

New Glarus – Original Pioneer and early Settlers

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Coming to America

In the early 1840s, after several years of failed crops and as food became scarce, much of Glarus, Switzerland found itself deep in poverty. With more workers than available jobs, the government of the canton saw emigration to America as a solution. Authorities established the Glarus Emigration Society in 1844, which offered loans to help residents purchase land in the New World. All other expenses associated with the voyage to America were to be paid by the emigrants themselves. Men were offered 20 acres (81,000 m²) free of rent for ten years, after which they could own the land for a mere ten shillings per acre. Given the desperate economic conditions in Switzerland, 193 volunteers decided to leave their homeland to start anew in America.

In 1845 magistrates in Glarus, Switzerland dispatched two men, Nicolas Dürst and Fridolin Streiff, to find a suitable location for a colony in the New World. They were given \$2600 and instructions to purchase land, build cabins, and prepare for the settlers to arrive the following spring.

Dürst and Streiff began their search in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois before reaching St. Louis, Missouri. In the early days of July 1845 they then traveled north to Galena, Illinois, after which they arrived at the land office in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. The men investigated several tracts of farm and timber land in the southern Wisconsin territory before deciding on two square miles along the Little Sugar River. On July 17, 1845 they purchased 1,280 acres (5.2 km²) for \$1.25 per acre. It was a fertile basin bounded with hills and a large stand of trees nearby. Some said later it wasn't the best property available, but the valley and hilltops reminded them of their native Switzerland.

The land that would become the Village of New Glarus was untamed wilderness, which had been inhabited by Native Americans for centuries. An Indian trail passed just south of present-day New Glarus, through what is now New Glarus Woods State Park. That trail later became the main thoroughfare to and from New Glarus. Even as late as 1845 the remnants of an old wigwam were still found near there.

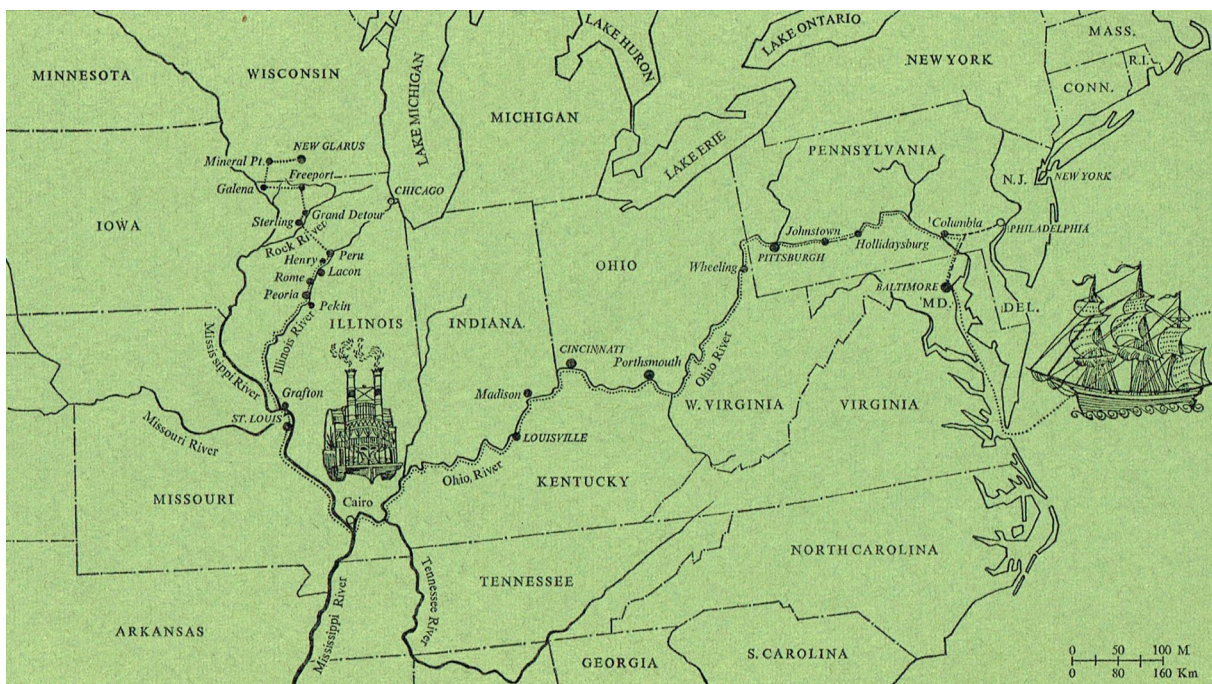
Anxious to begin a fresh life in the New World, families in Switzerland decided to depart much earlier than expected. On April 10, 1845 the group left Glarus on a barge bound for Rotterdam. From there they expected to sail into New York City where friends were scheduled to meet them. Dishonest agents, however, routed them to Baltimore, Maryland, where they first set foot in America after a 49-day voyage. Without any knowledge of the whereabouts of Dürst and Streiff, the former residents of Glarus left Baltimore searching for the two men who arrived before them and the land chosen for their new home.

During their journey across America, the Swiss pioneers heard rumors that Dürst and Streiff had died. Undaunted, the group continued their difficult journey west. When they arrived in St. Louis it was said that the settlers were covered with mosquito bites and very nearly approaching starvation. From St. Louis they then boarded a steamboat for Galena, Illinois.

Shortly after arriving in Galena the settlers from Switzerland were excited to learn Dürst and Streiff were alive and had already secured land for their new settlement. Overjoyed, 18 men left that night on foot and walked 62 miles (100 km) to the location of the settlement. Wagons were then dispatched back to Galena for the remainder of the immigrants still there. After a long journey that took four months and five days, 108 settlers arrived at their new home on August 15, 1845. Three members of their party died on the way to southern Wisconsin. The balance found work or friends along the way; many more joined the colony later the following year. John Jacob Tschudy arrived from Glarus, Switzerland in the fall of 1846 to replace Dürst (who had returned to Switzerland in late 1845) and help Streiff manage the colony.

