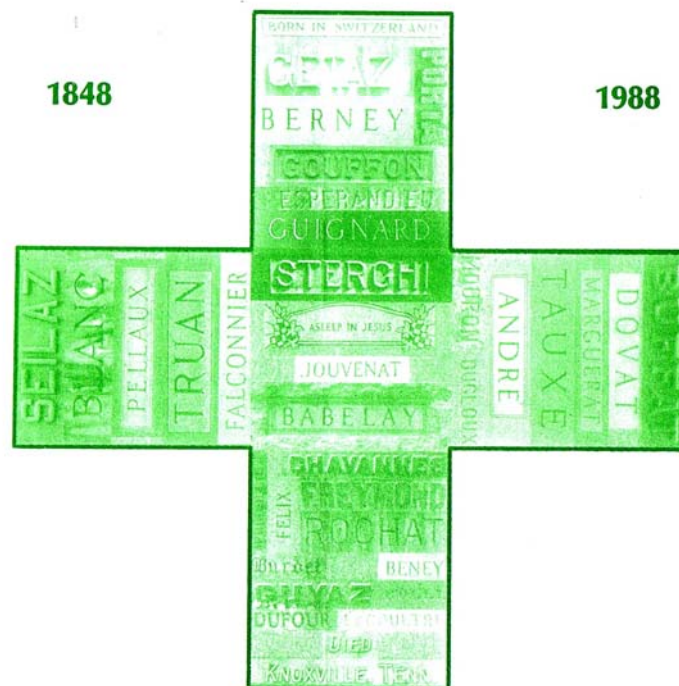


Le « Jubilee » de 1988, c'est-à-dire le 140^e anniversaire de l'arrivée des premiers suisses à Knoxville

Les « Jubilee » se suivent et se ressemblent. Il est très certain que peu à peu s'érousse un tantinet la ferveur initiale, avec une impression de recuit. Heureusement, David Babelay est là pour tenir le tout et insufflera à ceux qui perdent « la foi » le courage nécessaire pour aller de l'avant. Il tient son os et ne le lâchera pas tant qu'il aura la force et la santé.

Dans tous les cas, avec un tel homme, on ne s'ennuie jamais. Et il sait rameuter son monde quand il le faut. Les journaux de la région restent eux aussi attachés à ces manifestations patriotiques dont ils relatent le contenu dans leurs pages.

**SWISS FAMILY HOMECOMING '88
THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY
OF KNOXVILLE'S SWISS COLONY**



SHANNONDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Knoxville, Tennessee
November 27, 1988

“Et l’Eternel avait dit a Abram: Sors de ton pays et de ton parentage, et de la maison de ton pere, et viens au pays que je te montrerai.”

“Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”

Genesis 12:1

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Shannondale Presbyterian Church
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- RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL Don LeCoultre
The bell will be rung 23 times in honor of the 23 Swiss cantons. The Canton of Jura has been added to the Swiss Confederation since our 130th anniversary in 1978.
- INVOCATION Gerald F. Berney
Psalm 103 was read each Thanksgiving Day by Auguste Gouffon who came to Knoxville in 1848. That tradition is carried on by his descendants.
- WELCOME David Babelay
- LETTERS OF GREETING FROM: Pat Berney
The Ambassador of Switzerland in Washington, D.C.
The Consul General of Switzerland in Atlanta
Our Swiss Cousins, Juliette, Victor, Mimi, and Jules
- SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL OF LAUSANNE . David Babelay
- HYMN — No. 495 "O God, Beneath Your Guiding Hand"
- RECOGNITION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF
KNOXVILLE'S SWISS FAMILIES
- HYMN — No. 619 "We Are One In The Spirit"
(They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love)
- BENEDICTION Richard A. Sterchi
The benediction is taken from the last will and testament of Pierre Francois Buffat, written in 1874. It was directed to his wife Sylvie and their children but we use it today for us all.
- POSTLUDE "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
Raymond and Betty Rochat, violin and autoharp

Organist: Jane Parker

"UN GRAND MERCI" TO ALL who helped make THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF KNOXVILLE'S SWISS COLONY a success!

In the library is an exhibit of how THE BOOK, *They Trusted And Were Delivered: The French-Swiss Of Knoxville, Tennessee*, was written, edited, and printed. You will receive a notice when it comes from the bindery.

