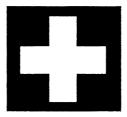
Guide to

SWISS GENEALOGICAL

RESEARCH



by

Lewis Bunker Rohrbach



CONTENTS

Introduction
A Very Brief History of Switzerland
Swiss Citizenship and Heimat Rights 16
Religions of Switzerland 24
A Map of Switzerland 27
An Overview of Swiss Emigration
Your Research Work in America
Types and Locations of Swiss Records 43
Bernese Church books:
Overview
Church record purposes and categories
von and zu references 50
Baptisms 52
Baptisms, marriages and burials <i>auswärts</i>
Zeugen 57
Baptismal names 58
Illegitimate births
Dates

Contents

Indexes to all types of church records
Original records
Confirmation records
Marriage records
Burial and death records 75
Other records and comments
Examples
Finding Your Ancestors' Bernese Church Records 91
Currency Units 115
Glossary of Terms in German, French and Latin 117
Julius Billeter's Swiss Genealogical Research 159
Swiss Christian Names and Nicknames 161
Women in Swiss Records 171
Bibliography 176