The Itinerary from the Bäsche in Glarus to New Glarus, Wisconsin

April 16 to August 8, 1845



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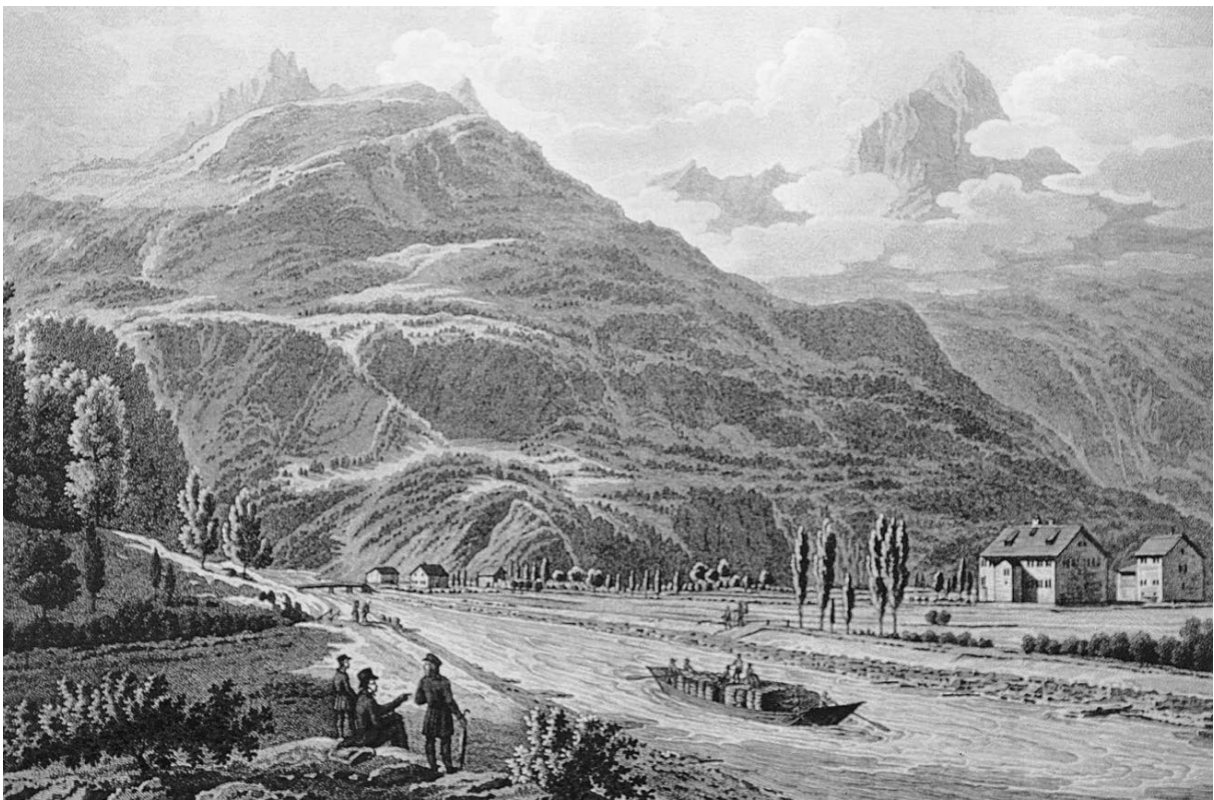
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View to the Lake of Walensee with Weesen and the Biäsche next to the Linth bridge



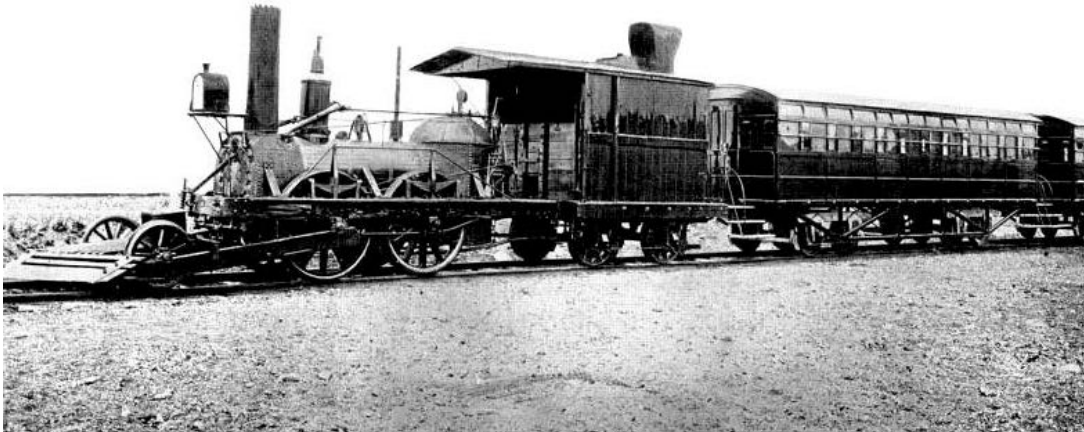
Shipping on the river Linth in the 19th Century



Riverboat first from Zurich to Basel (April 17-18, 1845) and then from Basel to Mannheim (April 19-23, 1845), from Mannheim to Rotterdam (April 26-28, 1845), from Rotterdam to Dordrecht (April 29, 1845), from Dordrecht to Amsterdam with a Canalboat (April 29-30, 1845) and from Amsterdam to Nieuwediep with a Coastal Boat (April 30-May 2, 1845)



