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"Swiss Genealogical Research"

Interest in exploring one's family roots is widespread today. For people of Anabaptist-Mennonite background, researching family history often proves difficult. Repression, migration, and the need to stay under the radar of intolerant authorities often contribute to a lack of documentation. Without confirmed proof, it can be tempting to rely on speculation, especially speculation that has often been repeated elsewhere. But, things don't become true simply because they get repeated ...

- If you wish to know more about your own family and its supposed or confirmed Swiss Mennonite background,
- If you need help in finding, transcribing or/and translating old German or French documents,
- If you want to know more about the geographical, historical and spiritual background of your Swiss ancestors, Then consider contacting us. We might be able to help you.

An initial evaluation of your question, with a preliminary response regarding prospects for finding further information is free of charge.

If you want further research we welcome donations – depending on the amount and type of work. Such donations encourage and support our on-going, broader research in Anabaptist history and theology, and recognize that responding to such requests takes additional work and effort. We speak of "donation" instead of payment, fee or honorarium, because it will be less than you would have to pay for a professional genealogist – and because you profit from our decades-long experience of research in Swiss Anabaptism and its original sources.

- Written report after 1 hour of investigation in our own large, unpublished database of Swiss Anabaptism and secondary literature - with indication of potentially fruitful tracks for further research (suggested donation: 50 CHF)
- Further research up to 5 hours in our own database and available digital church records with written report (suggested donation: 40 CHF/hr)
- Further research in archives (depending on quantity and type of research, to be discussed)
- Transcriptions and rough/summary translations into English (depending on quantity and type of text)

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