were made above.

We hereby certify the correctness of the above vote.

Signed

Caspar Zopfi  
Christian Marugg

III.) Church community Gruetli, September 12, 1886.

Meeting called by Pastor Neuenschwander. After the calling to order of the meeting the question came up as to what should be done about the leadership of the presisium and during the debate it was decided, since the Pastor Neuenschwander did not have the position anymore, and did not, as a result, have the powers to carry on, to select Jakob Angst as president for that day, who now took over

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the matters of the meeting. After a discussion on how to bring about the difficulties between the pastor and the community and after fruitless attempts to bring about a reconciliation and in the knowledge that the heretofore arrangement with the pastor could not be carried out under such circumstances, it was decided not to renew the contract of the pastor. Furthermore it was decided to save the community any more expenses involved, which were completely unnecessary and that the community came to the understanding that there was no other way, except to stop the tumult. Thus the community by a vote of 36 to 1 stepped out of the ranks of the reformed church of North America and they constituted themselves as a free community. For this purpose another meeting was called for at the same school house for September 26, in order to impart the matters of this meeting to the community. The minutes of the meetings were designated to be carried to the proper church authorities by Teacher R. Marugg and Kaspar Leuzinger.

IV. Church community Gruetli, September 26, 1886.

In accordance with the above resolutions a large group of colonists assembled today in the schoolhouse. Jakob Angst was chosen as the President of the day and teacher Marugg was chosen as secretary. The minutes of the last two meetings of the church community were read to begin with and they were approved. The discussion about the ways and means by which the community



was to be constituted was then opened. After conclusion of this discussion the following conclusions were drawn:

1st. It was suggested and approved to call the Pastor B. Warren from Plechert to the pulpit on a Sunday the following month and then to speak to him in regard to doing the confirmations of the children. Teacher Marugg was asked to write in this matter to the pastor.

2nd. Next a special committee was formed, consisting of John Kissling, Jakob Angst and Teacher Marugg. Their task was to determine within the next three months a plan for the constituting of a new community and until that time to exchange the old church-council for a new one.

#### V. Church-community Gruetli, December 25, 1886.

After the Pastor Warren had been finished with teaching the children and confirmation was concluded and thus his task had been concluded and the time for the special committee was ended, the meeting came to order. The committee then reported that they decided the community should be reorganized and then the Pastor Warren should be given a contract of one year if such were possible. The committee was called together and the following people appointed: Martin Marugg, Karl Kissling and Henry Schild. Pastor Warren was asked to take the necessary steps to join the reformed synod.

#### VI. Church-community Gruetli, January 25, 1887.

The purpose of the meeting was to first be sure to have a pastor for the following year and to serve the purpose of rejoining the original church. Pastor Warren was asked to serve

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for one year. Since the letter from the President regarding the Indiana Classis and the removal of the Gruetli community from the circle of the Protestant Reformed Synod had not yet reached the authorities it was decided to recall the original message.

VII. Churchmeeting of March 20, 1887. The purpose of the meeting is the election of a church directorate. The election ended in the following results:

As Elder for the first year:	John Kissling, Sr.
" " " "second year:	Jacob Angst
" deacon for the first year:	Martin Marugg
" " " "second year:	Henry Flury

Meeting of the Church Directorate  
in the church at Gruetli, Sunday June 25, 1887.

Present: Elder J. Angst  
Deacons: Martin Marugg  
Henry Flury  
President: Pastor B. Warren  
Absent: Jacob Angst-elder

Minutes of the meeting:

1. As secretary was elected: Martin Marugg
2. The President then read from the text of a letter received from the Indiana Classis in which the relationships between our community and the former Pastor D. Neuenschwander was enumerated. A copy of the letter was sent to Pastor Neuenschwander. The original of the text was given for safekeeping to the Elder J. Angst.

Here follows a letter written by the directors to the Pastor D. Nauenschwanden in Belvidera, Tennessee.

Most revered Sir:

We, the church directors have received through the secretary of the Indiana Classis a letter in regard to the relationship between our community and you, as our former Pastor.

The conclusion in this letter asks this community to "make certain that they are in accord with Pastor Neuenschwander."

The church directory of this community wishes to know what is meant by this conclusion and how much is meant by accord.

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The community of this place is not aware that it acted in any manner that might be construed as incorrect, yet our community is ready to fulfill the obligation demanded. The church directors hereby will expect from you the return of the enclosed forms so that they may be presented to our community.

Signed

President of the church directory  
signed: B. Warren, Pastor  
Signed for the letter: M. Marugg

This letter has been read and acknowledged by the church directory.

President: B. Warren, Pastor  
Actuary: No signature

#### Meeting of the Directory

The 21st of August at the Churchhouse in Gruetli

Present: President: Pastor Warren

Members: Johann Rissling

J. Angst

M. Flurie

Minutes:

A letter was read from Pastor Nauenschwanden. in regard to his request to the community of Gruetli. The following was decided:

1. The community should be made aware today, that there will be a general meeting 6 weeks hence regarding the facts about the Pastor Neuenschwanden and that this should then be immediately come to the church directory.
2. The answer then shall be made available to Pastor Neuenschwanden.

This was read and acknowledged.

The President: B. Warren

Letter to the Pastor Neuenschwanden to that effect.

Meeting of the Church Directory, October 2, 1887.

Present: President B. Warren

Members: J. Rissling

J. Angst

H. Plurie

M. Marugg

The following action was taken to inform the church community:

Because of certain differences with our former Pastor D. Neuenschwander the Indiana Classis has requested that we come to an agreement with Pastor Neuenschwander. We, therefore directed ourselves toward the said pastor in order to find out what action was to be taken by us. We then received the following answer:

1. We should take back our grievances against him and a statement that he had nothing against the community as far as we know.
2. That the community itself started the problems between the pastor and itself and that they are sorry about the differences with Pastor Neuenschwander,

In regard to these matters the Gruetli community made the following suggestion in keeping with the wishes of the church directory:

1. That the community, at the time when the step was taken, acknowledges only that great differences were brought about by the actions of the pastor, but that these differences were not put into the minutes of the meetings and therefore also not into the official letter, because the pastor did not show up for the meeting that was called.
2. That today's discussions did decide that this was not the case and that the Indiana Classis should decide for themselves that the contract should remain as it is now and as it has been accomplished by the community of Gruetli and the Pastor Neuenschwander and that for every such decision a singular contract is sufficient.

By the church directory

The President

B. Warren, Pastor

The actuary

M. Marugg.

Meeting of the 1st reformed Community in Gruetli:

Present: B. Warren as president

As secretary was chosen Martin Marugg.

As vote counters: Jacob Ruchaelter and Jacob Ruchjunger

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#### Minutes of the Meeting

There was a request from the church directory present regarding the status between the former Pastor Neuenschwander and the community, that it be noted that the answer in this matter was accomplished and sent to Belvedere in order to become known to Pastor Neuenschwander.

Read and certified by the President:

B. Warren

The actuary: M. Marugg

Meeting of the Church directory  
March 25, 1888

Present were the President: B. Warren, Elder J. Angst, Deacon: M. Marugg

As requested the elders were asked to act as the church directory's representatives in the meeting to be held on the third Wednesday after Easter by the Classis in Louisville. The following were designated: J. Angst, Primarius, and J. Kissling, Secundarius.

B. Warren, President  
M. Marugg, Actuary

Meeting of the Church directory held on April 29, 1888 in the church at Gruetli.

Minutes of the meeting:

New church directory members were chosen.

A meal was served for the church directory members.

Elder: Johann Rissling, Chairman: Martin Marugg.

These were hereby informed of their duties.

For the community meeting:

The President: B. Warren

The actuary: M. Marugg

Church directory meeting held May 27, 1888.

Present: Elder: Johann Rissling, John Angst. Chairman: J. Flurie.

Minutes of the meeting: The letter to B. Warren from our current pastor, which has been lost, was written again in accordance with a complete yes vote.

In the absence of the chairman, the President advises:

The actuary: M. Marugg

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Church Meeting of October 21, 1888

Minutes of the meeting: The church chairman reported that the money which was designated for 1888 for payment of the pastor is no more sufficient beyond the current visit of the pastor.

Mr. John Kissling was therefore taken up on his suggestion that the contract in force now between the Pastor Mainen and the community should be taken up again. The church chairman was asked to verify the contract for 1889.

Further it was decided that the first sermon of the next year was to be held at Christmas 1888.

M. Marugg, Secretary.

Minutes of the meeting of the church community held Sunday, January 14, 1889 in the church of Gruetli.

For discussion came up the question of selection of two church directory members who, in accordance with the constitution of the church, which designated the first prayer service Sunday as the date for this.

For choices were:

- a. Mr. J. Angst as elder
- b. Mr. R. Flury as member of directory.

# Citizens List of the Political Community

## Switzerland

Maunstein	Lehman, Carl	Mueller, Fried.
Waegelin, Rudolph	Schild, Joh.	Buhler, Fried.
Lanz, Heinrich		Kneubuehl, Fried.
Lanz, Jacob	Gruicher, Joh.	Gnaeburt, Melchior
Vocher, Anton	Schild, Peter	Maeder, Jh.
Zimmerli, Joh.	Fluri, Jh.	Scholler, Jh.
Schild, Peter	Fluri, Joseph	Amstutz, J.
Thoeni, Melchior	Zuercher, Joh.	Zimmerman, Ulrich
Kuechen, Joh.	Born, Friedrich	Berger, Edward
Studer, Anton	Fawer, Friedrich	Buggenberger, Jh.
Schild, Casper	Buettlicher, H.	Guggenberger, J.
Gossler, Jakob	Von Rohr, Lenhard	Von Gunter, Fried.
Stocker, Inou	Schlazbach, Jh.	Dietrich, Joh.
Hofstatter, Christ	Plumenstein, Fred	Ott, Carl
Heller, Joseph	Plumenstein, G.	Gruttiger, Jh.
Schwarz, Joh.	Rezeler, Joh.	Roth, Carl
Schwarz, George	Abbuehl, Casper	Certli, Leonhard
Weiss, Ulrich	Alburn, G.	Ruch, Jh.
Egli, Joh.	Kissling, Alois	Gentzeller, Ant.
Miescher, G.	Waeberli, Christ	Near the colony
Hollinger, Jh.	Zwald, Melchior	Haur, Ulrich
Schneider, Jh.	Fulgaur, Alois	Holzfaeder, Casper
Fahnholzer, Andrew	Stuscki, Carl	Grander, J.
Gruttiger, Jh.	Zegfin, Casper	Scoceman
Stocker, Joseph	Wollmer, J.	Ueli
Schwarz, Jh.	Kuf, Chris	Fear, Jacob
Sticklaus, Jh.	Saier, Jh.	The Brothers Fradi
Jahner, Ulrich	Amacher, Chris.	Bader
Nidgger, Gottlieb	Kreis, Casper	Bucher, Joh.
Kissling, Joh.	Kottach, J.	Eischof
Kissling, Peter	Schaerrner, Jh.	
Baumgartner, Joh.	Vogt, J.	
Bertschinger, Joh.	Werdmueller, Mikl.	
Lurri, J.	Werdmueller, Jh.	
Schwarz, Jh.	Fawer, Carl	

Since all of the matters of the colony have been discussed and carried out by the Gruetli organization, until there will be incorporation of the community, and since most of these matters had to do with the colony, it has been decided by the population to include their entire minutes of protocol of the community in this introduction.

#### Organization of the Club

For the opening ceremonies of the Gruetli there assembled this Sunday afternoon, the 11th of April, all those Swiss citizens who settled in this area. The speaker chose this name, in a meaningful way, and he mentioned how the small number of those who had assembled on a mountain meadow 550 years ago, and he also said how much blessing and happiness had come out of that event and how Austria's dictatorship had fallen before the determination of the Swiss. They (Swiss) risked their blood and their homes over the centuries, for the higher place of freedom, and still today our brothers at home enjoy this freedom. We, too, now must further the founding of a Swiss colony and we must see to it that this colony will thrive. We shall not reach this goal by means of violent struggle, but rather through peaceful weapons of the spirit and through the fruits of the forest. However, steadfastness, courage and perseverance is a must, a social democratic outlook must be within us and a selfless way of acting must be our foundation to reach our goal, namely, to enrich our colony and to keep it going. Unity and calm be foremost at all of our gatherings and only then will the Almighty Leader not refuse to help our fate, with our will to prosper. Thus will blessings and good things come out of this place, for those who come after us and thus will we become useful citizens of our adoptive fatherland.

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With a cheer to the representative of our fatherland Mr. General Consul Hitz, under whose good guidance this Gruetli became ours, we began to sing songs of far away (Switzerland) and thus heartily the organization ceremonies were concluded.

On the second of May the text of the statutes was accepted and the following persons were elected as our leaders: Heinrich Schwarz of Gruetli, President; Rudolf Wegelin from Beersheba Spring, Vice President; and Jakob Schneider from the Long Mill, actuary. At this meeting Mr. Emil Pluemacher, was present and he was elected as President of the colony by the Swiss Immigration Club. Since he was the originator of the project, he spoke of the early difficulties and of those still in the offing and he mentioned that no official plans had been drawn for the colony, but he hoped that with help this would be done quickly. He asked the colonists to have patience with his promises to settle the affairs of the colony as quickly as possible.