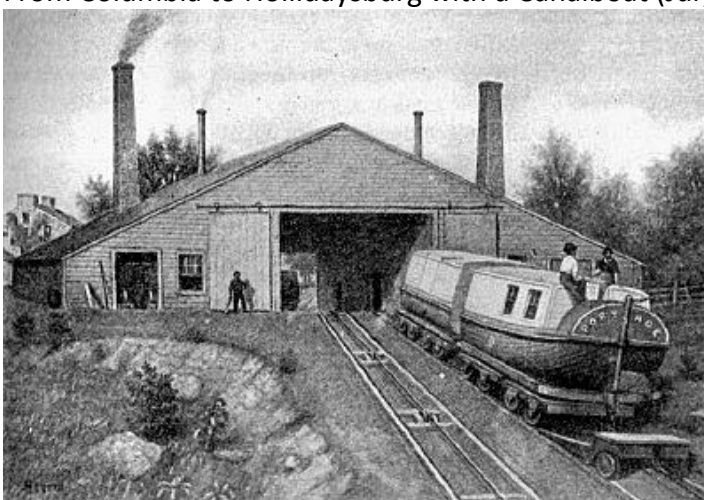
From Nieuwediep to Baltimore with the Tree-masted sailing ship "Superb" (May 13-June 30, 1845)



From Baltimore to Columbia with the Railroad (July 2, 1845)



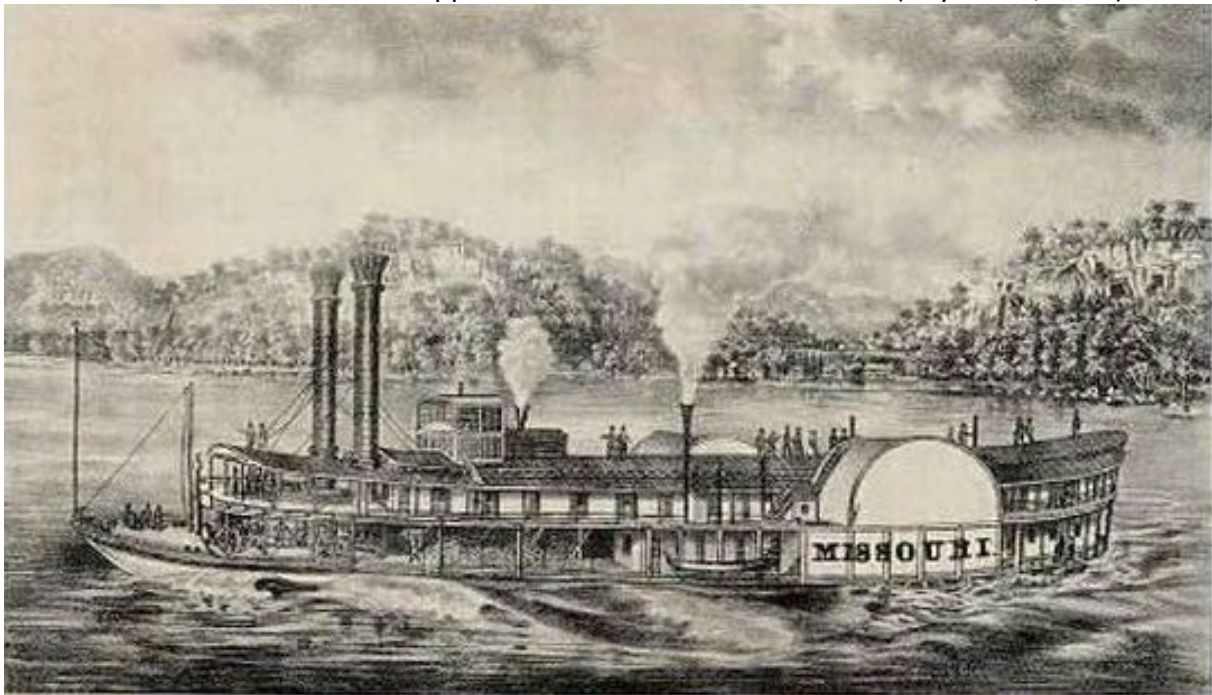
From Columbia to Hollidaysburg with a Canalboat (July 3-6, 1845)



From Hollidaysburg to Johnstown with a Portage Railroad (July 7, 1845) and then again with a Canalboat from Johnstown to Pittsburgh (July 7-9, 1845)



From Pittsburgh to Cincinnati with the River Steamboat (July 11-17, 1845) and then from Cincinnati to Cairo at the Mississippi River with the River Steamboat (July 19-22, 1845)



From Cairo on the Mississippi river to St. Louis (July 22-23, 1845) and from St. Louis to Peoria on the Illinois river (July 27-31, 1845) and then on foot to Lacon (July 31-August 1, 1845).



From Lacon to Peru on Horse Wagon (August 2-3, 1845) and from there again on Horse Wagon from Peru to Galena (August 4-5, 1845) and then on foot from Galena to "Apple River" (August 6, 1845) and again on Horse Wagon from "Apple River" to Darlington on Horse Wagon (August 6, 1845). From Darlington again on foot 17 hours to Mineral Point (August 7, 1845) and from there to New Glarus on Horse Wagon (August 7-8, 1845).

Original Pioneer Settlers of New Glarus (Arrival in 1845)

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Published histories of New Glarus have been inconsistent in the names and numbers of original settlers. They generally peg the number at 108, 118 or even 122. The Settlers' Monument in New Glarus, erected in 1915 to commemorate those pioneers, has a listing (only the men!) that differs somewhat from written histories. A comprehensive listing based upon the primary sources of the time has never been fully enumerated or fully referenced.

