



LONG FAMILY SWISS HERITAGE

HAGGENMACHER & WEBER

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Introduction

I became interested in genealogy in high school, and have spent the last 10 years combing over records, finding photos, and learning interesting facts and stories about our family's history. While I've learned about many of our American ancestors, our Swiss line remained a mystery.

Our Swiss immigrant ancestors came to the United States in the late 1800s. Finding information about their origins in Switzerland proved incredibly difficult. I couldn't rely on US databases I'd become familiar with, and online Swiss databases proved fruitless. Even if I could find original source material, the language barrier and my lack of knowledge about Swiss records would have proven challenging. It became clear that in-person research was needed, so I enlisted the help of a local genealogist named Yvonne Hauscheer. The family trees in this document were researched and validated by her (and formatted by me!) Per my request, Yvonne also researched homes and businesses our family once had in Winterthur, including providing the modern addresses.

The focus of this book is Albertine Weber Kunz's ancestry: the Haggemacher and Weber families. While I originally believed Albertine's husband Fredrich Gottlieb Kunz's family was also from Winterthur, Zurich, his family was actually from a different region in Switzerland: Unterendingen, Aargau. Unfortunately, Aargau doesn't have records in the main repositories like the national archives. A future research project and a trip to the local archives will be needed to discover the other side of our Swiss heritage!



Swiss genealogist
Yvonne Hauscheer

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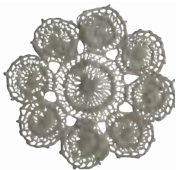
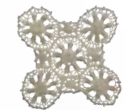
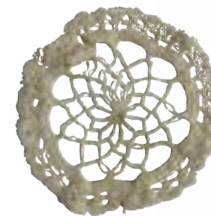
Albertine Weber Kunz

Albertine (Ahl-bear-TEE-nuh) Weber (VAY-ber) Kunz (KOONTS)

- Albertine changed the spelling of her name to Albertina when she moved to America to align with the German pronunciation.

Facts

- **Born** March 15, 1866, Meilen, Zurich, Switzerland
 - **Father:** Emil Weber (1838-1877), a confectioner (Zuckerbäcker) in Kirchgasse, Meilen
 - **Mother:** Maria Margaretha Haggemacher (1838-1882)
 - Stepfather: Julius Stutz (1851-?), baker and innkeeper (Weinschenk) in Winterthur at Oberthorgasse 168
- **Died** August 9, 1956, Fountain Hill, PA, USA
 - Buried at Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- **Migrated** from Winterthur, Switzerland to Pennsylvania, USA in 1888
- **Married** Fredrich Gottlieb Kunz on August 8, 1891, in Philadelphia, PA
 - **Children:**
 - Fred Albert Kunz (1893-1923), a mechanic in West Virginia
 - Annette Mary "Annie" Kunz (1896-1945), a silk mill lacer then homemaker in PA
 - Rose Albertine Jones (1898-1944), a dressmaker then homemaker in PA
 - Elsie Mae Kunz (1900-1996), a dry goods clerk then homemaker in PA
 - Albert Emeron Kunz (1903-1960), an electrician in PA
 - Ernest John Kunz (1905-1981), a cost clerk at a steel mill in PA
- **Occupation:** Homemaker
- **Religion:** Lutheran
- **Hobbies and Activities:** Needlework, Swiss Ladies Society President





Historical Context

Albertine was born in Meilen, Switzerland, and moved to Winterthur, Switzerland during her childhood, where she grew up amidst rapid Swiss industrialization and national development of the late 19th century. Winterthur was a thriving hub for textiles and machinery, connected to other Swiss cities by expanding railways. The growing Swiss economy offered opportunities but also spurred emigration as many sought better prospects abroad. In 1888, she immigrated to the United States, initially living and marrying in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, before settling in Bethlehem. There, she became part of a vibrant Swiss-American community that preserved traditions such as celebrating Swiss National Day while contributing to the city's growth as a center of steel production, led by Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Her life spanned transformative global events, including two World Wars and the Great Depression, during which Bethlehem's steel mills played a pivotal role in military production and national infrastructure projects. Albertine's journey reflects the broader 19th-century trend of European migration to the U.S., driven by the pursuit of economic opportunity and stability in an era of profound global change.