On the 31st of May the pact which had been signed by Col. Hugher and Mr. Plumacher came to an end. Under this pact 30 families were to have been settled on the land of the colony. The Gruetli organization found out that Col. Hugher was no more willing to keep the pact since he felt that Plumacher did not keep his word nor his pledge in accordance with the pact. This news caused the organization to send a letter for help by the General Consul at its meeting of the sixth of June. This letter had the results which were expected and during our meeting on the 4th of July two deputies of the General Consul, Mr. Wermuth and Mr. Peter Staub arrived together with Col. Hugher to examine the facts in this case. The first secretary, Mr. Wermuth, suggested that a conscientious report be made to the high Swiss representative and Mr.

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Wermuth then wished to take down the words spoken by the mouths of everyone and to put down the mood and wishes of everyone. With honesty everyone declared that they liked the climate and the location of the colony and that they would, one by one, be able to establish their own existence, but above all they wished that the colony would be established with haste so that the work could be carried on.

Col. Hugher declared himself to be willing to go into a new contract with the colonist, to which the two representatives agreed and said that they would try to get as good as possible a contract for the colonists.

In accordance with this contract all the 50 acre lots that were lying along the street were given free and those which were in the background were offered to the colonists at 1 dollar per acre. This change in the contract caused another problem, since the lands just chosen belonged to a variety of owners who did not wish to let the land go at such cheap prices, but after many failed attempts it finally came about that the first auction of land was set for the 16th of August, on which day Mr. Lincoln W. Hill and the most important landowners, those of 5000 acres, came.

Protocol of the community meeting of the 16th of August in Gruetli forenoon - 10 A.M.

The protocols of the meetings of the 6th of June and of the 4th and 12th of July were read and unanimously approved. Thereafter the president of the organization spoke about colonial happenings up until that time.

The committee chairman of the organization suggested that the community should constitute itself on that day, should make a choice of governing officials, which from that time on should have the power to bring decisions to their conclusion.

The committee chairman then suggested that the following matters should be gone over:

1.) Decision should be made regarding the opening of the lands and auction of same on that day.

- 2.) Mark down those who have the right to participate in the auction.
  - 3.) Choice of someone to represent those named from their midst.
  - 4.) Making of an organization contract with the engineer Ladner to measure lots.
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- 5.) Partial payment for costs involved in measuring lots.
  - 6.) Choice of lots by lottery.
  - 7.) Make a decision to carry out the labor by statute.
  - 8.) Unforseen matters.

The order of the day declared valid.

In regard to the opening of the lands the notice which was sent to the organization by Mr. Vermuth, dated in Knoxville as of July 10th, and which was also presented to the High Consul General, was read. From this it was gathered that just such lands and no others than those given by Mr. Lincoln W. Hill were to be considered. The exactness with the pact on the one hand, the satisfactory assurances by Mr. Lincoln W. Hill and the two other gentlemen present, caused the organization to take over the lands and to start the auction of these same lands on that day.

The plan of auction showed that after subtracting the land for school and for streets that there were still 48 lots available. It was decided that all of these should be ordered to be auctioned off. Since there were 52 who had offered themselves to draw four of them not living within the community were made invalid.

Forty-eight citizens were then chosen to draw lots. Their names were to be announced at the time of the drawing. Per suggestion of Mr. Bauer the choice of a chairman of the group was postponed until the arrival of High Consul General. In the name of the future chairman Mr. Bauer read the pact which was gone into by the community. This was accepted by voice vote. In regard to covering the costs of the organization the following was done:

- a.) Accept those bills which were presented by Mr. Flugmaier until the High Consul has caused them to be invalid.
- b.) Anyone who is not to be held responsible by the above costs and who will participate in the auction of today will pay four dollars to those who will measure their land.

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There was a sum of eleven dollars left over after the entire measuring of the land. This was to be paid by the end of November, with thirty days allowance. In case of nonpayment for lots to be measured the community would take responsibility for such lots at its discretion.

In regards to the labor agreement by statute it was decided that those who take possession of their lots by November 1 should be responsible. If anyone should be late in taking the lot, he held he will be responsible to the sum of one dollar a day for the payment of workers. For those not present at the drawing of the



lots, but who did receive lots, it was decided to give them written knowledge of this and to ask them to pay the first payment within one month of receipt of notification. This to be done to the organization, as well as the payment of labor agreement. Whoever does not follow up on this duty within a month stands to lose his land.

A recess was called until 2 o'clock.

In the beginning of the afternoon session the checks of Mr. Plumacher were presented and payments of four dollars each were made in accordance with the action taken in the morning. Also, action was taken regarding those who lived far away and did not attend. The auction went on quietly and in good order and it had the following results:

- No. 6. Leonhard von Rohr, exchanged with Carl Kurdin (possibly Carl Ruodin) No. 7
4. Caspar Fuchs, withdrawn by the community. Anton Nocher (possibly Anton Rochers)
3. Jakob Lenz (or Lanz)
14. Inou Stocher (another translation - or Stocker)
16. Heinrich Lenz (or Lanz)
12. Benedikt Studer
1. Jakob Sehr (Fehr)
24. Anton Genggeller (Heuggeller) by means of purchase by John Bannholzer
5. Joseph Stocher, the elder (Joseph Stocker, Sr.)
13. Caspar Schild
  
2. Adolph Wegelin
30. John Stauffer, exchanged with No. 54
9. Conrad Bolli
38. Joseph Burri
39. Anton Stocker
19. Ulrich Weiss (other translation - Ulrich Wyfs)
18. Heinrich Schwarz from the Long Mill
8. George Schwarz from the Long Mill
21. Samuel Mueller, at this time Mischen
10. Melchior Thoni
36. Jh. (Heinrich) Pertschinger
31. August Werdmuller
34. Peter Riessling (Kissling)
23. Jakob Schneider
17. Carl Zehnter, at this time G. Hollar
18. Jos. Kychen (Hohann Rychen)
28. Joseph Stocker
22. Jakob Bollinger
20. Heinrich Egli
32. Heinrich Warner
33. Jn. Riessling ( Johann Kissling)
25. Caspar Holzhauer, at this time buyer Joh. Bannholzer
26. J. U. Bader (other translation - Bauer) at his time Joh. Bannholzer
15. Christian Hofstetter
7. Carl Kurdin ? (Ruodin) exchange with Leonhard von Rohr

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- No. 35. Joh. Faumgartner
- 27. Jakob Fruttiger
- 37. Friedrich Seidel, exchange Jh. Bertschinger
- 29. Jh. Schwarz, the elder (other translation -Heinrich Schwarz,
- 50. Friedrich Born
- 46. Jakob Zuercher (Joh. Zurcher)
- 42. Albert+Graeuicher (Albert Grauloher)
- 41. Jakob Seier
- 43. J. Kuelling (J. Kissling)
- 45. Peter Schild
- 40. Jakob Schwarz
- 44. Zimmerli Cruedenti (Concurati)

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- After the auction there was a happy celebration during which loud hurrahs were given to our most honorable, Mr. Consul-General Hitz, Consul Staub, Mr. Wermuth, as well as to the man who gave us the land, Lincoln Hill of Altanwood and Mr. Hugher in McMinnville. The meeting was then called to a close.

List of the owners in the second district

- No. 46. Joh Zurcher (Jacob Zurcher)
- 51. Friedrich Haver
- 52. Carl Haver
- 53. Christian Haerberli (Haberlin)
- 54. Melchior Gaud
- 55. Alcide Feigver (Alcide Faigeux)
- 56. Carl Stucki
- 57. Caspar Zopfi
- 58. C. Hohliger
- 59. Jb. Seier - Christian Ruf (Ruef)
- 60. Chris. Amacher
- 61. Caspar Kreis - J. Rottach
- 62. Heinrich Schaerrerr
- 63. I. Vogt
- 64. N. Werdmueller (Niklaus Werthmuller)
- 65. Heinrich Werdmueller (Werthmuller)
- 66. Frid. Mueller
- 67. Friedrich Born (Fredrich Puhler)
- 68. Joseph Fluri
- 69. Friedrich Kundbuehl (Kneubuhl)
- 70. Melchior Gauhunt
- 71. Jakob Maeder
- 72. John Schoeler
- 73. John Amatuetz (Joseph Amstutz)
- 74. Ulrich Zimmerman (Zunerman)
- 75. Edward Berser (Edward von Berren)
- 76. Sam Ross
- 77. Huggenberger brothers - Fritz von Gunten
- 81. Wermuth Consul from the General-Consulary
- 82. Consul Peter Staub

Protocol of the 9th of September in Gruetli

In Keeping with the wishes of Mr. Generalconsul Hitz and Consul Staub the community was called together for an extraordinary meeting and the following business was done:

1. Constitution of the community
2. A plan for statutes of the community
3. Election of a governing body
4. An official document from the Generalconsul regarding the reasons and the assurances of possession of the colonial lands.

The community constituted itself as a political unit consisting of 9090 acres of land and asked the Generalconsul Hitz to notarize such and to set up procedure for the community to be incorporated.

Reason: The community Switzerland, Grundy County, asks within the bounds of the laws of the United States, as well as those of the laws of the state of Tennessee, and those of the county of Grundy to establish religious and school instructions in accordance with our means. Also we hereby will, by use of our entire resources, ascertain the intellectual and materialistic well-being of those settled in our midst.

The elections were then held in a democratic way in accordance with the wishes of the consul. Every 10 owners of land made the choice of one member of the community council, or as the case was, the choice had to be in proportion. The community council then suggested that 3 members of the colony be chosen to pass on the validity of legislation.

Election of the Community Council

1st district - Lots No. 1-10	George Schwarz
2nd district - Lots No. 11-20	Heinrich Ertli
3rd district - Lots No. 21-30	Jacob Schneider
4th district - Lots No. 31-40	Heinrich Bertschinger

The three members to supervise legislation were then suggested by the community council and they were:

As President	Heinrich Schwarz
As Actuary	Rudolf Wegelin
As Treasurer	Jakob Schneider

Schwarz thanked the community council for their suggestion, but he asked to be relieved of his duties for good reasons.

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Results of election. There was a considerable majority for choice of president:

For President:	Joh. Kissling
For Actuary :	Rud. Wegelin
For Treasurer:	Ant. Stocker

Mr. Generalconsul now spoke honestly about the current status of the colonizing matters and declared that the properties were in every instance assured, as far as the legal aspects were concerned but in the matter of payments considerable changes had been made.

He said that there was no possibility anymore of free lands, but every citizen was entitled to a one hundred acre lot for the price of 50 dollars. The payments would have to be made within one year all lots to be paid for by September 1, 1870 without interest. Mr. Staub was designated as trustee and he was willing to follow us for us on this complicated business matter, although he expected the colonists to help him in every way possible. The Generalconsul's final remarks, with emotional tones in his voice, were those of the dying Attinghausen: Be united. United. United.

The evening came to be and sparkling fires of joy were started. The Singing Society brought forth a little song for the most honored Mr. Generalconsul, in which the elderly mother of the Generalconsul joined as well. We sang to the honorable representative of our dear fatherland whose voice came when it was necessary to stop the suffering in Switzerland and who also helped us with material things when we needed them as we settled in America, our adoptive land. The speaker then reiterated that the happy solution to our colonial problems came thanks to him (the Generalconsul) and that he did not spare time nor money for us.

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We owe him our innermost thanks, thanks which we are unable to say to him ourselves, but this thanks will have to show itself within our deeds. Let us, therefore, without benefit to ourselves, sow our seeds, which has been given to us, to carry the burdens, which we must bear for having settled here - to have unity, courage and patience in order to reach the goals which we have set ourselves. Doing everything together, faithfully, will contribute towards easing our future and toward further development. We hope that our Generalconsul will accept our promises as payment for all he has done for us and thus we give him our trust and let us hear it: Long may he live. The honorable representative of our fatherland, Mr. Generalconsul John Hitz, Long may he live. Long. Long.  
Song: Long may he live.

With emotion in his voice Mr. Generalconsul thanked us for the honor that had been bestowed upon him and told us that it really should be due the government for which he served us and he thanked a people which is so far advanced in the republican type of government, as is the case in our Swiss fatherland. He said that also his pay was less than that of a representative of a monarchy, he was happy to be the representative of the European republic of which the strongest voice was that of the voice of the people. The toast which we gave him, he said, belonged to his government as we do to the good Swiss citizens of the fatherland and of the U. S. Three toasts were given, the last of which went to the consul. Mr. Staub and we thanked him very much for all his deeds for the colony. A heavy rain caused an end to the happy celebration and caused the partakers to go home.

## Order of business:

1. To make a decision regarding the plan of the streets
2. Erection of a school house
3. Community charter
4. Name of the city

The legislative committee suggested that Mr. Lauer be dismissed as roadmaster and that the committee itself should carry out the necessary work. This was approved and it was further stated that the committee should conclude the work to be done on the bridges in Gruetli.

In Regards to the school house it was decided that the community council should have time until the end of the year to submit a plan and a breakdown of cost. Then they would receive moneys for the measuring of the land to be used by the city. The city was to be called Bern.

Mr. Wermuth had sent us a charter for the city and it was accepted and the chairman of the committee was asked to enter it as such and also to give the colony the name Switzerland. To make things somewhat easier it was decided to build two block houses, to cost no more than what credit was available.

Every owner of a lot was then given permission to cut down the timber in the street-part running through his lot and they were asked to leave stumps no higher than one foot. Meeting closed.

Community meetings of December 31, 1869  
in the lot of Community advisor Schneider,

The President opened the meeting and called for the following agenda:

1. Reading of the minutes of protocol of the meeting from Oct. 25 at Gruetli.
2. Request of community advisor Schneider in regards to building school house in the city of Bern.
3. Determine the sales price of the future one hundred acre lots. (p. 13)
4. Proposal in regard to auctioning off of city lots.
5. Proposal for plans for a cemetery.
6. Turning over the plans of the first 5,000 acres to the community.
7. Notice regarding the conclusion of measuring lots and payment for the same.
7. Election of the chairman of the community council.
8. Unforeseen matters.