The following table is our attempt to document who we believe made up the original group of settlers present at New Glarus in mid-August of 1845 and supplemented by those who arrived in September 1845, 1850 and 1860. The mid-August of 1845 listing is based primarily on Glarner Zeitung articles of December 20, 1845, which listed those families who left Canton Glarus April 16, 1845. That same newspaper provided a listing of the 20-acre land allotments that occurred on August 21, 1845. This allotment listing is important in that it confirms those families who apparently were on site to draw for land. Our list also takes into account Balthasar Schindler, his Daughter Magdalena, and her beau David Schindler, who are mentioned by Mathias Dürst, Judge Niklaus Dürst, and even Heinrich Lienhard, yet do not appear in the Glarner Zeitung's list of emigrants. Also on the list is Fridolin Streiff, who accompanied Judge Dürst in the quest for land and remained with the Swiss colony.

By tallying up those people cited in the various sources, we arrive at the number of 135 men, women and children present in New Glarus in August of 1845. Just a few weeks later, on September 6, the colony grew by several adults when Jost Trümpy and Heinrich Aebli and his sons arrived. You will find Trümpy and Aebli listed on the Settlers' Monument as original settlers, although they apparently travelled on their own and lagged behind the others by about 3 weeks.

One additional and minor deviation from previous histories concerns Johann Peter Stauffacher, who is generally listed as having died in Galena, Illinois, while en route to New Glarus, and thus not counted in the tally of original immigrants. In reviewing the many documents related to this research, we have been unable to find any definitive reference to Stauffacher's death. We feel that had he died en route, some mention of this would have been made in one of the diaries, letters home, or in the Glarner Zeitung. Peter Stauffacher, rather than his widow, is recorded as having received a 20-acre lot. Therefore, our listing includes Stauffacher.

Does it even matter if there were 108 or 135 people or even more who founded New Glarus? Probably not. Yet what is important is that these historical facts be based upon referenced documents of the period and upon "new" documents as they become discovered, transcribed and translated.

Ackermann Hilarius	Weaver, 4 years corporal in Dutch service	Genealogy Kerenzen # 123	1
11.09.1798 – 03.03.1867	of Filzbach		
Menzi Maria Magdalena			1
32.05.1798 -	of Filzbach		
Columbina	28.11.1830		1
Jost	07.10.1833		1
Anna Maria	13.08.1836		1
Mathias	17.02.1840		1
Magdalena	16.07.1842		1
<i>Family left the main group with destination Pittsburgh. No information about the whereabouts of the family after they have left the main group other than a potential match in the 1860 US Census in Allegheny City (Hillary Echelman)</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 6 descendants known			

Bäbler Fridolin	Slate Miner	Genealogy Matt # 134	1
01.05.1808 – 24.1.1898	of Matt		
Stauffacher Dorothea			1
19.03.1815 - 1881	of Matt		
Magdalena	15.01.1841		1
Elsbeth	27.03.1843		1
Magdalena	16.07.1842		1
<i>Brother of Oswald Bäbler (Genealogy Matt # 118). Three more surviving children were born in New Glarus.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 157 descendants known			

Bäbler Oswald	Slate Miner	Genealogy Matt # 118	1
10.09.1794 – 22.12.1847	of Matt		
Stauffacher Ursula			1
26.05.1798 – 26.03.1873	of Matt		
Elsbeth	01.06.1823		1
Anna	07.10.1825		1
Esajas	17.11.1827		1
Niklaus	05.03.1832		1
Oswald	01.06.1835		1
<i>Brother of Fridolin Bäbler (Genealogy Matt # 134)</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 273 descendants known			

Becker Friedrich	Textile Printer	Genealogy Ennenda # 64	1
28.6.1821 –	of Ennenda		
Hösli Maria Louisa			1
22.05.1824 -	of Ennenda		
Elsbeth	29.12.1843	Died 13.08.1845 en route	(1)
<i>Son of Kaspar Becker (Genealogy Ennenda # 22). One daughter Louise was born in America.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Becker Jost	Wildheuer	Genealogy Glarus # 123	1
13.02.1790 – 28.04.1871	of Ennetbüchli		
Hefti Barbara			1
17.08.1791 – 20.09.1858	of Ennetbüchli		
Fridolin	29.10.1815	Followed 1845 or 1846	
<i>Parents of Fridolin Becker (Genealogy Ennenda # 51)</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 210 descendants known			

Becker Kaspar	Wadding-maker / Day Laborer	Genealogy Ennenda # 22	1
28.04.1787 – 02.08.1846	of Ennenda		
Roth Elisabeth			
Ca. 1785 – 01.10.1844	of Grindelwald	died before emigration	
Friedrich	09.04.1821	separate record	(1)
Sophia	06.02.1824		1
<i>Father of Friedrich/Fridolin Becker (Genealogy Ennenda # 64). Kaspar Becker died later in Galena, Illinois.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 5 descendants known			

Blesi Fridolin	Cooper / Carpenter	Genealogy Schwanden # 105	1
14.11.1802 – 07.07.1869	of Sool/Schwanden		
Wild Barbara			1
1806-After 1881	of Schwanden		
Paulus	29.08.1840	adopted son of Verena Nigg	1
<i>They left the main group, stayed behind in Pittsburgh and settled with members of Barbara Wild's family in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Paulus (Blasy) was the adopted son of Verena Nigg</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 49 descendants known			

Dürst Balthasar	Slate Miner	Genealogy Betschwanden # 168	1
12.06.1812 – 14.04.1895	of Diesbach		
Dürst Magdalena			1
25.08.1811 – 21.10.1897	of Diesbach		
Magdalena	07.02.1836		1
Margaretha	18.06.1837		1
Anna Magdalena	22.03.1840		1
Joshua	27.03.1842		1
<i>Magdalena Dürst was a third cousin of diarist Mathias Dürst (Genealogy Betschwanden # 174)</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 210 descendants known			