Personality and Legacy

Albertine was described as loving by her grandson Bob Long, who grew up with her living in his home in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Bob remembered from their many shared meals that she enjoyed eating the fatty bits of meat. He also shared that Albertine loved all forms of textile crafts such as sewing, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and weaving. Bob said she kept herself busy with projects and would be quick to offer to mend clothes. She crocheted the doilies shown on the previous page and made needlework picture of the Goethe Haus shown on the left, which was a gift for her grandson Ernest Kunz. She would send gifts like this to her grandchildren for their birthdays. Bob described Albertine as quiet and said she didn't often speak about her past in Switzerland or her late husband, though he pondered if it just wasn't something she would have talked about with a little boy. According to Eric Kunz's records from Ernest, when Albertine was asked about her family history, she said not to worry about the past and to focus on the future. She spoke English with a heavy accent making communication harder with those who didn't speak Swiss-German. She continued speaking and writing in Swiss-German frequently after moving to the United States because she married another Swiss immigrant and settled in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where there was a large Swiss-American community. She still read a German bible at the end of her life. Albertine remained in touch with her Swiss-American culture. She was the president of the Swiss Ladies Club in Allentown, PA, and remained active in the group for decades. Newspaper articles describe events the society threw such as banquets and Swiss National Day celebrations for Swiss independence.

At the end of her life, Albertine suffered bad falls due to heart issues including falling on a trolley car in Bethlehem and falling down stairs. She passed away at 90 in 1956 after a fall down a flight of stairs at her son Ernest's house, in Bethlehem. At the time of her death, Albertine had 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and her number of descendants has grown significantly since. Albertine's descendants have lived in many different states including Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and California. Her descendants include successful professionals in business, science, law, and more.