The minutes of the meeting from the 9th of September were read and accepted without opposition. The one of the 25th of October was thereafter completed, in that in the area of street construction the obligation was with the community council to complete the work. In order to complete the decision by the community council of October 25 to consider the building of a school the following was done:

There should be erected on the spot such designated in the city, a house with the dimensions of 30 meters by 24 meters wide. Over the entire matter of the school house we hereby extend a 14 day limit during which the question of what is to be needed toward completion should be resolved.

Then the proper authorities shall have the right to accept and ratify the lowest bid. Joh. Schwarz then asked that this should be modified to read that only for the construction should there be competitive bidding. He suggested that the populace should out of their own free will chop the wood needed and deliver it free to the sight and thereby considerable money would be saved. Should this method, however, not be possible, the local government should then immediately go ahead with the job, since a school house was absolutely necessary. Action taken: The community council and its chairman is hereby requested, by means of the free labor, to clear some land at the designated spot for the school, as well as to open a street to lead to this spot. Where possible the gentlemen from the sawmill should accommodate the delivery of the cut loads of timber. Bids are to be opened for the actual construction of the house and there will be no ratification needed by the community and the lowest bidder should be given preference. If the primary work will not be contributed free, credit should be given for this work as well.

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The president has informed the community that the consul Staub has a matter of fact bought 5,000 acres of land, and he wishes that the community should determine the sales price of the same and the Mr. consul Staub be given remuneration in accordance with his efforts and contributions which were connected with this matter. He hereby wants us to know how much goodhearted means of action was employed toward all of us, since all this has been done without any specific action from us.

Jacob Sehr (Fehr) suggested that Mr. Staub be given the right to determine the purchase price, but he could not find it to determine the moneys to be paid to the consul for the consul's efforts could never be put on a basis with that of a laborer. The President was worried that someone from another group may designate the Mr. Consul Staub as a land speculator, something which the consul certainly did not want to be in regard to the Swiss colony and therefore the consul wished that the colony itself should determine the price of all of it. Joh. Schwarz seconded the suggestion of Sehr, since already much dispute had grown out of this question of why the agent of the sale was at the same time the one to determine the areas of the parcels. It was Schwartz's opinion that Mr. Staub should act as consul and as seller, provided that the prices of the parcels, etc. would not go too high.

Result of discussion: We thanked the Mr. Consul Staub for his generous actions towards us and we left it up to him to determine the prices.

In regard to the city lots being auctioned off, the city council determined that these lots should be surveyed and then they should be brought up for auction. To complete this project Mr. Bertschinger suggested that the city council turn toward Mr. Engineer Bauer to have a plan made by him whereby all of the 200 city acres be subdivided into half acre lots, that the streets be built in parallel directions. However an inquiry showed that the cost of such a plan would be too high.

Since Mr. Pauer presented a bill of 20 dollars just for the plan, plus 1 dollar for each parcel of land, for a total cost of the entire project of 600 dollars. This bill was too much for the council and the entire project was tabled.

Joh. Schwarz added that he too felt that the bill was exaggerated and he thanked the council for their action and he added that the project could be completed without the help of the engineer at much lower cost. He also felt that the buyers of these lots should have a choice to buy up to 4 acres.

Result of discussion: The city council and its chairman were asked to consider the second suggestion as to the distribution of lots and to initiate an auction.

The city council and its chairman asked that at a designated place there should be made room for a cemetery. It was decided that lot No. 21 should be returned to the community and since the position and the soil would be favorable 10 acres from the street to the valley should be thus designated and 1 acre of this to be cleared and bonded. This was done to make the initial costs as small as possible.

In regard to the surveying of the first 5,000 acres there were many complaints because the border lines had not been determined correctly and also in some cases the deeds had been mislaid. The following result came about: The owners of 100 acre lots were given a one month period to determine their exact boundary lines. During this period there were to be no written complaints presented to the chairman. At the end of this period the chairman is to determine who should pay for the costs of the new surveying.

The constitutional elections to determine chairmen of the various districts showed the following results in the city council:

1st district	Jakob Lanz
2nd district	J. A. Weiss
3rd district	Jb. Schneider, who declined, and in whose place on the 17th of January Mr. Bahnholzer was elected.
4th district	Heinrich Bertschinger
5th district	Carl Zehnter

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As members of the executive committee the council suggested the following:

For President - Mr. Joh. Riessling (Kissling) and  
Jb. Sehr (Fehr)  
For Actuary - Rudolf Wegelin and Heinrich Schwarz  
For Treasurer - Anton Stocker and Joh. Baumgartner

Results of election: For President - Number of those voting 21. Absolute majority 16. Mr. Riessling 20 votes, Sehr 1 vote, 1 vote invalid.

Mr. Riessling thanked the community for its trust in him and he declared himself eligible, with the wish that the community might have a happy, peaceful development.

Treasurer - Number of those voting 23. Absolute majority 15. The following received votes: Mr. Stocker 17. Baumgartner 9.

Bertschinger 2. Thus Mr. Stocker was elected. Actuary:- Number of those voting 31, absolute majority 16. The following received votes: Mr. Wegelin 3, Bertschinger 2, Hch. Schwarz 26.

Under article 8 of the rules, Mr. Jb. Sehr indicated to the assembled that he had received a legal opinion from the court in regard to the fact that he as spokesman of the city had the right to designate all citizens who had begun on their twentieth year and who were not above 65 years of age by the first Thursday in January as able for statute work. Such would be turned over to the court immediately.

Hch. Schwarz protested against such an action because he felt that the streets should be built first and this should be brought before the citizens of the community. He mentioned with seriousness in his voice that this action by the court was only undertaken at the request of a few citizens and he hoped that if the community would ask the court for time to finish the streets first, the court would grant this. He said that the building of the streets was a necessity, but one should not ask too much of the colonists at once. Without previous knowledge of the facts, it was intensely believed that the streets should be built. Schwarz from the Long Hill too, complained about the amount of statutory labor and he mentioned that during the year 1869 he and his brother were asked to give 36 days of statutory labor and he said he would leave the area (mountain)

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if things were carried out so strictly.

The members of the community then asked the chairman to direct request the court at Altamont to postpone the question before them and when such had been granted to get a plan indicating the direction of the streets, which would be of benefit to both communities involved. Then the plan of the community should be presented for approval. Furthermore a communication from the President to the Mr. Consul Staub was read, in which it was pointed out how sadly off the family Lazer had been at Glarus and the members of the community were reprimanded because they did not turn over the pledges they had made previously - in the form of gifts - to the cashier. These gifts then were to have been sent to the consul for the family named above. Meeting was adjourned.

Extraordinary meeting of the community of 7th February 1870.

As a result of the quarrel between the owners of the first and the second complex, particularly those of the city complex, and the difficulties having arisen from the street problem, Mr. Consul Staub called together a committee in order to settle the causes of the quarrels peacefully. The committee consisted on the one side of Mr. Engineer Bauer, Jakob Sehr and Edward Berger.

The committee of the second group consisted of President Riessling, Bertschinger and Schwarz.

As presiding person over the procedure the Consul Staub was elected. The most important features of the matters to be discussed were the following:

1.) Should the charter which was designed by the General Consul Hilt



on the 25th of October of last year and which was approved by the citizens of the community be kept intact or should it be declared null and void?

2.) In which direction should we go in order to bring about a peaceful settlement of the city matters?

3.) Is it not within the interest of the population to break up the settlement into two parts, comprising two school districts and two districts for streets, but to distribute the amounts given to the two districts into two equal parts in accordance with the city complex limits?

After quite intense and long discussion agreement was reached between the committees and a proposal was presented which read as follows:

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I.(a) The constitution (charter) of the community was only to be changed to the extent as it was necessary to do so and the change were to be left up to Mr. Consul Staub at our request.

II.(a) The two city complexes in force at this time should be combined and the second complex should contain the 100 acres comprising lots 45, 46, 43, and 44, so that the complex would then be 600 acres in size.

(b) For public buildings there is designated hereby a complex of 25 to 30 acres, provisions to be made for the city to buy from both sides involved.

(c) The affairs pertaining to streets are then designated to be supervised by the citizens living in that area.

(d) Any sums derived from the sale of gift lots should be designated for the protective services.

III. Since the community is so large in area and since the settlement has taken place so quickly, the community should be divided into two school districts, for which moneys are to be derived from the sale of the city lots. These amounts should be equally divided between school and church. In order to build the first school each school district is to be allotted a 200 dollar credit.

IV. Each one of the school districts is to be responsible for the streets necessary and the bridges necessary in their area, as well as the county roads passing through their districts.

V. There is to be made a contract with Mr. Engineer Bauer in regard to the surveying of the areas of the city.

VI. Acceptance of the surveying of the first 5,000 acres.

VII. There is to be a community meeting on the 7th of February for the purpose of ratification or drawing up of these proposals.

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Minutes of the Community Meeting of  
February 7, 1870

- 1.) Reading and ratification of the minutes of December 31, 1869.
- 2.) Ratification or discarding of the present commission report.
- 3.) Ratification or discarding regarding Mr. Zurcher's 100 acre lot No. 46, already built upon.

4.) Ratification of the contract with Mr. Engineer Juggnieder Paul. The president opened the meeting with a short but serious introduction, pointing at the disagreements which have arisen as lack of communication and he asked that the citizens keep away from personal attacks during the day's most important transaction and to pay careful attention to them. All party differences should be put aside, he said and then he used the call of Staufacher's great wife who said: Look forward Werner and not backwards. The president expressed the hope that the words of the highly respected Mr. General

Consul, "Be united, united, united". should have buried themselves into their hearts. Only unity makes certain survival, only unity furthers the growth of the community, and only a democratic way will bring us to the desired. These were the words the President repeated. And with these few words he declared the meeting as having begun.

Thereupon the minutes of the meeting of December 31, were read and ratified with 100 percent vote.

The pending requests by the committees were read and the reader, Mr. Schwarz explained the reasons for the committee requests. Mr. Edward Berger then seconded the reading of the requests. Mr. Schneider and Mr. Bollinger said that they believed the owners of the 100 acre lots in complex number one were shortchanged and the two gentlemen requested that the so called popular spring (of water) be kept open and undisturbed. Mr. Consul Staub agreed to this request with many thanks that the matter was brought to his attention and he said that the 200 acres in question would be bought for 130 dollars, including cost of surveying and the lots could be sold to school district number one, in order to create smaller complexes from it.

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The two who requested this were hereby satisfied and they suggested that ratification of the committee reports be carried out without further questioning. The point was then accepted one hundred percent. It was then decided that until final incorporation would take place a committee of five would be chosen, to be composed of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, plus one owner of land with the purpose to further the welfare of the community with all their abilities, to find means as quickly as possible to sell the city lots and to take preliminary actions regarding the building of a school. The results of the elections were as follows:

President - Hermann Bollinger  
Vice president - Edward Berger  
Treasurer - Anton Stocker  
Secretary - Hch. Schwarz  
Fifth Member - Ulrich Zimmerman

The discussion in regard with the surveying contract with Mr. Engineer Bauer, showed the following result. With the exception of the complex which had been designated for public buildings, for which at this time only the grounds had been designated. Bauer has committed himself to divide the entire complex into 1 acre lots, to be exactly alike with four corners and a center stake being determined. The directions of the streets should also be outlined and after the completion of the work there should be an inspection regarding correctness of the measurements. Mr. Bauer is also directed to present the community with a bill for the work that has been done in the sum of 250 dollars, to be paid to the extent of 100 dollars after the first auction and 150 after a one year period. This will include all the surveying costs of both city complexes. The sum was agreed upon and Mr. Bauer requested that he be permitted to survey a number of these lots as quickly as possible.

Mr. Zurcher then requested that the community would give him restitution for 20 of his 100 acres on the western side of his lot because his house was standing there. He also suggested that he be reimbursed the 15 dollars which he already had paid for the surveying job and he declared that he was willing to let the community have the other 80 acres, plus the capital investment on these at 50 dollars.

The citizens present found that this was a reasonable request and agreed to the request one hundred percent.

The 200 acres which had been added to the city was to be divided in two equal parts. Next a request was made for clarification on how the deficit in money would be taken care of. The chairman was then upon asked to give a report regarding the aforementioned deficit and how it would be covered by July 4th. Community No. 1 then designated 4 acres as school properties, part of this being designated on the north side and part of this being designated on the south side of the city complex. When, then, the president asked if anything else should be added to this matter. Joh. Schwarz asked permission to speak and he said in a few words that Mr. Consul Staub had given much of his energy to the establishment of the colony and how much he still had to do as a trustee of the community and what zeal he had shown even this time to bring about the required peace in the community. The colonists, Schwarz continued, had much to be thankful for, and Mr. Consul Staub had done all this without asking for monetary rewards. He, too, then pledged himself to unity, by means of which the colony would bloom and ripen and suggested a toast as a sign of thankfulness.

Mr. Consul Staub, may you live a long happy life.

Mr. Staub was very happy about this day, during which it was his pleasure to stay with us, even if we had no wine, which in our fatherland usually enlivened the moods, but he found here at the water fountain the moods happy and always cheerful. He brings us today as well the words of our representative Mr. General consul Hitz who at this time is staying in Switzerland: Dear fellow countrymen, be united, be united, united. . He has saved our project once before and now too we trust his judgement again. Long may he live.