Dürst Mathias		Genealogy Betschwanden # 174	1
15.10.1813 – 27.03.1857	of Dornhaus-Diesbach		
Luchsinger Verena			1
10.09.1815 – after 1860	of Mitlödi		
Sebastian	20.12.1837		1
Verena	11.03.1839		1
<i>Mathias Dürst wrote a diary that clearly describes the laborious journey of the emigrants to Nieuwediep (Netherlands), the Atlantic crossing to Baltimore and the onward journey across Pittsburgh and Saint Louis to the Midwest. In his notes, he harsh criticism of the Glarus authorities («Auswanderungstagebuch 1845», in JbGL 63, 1970, 11-96). In 1855 he sold his land part (Lotte), which violated the statutes of the emigrants' association. Three more children were born in New Glarus.</i>			4
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 82 descendants known			

Elmer Heinrich		Genealogy Elm # 202	1
15.08.1819 -	of Elm		
Jacober Barbara			1
30.12.1810 -	of Matt		
Heinrich	18.11.1839		1
Fridolin	10.05.1841		1
<p><i>They left the main group in Wheeling. Apparently, this Elmer family was lost to history and the Canton Glarus authorities declared the Elmers missing (verschollen erklärt) in 1929. However, data from the U. S. census of 1850 confirms that these Elmers were in fact among the early residents of Black River Falls. This 1850 Wisconsin Census for Crawford County lists this Swiss-born family of four (incorrectly entered as Elmore), along with a young daughter named Mary born in Wisconsin. The Elmers and their descendants continued living in the Black River Falls area for decades, although it is not known if there are direct descendants living there today. It is also reported that "Barbara Elmer ran the only public boardinghouse in Black River Falls in the late 1840s, where she fed about thirty men, most of whom were connected with the lumber industry. Salt pork and good, homemade bread was the staple diet, sometimes varied with bean soup and venison." (Bob Elmer, Family History Notes, Summer 2013)</i></p>			4
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 4 descendants known			

Frischknecht Balthasar		Genealogy Engi # 1	1
29.02.1820 – 18.02.1890			
<p><i>Balthasar Frischknecht was the second youngest of twelve children of a slate merchant who moved to Zurich in 1814. Frischknecht's goal was Baltimore. He died in Sylvester, Green, Wisconsin in 1890.</i></p>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Grob Johann Jakob	Forest ranger, Assayer, Master builder	Genealogy Kerenzen # 118	1
06.12.1803	of Obstalden		
Grob Barbara			
07.09.1803 – 04.03.1834	of Obstalden	died before emigration in a blaze	
Zacharias	01.11.1831		1
Johann Jakob	16.01.1834		1
Schräpfer Sara			
03.09.1815 – 26.07.1844	of Obstalden	died before emigration	
Johann Kaspar	27.04.1836		1
Theodor	11.11.1838		1
<p><i>Johann Jakob Grob emigrated as widower with his 4 children. No information about the whereabouts of the family.</i></p>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 5 descendants known			

Grob Paulus	Cloth pattern engraver in Hard near Bregenz	Genealogy Kerenzen # 121	1
15.04.1811 – 29.07.1890	of Kerenzen		
Schräpfer Regula			1
03.04.1814 – 12.1881	of Obstalden		
Fridolin	05.01.1834		1
Ferdinand Paulus	28.02.1836		1
Peter	16.10.1838		1
Columbina	15.09.1839		1
Katharina	05.11.1841		1
<i>They moved on to Highland, Madison, Illinois and later to Pocahontas, Bond, Illinois, where 6 more children were born. Paulus served for four years as soldier in Dutch services.</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 180 descendants known			

Hefti Fridolin	Woodsman and haymaker, also farmer, innkeeper 1837	Genealogy Glarus # 48 Genealogy Ennenda # 9	1
16.05.1798 – 21.08.1854	of Ennetbühls		
Becker Rosina			
27.01.1797 – 29.09.1843	of Ennetbühls	died before emigration	
Johann Jakob	05.05.1834		1
Hösli Christina			1
17.10.1805 – 04.06.1872	of Ennetbühls		
Abraham	20.11.1833		1
Fridolin served for four years as soldier in Dutch services and was 1820 non-commissioned officer in France. Census 1850 mistake: Frederick Baebler instead of Fridolin Hefti			4
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 69 descendants known			

Hefti Georg	Handyman	Genealogy Schwanden # 287	1
22.12.1808 – ca. 1849	of Leuggelbach		
Trümpy Rosina			
11.12.1808 – 30.03.1877	of Ennetbühls		
Anna Maria	20.07.1833		
Georg	04.01.1838		
<i>His wife Rosina and daughter Anna Maria and son Georg stayed behind in Switzerland. Hefti left the main group and stayed in Wheeling and died later of cholera.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 6 descendants known			

Hefti Samuel	Handyman	Genealogy Betschwanden # 335	1
16.04.1820 – 21.06.1897	of Hätzingen		
Hösli Anna Elisabeth			
25.12.1824 – 1847	of Haslen		
<i>Samuel Hefti emigrated alone, leaving behind his not legally wedded wife, who died in 1847. He left the main group and stayed behind in St. Louis.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Hösli Fridolin		Genealogy Betschwanden # 32	1
11.09.1793 – 17.04.1853	of Diesbach		
Dürst Margreth			1
21.10.1803 – 02.1884	of Diesbach		
Heinrich	06.05.1827		1
Samuel	30.12.1830		1
			4
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 102 descendants known			