Raymond A. Rochat has arranged an exhibit of Swiss dairy goat memorabilia which he exhibited at the 1988 T.V.A. & I. Fair. There is also an exhibit of old photographs of our Swiss ancestors.

Thanks to Eva Raley Focht for the 26 Swiss family coats of arms banners. They are enlargements of those drawn by Candy Finley Brooks for THE BOOK.

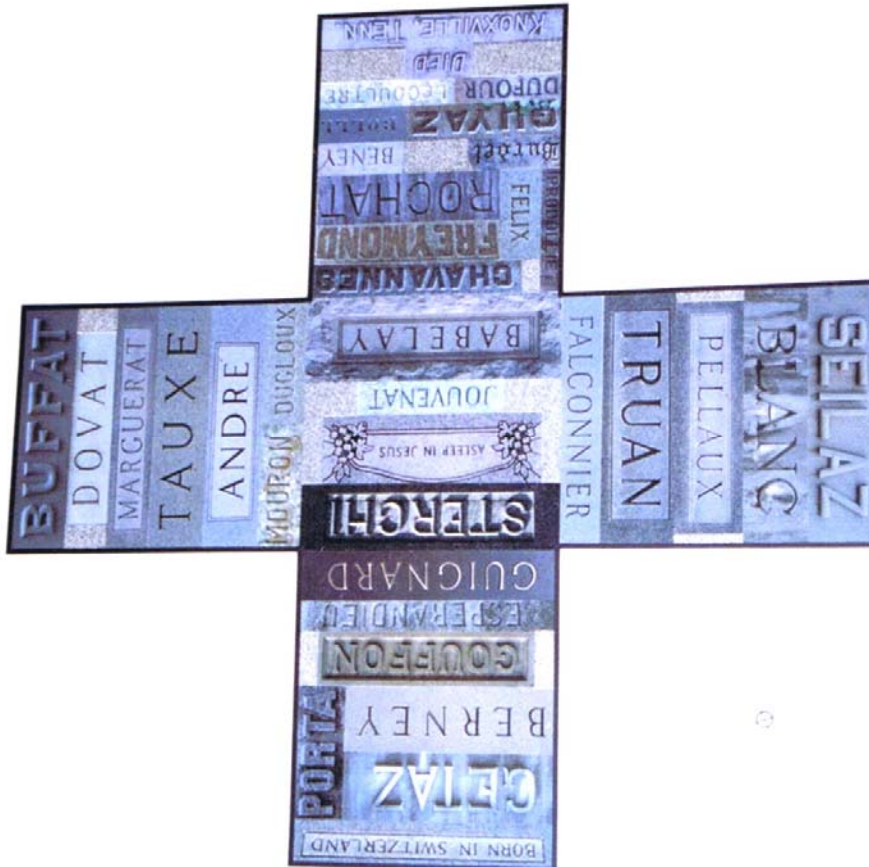
Thanks also to Laurence Rochat of Smoky Mountain Dairy Goat Association for the Toggenburg dairy goats. Just as our ancestors, the Toggenburg was imported to America from Switzerland!