The largest part of you who are here today, remember, however how he rejected the toast you gave him here, because he felt that it belonged to the government, whose representative he is. I too am completely convinced that the government at home has not forgotten you, that it will not take away from you its protection, and that the preferences which were promised you, shall not be forgotten.

The fact is really that it is possible for the common man to pull himself up to greater height over here than in our fatherland. It is though it would not be said about our government at home that they are encouraging the emigration from Switzerland. You may be certain, however, that you will have all possible protection from the government of Switzerland. Trust in your Swiss government, and let them know, when you are in danger. Here on this mountain of Tennessee your brothers stand with you, one for all and all for one.

To you, my dear landbrothers, we owe recognition for your strong will and for your perseverance which you have shown with this project day by day. I thank you further for the good image you have given to us and our fatherland and for your diligent character, which you have earned amongst the inhabitants of this land. Stick close together and feed your hearts with real Swiss food, which means pure freedom, character building of the entire population here, song and above all communal life which will further the intellectual effort. As far as the colony is concerned I must say here and now that the progress of it can only be expressed in my entire satisfaction. Remain busy like this, remain united like this and I guarantee you that I shall support the colony with all my strength and I shall try to avoid all selfishness in this respect. At last I wish to bring a toast for the Swiss government, without whose help this colony would no more exist. Secondly, I propose a toast to the sweet nation of ours and to the people therein. Thirdly, a toast to all the Swiss people, wherever they may be.

To the Swiss government, to her people and all Swiss in other land wherever they may be, may they live long, long, long. With the beautiful song of our fatherland: Brother give us your hand for unity, the meeting was closed and those present were dismissed.

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Members of the 1st Church Community, Grundy County, Tennessee

1. Sehr, Jacob from Zurich
2. Sehr, Clef. nee Sollingerseim, wife
- (gone) 3. Zimmermann, Ulrich from Bern :
- " 4. Zimmermann, Anna, nee ?, his wife :
- " 5. Zimmermann, Friedrich, his son : (moved)
- " 6. Zimmermann, Adolf " " :
- " 7. Zimmermann, Anna " daughter :
- " 8. Big, William
- (died) 9. Pi Anna, nee Stufsein, wife
- " 10. Stychen, Johann
11. Stychen, Elisabeth, nee Thoeni
12. Hunzicker, Jakob
13. Hunzicker, Elizabeth, nee Hess
- (died) 14. Hunzicker, Friedrich
- " 15. Hunzicker, Albert - (not of age)
- " 16. Hunzicker, - widow
17. Leutzinger, Kaspar
18. Leutzinger, Rudolf
- (died) 19. Leutzinger, Verena, nee Treben
20. Plauenstein, Samuel
- (gone) 21. Ruf, Christian
- (gone) 22. Ruf, Magdalena, nee Weber (Died)
- (died) 23. Ruf, Margritha, Daughter
24. Marugg, Christian
25. Marugg, Anna, nee Bradie, his wife
26. Marugg, Rudolf, their son
27. Marugg, Martin, " "
- (gone) 28. Marugg, Barbara, their daughter
- " 29. Zwald, Mechior
- " 30. Zwald, William, his son
- " 31. Zwald, Margritha, his daughter

- (gone) 32. Zu Bergen, Edward  
 " 33. Zu Bergen, Margritha, nee Ott, his wife (Left)  
 " 34. Bollinger, Jakob  
 " 35. Bollinger, Elizabeth, nee Sullinger, his wife  
 " 36. Bollinger, Katharina, his daughter  
 " 37. Bollinger, Barbara, his daughter  
 " 38. Maeder, Jakob
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- " 39. Maeder, Catharina, nee Aplanalg, his wife  
 " 40. Werthmueller, Niklaus (died)  
 " 41. Werthmueller, Magdalena, nee Gro ssmann, his wife  
 " 42. Werthmueller, Maria  
 " 43. Grossmann, Peter  
 (left) 44. Schild, Kasper  
 " 45. Schild, Margritha, nee Demmler, his wife  
 " 46. Schild, the daughter  
 (gone) 47. Fessler, Jacob  
 " 48. Fahnholzer, Andreas  
 (died) 49. Fahnholzer, Katharina, nee Von Seffen, his wife  
 (gone) 50. Fahnholzer, Melchior, his son  
 " 51. Fahnholzer, Andreas, his son  
 " 52. Schoenemann, Jacob  
 " 53. Schoenemann, Anna, nee \_\_\_\_\_, his wife  
 (left) 54. Scholler, Johann  
 " 55. Scholler, Marianna, nee Tarn, his wife  
 " 56. Jennie, Samuel  
 " 57. Jennie, Maria, nee \_\_\_\_\_, his wife  
 (gone) 58. Wichser, David  
 " 59. Wichser, Barbara, his wife  
 " 60. Thoeni, Conrad  
 " 61. Thoeni, Barbara, his wife  
 (left) 62. Hofstettler, Christian  
 " 63. Hofstettler, Anna, nee Pfielman, his wife  
 (gone) 64. Thoeni, Melchior  
 (died) 65. \_\_\_\_\_, Anna, nee \_\_\_\_\_, his wife  
 " 66. Rissling, Johann  
 " 67. Rissling, Margrit, nee Kalsiger, his wife  
 (gone) 68. Rissling, Anna, the daughter  
 " 69. Rissling, Johann  
 " 70. Bollinger, Jacob, Jacob's son  
 " 71. Fahnholzer, Johann Amadeus  
 " 72. Zwald, Melchior  
 " 73. Fuhrer, Jacob            Johannes  
 " 74. Schild, Johann Petrus  
 " 75. Sierert, Carl Leonhard  
 " 76. Zoppi, Markus, Caspar & son  
 " 77. Aplanalg, Andreas & Andreas' son  
 " 78. Thoeni, Anna, Melchior & daughter  
 " 79. Zoppi, Carl, Caspar, son  
 " 80. Werner, Elizabeth, Samuel, son  
 " 81. Werner, Anna, her daughter  
 " 82. Sierert, Markus. 1 son?  
 " 83. Schild, Peter  
 " 84. Schilds, from Ruf, Margarite, his wife  
 " 85. Schild, Elise, the daughter  
 (died) 86. Schild, Caspar, of Mieringen, died

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87. Marugg, George  
 (gone) 88. Kissling ? Johann  
 " 89. Grossmann, Victor  
 ,90. Schild, Elise, crossed off ( see above No. 85)  
 (died) 91. Bauholzer, Curt?  
 (gone) 92. Zwald, Melchior  
 " 93. Luchsinger, Margaret  
 94. Leuzunger, Werner, Caspar  
 95. Thoeni, Margarete and Melchior  
 " 96. Stocker, Josephine  
 " 97. Feuser, August  
 " 98. Hauser, nee Kieben, Jeanette  
 " 99. Pater (Father or Peter?) Rissling  
 " 100. Friedrich Krebs  
 " 101. Leonhard Certli  
 Came 29 - November 79  
 102. Caspar von Almen and wife (could also be Caspar from Almen)  
 (gone) 103. Rosa nee Hunziker  
 " 104. Reinhard Bauer and wife  
 " 105. Anna Barb nee Graf and 4 children, Anna, Maria, ?, ?, and  
 Heinrich  
 106. Jacob Angst and wife  
 107. Angst, Anna nee Demuth and 5 children, Anna,  
 " 108. Jacob Weidmann  
 109. Susana " , nee Neukom and 3 children , Gustaf, Albert,  
 Luise  
 " 110. Arnold Schmied and wife  
 " 111. Anna nee Fans and 1 child, Arnold Fans, 2 yrs.  
 " 112. Werner, Paul and wife  
 " 113. Elizabeth nee Kramer, 4 children at home (?15, Hans 13,  
 ? 10, Samuel 7)  
 (died) 114. Russ, Jacob (Pfiegel, place) and wife

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115. Afra Russ, nee Schoenberger and 3 children not confirmed  
 Afra 13, Catherine 14, Anna 4  
 116. Ruch, Jacob (Lang) and wife, Fritz 16, Jacob 14  
 (gone) 117. Lisette, the wife  
 " 118. Ulrich Schmiedlie and wife  
 " 119. Verena Gross and 4 children, Berthall, Jacob 10, Anna  
 and Johann 4  
 120. Heinrich Heer and wife  
 (left) 121. Elise geborene Werner, Heinrich 20, Jacob 18, Anna 17,  
 Caspar 14, Julia 2.  
 122. Caspar Zopfi and wife  
 " 123. Catherine nee Zimmerman and children. Not confirmed.  
 David 14, Heinrich  
 124. Hiberius Luchsinger and wife.  
 (gone) 125. Barbara nee \_\_\_\_\_  
 126. Joachim Wirz  
 On the 6th of December the following were confirmed:  
 " 127. Jacob Ruch  
 " 128. Julius Studer  
 " 129. Johann Zopfi  
 130. Jacob Schoenemann  
 131. Elizabeth Zoepfie  
 (died) 132. Anna Angst  
 (gone) 133. Elisabeth Gruetter  
 134. Anna Heer

No.127 to 134 were confirmed in  
 1879. Gives name of parent and  
 name of child.

135. ? Lauzinger, Casper  
 (gone) 136. Mrs. Bossch, Susana nee Schweizer -  
 " 137. Mrs. Moritz, Sophie nee Roth  
 " 138. Mrs. Fuetticker, Lucia nee Sprecker  
 139. Heinrich Sigrist and wife  
 " 140. Catherina nee Hiller. 3 unconfirmed children Enid 13,  
 Friedrich 12, Eliza 9  
 " 141. Burkhard Lagara and wife  
 " 142. Regula nee Lagra  
 " 143. Albert Gruendli  
 " 144. His wife Anna nee Buhli - accepted May 9, 1880  
 " 145. Salaiwa Sigrist and his wife  
 (died) 146. Verena nee Bauer - accepted May 16, 1880  
 (gone) 147. Rudolf Schild  
 148. Kissling, Carl Johannes  
 (died) 149. Hofstetter, Christian  
 (gone) 150. Ragula Zwald, Melchior Nos. 148-152 by adoption 1  
 " 151. Elisabeth Maeder, Jacob  
 " 152. Elisabeth Stocker, August (p-29)
- " 153. David Zopfie  
 " 154. William Schild  
 " 155. Kaspar Heer  
 156. Victor Fluri Nos. 153-160 by confirmation 188  
 157. Emil Sigrist  
 158. Friedrich Siegrist  
 " 159. Adolf Clening  
 " 160. Datherina Ruch  
 161. Von Rohr, Leonhard R.  
 162. Von Rohr, Elisabeth, his wife  
 163. Flury, Henry  
 164. Flury, Elisabeth, his wife  
 165. Schlageter, Ignatz  
 " 166. Adolf Clenin, father  
 " 167. Emma Clenin, his wife  
 " 168. Martha Clenin  
 (died) 169. Meinrad Hermann Schlageter admitted-December 24, 1887  
 170. Margritha Rissling " " " "  
 171. Ann Von Rohr  
 172. Jacob Kutschmann  
 173. Pauline, nee Kutschmann, his wife  
 174. Gerhard Rohr  
 175. Joseph Fluri  
 176. Arnold Rissling  
 177. Jacob Angst  
 178. Julius Stocker  
 179. Heinrich Zoppi  
 180. Luise Angst  
 181. Catharian Ruch  
 182. Lisette Ruch  
 183. Crossed out  
 184. Crossed out  
 185. Peter Schiesser and wife  
 186. Mrs. Barbara, nee Knobel  
 187. Friedolin Wichser and wife  
 188. Barbara nee Wild  
 189. Anna Flury  
 189. Idia Born  
 189. Afra Ruch  
 190. Christina Marugg (p.30)

- 191. Erhard Flury
- 192. Anna Bertchinger (Siegrist)
- 193. Peter Grossmann (crossed out)
- 194. Benedict Studer and wife
- 195. Elizabeth, nee Gruetter
- 196. Jacob Stocker

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### Christenings

1. Name: Alma, born August 24, 1873, christened March 20, 1875  
Parents: Carl Moritz from Morseburg, Province Saxony, Sophie,  
nee Roth from Cleveland  
Sponsors: Wendolin Foesch, his wife, Julia, nee Schweizer
2. Name: Johann Jacob, born April 31, 1874, christened 3/20/1875  
Parents: David Wichser, from Schwanden, Glarai  
Sponsors: Wendelin Foesch and Anna Marok, nee Crosi
3. Name: Albert, born Nov. 22, 1874, christened March 21, 1875  
Parents: Johann Kissling from Schwarzenburg, Glarai and  
Margritha, nee Balsiger  
Sponsors: Freidrich Hauser and Magdalena Ritschard, nee Zahn
4. Name: Margaritha, born April 19, 1873, christened Mar. 21, 1875  
Parents: Johann Kissling from Schwarzenburg, Glariu, and  
Margritha, nee Balsiger  
Sponsors: Heinrich Flury and Catharina Banholzer, nee Von Ferg
5. Name: Emilie, born May 3, 1874, christened, March 21, 1875  
Parents: Heinrich Flury from Jagentach, Sclothurn and  
Elisabeth, nee Rohr  
Sponsors: Johann Kissling and Marianne Wandmueller
6. Name: Heinrich, christened, March 21, 1875
7. Name: Emile, " " " "2
8. Name: Emma, " " " "  
Parents: Heinrich Trub from Maur, Suerich and Catharina, nee  
Utzinger  
Sponsors: For Heinrich and Emilie, Conrad Utzinger and  
Johann Utzinger. For Emma, Johann Furren and parents.
9. Name: John, christened March 21, 1875  
Parents: Johann Steichen from Interlacken, Turn and Elisabeth  
nee Thoenie  
Sponsors: Johann Thoenie, Ferdinand Grossmann, Anna Thoenie
10. Name: Emil, christened March 21, 1875  
Parents: Johann Steichen from Interlacken, Turn and Elisabeth  
nee Thoenie  
Sponsors: Ferdinand Schild, Jr. Melchior Thoenie and Elisabeth
11. Name: Elisabeth, born May 2, 1873, christened March 21, 1875  
Parents: Jacob Ruch, from Glanu and Elisabeth Linker  
Sponsors: Jacob Ruch, Elisabeth Linker and Maria Zennie.