Hösli Fridolin	Stone-mason	Genealogy Glarus # 295	1
01.01.1818 – 13.01.1868	of Glarus		
Hefti Anna Margaretha			
06.05.1822 – 21.10.1861	of Ennetbühls	followed later in 1852	
<i>He was first married to Anna Margaretha Hefti (1822-1861). He travelled with the first group of emigrants from Glarus to the US and separated from the main group. He had his wife follow him some time later in 1852. The couple had 3 sons born in Davenport: Fridolin (1853-1890), Heinrich (1857-after 1880, he was a bar tender in Davenport) and Jacob (1859-1862). His wife passed away 1861 in Davenport and Fridolin took the boys and returned to Glarus where he remarried with Verena Schiesser (1827-1901). 1864, Fridolin brought his family back to the US and settled in the Swiss settlement of Tell City in Indiana, where the daughter Anna (1868-1948) was born. Fridolin and Anna have numerous descendants in Indiana. Anna married William Gasser and Fridolin married Anna Maria Schuler (1853-1925) of Glarus, who also emigrated with her parents in 1865 to Tell City.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 58 descendants known			

Hösli Heinrich	Bleacher in Glarus	Genealogy Betschwanden # 40	1
31.05.1818 – 20.12.1899	of Diesbach		
Zwicki Barbara			1
18.10.1814 – 18.12.1886	of Mollis		
Barbara	03.04.1840		1
Rudolf	24.10.1844	En route to New Glarus	(1)
<i>Son Rudolf died June 19, 1845 en route to New Glarus. Four more children were born in New Glarus</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 153 descendants known			

Hösli Hans Jakob	Hardware Merchant	Genealogy Schwanden # 181	1
24.06.1821 -	of Haslen		
Weiss Anna Katharina			1
14.08.1816 -	of Engi		
<i>The couple left the main group and stayed behind in Pittsburgh, where 2 children were born. They were called Hasley. Son Jacob Hasley married Catherine Braun who was first married with John P. Burry coming from Thun with whom she had 3 children and got divorced.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 2 descendants known			

Hösli Johann Kaspar	Handyman	Genealogy Glarus # 199	1
11.06.1785 – 10.10.1853	of Glarus		
Zopfi Margaretha			1
25.04.1787 – 18.01.1859	of Schwanden		
Jakob	15.08.1813		
<i>Son Jakob stayed in Switzerland. The couple left the group and stayed behind in Pittsburgh. They settled in Etna, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. The wife remarried Christian Bickel.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Hösli Marx	Handyman	Genealogy Glarus # 183	1
28.05.1777 – 17.04.1846	of Ennetbühls		
Schneller Elisabeth			
10.10.1781 – 08.11.1841	of Felsberg		
Heinrich	18.11.1803	was 17 years in French military services	1
Christina	17.10.1805	married to Fridolin Hefti Genealogy Glarus # 48	(1)
Barbara	13.05.1819	Married to Matheus Hösli Genealogy Glarus # 285	(1)
Johannes	31.08.1821		1
<i>Marx Hösli emigrated to New Glarus without his wife Elisabeth who died before. He travelled together with his two sons in law and their family.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 151 descendants known			

Hösli Mathäus	Waggoner	Genealogy Glarus # 253	1
23.03.1808 – 08.03.1894	of Ennetbühls		
Zweifel Anna Magdalena			1
19.08.1798	of Linthal		
Anna Maria	14.10.1831		1
Anna Magdalena	15.07.1833	Married to Fridolin Legler later	1
Mathäus	18.08.1835		1
<i>Family left main group and stayed behind in Pittsburgh. They were called Hasley. Daughter Magdalena married Fridolin Legler who immigrated in 1847, son of Joachim Legler (Genealogy Betschwanden # 108).</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 44 descendants known			

Hösli Matheus	Textile Printer	Genealogy Glarus # 285	1
04.04.1816 – 12.11.1897	of Ennetbühls		
Hösli Barbara			1
13.05.1819 – 14.02.1887	of Ennetbühls		
Jost	09.10.1837		1
Markus	14.02.1844		1
<i>Barbara's father Marx Hösli (Genealogy Glarus # 183) and her sister Christina with family were also part of the group.</i>			4
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 45 descendants known			

Jenny Balthasar	Ch pattern engraver and sawyer	Genealogy Ennenda # 176	(1)
23.05.1820 – 13.03.1887	of Ennenda		
Blumer Regula			1
14.09.1823 – 14.12.1886	of Schwanden		
<i>Balthasar Jenny returned from Rotterdam to his hometown and remarried in 1850 Elisabeth Mengis from Alsace. Regula Jenny née Blumer travelled with the group but stayed behind in Wheeling and moved later to Galena, Illinois, where she remarried John Fritz from Germany. The Fritz couple had four children.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 5 descendants known			

Kundert Andreas	Carpenter	Genealogy Betschwanden # 233	1
21.04.1811 – 07.03.1860	of Rüti		
Iselin Anna			1
26.01.1814 -	of Glarus		
Agatha	31.12.1837		1
Margreth	20.01.1839		1
Kaspar	29.11.1842		1
<i>Family left main group and stayed behind in Baltimore, where two children (Balthasar and John) were born. The couple later moved to St. Louis.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 7 descendants known			

Kundert Kaspar	Carpenter	Genealogy Betschwanden # 189	1
17.08.1825 – 04.08.1849			
<i>He left the main group and worked in Michigan in a copper mine. He died 1849 of Cholera in New Orleans</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Kundert Ludwig		Genealogy Betschwanden # 215	1
07.10.1827 -			
<i>He left the main group and stayed behind in Baltimore. No information about his whereabouts after he has left the main group.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Kundert Paulus	Carpenter	Genealogy Betschwanden # 179	1
19.01.1785 – after 1860	of Rüti		
Zopfi Barbara			1
17.01.1851 – 26.12.1851	of Schwanden		
Rudolf	12.05.1833	died in a military hospital	1
Anna	14.06.1835		1
Salome	01.05.1842		1
<i>Son Rudolf fought in the Civil War, was taken prisoner and died in a hospital.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 4 descendants known			