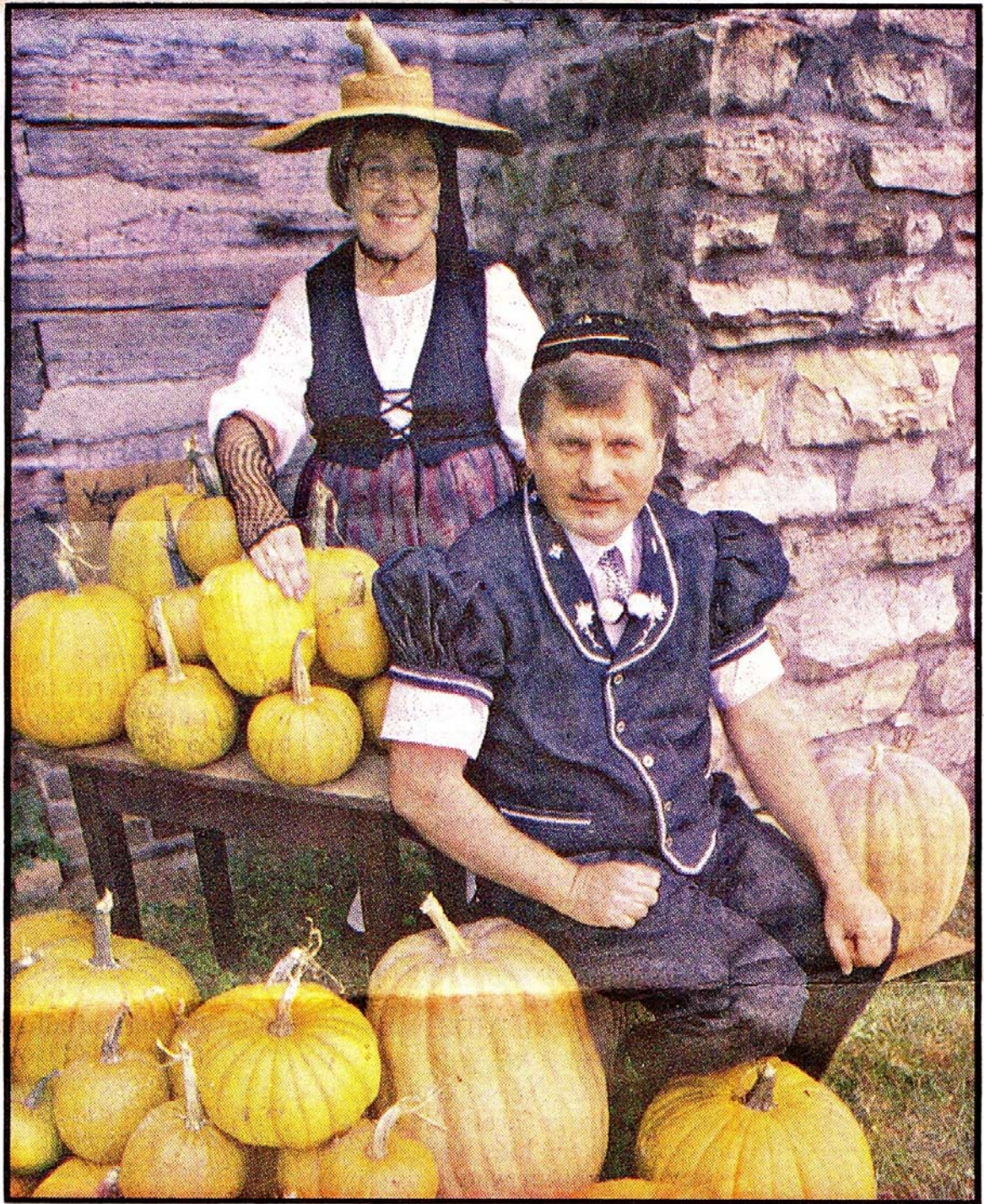
Thanks to Mildred Truan and her crew of "Swiss Chefs" for arranging and cooking the covered dish supper. Our American suppers have been described by Swiss cousins as "a joyous delicious pell-mell!"

The Swiss brochures are furnished by the Swiss National Tourist Office in New York. You are welcome to take as many as you want.

We are planning a 2-week tour of Switzerland this summer, 1989! If you are interested and want to receive more information about it, please leave your name and address.

The design on the cover was created from 32 Swiss names photographed from the family tombstones and monuments and arranged in the shape of the equilateral cross on the Swiss flag. All were born in Switzerland and died in Knoxville, Tennessee. The words at the center of the cross "Asleep In Jesus" is a favorite inscription of the Plymouth Brethren. The colors of the program, green and white, are the colors of the flag of the Canton of Vaud.





Michael Patrick/News-Sentinel staff

David Babelay and Mildred Truan are not dressed up for Halloween. The author and his helper are in authentic French-Swiss costumes in front of the cheese house at Truan's Tazewell Pike home.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel North, Wednesday, October 26, 1988.



David, un berger suisse plus vrai que nature ! Sauf qu'il n'a jamais traité aucune vache ni habité aucun chalet !

Aug. 10, 1988

*Monsieur le Président de la
Colonie Suisse à Knoxville !*



L'exposition itinérante...



L'éventail classique de la collection d'anciennes photos dont la plupart se retrouveront bientôt dans le grand et bel ouvrage du maître.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Sunday, November 27, 1988 • E7

Knoxville's Swiss descendants to meet this afternoon

Descendants from early French-Swiss settlers in the Knoxville area will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the arrival of the first Swiss in Knoxville at a homecoming at 3 p.m. today at Shannondale Presbyterian Church.