12. Name: Anna - born Jan. 13, 1873, christened March 21, 1875  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr from Kestenholz, Solothurn and  
Elisabeth, nee Schoenman  
 Sponsors: Jacob Schoenman and Anna, nee Mueller, daughter of  
 Grossman
13. Name: Walther - born January 13, 1874, christened Mar. 21, 1875  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr from Kestenholz, Solothurn and  
Elisabeth, nee Schoenman  
 Sponsors: Samuel Jennie and Margarethe Maurer
14. Name: John - Born April 1, 1874, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Ulrich Zimmermann from Jabkern, Turn and Anna, nee  
 Brimmer  
 Sponsors: Friedrich Hunzicker, Friedrich Zimmermann and  
 Anna Zimmermann
15. Name: Albert, born October 5, 1874, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Jacob Hunziker from Koolerau, Aargau and Elisabeth  
 nee Hess  
 Sponsors: Friedrich Hunziker and Barbara Hunziker
16. Name: Jacob, born August 4, 1875, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Christian Amacher from Isenfluss, Trau and Elisabeth  
 nee Ruch  
 Sponsors: Edward von Sengen and Catherina Von Sengen, nee Ot
17. Name: Emma, born August 26, 1873, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Jacob Maedern from Schwanden, near Triens, Turn and  
 Catherina, nee Aplanalg  
 Sponsors:
18. Name: Johann Jacob, born February 23, 1874, christened 3/22/1875  
 Parents: Jakob Heer from Flach, Zuerich, and Elisabeth, nee  
 Sollinger  
 Sponsors: Jacob Sollinger and Catherina Sollinger
19. Name: Lulla, born Sept. 16, 1873, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Max Heinsinger from Konstanz and Lina Grossman  
 Sponsors: Niklaus Werdmueller and Lina Werdmueller
20. Name: Max, born June 21, 1874, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Max Heinsinger from Konstanz and Lina Grossmann  
 Sponsors: Ferdinand Grossmann and Maria Werdmueller.
21. Name: Elizabeth, born November 24, 1873, christened 3/22/1875  
 Parents: Christian Ruf, Berner Oberland, Turn and Magdalena,  
 nee Ruf  
 Sponsors: Wilhelm Zimmermann and Elisabeth Werdmueller
22. Name: Arnold, born March 13, 1874, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Johann Andreag from Muehring, Turn and Elisabeth,  
 nee Aplanalg, from Tracy City  
 Sponsors: Christian Ruf, Ferdinand Grossmann and Anna Ruf  
 von Sengen
23. Name: Elizabeth, born April 2, 1873, christened March 22, 1875  
 Parents: Johann Andreag from Muehring, Turn and Elisabeth  
 nee Aplanalg, from Tracy City  
 Sponsors: Felix Leuzinger and Margaritha Zwald, nee Forssen
24. Name: Rosina, born June 3, 1873, christened May 23, 1875  
 Parents: Jonann Scholler, from Zunskan, Baselland and

Margaretha, nee Born  
Sponsors: Samuel Jenni and Margaretha Mauser -

25. Name: Johannes, born 8/25/1875, christened 10/10/1875  
Parents: Matheas Stuesli from Lindhal, Glaraus and Margaretha,  
nee Baumgartner  
Sponsors: Johann Baumgartner and Anna Baumgartner, nee  
Heuensneider (p 52-53)
26. Name: Clara, born March March 30, 1875, christened Nov. 6, 1875  
Parents: Elisabeth Schild, Caspar von Brien  
Sponsors: Caspar Schild and Margaritha, nee Dehler, grandparent
27. Name: Anna, born Sept. 22, 1875, christened, Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: Andreas Banholzer from Gustanau, Turn and Catharina,  
nee von Fergen  
Sponsors: Melchior Banhalzer, Margaretha Kissling, Balsigera ?  
and Margaretha Zwald
28. Name: Gottfried, born Sept. 16, 1875, christened Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: Ulrich Zimmermann from Jabkern, Turn and Anna, nee  
Bricker  
Sponsors: Christian Ruf, Adolf Zimmermann & Catherina Maeder
29. Name: Alfred, born May 20, 1875, christened Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: Jacob Saversal from the Canton Turn and Anna, nee Ruf  
Sponsors: Frederick Kunziker, Edward von Sergen, ? Kunziker  
and Anna Zimmermann
30. Name: Lina, born April 27, 1875, christened Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: Christian Amacher from Isenfluh, Turn and Anna, nee R  
Sponsors: Christian Amacher and Anna Big, nee Ruf
31. Name: Mardalena, born April 11, 1875, christened Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: Ferdinand Buettiker, from Solother and Luzia, nee  
Sprecher  
Sponsors: David Wichser and Barbara Busak
32. Name: Barbara, born June 3, 1875, christened Nov. 7, 1875  
Parents: David Wichser from Schwander, Glaraus and Barbara,  
nee Luchsinger  
Sponsors: Heinrich Heer and Luzia Buettiker, nee Sprecher
33. Name: Lucilla, born Sept. 30, 1873, christened Nov. 14, 1875  
Parents: Johann Ruch and Anna, nee Graber  
Sponsors: The parents of the child
34. Name: Ernst, born Aug. 18, 1875, christened April 23, 1876  
Parents: Jules Pal and Anna, nee Schoenemann  
Sponsors: Moritz Pal and Johanna Maekie
35. (blank)

36. Name: Katharina, born July 23, 1872, christened July 1, 1876  
 Parents: Adam Goelz and Margaretha, nee Mecht  
 Sponsors: The parents
37. Name: Carl, born Feb. 19, 1876, christened July 1, 1876  
 Parents: Adam Goelz and Margaretha, nee Mecht  
 Sponsors: The parents
38. Name: Emma, born May 8, 1876, christened July 30, 1876  
 Parents: Johann Rychen and Elisabeth, nee Thonie  
 Sponsors: Andreas Panholzer and Margareta Wendelmueller
39. Name: Daniel, born September 26, 1875, christened Aug. 27, 1876  
 Parents: Johann Scholler and Maria, nee Born  
 Sponsors: The parents
40. Name: Margretha, born Aug. 17, 1876, christened Sept. 23, 1876  
 Parents: Melchior Zwald and Margretha, nee Posten  
 Sponsors: Benedikt and Margreta Zwald
41. Name: Arnold, born April 4, 1876, christened Sept. 22, 1876  
 Parents: Christian Ruch and Magdalena, nee Ruch  
 Sponsors: Ferdinand Grossmann, Christian & Magdalena Ruch
42. Name: Edw. Adeline, born Sept. 17, 1876, christened Sept. 22, 1876  
 Parents: Pedro Blank and Julia Roth  
 Sponsors: Carl Moritz, Mrs. Boesch, Sophie Moritz
43. Name: Johann Jakob, born Dec. 28, 1876, christened Oct. 21, 1877  
 Parents: Ignatz Schlageter and Rosa, nee Lagna  
 Sponsors: Ferdinand Buetticker and his wife, Lucia, nee von  
 Sorehen
44. Name: Freidrich Carl, born Dec. 28, 1876, christened Oct. 22, 1877  
 Parents: Ignatz Schlageter and Rosa, nee Lagna  
 Sponsors: Mrs. Zofie and Mrs. Stocker?
45. Name: Lucia Roslia, born June 4, 1877, christened Oct. 22, 1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Schaerer and Anna, nee Bollinger  
 Sponsors: Ulrich Zimmermann and Julie Schaerer
46. Name: Julia Susanna, born 8/25/1877, christened 10/22/1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Heer and Elise, nee Werner  
 Sponsors: Emil Schaerer and Elisabeth Werner
47. Name: Emma, born Aug. 9, 1877, christened 10/22/1877  
 Parents: Johann Rechen and Elisabeth, nee Thonie  
 Sponsors: Peter Thonie and Magdalena Thonie, nee Sophie
48. Name: Johann Georg, born 2/21/1873, christened 10/22/1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Zollen and Alma, nee Bollinger  
 Sponsors: Jacob Fehr and wife
49. Name: Heinrich, born 1/15/1877, christened 10/22/1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Zollen and Alma, nee Bollinger  
 Sponsors: Jacob and Pauline Bollinger

50. Name: Rosa Barbara, born 12/1/1876, christened 10/22/1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Strub and Cath., nee Utzinger  
 Sponsors: Gustav Schulz and wife
51. Name: Heinrich, born 10/17/1876, christened 6/17/1877  
 Parents: Johann Kissling and Marg. nee Falsigra  
 Sponsors: Melchior Zwand and Anna Rissling
52. Name: Rosa, born 3/35/1876, christened 6/17/1877  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr and Elisabeth Schoenemann  
 Sponsors: Cranach Studer and Mrs. Zeuthen
53. Name: Rosa Lina, born 10/28/1876, christened 6/22/1877  
 Parents: Jacob Hunziker and Elisabeth Hess  
 Sponsors: Jacob Hess and Rosa Hunziker
54. Name: Johann, born 2/27/1876, christened 8/19/1877  
 Parents: Jacob Maer and Catherina Aplanalg  
 Sponsors: Andreas Aplanalg and wife and Anna Schauer
55. Name: Elisabeth, born 1/23/1876, christened 8/19/1877  
 Parents: Heinrich Flurie and Elisabeth von Rohr  
 Sponsors: Andreas Aplanalg and Mrs. Anna Schauer
56. Name: Edward, born 9/29/1877, christened 11/25/1877  
 Parents: William Big and Anna Buch  
 Sponsors: Jacob Buch, Ulrich Zimmerman and wife (?)
57. Name: Heinrich, born 8/31/1877, christened 11/25/1877  
 Parents: Johann Scholler and Maria Goyer  
 Sponsors: Die Elrurh ? ?
58. Name: Ludwig, born 10/24/1874, christened 12/25/1877  
 Parents: Anton Bocker and Joseph. Ackermann  
 Sponsors: Ludwig Bocker and Mrs. Schild
59. Name: Bellina Fertha, born 1/24/1872, christened 12/25/1877  
 Parents: Anton Bocker and Joseph. Ackermann  
 Sponsors: Jacob and Josephine Bocker
60. Name: Caecilia, born 5/16/1878, christened 8/30/1878  
 Parents: August Jauger and Jeanette Rieben  
 Sponsors: August Jauger, Vater, Caecilia, nee Strieben
61. Name: Mina, born 4/22/1878, christened 9/28/1878  
 Parents: Maximilian Heinsinger and Lina Wandmueller  
 Sponsors: Joseph Grig and Frau, Josepha Grig, nee Strasburg
62. Name: Rosa, born 3/29/1878, christened 4/29/1878  
 Parents: Jacob Nader and Catherina Alpanalp  
 Sponsors: Johann Anderegg and Frau Seual
63. Name: Hermann, born 8/1/1878, christened 9/28/1878  
 Parents: Maximilian Heinsinger and Lina Wandmueller  
 Sponsors: Joseph Grig and wife, Josepha Grig, nee Strasburg

63. Name: Lina, born 8/9/1878, Christened 9/28/1878  
 Parents: Johann Stychen and Elisabeth Thonie  
 Sponsors: Peter Thoenie and Magdalena Thoenie, nee Zoepfi
64. Name: Heinrich, born 8/9/1878, christened 9/28/1878  
 Parents: Heinrich Flury and Elisabeth von Rohr  
 Sponsors: Peter Thoenie and Magdalena Thoenie, nee Zoepfi
65. Name: Alfred, born 10/20/1867 (?), christened 11/9/1878  
 Parents: Peter Rissling and Rosina Guggisberg  
 Sponsors: Johann Panholzer and Frau Stychen
66. Name: Rudolf, born 10/20/1867, christened 11/9/1878  
 Parents: Peter Rissling and Rosina Guggisberg  
 Sponsors: Melchior Panholzer and Frau Bauholzer
67. Name: Robert, born 12/15/1870, christened 11/9/1878  
 Parents: Peter Rissling and Rosina Guggisberg  
 Sponsors: Andreas Panholzer and Mrs. Bannholzer
68. Name: Verna Ida, born 8/3/1877, christened 11/9/1878  
 Parents: Peter Rissling and Rosina Guggisbert  
 Sponsors: Ulrich and Carolina Buechie, Nashville
69. Name: Rosina, born 8/17/1878, christened 11/10/1878  
 Parents: Christian Ammacher and Anna, nee Ruf  
 Sponsors: Christian Ammacher, Vater, Maria Waldmueller and  
 Elisabeth Schild
70. Name: Emma, born 12/20/1877, christened 10/12/1879  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr and Elisabeth, nee Schoenmann  
 Sponsors: Jacob Fehr and Anna Rissling
71. Name: Johann, born 1/7/1879, christened 10/12/1879  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr and Elisabeth, nee Schoenmann  
 Sponsors: Samuel Wernier and Jacob Larugg
72. Name: Heinrich, born 10/5/1878, christened 10/18/1879  
 Parents: Johann Anderegg and Elisabeth Aplanag  
 Sponsors: Andreas Anderegg, grandfather and Elisabeth Schild
73. Name: Friedrich, born 7/24/1878, christened 11/30/1879  
 Parents: Anton Stocker and Joseph. Ackermann  
 Sponsors: Ignatz Schlageter and Joseph Stocker
74. Name: Caspar, born 5/28/1879, christened 11/30/1879  
 Parents: Caspar von Algan and Rosemarie Hunziker  
 Sponsors: Jacob Hunziker and Catherina Bauholzer
75. Name: Rosina, born 2/20/1877, christened 12/3/1879  
 Parents: Christian Hofstetter and Anna, nee Spielman  
 Sponsors: The parents
76. Name: Anna, born 6/10/1879, christened 12/3/1879  
 Parents: Christian Hofstetter and wife, Anna  
 Sponsors: The Parents
77. Name: Carolina, born 6/20/1874, christened 12/3/1879  
 Parents: Christian Hoffstetter and wife, Anna  
 Sponsors: The Parents