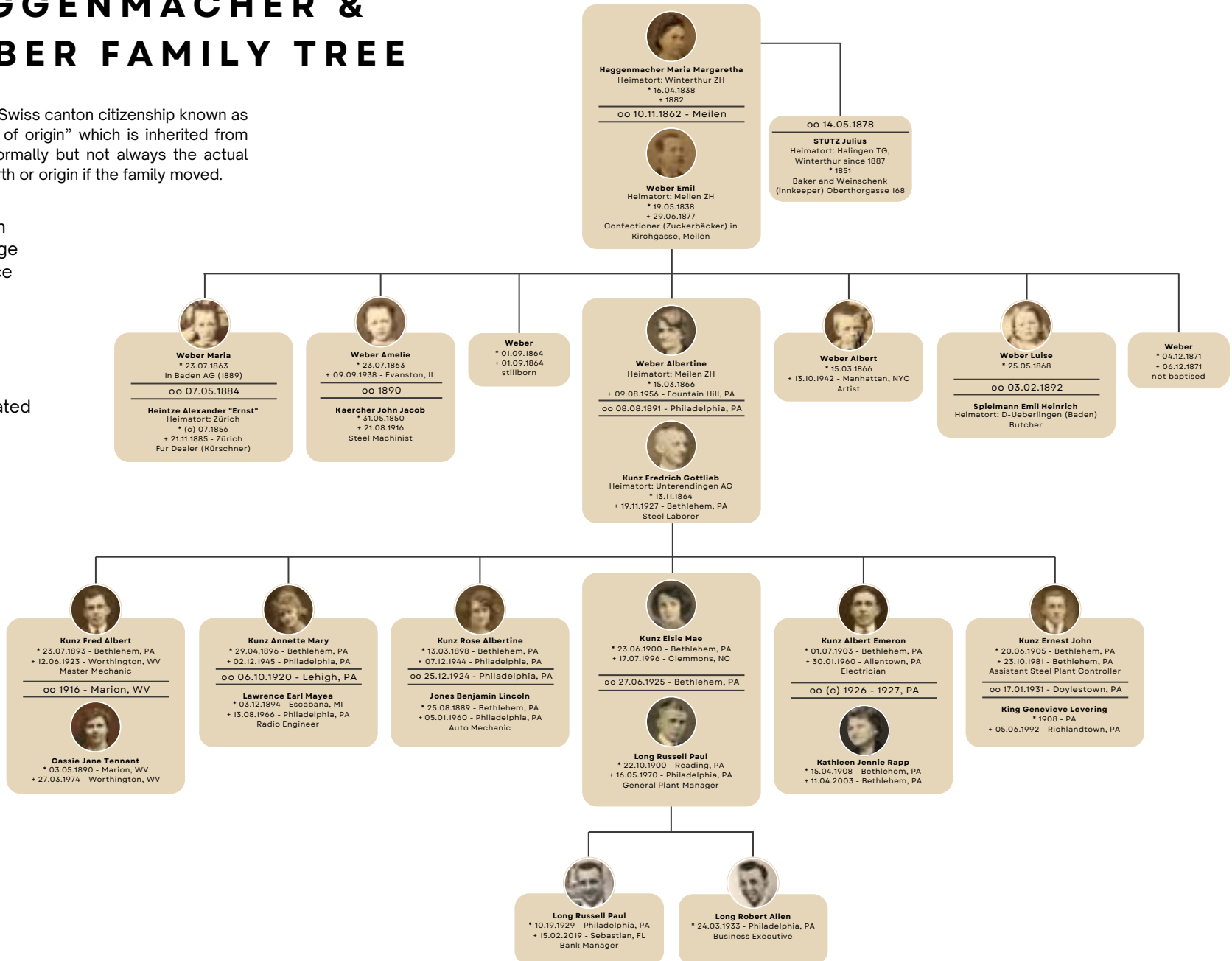
Summary of Research Findings

- Confirmed the identities of Albertine Weber Kunz's parents including their birth and death dates.
- Uncovered numerous new Weber and Haggemacher family members and ancestors of Albertine: aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and great-grandparents. The paternal Haggemacher line was traced back to the 16th century, aided by a detailed family history published in 1957.
- Identified several locations where the Haggemachers and Webers lived and worked, outlined in the *Family Homes and Businesses* section of this book.
- Discovered Albertine's two siblings who died in infancy. Our researcher suggested that Albertine's father Emil may have also had siblings who died young given the large age gap between him and his brother. Sadly, infant mortality rates in Switzerland and elsewhere at the time were significantly higher than today, with hundreds of deaths per 1,000 births.
- Found a couple of divorces on the Weber side of the family tree, which was unexpected for a period when divorce was uncommon in Switzerland's religious and traditional society. Emil Weber's parents and only brother both had divorces.
- Discovered that Albertine's stepfather J. Stutz's full name was Julius Stutz. He owned a bakery in Winterthur, which the family has an old picture of. According to family lore, after Mr. Weber's death, Maria Haggemacher Weber married Mr. Stutz, but she died shortly after, leaving the children orphans. The story claims that their stepfather, Mr. Stutz, remarried a French actress who wanted the children gone, prompting them to emigrate to the U.S. While records confirm Julius Stutz remarried, his second wife was Maria Elisabetha Sulzer of Winterthur, born in 1850 and previously married to Mr. Bühler of Hombrechtikon, Zurich. They had a son, Julius Heinrich Stutz, in 1886. Although Maria Sulzer does not appear to match the "French actress" described in family stories, our genealogist Yvonne noted that informal relationships might not appear in official records.

