

Le grand livre de David Babelay

On se souviendra que le précité annonçait déjà son livre pour la fin des années septante ! C'était sous-estimer le travail formidable que nécessiterait au final cette somme. Et non seulement il faudrait un volume pour venir à bout de cette immense chronique des familles suisses émigrées à Knoxville et ailleurs, mais deux volumes, totalisant près de 872 pages.

La sortie de l'ouvrage se fit le 27 mai 1989, à l'église presbytérienne de Knoxville. Plus tard plusieurs exemplaires de cet historique allaient faire le voyage pour la Suisse. David Babelay eut la générosité de nous faire parvenir les deux volumes qui révèlent toute sa science, mais aussi toute sa patience, devant non seulement élaborer des généalogies par dizaines, mais aussi collecter des centaines de photos anciennes pour illustrer ses propos.

Ce double livre témoigne ainsi de la ténacité exemplaire de l'auteur qui laisse par cette étude de longue haleine un témoignage non seulement solide, mais aussi irremplaçable. On le trouvera en bibliothèque.

You are invited
to an autograph party
in honor of
DAVID BABELAY
on the publication of
THEY TRUSTED AND WERE DELIVERED
THE FRENCH-SWISS OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Saturday, May 27, 1989, 2-5 p.m.

Shannondale Presbyterian Church
4600 Tazewell Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee

*"Though it tarry, wait for it;
because it will surely come."
Habakkuk 2:3*

Announcing Publication Of
**THE TRUSTED AND WERE DELIVERED
THE FRENCH-SWISS OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

By David Babelay

A limited edition of 600 numbered copies in two volumes, the work contains over 1,100 pages and over 775 halftones, maps, and coats of arms. It measures 8½ by 11 inches with hardbound cover and dust jacket. The book is set in Schoolbook and printed on 70-pound Javelin Gloss Enamel. The halftones were shot using a 150-dot line screen.

The work is divided into four sections:

Section I Whence Did They Come?

A brief history of Switzerland from its founding in 1291 to the present and of the Canton of Vaud from its beginning in 1803.

Section II What Brought Them To Tennessee? And What Did They Find?

Tells why they settled in East Tennessee and what life was like for them during the Civil War. Also includes some of the various contributions the French-Swiss have made to Knoxville.

Section III The Religion In Which They Trusted

A brief history of the Christian faith in Switzerland from the fourth century to the present. It is divided into four chapters which detail the history of the Open Brethren and the Plymouth Brethren in Switzerland and Knoxville.

Section IV Their Lives Our Heritage

Divided into 32 chapters which include the biographies and genealogies of the different French-speaking Swiss families. Each chapter begins with the family coat of arms. The 35 families included:

ANDRE	DOVAT	GETAZ	PORTA
BABELAY	DUBOCHET	GOUFFON	PRODOLLIET
BENEY	DUCLOUX	GUIGNARD	ROCHAT
BERNEY	DUFOUR	GUYAZ	SEILAZ
BLANC	ESPERANDIEU	JOUVENAT	SENN
BOLLI	FALCONNIER	LeCOULTRE	STERCHI
BUFFAT	FELIX	MARGUERAT	TAUXE
BURDET	FRANCILLON	MOURON	TRUAN
CHAVANNES	FREYMOND	PELLAUX	

The appendix includes:

- A. Accounts of Swiss celebrations in Knoxville from 1871 to 1988.
- B. A description as to color, source, and meaning of Swiss coats of arms.
- C. Favorite French-Swiss recipes brought to Knoxville from Switzerland.
- D. Brief accounts of the Swiss who moved away from Knoxville or of whom little is known. Includes 27 families:

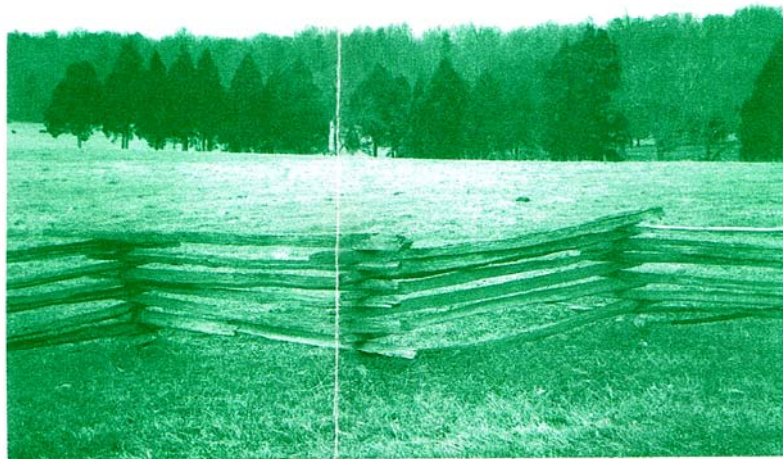
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BEYELER	FATIO	MAGNIN	ROYER
BRIDE	FAYET	MARGUET	SECRETAN
BURNAND	GAUDIN	MASSON	THUILLARD
CELLIER	GEORGE	MOREL	VERREY
CHAPPUIS	HUMBERT	PIGUET	ZBINDEN
CHARMOY	JAQUEROD	POSTLE	

- E. History of Anderson-Gouffon Cemetery, and Spring Place Presbyterian Church Cemetery where many of the Swiss ancestors are buried.



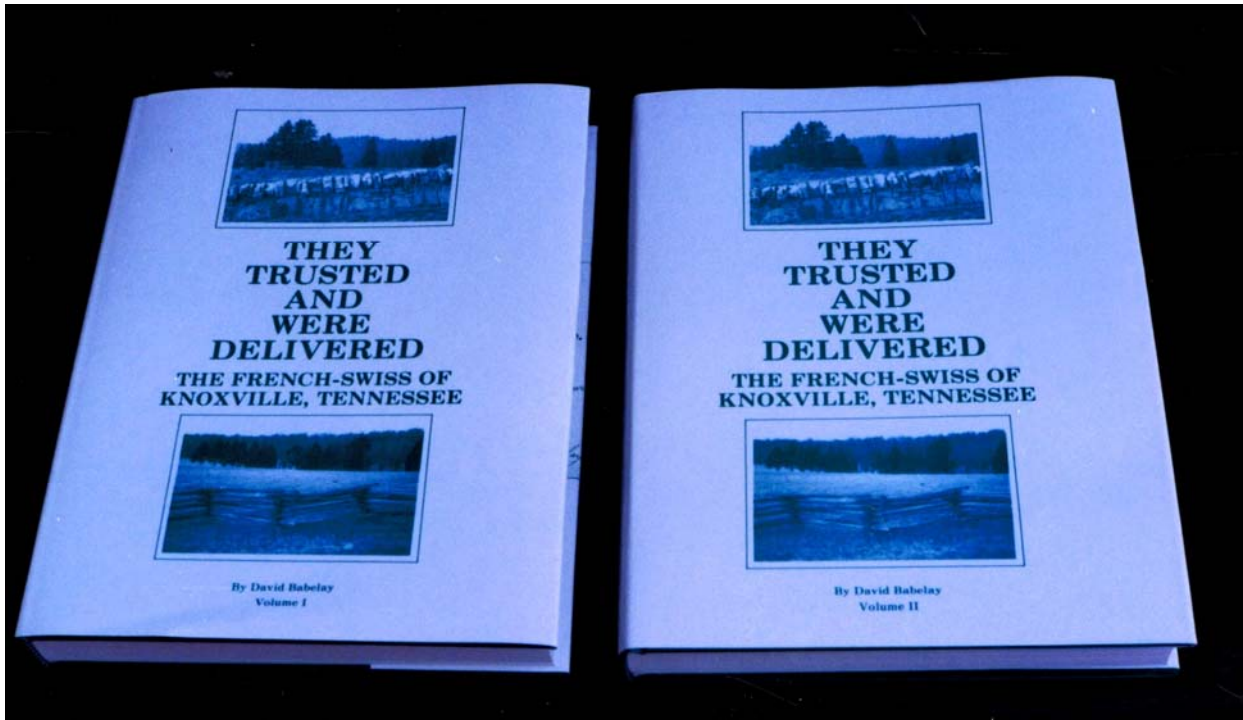
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Couleur d'origine verte et non pas bleue !