78. Name: Friedrich, born 10/9/1879, christened 12/4/1879  
Parents: Ferdinand Buttiker and Luisa, nee Sprecher  
Sponsors: Johann Rissling and Margaretha, nee Polsigen
79. Name: David, born 6/10/1877, christened 12/4/1879  
Parents: David Muehsen and Barbara, nee Luchsinger  
Sponsors: David Buttiker and Frau Ruch (Stenger?)
80. Name: Amalia Elisabeth, born 2/3/1879, christened 12/5/1879  
Parents: Jacob Hohe and Elisabeth, nee Bollinger  
Sponsors: Leonhard von Rohr and Barbara Bollinger
81. Name: <sup>George</sup>Rosina, born 7/10/1878, christened 12/7/1879  
Parents: Ignatz Schläpfer and Rosina, nee Lager  
Sponsors: Andreas Stocker and Regula, nee Lager
- 82. Name: Jules Gottfried, born 1/6/1877, christened 12/7/1879  
Parents: Jules Bal and Anna, nee Schoenemann  
Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann, the son and Elise Schoenemann
83. Name: Clemene Louise, born 1/30/1878, christened 12/7/1879  
Parents: Jules Bal and Anna, nee Schoenemann  
Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann, the grandfather and Louise Schoenemann
84. Name: Noah, born 2/10/1880, christened 5/5/1880  
Parents: Johann Scholler and Marianna, nee Born  
Sponsors: The parents
85. Name: Friedrich Wilhelm, born 1/22/1880, christened 5/17/1880  
Parents: Christian Ruf and Anna, nee Bollinger  
Sponsors: Heinrich Schneider, and Catherina Bollinger
86. Name: Anna Catharina, born 3/13/1880, christened 8/27/1880  
Parents: Jacob Maeder and Christine, nee Abplanalp  
Sponsors: Heinrich Flury and Margareta, nee Deculet
87. Name: Andreas, born 2/21/1880, christened 8/27/1880  
Parents: Johann Rissling and Marga, nee Balsiger  
Sponsors: Johann Fauhölzer and Catherina Bauholzer
88. Name: Jacob, born 1/22/1872 christened 8/18/1872  
Parents: Jacob Suehler and Margaritha, nee Schild (deceased)  
Sponsors: Caspar Schild and wife, and Peter Schild
- 89. Name: Rosa Elisabeth, born 12/27/1879, christened 6/8/1880  
Parents: Heinrich Schlarbach and Margritha Schild  
Sponsors: Johann Schild and Elisabeth Schild
90. Name: Berthold, born 1/24/1880, christened 2/13/1881  
Parents: Christian Ruf and Magdalena, nee Ruf  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild, Peter Schild and Elisabeth Zopfi
91. Name: Bertha, born 11/13/1879, christened 3/13/1881  
Parents: L. R. von Rohr and Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
Sponsors: Jacob Humzeraecke (?) and Maria Werner

82. Name: Friedrich, born 12/20/1880, christened 3/13/1881  
Parents: L. R. von Rohr and Elisabeth  
Sponsors: Julius Stucker and Maria Hungruecken
83. Name: Jacob, born 10/29/1877, christened 6/26/1881  
Parents: Heinrich Bertschinger and Elisabeth Schild  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild and Wife, margaretha, nee Dennler
84. Name: Franz, born 5/20/1880, christened 1/1/1882  
Parents: Heinrich Fluri and Elisabeth, nee von Rohr  
Sponsors: The Parents
85. Name: John, born 6/6/1873, christened 2/5/1882  
Parents: Johann Spies and Anna Maria, nee Moser  
Sponsors: Caspar Leuzinger and Jenni Thoenie, nee Maurer
86. Name: Emil, born 12/28/1878, christened 2/5/1882  
Parents: Johann Spies and Anna Maria, nee Moser  
Sponsors: Jacob Ruch and Barbara Luchinger
87. Name: Emil Ernst, born 11/27/1878, christened 6/3/1882  
Parents: Emil Schaerer and Anna, nee Werner  
Sponsors: Wilhelm Wepf and his wife, Maria, nee Werner
88. Name: Samuel Albert, born 7/9/1881, christened 6/3/1882  
Parents: Emil Schaerer and Anna, nee Werner  
Sponsors: Samuel Werner and Elise Heer, nee Werner
89. Name: Emil Ernest, born 4/18/1882, christened 6/18/1882  
Parents: Edward von Bergen and Julia, nee Roth  
Sponsors: Emil Karl Roth and Anna Heer
90. Name: Eugin, born 3/19/1880, christened 7/16/1882  
Parents: Maxmilian Hinsinger and Magalena, nee Werthaueller  
Sponsors: Burkhold Langer and Ragula, nee, Langer
91. Name: Kerolina, born 4/6/1882, christened 10/24/1882  
Parents: Jacob Ruch and Lisethe, nee Linker  
Sponsors: The parents
92. Name: Edward, born 10/21/1878, christened 11/26/1882  
Parents: Jacob Hunziker and Elisabeth Hess  
Sponsors: Jacob Schoenemann and Anna Marugg
93. Name: Emma, born 5/13/1880, christened 11/26/1882  
Parents: Jacob Hunziker and Elisabeth Hess  
Sponsors: Jacob Ruch and Anna Schoenemann
94. Name: Rosa, born 8/12/1882, christened 11/26/1882  
Parents: Jacob Hunziker and Elisabeth Hess  
Sponsors: Johann Kissling and Margretha Kissling
95. Name: Franz, born 2/22/1882, christened 1/14/1883  
Parents: Heinrich Fluri and Elisabeth, nee Von Rohr  
Sponsors; Rudolf Marugg and Anna Heer

96. Name: Jacob, born 3/14/1883, christened 6/17/1883  
 Parents: Leonhard Von Rohr and Elisabeth, nee Schoenemann  
 Sponsors: Christian Ruch and Barbars Studer, nee Bollinger
97. Name: Ernst, born 2/7/1884, christened 9/14/1884  
 Parents: John Friedli and Marianne, nee Friedli  
 Sponsors: Leonhard von Rohr and Afra Ruf, nee Bollinger

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98. Name: Jacob Ernst born 2/9/1885, christened \_\_\_\_\_ 1885  
 Parents: Ernst Kummer and Anna, nee Toeni  
 Sponsors: Johannes Schild and Margarita, nee Toenie
99. Name: Emilia, born 4/1/1885, christened 11/1/1885  
 Parents: Jakob Maeder and Katharina, nee Ahylanaty  
 Sponsors: Adolph Maeder and Elisabeth, nee Ahylanaty
100. Name: Anna, born 4/4/1885, christened 9/6/1885  
 Parents: Rudolph Marugg and Anna, nee Heer  
 Sponsors: Heinrich H. Heer and Barbara Schild
101. Name: Christian: born 6/21/1886, christened 9/20/1886  
 Parents: Rudolf Marugg and Anna, nee Heer  
 Sponsors: Jacob Heer and Christian Marugg
102. Name: Johann Martin, born 5/26/1886, christened 9/20 1886  
 Parents: Johann Schild and Barbara, nee Marugg  
 Sponsors: Martin Marugg and Christiana Marugg
103. Name: Lina, born 6/30/1884, christened 11/7/1886  
 Parents: Leonhard von Rohr and Elisabeth Schoenemann  
 Sponsors: Johann Rissling and Father
104. Name: Emilie, born 4/17/1885, christened 11/1/1885  
 Parents: Jacob Maeder and Mother Elisabeth  
 Sponsors: No sponsors listed
- 101 to 103 were written in during the interim period of government  
 in the community by pastor Warren
- 104 to 109 were written in by the Pastor of District Neuenschwander  
 per letter of April 13, 1887
105. Name: Anna, born 4/4/1886, christened 9/6/1886  
 Parents: Rudolph Marugg, mother Anna, nee Herr  
 Sponsors: No sponsors listed
106. Name: Rudolph, born 1/11/1886, christened 6/6/1886  
 Parents: Balthoser Luchsinger, mother Verana, nee Leutzinger  
 Sponsors: No Sponsors listed
107. Name: Wilhelm, born 2/15/1886, christened 7/4/1886  
 Parents: Jacob Rutschmann and mother - Pauline  
 Sponsors: Jacob Angst and Anna Angst
108. Name: Friedrich, born 10/1/1885, christened 5/20/1887  
 Parents: Ignatz Schlageter and Elisabeth Schild  
 Sponsors: Heinrich Flury and Elisabeth Hunziker, Jacob's wife  
 nee, Herr



109. Name: Rosina, born 2/9/1877, christened 5/20/1887  
Parents: Ignatz Schläpfer and Elisabeth Schild  
Sponsors: Martin Marugg and Josephine Stocker

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### CHRISTENINGS

The following christenings done by Pastor Charles August Nussbaum caused acceptance by these children into the new church, where they were christened.

#### Christening Names

1. Brosi Schild  
Marugg Born: January 9, 1891 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Christened: September 20, 1891 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Parents: Martin and Elisabeth Marugg  
Sponsors: Rudolf Marugg and Margareta Schlafbach
2. Anna  
Margretha  
Schild Born: August 4, 1891 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Christened: Sept. 20, 1891 in Gruetli  
Parents: Johann and Barbara Schild  
Sponsors: Peter Schild, Rudolph Marugg, Margareta Schlafbach, and Anna Marugg
3. Fridolin  
Wichser Born: August 6, 1877 in Schwanden, Glarus,  
Schweiz (Switzerland)  
Christened: October 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Parents: Fridolin and Barbara Wichser  
Sponsors: Jacob Sonnhäuser and Ursula Hefti
4. Anna  
Wichser Born: September 18, 1878 in Schwanden, Glarus,  
Switzerland  
Christened: October 11, 1891 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Parents: Fridolin and Barbara Wichser  
Sponsors: David Wild & ?
5. Barbara  
Wichser Born September 23, 1882 in Knoxville, Tennessee  
Christened: Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli  
Parents: Fridolin and Barbara Wichser  
Sponsors: David Wichser, Barbara Wichser Luchinger
6. Katharina  
Wichser Born: Feb. 15, 1887 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Christened: Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli  
Parents: Fridolin and Barbara Wichser  
Sponsors: Jacob Wichser, Katharina Refti
7. Rosina  
Wichser Born March 20, 1889 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Christened: Oct. 11, 1891 in Gruetli  
Parents: Fridolin and Barbara Wichser  
Sponsors: Tobias Wild and Anna Wichser

8. Emil  
Johannes  
Hoehn Born: October 30, 1890 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Parents: Gottfried Johann and Lydia Hoehn
9. Andreas  
Edward  
von Allman Born: March 30, 1890 in So. Pittsburg, Tennessee  
Parents: Kaspar and Rosina Von Allman  
Christened: Jan. 3, 1892 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Sponsors: Jacob and Lina Hunziker
10. Johannes  
Schlageter Born: May 23, 1888 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Parents: Ignatz and Elisa Schlageter  
Christened: October 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Sponsors: Peter Schild, Anna Schlageter
11. Margaretha  
Schlageter Born: November 7, 1889 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Parents: Ignatz and Elisabeth Schlageter  
Christened: October 30, 1892 in Gruetli  
Sponsors: Albert Kissling, and Clara Schild
12. Emma  
Catharina  
Schlageter Born: April 5, 1892 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Parents: Ignatz and Elisabeth Schlageter  
Christened: October 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tenn.  
Sponsors: Kaspar Schild and Margaretha Schild
13. Margaretha  
Schild Born: August 30, 1892 in Gruetli, Tennessee  
Parents: Peter and Rosa Schild  
Christened: April 16, 1893 in Gruetli  
Sponsors: John Schild, Farena Luchsinger
14. Sophia  
Lydia  
Hoehn Born: February 11, 1893 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Parents: Gottfried Johann and Lydia Hoehn
15. Franz  
Hassler Born: November 8, 1890 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Parents: Traugott Leopold Hassler and Catharina  
Hassler  
Christened: May 26, 1893 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Sponsors: Charles Hassler and Clara Hassler

The following children were christened by Johann von Grueninger, Pastor of the first German Protestant Reformed Community at Nashville, Tennessee. (Compare this with pages 224 of this Church book)

- Jakob Meyer Born: September 17, 1891 in Tracy City, Tennessee  
Christened: August 13, 1893 in Gruetli  
Parents: Jacob Meyer and Julia, nee Born, Tracy City  
Sponsors: Jacob Born, Mertha Gisel-Meyer