HAGGENMACHER & WEBER FAMILY TREE

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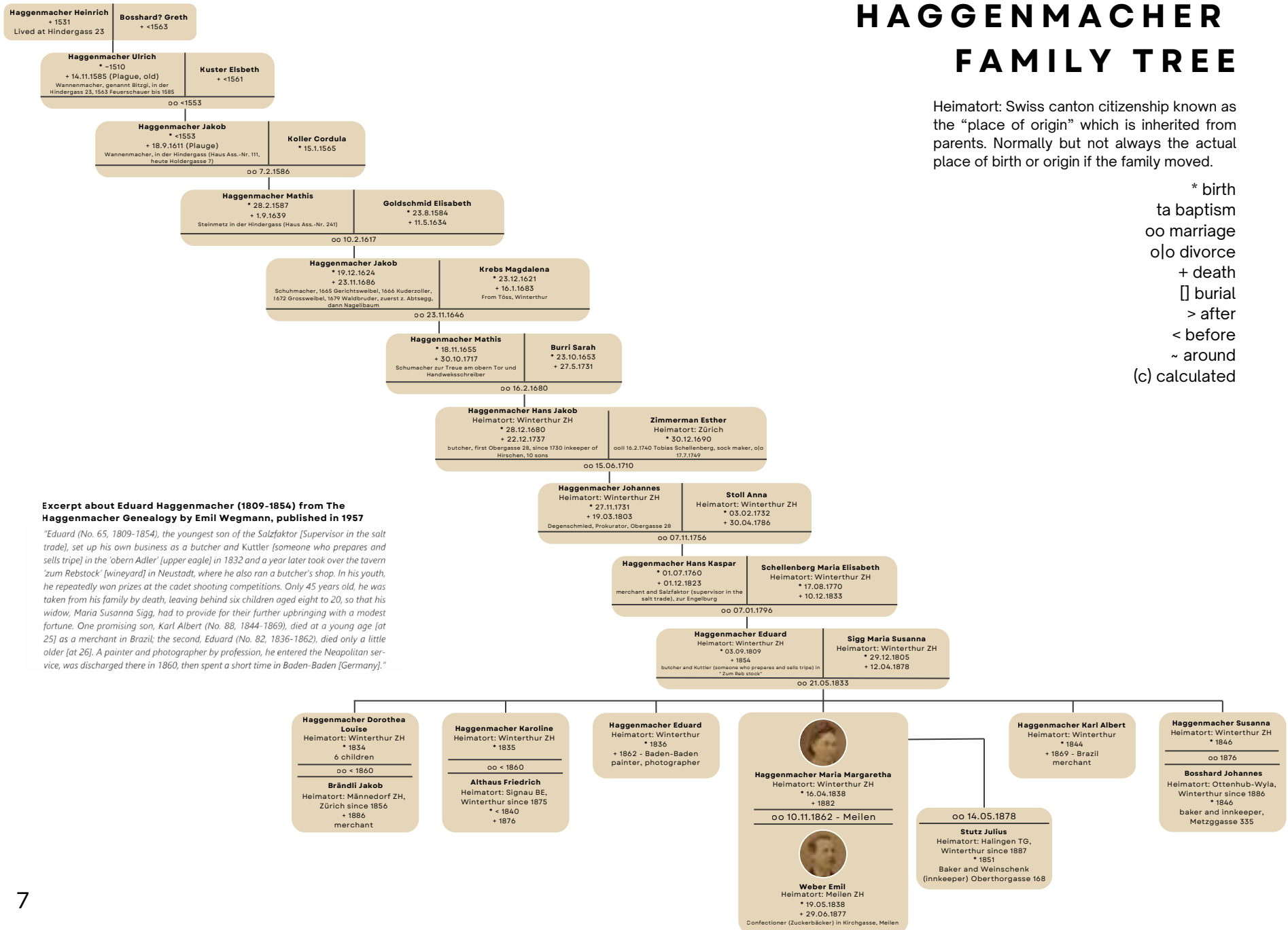
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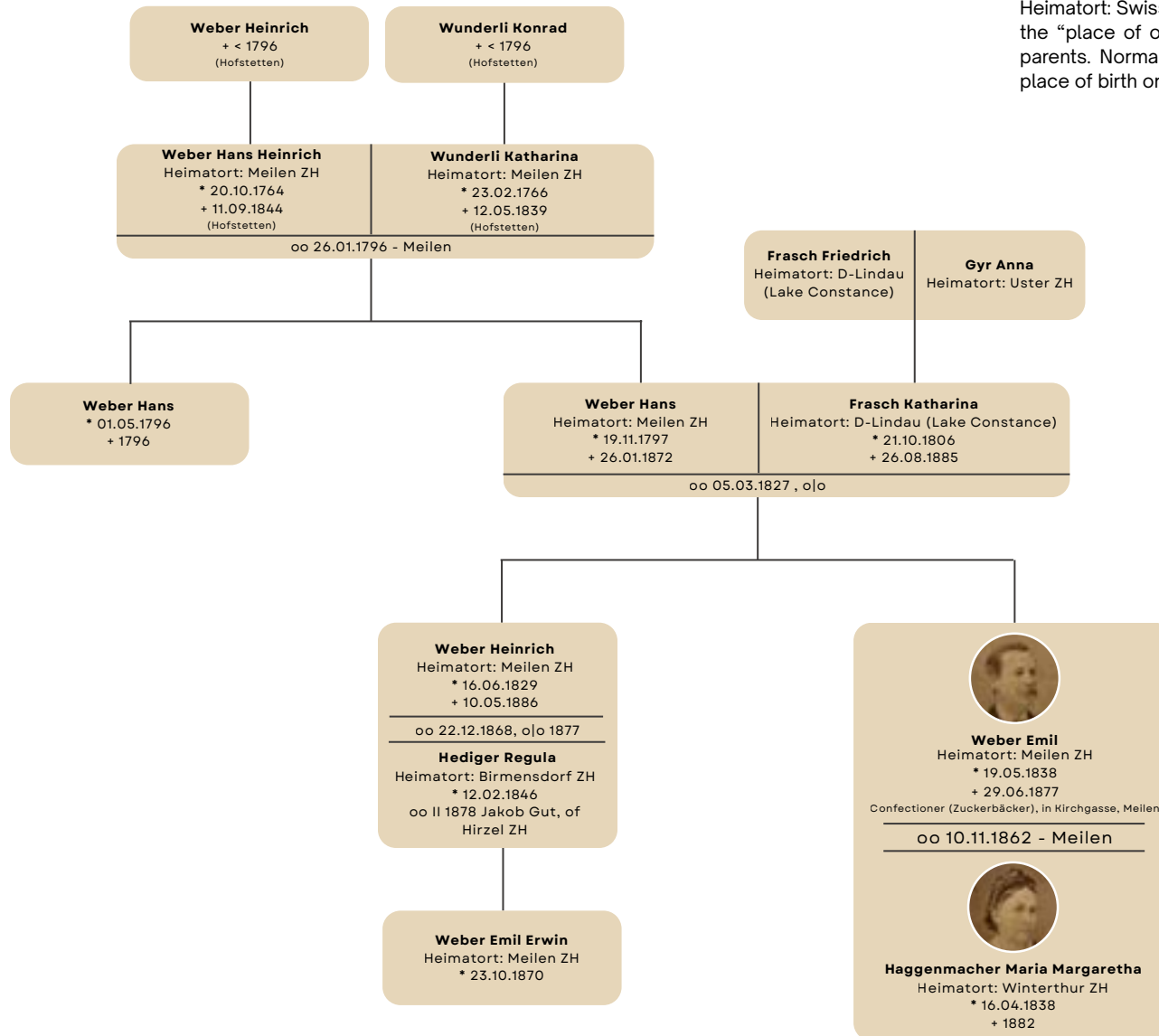
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Excerpt about Eduard Haggenmacher (1809-1854) from The Haggenmacher Genealogy by Emil Wegmann, published in 1957