Avec Mildred Truan, fidèle parmi les fidèles de notre historien.



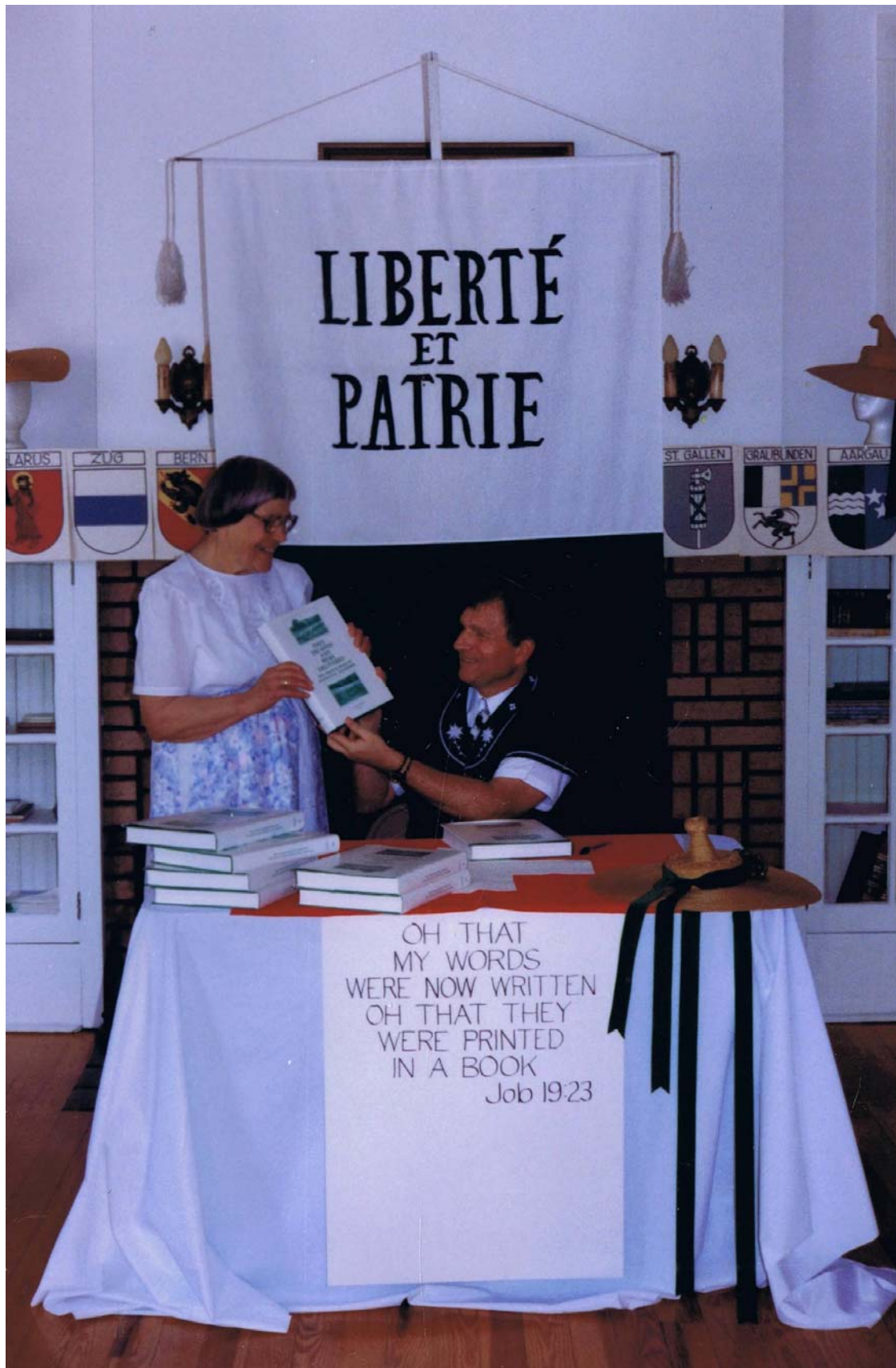
David Babelay et son père John Paul.