Johann Heinrich  
Heer

Born: June 29, 1893 in Gruetli  
Christened: August 13, 1893  
Parents: Kaspar Heer and Susanna, nee Schiesser  
Sponsors: Gabriel Schiesser and Anna Marugg-Heer

Barbara  
Marugg

Born-November 15, 1891 in Gruetli  
Christened: August 13, 1893  
Parents: Rudolph Marugg & Anna, nee Heer ~~nee Schiesser~~  
Sponsors: Martin Marugg, Susanna Heer-Schiesser

Rudolf Heinrich  
Schild

Born - November 22, 1893 in Gruetli  
Christened - January 4, 1894 in Gruetli  
Parents - Johannes Schild and Barbara, nee Marugg  
Sponsors - Peter Ruef, Tracy City, Rosa Schild-  
Leuzinger

Rudolf Andreas  
Bauholzer

Born - July 5, 1893 in Sewanee  
Parents: Johannes Bauholzer and Anna, nee Rissling  
Christened \* October 30, 1893 in Sewanee  
Sponsors - Arnold Rissling, Rosa Margareta  
Bauholzer

Margaretha  
Helena Ruef

Born - August 16, 1893 in Sewanee  
Christened - October 30, 1893 in Sewanee  
Parents\* Christian Ruef and Agnes Bollinger  
Sponsors - Johann Fehr, Elisabeth Ruess, sister of  
the father

Elisabeth  
Christina  
Schild

Born - August 19, 1895 in Gruetli  
Christened - November 24, 1895 in Gruetli  
Parents - Johannes Schild and Barbara, nee Marugg  
Sponsors - Heinrich Nett (Graubenden), Katharina  
Schild (St. Louis, Mo.) Anna Marugg, nee Rycken  
(Alabama)

Lillian  
Margaritha  
Kissling

Born - January 18, 1897 in Gruetli  
Christened - March 25, 1897 in Gruetli  
Parents - Albert Kissling and Clara, nee Schild  
Sponsors:- Luis Hasler, Ida Schild, represented  
by Margaritha Schild-Taennler

Peter Rudolf  
Olgiati

Born on the 24th day of August in Gruetli, 1901  
Parents - Roman A. Olgiati and Anna, nee Wichser  
Baptized on the 10th day of November 1901 in Gruetli  
Sponsors - Jacob and Tobias Wichser, Olga and Alma  
Schmidheim, William H. DuPese, Minister

The following children were christened by Pastor John Heberle,  
member of the Linumatic Classis of the Reformed Church, July 6, 1902

Ida Elisa  
Sigrist

Born - March 8, 1902, daughter of Mr. Emil Sigrist  
and his wife, Katherina, nee Zopke, Sponsors were  
Miss Emilie Fluri and Frank Feeden

Anna Sigrist

Born the ninth of February, 1903, christened June  
28, 1903 in Gruetli by Reverend W. H. Du Bose  
Parents - Emil Sigrist and Anna Katherina, nee  
Zoppi. Sponsors - John Tidman and his wife Anna,  
nee Sigrist, Tracy City, Tenn.

Rosa Luchsinger

Born October 4, 1902, Christened June 28, 1903 in  
Gruetli by Rev. W. H. DuBose.  
Parents - Johann Balthaser Luchsinger and Verena,  
nee Leuzinger.  
Sponsors - Peter Schild, Jr. and his wife Rosina,  
nee Leuzinger

Roman Lee  
Olgiati

Parents - Roman A. Olgiati and Annie Wichser Olgiati  
Born on the 14th day of June, 1903, in Gruetli  
Baptized on the 6th day of September, 1903 in  
Gruetli  
Sponsors \* Fred Wichser and E. L. Hampton, Barbara  
Wichser and Elsa Schmidheim. Wm. H. DuBose, minister

Fritz Anton  
Olgiati

Parents - Roman A. Olgiati and Annie Wichser Olgiati  
Born on the 21st day of February 1905, in Gruetli  
Baptized on the 11th day of June 1905 in Gruetli  
Sponsors - John McClure and John Schild, Maggie  
Schiesser and Kate Wichser  
William E. DuBose, Minister

William Haskell  
Sigrist

Born on the 28th day of April, 1904 at Gruetli  
Baptised on the 11th day of June 1905 at Gruetli  
Parents - Emil and Katherine Sigrist  
Sponsors - Will Tidman and Pauline Angst  
W. H. DuBose, Minister

Carl Henry  
Scholer

Parents - Henry and Caroline Scholer  
Born July 23, 1904 at Gruetli  
Baptised on the 11th day of June 1905  
Sponsors - Katie Ruch and Dan Scholer

CONFIRMATIONS

The following received permission to partake of the Holy Last Supper:

- Oct. 30, 1875
1. Rudolf Marugg, born June 27, 1859
  2. Martin Marugg, Born April 14, 1861
  3. Melchior Banholzer, born, August 21, 1858
  4. Andreas Banholzer, born April 2, 1861
  5. Johannes Kissling, born Jan. 12, 1859
  6. Wilhelm Zwald, born June 29, 1859
  7. Friedrich Zimmermann, born Jan. 12, 1859
  8. Adolf Zimmermann, born Oct. 22, 1860
  9. Christian Amacher, born April 22, 1860
  10. Barbara Bollinger, born May 17, 1860
  11. Margritha Ruf, born June 19, 1860
  12. Maria Werdmueller, born January 6, 1862
  13. Margritha, Zwald, born Jan. 7, 1862
- Jan. 3, 1876
1. Jacob Bollinger, Jacob's                      , Dec. 14, 1855
  2. Johann Bauholzer, Andreas'                      , Aug. 21, 1855
  3. Zwald, Theodor, Melchior's, February 13, 1855
  4. Fuhrer, Jacob, Johann's July 25, 1858
  5. Schild, Johann, Peter's July 5, 1858
  6. Siegert, Carl, Leonhard's Sept. 14, 1857
  7. Zopfie, Markus, Casper's May 21, 1859
  8. Aplanalp, Andreas, Andreas' Nov. 1, 1855
  9. Thoenie, Anna, Melchior's Oct. 26, 1859
  10. Zopfie, Barbara, Casper's April 14, 1860
  11. Werner, Elisabeth, Samuel's March 15, 1855
  12. Werner, Annam                      "                      May 21, 1859
  13. Siegert, Maria, Leonhard's March 2, 1859
- 1877
1. Zophie, Markus, Casper's
  2. Aplanalp, Andreas, Andreas'
  3. Thoenie, Anna, Melchior's
  4. Zopfie, Barbara, Casper's
  5. Werner, Elisabeth, Samuel's
  6. Werner, Anna,                      "
  7. Siegert, Maria, Leonhard's
  8. Schild, Peter, Johann's
- Nov. 10, 1878
1. Marugg, Georg, Christian's                      Born Feb. 19, 1864
  2. Rissling, Friedrich, Joseph's                      "                      May 20, 1864
  3. Grossmann, Frieda, Niklaus'                      "                      Sept. 25, 1864
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4. Schild, Elisabeth, Peter's                      "                      June 27, 1864
  5. Baumholzer, Catherina, Melchior                      June 7, 1864
  6. Zwald, Catherina, Melchior's                      "                      Oct. 7, 1864
  7. Luchsinger, Margarete, Melchior's                      Oct. 23, 1860
  8. Lauzinger, Verona, Casper                      "                      Dec. 10, 1863
  9. Thoenie, Margaretha, Melchior's                      July 24, 1863
  10. Stocker, Joseph, Anton's                      "                      Dec. 3, 1864

Dec. 6, 1879	1. Jakob Ruch, Jakob's	born	Mar. 2, 1865	
	2. Julius Studer, Bernard's	"	March 24, 1864	
	3. Johann Zopfie, Samuel's	"	June 21, 1865	
	4. Schoenemann, Jakob, Jakob's	"	October 15, 1863	
	5. Soepfie, Elisabeth, Casper's	"	July 19, 1863	
	6. Anna Angst, Jakob's	"	May 12, 1862	
	7. Gauster, Elisabeth, Eugene's	"	Sept. 4, 1864	
	8. Ann Heer, Heinrich's	"	Dec. 14, 1861	
	9. Lauzinger, Rosian, Casper's	"	Dec. 24, 1864	
	August 28, 1880	11. Rudolf Schild, Peters'	"	Nov. 12, 1866
		2. Carl Rissling, Johann's	"	March 24, 1866
	3. Christian Hostettler	"	Dec. 27, 1866	
	4. Regual Zwald, Melchior	"	? 1866	
	5. Elisabeth Maeder, Jacob's	"	May 22, 1866	
	6. " Stocker, Andreas'	"	" " "	
	7.			

Palm Sunday of 1882	1. David Zopfi, Casper's	born	Jan. 18, 1866
	2. Wilhelm Schild, Peters's	"	Oct. 9, 1866
	3. Casper Heer	"	Oct. 14, 1865
	4. Victor Flury	"	Nov. 1, 1865
	5. Emil Siegrist	"	Jan. 6, 1867
	6. Friedrich Siegrist	"	Dec. 28, 1867
	7. Adolf Clening?	"	July 3, 1867
	8. Katherina Ruch	"	Sept. 16, 1866

Palm Sunday 1863	1. Alois Studer	"	Jan. 4, 1867
	2. Peter Thoeni	"	Sept. 4, 1867
	3. Jacob Clening	"	June 25, 1867
	4. Bertha Gruetter	"	Dec. 16, 1866
	5. Emma Gruetter	"	Feb. 15, 1869
	6. Anna Fluri	"	May 31, 1867
	7. Julia Born	"	March 18, 1870

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	9. Christina Marugg	"	April 22, 1867

Second Sunday after Easter 1884	1. Adolf Maeder		
	2. Ehrhard Fluri		
	3. Elsa Siegrist		

1886 - February 9 -Paulina Angst

The following were included into the community of Gruetli during the interim period of government.

Nov. 7, 1886	Bertha Clening,	Börn	August 7, 1871
December 24, 1886	Leonhard von Rohr	"	June 17, 1871
	Jakob Born	"	June 17, 1871
	Joseph Flurie	"	Aug. 29, 1871
	Arnold Rissling	"	July 1, 1870
	Jakob Angst	"	July 25, 1869
	Julius Stocker	"	Dec. 2, 1871
	Julius Sigrid	"	Sept. 1871
	Johann Stychen	"	Sept. 18, 1871

December 24, 1886	Heinrich Zopfie	born Dec. 24, 1870
	Anna Naester ?	" March 27, 1871
	Louisa Angst	" August 7, 1871
	Bertha Stocker	" January 25, 187
	Catherina Ruch	" June 30, 1870
	Lisette Ruch	" May 2, 1873
December 24, 1887	Meinrad Herman Schlageter	" Dec. 25, 1872
	Martha Clenin	" Jan. 5, 1873
	Margritha Rissling	" April 19, 1873
	Anna von Rohr	" January 13, 187

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From September 1886 until the New Year the following confirmations were noted by Pastor Warren.

Tobias Wichser	" July 1, 1873
Ludwig Stocker	
Johann Jacob Sehr	
Albert Rissling	1874
Emil Rychen	
Walter von Rohr	
Emilie Fluri	
Anna Schlageter	

Furthermore the following were confirmed by Pastor Warren  
 May 24, 1890 Clara Schild " March 30, 1875

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#### CONFIRMATIONS

The following were admitted into the new church by Charles August Nussbaum by means of confirmation:

1. Emma Von Rohr -born December 19, 1877 -confirmed -April 10, 1892
2. Margaretha Schiesser February 26, 1878 " " "
3. Lina Hostettler " June 20, 1874 " " "
4. Rosina Hostettler " Feb. 20, 1877 " " "
5. Jacob Schild October 29, 1877 " " "
6. Fridolin Wichser " August 6, 1877 " " 2
7. Emil Spiess " Dec. 23, 1878 " " "
8. Leonard Suter " March 6, 1878 " " "
9. Fritz Stocker " July 24, 1878 " " "
10. Edward Hunziker " October 22, 1878 " " "
11. George Schlageter " July 10, 1878 " " "

The following were taken into the Protestant Reformed Church by Johann von Grueninger, Pastor in Nashville, Tennessee on February 3, 1898, by means of confirmation:

Confirmed			
February 3, 1898	Johann Jakob Hauser	born	
" " "	Ida Schild	"	January 24, 188

## Friends participating the the Last Supper Ceremony

May 23, 1875	No. present	56	
October 31, 1875	"	69	
January 9, 1876	"	72	
December 25, 1877	"	61	
December 25, 1879	"	74	
December 7, 1879	"	78	21 Communion of the sick at the house of Mrs. Big.
August 28, 1880	"	80	
Palm Sunday, 1881	"	54	
2nd Advent, 1881	"	44	
Easter 1882	"	55	
Christmas 1882	"	51	
Easter 1883	"	64	
Whitsuntide 1884	"	52	
February 6, 1886	"	54	
Easter 1886	"	None given	

On Thursday, February 3, 1898 there was here a prayer meeting, confirmation and celebration of the Last Supper in the presence of Pastor Johann von Grueniger from Nashville, Tennessee

The following persons took part in the Holy Last Supper:

February 3, 1898	Mr. Fuerstenfeld
	Kasper Schild
	Samuel Jenni
	Jacob Angst, Senior
	Friedolin Wichser
	Burkard Langer
	Emil Siegrist
	Tobias Wichser
	Johann Jakob Hauser
	Jakob Schild
	Andreas Rissling
	Mrs. Mareritha Schild
	Miss Pauline Angst
	Pauline Rutschmann
February 3, 1898	Mrs. Regina Laager
	Mrs. Barbara Schild
	Mrs. Rosa Schild
	Mrs. Luísa Baggenstoss

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## WEDDINGS

Date of Wedding	
November 27, 1879	Reinhold Kleinwaechter, shoemaker in Winchester and Elise Hunzicker in Savannah
December 31, 1881	Jacob Bollinger and Josephine Knice
March 6, 1882	Wilhelm Wepf and Maria Werner
June 17, 1883	Benedict Studer and Barbara Bollinger
March 1, 1884	John Rissling and Margretha Jenni
June 24, 1884	Rudolf Marugg and Anna Heer

The following were married by Pastor John von Grueninger

November 23, 1895	Johann Baggenstoss and Louisa Angst
January 1, 1897	Jacob Wichser and Esther Angst



MARRIAGES

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The following were married by Pastor Charles August Nussbaum of the new church:

Date of Marriage	
October 20, 1891	Emil C. Roth and Emma J. Bissell
July 12, 1892	Peter Grossmann and Catharina Euedter
October 20, 1892	Heinrich Zopfi and Barbara Euedter
April 27, 1893	Lucas Church and Mary Wepf

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Church Community Decisions

Because during the term of Pastor Neuenschwander's there were certain utterances by him against the community of Gruetli, which caused an apparent demonstration against him within the community, the church Council saw themselves in a situation to hold several community meetings. However, since up to this time the decisions were never included in the protocols of the church it has been decided to include the same from this day on.