"Eduard (No. 65, 1809-1854), the youngest son of the Salzfaktor [Supervisor in the salt trade], set up his own business as a butcher and Kuttler [someone who prepares and sells tripe] in the 'obern Adler' [upper eagle] in 1832 and a year later took over the tavern 'zum Rebstock' [wineyard] in Neustadt, where he also ran a butcher's shop. In his youth, he repeatedly won prizes at the cadet shooting competitions. Only 45 years old, he was taken from his family by death, leaving behind six children aged eight to 20, so that his widow, Maria Susanna Sigg, had to provide for their further upbringing with a modest fortune. One promising son, Karl Albert (No. 88, 1844-1869), died at a young age [at 25] as a merchant in Brazil; the second, Eduard (No. 82, 1836-1862), died only a little older [at 26]. A painter and photographer by profession, he entered the Neapolitan service, was discharged there in 1860, then spent a short time in Baden-Baden [Germany]."

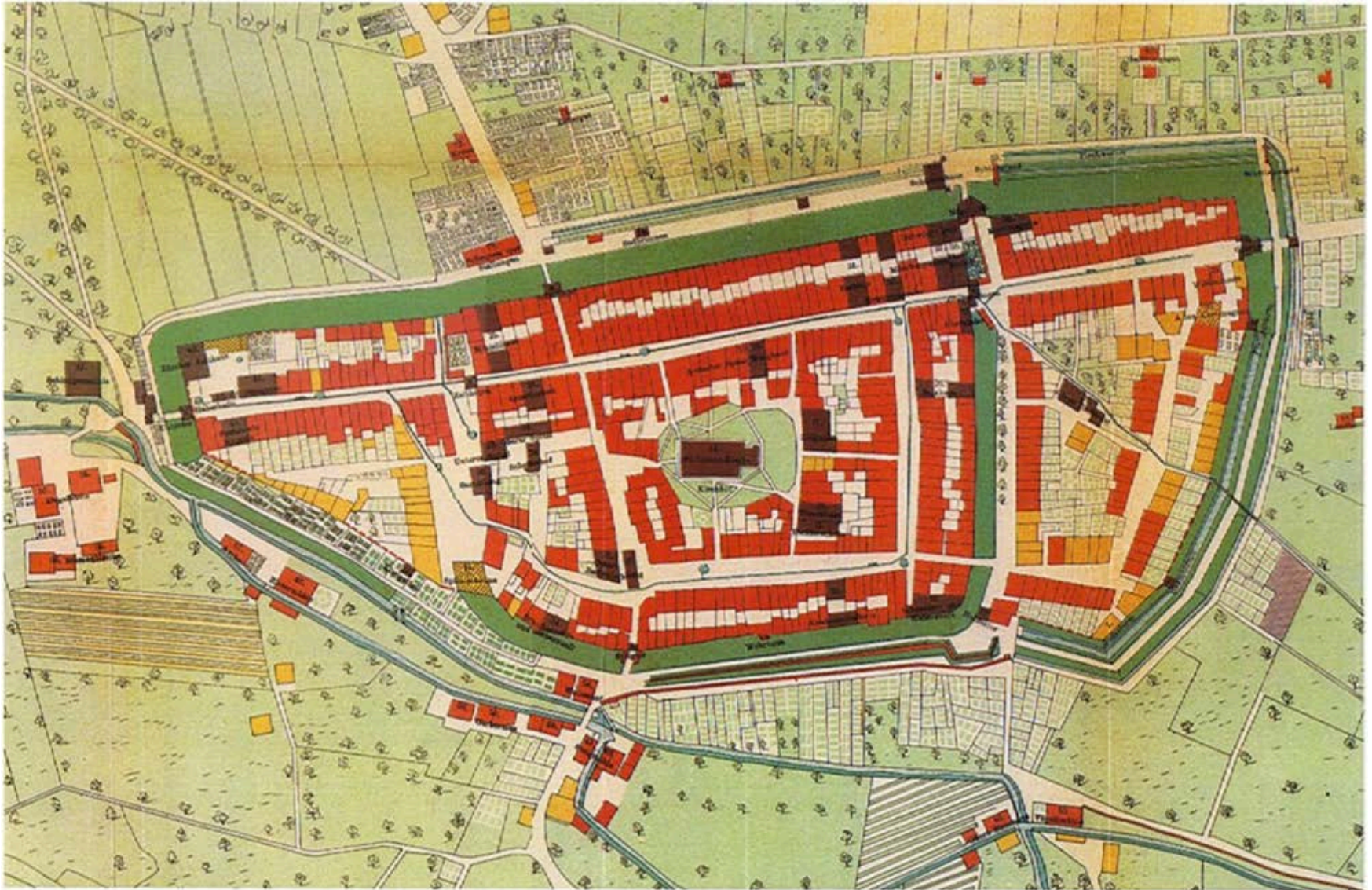
WEBER FAMILY TREE



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Map of Winterthur, 1755



Modern Map of Winterthur



Family Homes and Businesses:

Julius Stutz

Street names and house numbers were introduced around 1800 after the French invasion of Winterthur. Before, homes were known and identified by house names. Our researcher Yvonne Hauscheer identified four homes and businesses where our ancestors lived and worked. When reading about the locations and imagining them in the past, keep in mind that cities were much different than they are today. City streets were noisy, dirty, and often smelled unpleasant due to horse manure, open sewers, and lack of sanitation. The air quality was poor due to smoke from factories and homes.

Obertor, formerly Obertorgasse



Obertor, formerly Obertorgasse on Siegfried map ab. 1860.

Bakery and Inn 'Nachtkappe,' Winterthur was the home, bakery/confectionary, and inn of Julius Stutz in 1890, Albertine Weber's stepfather. The old house name is 'Nachtkappe' (nightcap). After the it was a bakery and inn, the Nachtkappe became a gallery, an apothecary, a fashion store, and is now a bookstore. It sits just behind a local landmark, the Fortuna fountain. The original location was Obertorgasse (alley of the upper gate) No 168 in the north of Winterthur's Neustadt quarter. The Neustadt or new town quarter is at the eastern, upper end of the historic town and contains modest workers' houses. Today the address is Obertor 26.



A view of Julius Stutz's bakery and the Fortuna Fountain. Turn around and you'll be just in front of the next building, 'Zum oberen Adler'



As of December 2024, Julius Stutz's bakery and inn is a bookstore called Fontis-Buchhandlung. Original molding and the signs seen in the photo of his bakery are still visible. The modern address is Obertor 26, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland.

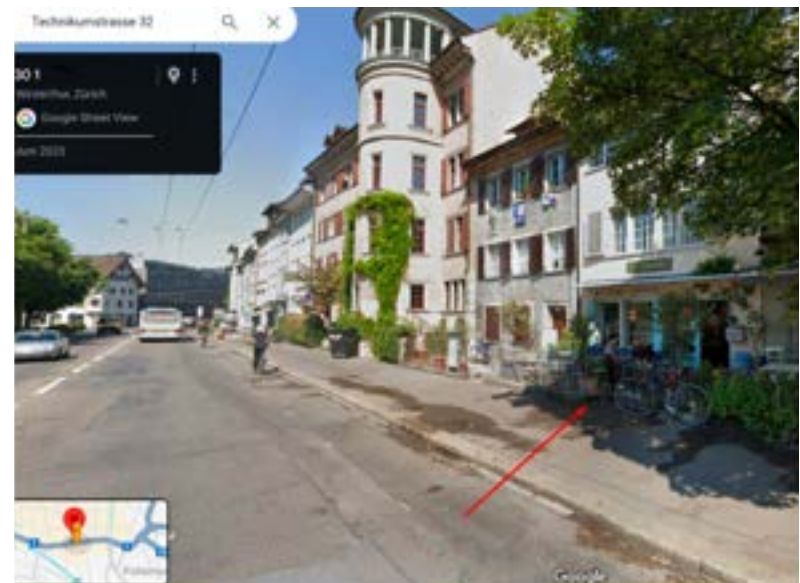
Family Homes and Businesses: Eduard Haggenmacher

House ‘Zum Oberer Adler,’ Winterthur was the first location where Eduard Haggenmacher, father of Maria Margaretha Haggenmacher and the maternal grandfather of Albertine Weber Kunz was an independent butcher.

Oberer Adler translates to the Upper Eagle. Eagle was a popular animal to name houses after; in Winterthur there were at least seven buildings named after the eagle, including Little Eagle, Golden Eagle, Eagle Yard, and Eagle Mountain. The Oberer Adler is located at Obertor 13, not to be confused with the building ‘Zum Adler’ at Obertor 17. The Oberer Adler was replaced in 1850 with the building you see today.



Tavern ‘Zum Rebstock’ in the Neustadt, Winterthur is the house where Eduard Haggenmacher had a butcher and tavern business, after ‘Zum Oberer Adler.’ This is where Maria Margaretha and her siblings might have grown up. Today it’s address is Technikumstrasse 32. It’s still a restaurant, called Hasan’s Sandwich.





As of December 2024, the building where Eduard Haggemacher's first butcher shop once stood is a vacant. Signage indicated it has been vacant since 2022, when it was last a city police building. The building is across the street from Julius Stutz's old bakery, as shown in one of the images above. The modern address is Obertor 13, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland.



As of December 2024, Eduard Haggemacher's butcher and tavern business is a highly-rated sandwich shop called Hasan's Sandwich. Houlton and I ate tasty sandwiches there and got to see beautiful old ceiling beams while ordering our food. The old building name, Rebstock, was still visible on the outside of the building. The address is Technikumstrasse 32, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland.