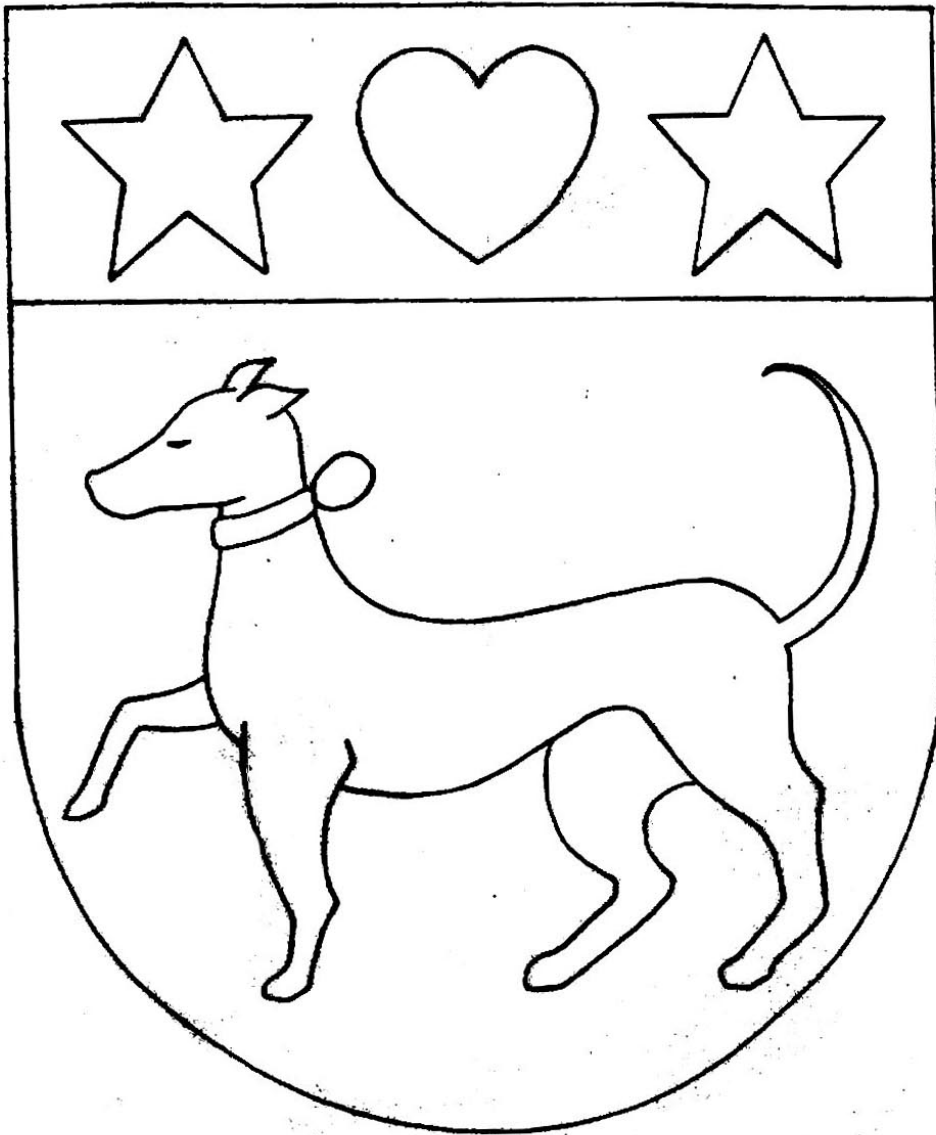
Une séance de signatures s'impose.



David Babelay et sa sœur Sarah Babelay-Weber.



Avec Mildred Truan. La Suisse ni le canton de Vaud ne sont oubliés. Pour preuve non seulement le drapeau vaudois, mais aussi le chapeau de la bonne paysanne vaudoise !



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