Legler Fridolin Sr.	Marksman	Genealogy Betschwanden # 104	1
26.11.1794 – 03.07.1868	of Diesbach		
Hefti Barbara			1
27.06.1792 – 04.10.1871	of Luchsingen		
Joachim	25.03.1816	Stayed behind and founded a large family whose descendants still live in the Canton of Glarus	
Johann Melchior	23.11.1817		1
Fridolin Jr.	31.10.1819	See below	(1)
Niklaus	04.11.1821	died single in Galena, Illinois	1
Georg	01.08.1830		1
Andreas	12.05.1833		1
Johannes	15.04.1837		1
<i>Parents of Fridolin Legler Jr. (Genealogy Betschwanden # 134) below</i>			7



Georg Legler (1830) Family

Back row: David (1873), Andrew (1868), John (1866), Abraham (1867), George (1859), Nicklaus (1869)

Front row: Fred (1857), Barbara (1856), Edward (1876), George (1830), Elsbeth (1863)

Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 878 descendants known

Legler Fridolin Jr.	Handyman	Genealogy Betschwanden # 134	1
31.10.1819 – 21.06.1897	of Diesbach		
Hämmerli Rosina			1
24.08.1819 – 20.04.1901	of Engi		
Fridolin	25.06.1843		1
<i>Son of Fridolin Legler Sr. (Genealogy Betschwanden # 104) above. Six more children were born in New Glarus</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 258 descendants known			

Legler Georg	Farmer	Genealogy Betschwanden # 130	1
24.06.1815 – 29.07.1900	of Diesbach		
Dürst Anna	Weaver		1
20.12.1814 – 19.05.1885	of Diesbach		
Agatha	10.01.1836		1
Magdalena	26.11.1837		1
Georg	12.07.1840		1
Heinrich	01.09.1842		1
Niklaus	18.07.1844		1
<i>Four more children were born in New Glarus.</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 70 descendants known			

Legler Johann Kaspar	Farmer	Genealogy Betschwanden # 125	1
22.11.1812 – 16.05.1880	of Diesbach		
Speich Agatha			1
22.01.1809 – 02.01.1856	of Luchsingen		
Katharina	09.05.1833		1
Mathias	01.05.1835		1
Agatha	26.12.1836		1
Regula	04.04.1839		1
Maria Magdalena	06.09.1840		1
<i>Four more children were born in Pittsburgh resp. New Glarus and one more child of a third marriage.</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 340 descendants known			

Schindler Abraham	Day laborer	Genealogy Schwanden # 56	1
03.02.1811 – 03.08.1853	of Schwändi		
Baumgartner Anna			1
26.08.1810 – 11.07.1861	of Schwändi		
Andreas	19.10.1837		1
Abraham	04.08.1839		1
Fridolin	11.09.1842		1
<i>Three more children were born in Pittsburgh resp. New Glarus and one more child of a third marriage.</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 47 descendants known			

Schindler Balthasar	Restaurant Owner	Genealogy Mollis # 359	1
26.10.1791 – 31.12.1876	of Mollis		
Zweifel Anna Maria			1
09.09.1804 – 06.09.1884	of Glarus		
David	01.08.1825	Married Magdalena Schindler 1847 in Galena and settled in Yolo, California	(1)
Gabriel	20.02.1829	Emigrated in 1848. Married Janette Morrison in 1857 and settled in Portland	(1)
Balthasar	31.01.1831	Emigrated in 1848. Married Maria Katharina Dürst (daughter of Joachim Dürst, Genealogy Betschwanden 155) and settled in New Orleans.	(1)
Johann Heinrich	15.03.1833	Emigrated in 1848 and died of yellow fever in New Orleans	(1)
Johann Kaspar	15.10.1835	Married Anna Jenny 1859 in New Glarus and settled later in Yolo, California.	1
Barbara	10.03.1840		1
Anna	18.08.1844		1
<i>This couple arrived 1846-49; their son David (b. 1825) and his fiancée Magdalena Schindler together with her father Balthasar Schindler were in New Glarus with the original settlers. But apparently these Schindlers travelled on their own since Balthasar, Magdalena and her father Balthasar are not listed of these who emigrated as a group.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 138 descendants known			

Schindler David	Draftsman		1
01.08.1825 – 04.06.1886	of Mollis		
Schindler Magdalena			1
19.11.1827 – 02.03.1907	of Mollis		
<i>David (b. 1825) and his fiancée Magdalena Schindler and her father Balthasar Schindler were in New Glarus with the original settlers. But apparently these Schindlers travelled on their own since Balthasar, Magdalena and her father Balthasar are not listed of these who emigrated as a group. David and Magdalena married 1847 in Galena and settled later in Yolo, California.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 19 descendants known			

Schmid Mathias		Genealogy Schwanden # 50	1
26.08.1802 – 11.08.1854	of Nidfurn	died of cholera in New Orleans	
Schmid Anna Katharina			1
08.09.1807 – 26.08.1877	of Nidfurn		
Mathias	12.06.1830		1
Johann Heinrich	10.12.1833		1
Adam	05.03.1836		1
Verena	03.02.1838	died en route to New Glarus	(1)
Anna Katharina	04.05.1840		1
Thomas	21.05.1842	Died en route to New Glarus	(1)
<i>Three more children were born in New Glarus.</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 11.2019: 541 descendants known			

Schräpfer Fridolin		Genealogy Kerenzen # 202	1
09.10.1807 -	of Mühlehorn		
Kundert Margreth			1
11.07.1814 -	of Schwanden		
Barbara	26.05.1839		1
<i>The family left the main group and stayed behind in St. Louis.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 3 descendants known			