Family Homes and Businesses: Heinrich Haggenmacher

Hintergasse 23 was the house of our Haggenmacher line progenitor Heinrich Haggenmacher (born 1531). The house had multiple names throughout the years. Number 23 was called 'Schnürmange' and from 1809 on 'Kastanienbaum' or chestnut tree. In 1904 the street, Hintergasse was renamed to Obere (upper) Steinberggasse.

Elements of a previous building from the 15th/16th century are still preserved in the firewalls. Today, the row house stands out due to its low eaves height. The courtyard has an exposed brick facade.

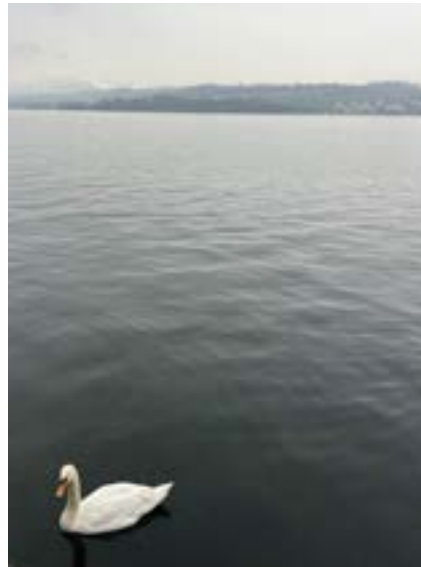
Hintergasse was traditionally the street of the craftsmen. In the narrow, three to four story terraced houses, the ground floor often served as a workshop or shop, while the other floors were sometimes sublet flats. Shoemakers, tailors, bakers, potters (Hafner), locksmiths, milliners, hairdressers etc. lived and worked in them, as well as small traders (Krämer) and innkeepers who offered comparatively cheap food, served alcohol, and provided overnight accommodations in their pubs.

Hintergasse was originally closed off to the west by the 'Metzg,' the old slaughterhouse. When this was demolished in 1833, Hintergasse and a neighboring street, Niedergasse were joined together.





As of December 2024, the location where the first known member of our line of Haggemachers lived is now the office of a professional services company called MSM Group. MSM Group provides a range of services including accounting and taxes, fiduciary, HR & insurance, legal advice, and office services. The modern address is Steinberggasse 23, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland.



In addition to visiting Winterthur, we also visited the town of Meilen, where Albertine was raised and most likely born. We visited the church where she was baptized, which sits right on lake Zurich. Despite the rain, the lake was beautiful, and we watched swans, coots, and gulls swim by. The church is called the Reformierte Kirche Meilen and is located at Seestrasse 585, 8706 Meilen, Switzerland.

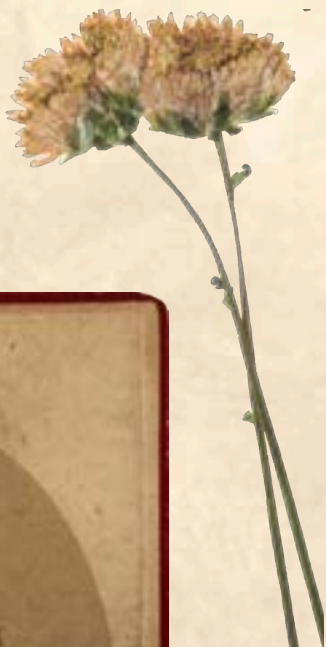


Mrs. Webster
mother
Margaret



Mrs. Webster





M. M. M.
M. M. M.
Grandfather



M. M. M.
Grandfather

Albert
L. M.

Mary

Louise

Emily

Gertrude
K. M.

M. M. M.









No. 58191.

ORIGINAL

Marriage Certificate

I, *Harry P. Miller*
Twenty-seventh day of *June*
A. D. *one thousand, nine hundred*
and twenty *for* *Bethlehem, Penna*
Russell Paul Long and *Clara Mary Kunz*
WERE BY ME
UNITED IN MARRIAGE
in accordance with License issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Northampton County, Pa.
numbered 58121.

Harry P. Miller
Minister of the Gospel

Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin L. Jones
Father of the Bride, or Mother

Swiss-American Ladies Club Has Annual Banquet

United States Citizenship Is One of Requisites for Membership

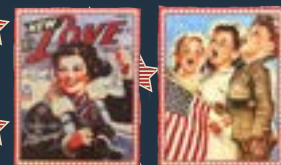
The loyalty and patriotism of members of the Swiss-American Ladies' Club of Allentown as citizens of the United States was stressed at the annual banquet of the group yesterday in the dining hall of the Allentown-Turner Liederhaus. It was the second annual dinner of the club since its reorganization.

The group had formerly been organized as the Allentown-Bethlehem Swiss Ladies' Club but disbanded several years ago because of the economic depression after having been in existence for 20 years.