Some 35 families are known to have immigrated to Knoxville over a 65-year period, from 1848-1913, according to David Babelay. He has written a book, "They

Trusted and Were Delivered: The French-Swiss of Knoxville," that will be published in December.

This afternoon's program will include a recognition of families at

3 p.m. and a covered dish supper at 5:30. Those with Swiss costumes are asked to wear them.

People with questions about

the reunion or a two-week tour of Switzerland the group is planning next summer can call Babelay, 546-8726, or Mildred Truan, 687-0026.

SWISS AMERICAN REVIEW NOVEMBER 23, 1988

Swiss Family Homecoming '88, The 140th Anniversary of Knoxville's Swiss Colony 1848-1988

On Sunday, November 27, 1988, the descendants of the French-Swiss in Knoxville, Tennessee will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the arrival of the first Swiss in Knoxville. The homecoming will take place at Shannondale Presbyterian Church, 4600 Tazewell Pike in Knoxville.

Most of the Knoxville Swiss came from the Canton of Vaud, because of the religious persecution of the Open Brethren "Frères larges" who defied the authority of the National Protestant Church. Some 35 families immigrated to Knoxville over a 65-year period (1848-1913).

Following a 3 p.m. worship service there will be a times of reunion for the descendants of the Swiss families followed by a covered dish supper. Large red banner will feature the coats of arms of 26 Swiss families of

Knoxville: André, Babelay, Berney, Blanc, Bolli, Buffat, Chavannes, Dovat, Espérandieu, Falconnier, Felix, Freymond, Getaz, Gouffon, Guignard, Jouvenat, LeCoultre, Marguerat, Mouron, Pellaux, Porta, Rochat, Seilaz, Sterchi, Tauxe, and Turan.

A book, "They Trusted And Were Delivered: The French-Swiss Of Knoxville, Tennessee" by David Babelay will be published in December. A limited edition of 600 numbered copies, it is a two-volume work of over 1,100 pages and 750 halftones.

The descendants of Knoxville's Swiss colony are also planning a 2-week tour of Switzerland for the summer of 1989!

For more information about the 140th anniversary write David Babelay, 2914 LaVillas Drive, Unit 1203, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917, or call (615) 546-8726.

Book or no book, we can't wait any longer!

You are invited to

SWISS FAMILY HOMECOMING '88

THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF KNOXVILLE'S SWISS COLONY

1848 - 1988

Sunday, November 27, 1988, 3 p.m.

Shannondale Presbyterian Church

4600 Tazewell Pike

Knoxville, Tennessee

PROGRAM

3:00 p.m. — RECOGNITION OF THE SWISS FAMILIES

WE HOPE JOE GOUFFON, owner of Gouffon Moving & Storage Co. will tell us what he knows of Knoxville's Swiss Colony, as only Joe can!

4:00 p.m. — REUNION OF SWISS FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

5:30 p.m. — COVERED DISH SUPPER

Each family is requested to bring a main dish plus either salad, vegetable or dessert. Iced tea and coffee will be provided.

The banners will feature 26 different Swiss family coats of arms:

ANDRE	CHAVANNES	GETAZ	PELLAUX
BABELAY	DOVAT	GOUFFON	PORTA
BERNEY	ESPERANDIEU	GUIGNARD	ROCHAT
BLANC	FALCONNIER	JOUVENAT	SEILAZ
BOLLI	FELIX	LeCOULTRE	STERCHI
BUFFAT	FREYMOND	MARGUERAT	TAUXE
		MOURON	TRUAN