I.) Church meeting of June 13, 1886. In per invitation of the teacher Angst and Jenny and the elder Rutschmann, a large number of community members met in the schoolhouse in order to relieve the pastor Neuenschwander and Jacob Angst was chosen as the chairman. After a quite lengthy discussion it was decided to relieve the pastor of his duties; however, since his contract was still valid he was asked to come or not. Jacob Rutschmann was asked to carry the above decision to the Pastor Neuenschwander.

II.) Church meeting of August 1, 1886.

Since Pastor Neuenschwander did not go along with the decision made above and would not give up the Pastor position, because he felt that only he, as presiding officer of the church had the right to call a meeting, and thus the above meeting was declared unconstitutional, as well as the decision itself. It was therefore decided by the members of the community to get together during the month of August in a large number. Since, however, the pastor did not arrive it was decided that Jacob Angst should be the chairman and Jakob Hunziker should be secretary.

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The reason for calling the meeting was to determine whether the Church community should keep the present Pastor, whose contract had now expired, for another year of duty.

After the discussion was closed by the chairman, Kasper Zoepfi and Christian Marugg were appointed to count the votes. The motion to keep Pastor Neuenschwander no more as the pastor received 22 votes. Against the motion there were no votes, and thus the motion was accepted as unanimous by the chairman.

Secondly it was decided to include the names of the members of the church community who had not as yet been included in the church register at once. The teacher R. Marugg was delegated to do this job.

Thirdly, the church council was asked to deliver to Pastor Neuenschwanders and to the church council of Belvidere the decisions which were made above.

We hereby certify the correctness of the above vote.

Signed: Caspar Zopfi  
Christian Marugg

III.) Church community Gruetli, September 12, 1886

Meeting called by Pastor Nuenschwander. After the calling to order of the meeting, the question came up as to what should be done about the leadership of the presisium? and during the debate it was decided since the Pastor Nuenschwander did not have the position anymore, and did not, as a result, have the powers to carry on, to select Jakob Angst as president for that day, who now took over

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the matters of the meeting. After a discussion on how to bring about the difficulties between the pastor and the community and after fruit less attempts to bring about a reconciliation and in the knowledge that the heretofore arrangement with the pastor could not be carried out under such circumstances, it was decided not to renew the contract of the pastor. Furthermore it was decided to save the community any more expenses involved, which were completely unnecessary and that the community came to the understanding that there was no other way, except to stop the tumult. Thus the community by a vote of 36 to 1 stepped out of the ranks of the reformed church of North America and they constituted themselves as a free community. For this purpose another meeting was called for at the same school house for September 26, in order to impart the matters of this meeting to the community. The minutes of the meetings were designated to be carried to the proper church authorities by Teacher R. Marugg and Kaspar Leuzinger.

IV.) Church community Gruetli, September 26, 1886

In accordance with the above resolutions a large group of colonists assembled today in the schoolhouse. Jakob Angst was chosen as the President of the day and teacher Marugg was chosen as Secretary. The minutes of the last two meetings of the church community were read to begin with and they were approved. The discussion about the ways and means by which the community

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was to be constituted was then opened. After conclusion of this discussion the following conclusions were drawn:

(1). It was suggested and approved to call the Pastor B. Warren from Plochert (of Docherd) to the pulpit on a Sunday the following month and then to speak to him in regard to doing the confirmations of the children. Teacher Marugg was asked to write in this matter to the pastor.

(2). Next a special committee was formed, consisting of John Rissling, Jakob Angst and Teacher Marugg. Their task was to determine within the next three months a plan for the constituting of a new community and until that time to exchange the old church council for a new one.

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I.) Church meeting of June 13, 1886. As per invitation of the deacon Angst and Jenny and the elder Rutschmann, a large number of community members met in the schoolhouse in order to rehire the pastor. Neuenschwanders and Jacob Angst was chosen as the chairman. After a quite lengthy discussion it was decided to relieve the pastor of his duties; however, since his contract was still valid he was asked to come or not. Jacob Rutschmann was asked to carry the above decision to the Pastor Neuenschwander.

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## V. Church-community Gruetli, December 25, 1886 -

After the Pastor Warren had been finished with teaching the children and confirmation was concluded and thus his task had been concluded and the time for the special committee was ended, the meeting came to order. The committee then reported that they decided the community should be reorganized and then the Pastor Warren should be given a contract of one year if such were possible. The committee was called together and the following people appointed: Martin Marugg, Karl Kissling and Henry Schild. Pastor Warren was asked to take the necessary steps to join the reformed synod.

## VI. Church-community Gruetli, January 23, 1887

The purpose of the meeting was to first be sure to have a pastor for the following year and to serve the purpose of rejoining the original church. Pastor Warren was asked to serve

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for one year. Since the letter from the President regarding the Indiana Classis and the removal of the Gruetli community from the circle of the Protestant Reformed Synod had not yet reached the authorities, it was decided to recall the original message.

VII. Church-meeting of March 20, 1887. The purpose of the meeting is the election of a church directorate. The election ended in the following results:

As Elder for the first year: John Kissling, Sr.  
 As Elder for the second year: Jacob Angst  
 As deacon for the first year: Martin Marugg  
 As deacon for the second year: Henry Flury

Meeting of the Church Directorate in the church at Gruetli, Sunday, June 26, 1887.

Present - Elder J. Angst  
 Deacons Martin Marugg and Henry Flury  
 President: Pastor B. Warren  
 Absent - John Kissling, Sr.

Minutes of the meeting:

1. As secretary was elected: Martin Marugg
2. The President then read from the text of a letter received from the Indiana Classis in which the relationships between our community and the former Pastor D. Neuenschwander was annunciated. A copy of the letter was sent to Pastor Neuenschwander. The original of the text was given for safekeeping to the Elder J. Angst.

Here follows a letter written by the directors to the Pastor D. Neuenschwander in Pelvidere, Tennessee.

Most revered Sir:

We, the church directors have received through the secretary of the Indiana Classis a letter in regard to the relationship between our community and you, as our former Pastor.

The conclusion in this letter asks this community to "make certain that they are in accord with Pastor Neuenschwander."

The church directory of this community wishes to know what is meant by this conclusion and how much is meant by accord.

The community of this place is not aware that it acted in any manner that might be construed as incorrect, yet our community is ready to fulfill the obligation demanded. The church directors hereby will expect from you the return of the enclosed forms so that they may be presented to our community.

Signed:

President of the church directory  
E. Warren, Pastor

Signed for the letter: M. Marugg

This letter has been read and acknowledged by the church directory.

President: E. Warren, Pastor

Actuary: No signature

Meeting of the Directory - The 21st of August at the Church house in Gruetli. Present:- President: Pastor Warren

Members: Johann Rissling

Jacob Angst

Henry Flury

Minutes: A letter was read from Pastor Neunschwander, in regard to his request to the community of Gruetli. The following was decided:

1. The community should be made aware today, that there will be a general meeting 6 weeks hence regarding the facts about the Pastor Neunschwander and that this should then be immediately come to the church directory.
2. The answer then shall be made available to Pastor Neunschwander.

This was read and acknowledged:

The President: E. Warren

Letter to the Pastor Neunschwander to that effect.

Meeting of the Church directory, October 2, 1887

Present: President E. Warren

Members: J. Rissling

J. Angst

H. Flurie

M. Marugg

The following action was taken to inform the church community:

Because of certain differences with our former Pastor D. Neunschwander, the Indiana Classis has requested that we come to an agreement with Pastor Neunschwander. We, therefore directed ourselves toward the said pastor in order to find out what action was to be taken by us. We then received the following answer:

1. We should take back our grievances against him and a statement that he had nothing against the community as far as we know.
2. That the community itself started the problems between the pastor and itself and that they are sorry about the differences with Pastor Neunschwander.

In regard to these matters the Gruetli community made the following suggestion in keeping with the wishes of the church directory:

1. That the community, at the time when the step was taken, acknowledges only that great differences were brought about by the actions of the pastor, but that these differences were not put into the minutes of the meetings and therefore also not into the official letter, because the pastor did not show up for the meeting that was called.
2. That today's discussions did decide that this was not the case and that the Indiana Classis should decide for themselves that the contract should remain as it is now and as it has been accomplished by the community of Gruetli and the Pastor Neuenschwanden and that for every such decision a singular contract is sufficient.

By the church directory  
The President - B. Warren, Pastor  
The actuary - M. Marugg

Meeting of the 1st reformed Community in Gruetli:  
Present: B. Warren as president  
As secretary was chosen Martin Marugg  
As vote counter: Jacob Ruchaelter and Jacob Ruchjunger

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#### Minutes of the Meeting

There was a request from the church directory present regarding the status between the former Pastor Neuenschwanden and the community, that it be noted that the answer in this matter was accomplished and sent to Belvedere in order to become known to Pastor Neuenschwanden.

Read and certified by the President - B. Warren  
Actuary  $\frac{1}{2}$  M. Marugg

Meeting of the Church Directory, March 25, 1888

Present were the President: B. Warren, Elder J. Angst, Deacon: M. Marugg

As requested, the elders were asked to act as the church directory's representatives in the meeting to be held on the third Wednesday after Easter by the Classis in Louisville. The following were designated: J. Angst, Primarius, and J. Kissling, Secundarius.

B. Warren, President  
M. Marugg, Actuary

Meeting of the Church directory held on April 29, 1888 in the church at Gruetli.

Minutes of the meeting.

New church directory members were chosen.

A meal was served for the church directory members.

Elders: Johann Kissling Chairman: Martin Marugg

These were hereby informed of their duties.

For the community meetings:  
The President: B. Warren  
The Actuary: M. Marugg

Church directory meeting held May 27, 1888

Present: Elder: Johann Kissling, Jacob Angst. Chairman H. Elurie

Minutes of the meeting: The letter to B. Warren from our current pastor, which has been lost, was written again in accordance with a complete yes vote.

In the absence of the chairman, the President advises:

The actuary: M. Marugg

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Church Meeting of October 21, 1888.

Minutes of the meeting: The church chairman reported that the money which was designated for 1888 for payment of the pastor is no more sufficient beyond the current visit of the pastor.

Mr. John Kissling was therefore taken up on his suggestion that the contract in force now between the Pastor Mainen and the community should be taken up again. The church chairman was asked to verify the contract for 1889.

Further it was decided that the first sermon of the next year was to be held at Christmas 1888.

M. Marugg, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the church community held Sunday, January 14, 1889 in the church of Gruetli.

For discussion came up the question of selection of two church directory members who, in accordance with the constitution of the church which designated the first prayer service Sunday as the date for this

For choices were:

- a. Mr. J. Angst as member of directory.
- b. Mr. R. Flury as member of directory.

It was suggested that all members at this time should be retained. Mr. J. Angst was against this and asked that provisions be made to make a choice for these members. This was granted and J. Angst resigned. In his place Mr. Peter Schild, junior, esquire and H. Flury were unanimously chosen for their duties, the letter being a renewal of duties.

Therefore be it so and therefore signed

The President: B. Warren, Pastor

The actuary: M. Marugg

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Church directory meeting in the church in Gruetli, Grundy County, Tennessee. Held September 11, 1890.

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for the chairman

The President: E. Warren

The actuary: M. Marugg

Church community Meeting, Sunday, September 28, 1890

President of the meeting: E. Warren, Pastor of this place.

Secretary: M. Marugg

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The President, Mr. Pastor Warren, is not in agreement with the opinions of Mr. Nussbaum and he declared that they were dangerous and in contradiction with the traditions of the church. Mr. Nussbaum maintains that the opinions he had just expressed are his beliefs, but that he also would honor the beliefs of others and that he would leave it up to the community to decide which opinion they would feel is best for their purposes. In regard to the legal necessities for the functions of the office of pastor he declared that the license of the synod of New York was in his possession.

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Gruetli, November 24, 1895  
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J. Hunziker  
R. Leuzinger  
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Nicklaus Werthmueller  
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Jacob Bollinger

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Nicklaus Werthmueller

Kaspar Schild

? Heinrich

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