Anna Zuercher, president of the club, serving as toastmistress, pointed out that each and every member of the organization is a full-fledged citizen of the United States. This she announced, is one of the requisites of membership. The banqueters re-affirmed their allegiance to this country and pledged themselves to aid in promoting the objectives of the United States in the current war.

Speakers, while referring proudly to accomplishments, traditions and customs of the land of their birth, which is regarded as a neutral country in this war, pointed also with pride to the fact that they and others at the dinner were bound to remain loyal to the country of their adoption.

The story of how the banner of the Red Cross came to be adopted as a contrast to the flag of Switzerland, which has a white cross on a field of red, was told by Miss Zuercher. The Red Cross flag was adopted, she explained, when Henry Dunant, a Swiss native, founded the organization which has since grown to international proportions in Geneva in 1864.



The toastmistress was introduced to the gathering by Mrs. Wallace Scherck, the secretary, who also spoke briefly. Other speakers were John Zettie, president of the Allentown-Turner Liederhaus; Mrs. Albertina Kuntz of Philadelphia and member of the club and past president of the president; Mrs. Francis Munch, vice president and chairman of the entertainment committee; Mrs. Otto Wehbeck, treasurer; Mrs. Richard Marcus, president of the Lehigh Jaegerbund Ladies' Club; Joseph Zuercher, secretary of the Swiss-American Men's Club; John Reiman, treasurer of the Swiss-American Men's Club; Mrs. John Locher, treasurer of the former club; Jakob Kallschmid, oldest member and only living charter member of the Swiss-American Men's Club; and Mrs. Pearl Davis, flag-bearer. Mrs. George Ott, flag-bearer, also scheduled as a speaker, was unable to be present because of serious illness in the family.

Entertainment in the form of singing was provided by Anna Marie Zuercher, 8, and her nine-year-old brother, Leo, and solo by Rose Marie Goussard.

In attendance were nine women who had been members of the original club.

The dinner was catered by the Howards of the Liederhaus.

The banquet was in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. Francis Munch, chairman; Mrs. Rose DeBain, Mrs. Joseph Zuercher, Mrs. John Reiman, Mrs. George Ott, Mrs. Pearl Davis, Mrs. Bertine Borstner and Mrs. Frank Ehrlicher.

Announcement was made that the next social affair of the club would be a dance on April 18 at the Liederhaus.

—By Bettina Bonds and Hanes—

Swiss-American Ladies Banquet



The Swiss-American Ladies club of Lehigh county yesterday joined in a world-wide celebration of the 631st anniversary of Swiss Independence Day at a dinner in the Liederhaus hall. Principals of the occasion were Mrs. Mark W. Hoffman, Mark Hoffman, sheriff of Lehigh county, who was speaker; Albertina Kuntz, former president of the Ladies club which was reorganized in 1940; Joseph Zuercher, secretary of the Swiss Men's club, and Anna Zuercher, president of the Ladies club.

NEUTRALITE



Swiss-American Ladies Club



Members of the Swiss-American Ladies club and their guests gathered for their regular monthly meeting last evening in the Call-Chronicle conference room. During the short business meeting, which was presided over by Anna Zuercher, president, two new members were admitted into the organization. They were: Mrs. Rose DeBain and Mrs. Elisabeth Hahn.

Prior to the serving of refreshments the group toured the Call-Chronicle

plant under the direction of Martha Schlotterer and Helen Green. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Wilhelmina Munch and her committee. Following the coffee-kolch a social hour of games was enjoyed by the members and their guests.

In the group pictured above are: Anna Zuercher, president; Mrs. Lena Wehbeck, Mrs. Eva Werber, Mrs. Charles Ritz, Mrs. George Pobert and Angela Baka, Allentown; Evelyn Novak, Mrs. Pearl Hahn and Mrs. Margaret Tsch, Bethlehem, and Mrs. Albertina Kuntz, Philadelphia.

James, Mrs. Lizzie Schnellbach and Gretchen Newmeyer.

Christine Newmeyer, Mrs. Emily Ott, Mrs. Joseph Haas, Mrs. Elisabeth Zuercher, Mrs. Wilhelmina Munch, Mrs. Elisabeth Jester, Mrs. Secunda Locher, Mrs. Rose DeBain, Mrs. Otto Wehbeck, Mrs. Eva Werber, Mrs. Charles Ritz, Mrs. George Pobert and Angela Baka, Allentown; Evelyn Novak, Mrs. Pearl Hahn and Mrs. Margaret Tsch, Bethlehem, and Mrs. Albertina Kuntz, Philadelphia.



Mark 638th Anniversary of Swiss Independence

At the 638th anniversary of Swiss Independence, which was celebrated in the Call-Chronicle conference room last evening, the Swiss-American Ladies club and their guests gathered for a special celebration. The group will club president.