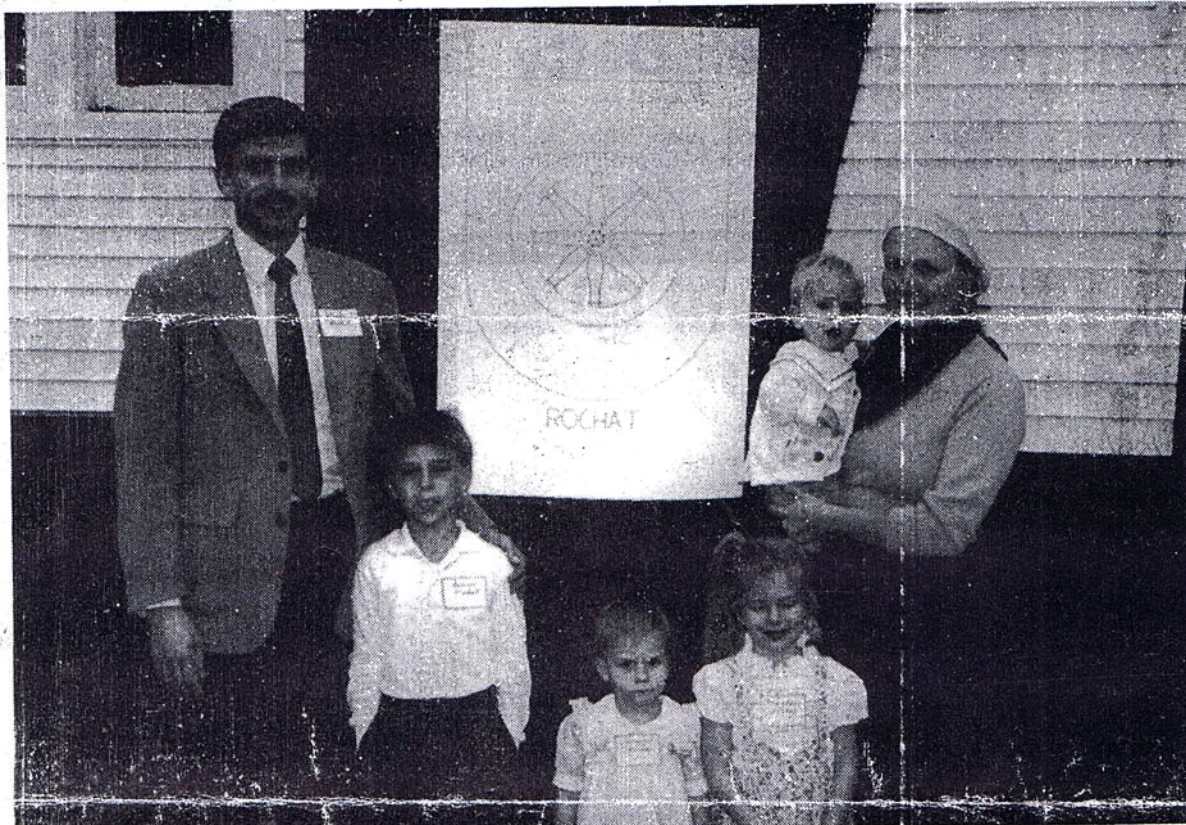
Dress: Swiss costume, if you have one!

If you have any questions call: David Babelay (615) 546-8726

or

Mildred Truan (615) 687-0026

P.S. THE BOOK, *They Trusted And Were Delivered: The French-Swiss Of Knoxville, Tennessee* is a two-volume work of over 1,100 pages and 750 halftones, with hardbound cloth cover and dust jacket. It is a limited edition of 600 numbered copies. You will receive a notice about it as soon as it comes from the bindery.



Denis and Mary Rochat and children at Swiss Family Homecoming '88.

Local Swiss Colony Descendants Celebrate 140th Anniversary

Knoxville's Swiss Colony celebrated its 140th anniversary with Swiss Family Homecoming '88 on Sunday, Nov. 27, at Shannondale Presbyterian Church, with over 200 Swiss descendants attending.

The service began with the ringing of the church bell by Don LeCoultre 23 times in honor of the 23 Swiss cantons or states.

Pat Berney read letters of greeting from The Ambassador of Switzerland in Washington, D.C., The Consul General of Switzerland in

Atlanta and Swiss Cousins, Juliette, Victor, Mimi and Jules.

David Babely told of the significance of the large banner of the Cathedral of Lausanne in Switzerland at the front of the sanctuary in the church.

The benediction was given by Richard Sterchi, and the service ended with the playing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" on violin and autoharp by Raymond and Betty Rochat.

Banners featuring the coat of

arms of 26 Swiss families in Knoxville were presented along with an exhibit of old photographs of Swiss ancestors.

An exhibit of Swiss dairy goat memorabilia, arranged by Raymond Rochat, was presented. The descendants held a covered dish luncheon.

The descendants of Knoxville's Swiss Colony are planning a two-week tour of Switzerland in July 1989.

For more information, call David Babelay at 546-8726.