Sigrist Johann Rudolf	Handyman	Genealogy Linthal # 19	1
10.03.1816 – 14.04.1855	of Linthal		
Schräpfer Salome			
02.11.1820 – 07.02.1851	of Kerenzen		
<i>He left the main group and stayed behind in Wheeling. He was drowned on a journey from Lasalle to St. Louis.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Spälti Heinrich			1
20.02.1825 – 14.08.1909	of Netstal		
<i>He travelled together with his brother Joachim and both left the main group and stayed behind in St. Louis. They were later joined by another brother and a sister. Heinrich married 1857 in Iowa Sarah Ann Routh and settled in Pleasantville, Marion, Iowa.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 36 descendants known			

Spälti Joachim			1
11.02.1828 – 02.03.1909	of Netstal		
<i>He travelled together with his brother Heinrich and both left the main group and stayed behind in St. Louis. They were later joined by another brother and a sister. Joachim married 1863 in Iowa Susan Augusta Litchfield and settled in Pleasantville, Marion, Iowa.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 16 descendants known			

Stauffacher Anton	Slate Miner	Genealogy Matt # 158	1
16.06.1814 – 04.11.1883	of Matt		
Stauffacher Anna			1
11.08.1816 – 04.07.1879	of Matt		
Jakob	28.12.1835		1
Mathias	25.10.1839		1
Anton	16.06.1841	Served in the Civil War 1862-1865 with the 9 th Wisconsin Inf. Regiment	1
Esajas	27.11.1842		1
<i>Four more children were born in New Glarus. Anton Stauffacher did not remain long in New Glarus but settled in Section 32 of the Town of Mt. Pleasant where they built a log cabin (later replaced by a stone house) and farmed. They were associated with the nearby area known as Dutch Hollow and the Dutch Hollow Evangelical Association cemetery is where Anton and Anna were buried.</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 206 descendants known			

Stauffacher Heinrich	Slate Miner / 1814 seasonal farm-hand in Swabia	Genealogy Matt # 143	1
16.09.1804 -	of Matt		
Blumer Barbara	Slate-Pencil Maker		1
01.01.1811 -	of Engi		
Josef	30.03.1829		1
Euphemia	23.10.1832	married John P. Thomas and settled in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois	1
Heinrich	24.08.1834	died en route to New Glarus	(1)
Afra	27.11.1836	married George Nicholas Fisher and settled in Greensburg, Knox, Missouri	1
Barbara	26.07.1839	Married presumably (1) Antoine Laurene and (2) Charles Leisgen in Hancock, Illinois	1
Jakob	08.09.1842	died en route New Glarus	(1)
Anna	14.11.1844	died en route New Glarus	(1)
<i>The Heinrich Stauffacher family apparently left Galena and went to the area of Warsaw, Illinois and then Scotland County, Missouri. Their family name is spelled several different ways. Their daughter Afra married George Fisher and she became known as Harriet Fisher. Daughter Euphemia known as Fannie married J. P. Thomas and they are buried in Nauvoo, Illinois.</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 155 descendants known			

Stauffacher Jakob	Slate-Pencil Maker	Genealogy Matt # 161	1
19.01.1817 – 29.03.1877	of Matt		
Speich Elsbeth			1
14.03.1819 – 17.11.1874	of Matt		
Afra	22.12.1838		1
Jakob	15.01.1841		1
Heinrich	03.01.1845		1
<i>10 more children were born in New Glarus resp. in Sylvester.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 346 descendants known			

Stauffacher Johann Peter	Slate Miner	Genealogy Matt # 154	1
20.11.1814 -	of Matt		
Bäbler Barbara			1
23.04.1815 -	of Matt		
Vincenz	27.04.1834		1
Ursula	06.03.1837	married Jakob Marti in Lansing	1
Barbara	05.11.1838		1
Anna Maria	24.02.1840		1
Peter	06.08.1841		1
Magdalena	01.10.1843		1
<i>Johann Peter Stauffacher is included in the number of those arriving in New Glarus, although he has been listed in other histories as dying in Galena en route to New Glarus. It has been written that Johann Peter died in Galena and indeed he is not found in the 1850 census. Bob Elmer believes Barbara and family are living with Tobias Knappe or Knoppe in 1850. It appears they were married. In 1860 Barbara Stofert and family show up in nearby Dubuque, Iowa. Ursula (Celia) married most probably in Lansing, Iowa, Jakob Marti, son of Jost Marti (Genealogy Matt # 196).</i>			8
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 12 descendants known			

Stauffacher Rudolf	Slate Miner / 1814 seasonal farm-hand in Swabia	Genealogy Matt # 122	1
25.08.1794 – 12.09.1858	of Matt		
Stauffacher Magdalena			
04.02.1795 – 20.03.1823	of Matt		
Johann Peter	24.08.1820	Genealogy Matt # 175 Emigrated later together with his wife to America	
Beglinger Anna			(1)
04.07.1781 – 28.05.1845		died on route to New Glarus	
Stauffacher Euphemia		Mistress of Rudolf	1
01.12.1805 -			
Ursula	06.02.1831	of first marriage	1
Euphemia	11.03.1837	born out of wedlock	1
Verena	14.02.1840	born out of wedlock	1
Rudolf	13.07.1842	born out of wedlock	1
<i>Rudolf Stauffacher left Matt with his second wife Anna Beglinger who died en route to New Glarus. His mistress Euphemia Stauffacher, with whom he had 3 children born out of wedlock, left together with her daughter Ursula. Rudolf married Euphemia 1846 in Ameica. According to the Dürst diary, another son was born 19.07.1845 in Cincinnati en route to New Glarus.</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 117 descendants known			

Streiff Fridolin	Locksmith / New Glarus Scout	Genealogy Schwanden # 107	1
03.10.1815 – 14.05.1890	of Schwanden		
Blumer Anna Katharina			
30.06.1816 – 04.02.1898	of Matt		
Thomas	27.02.1839		
<i>Fridolin Streiff accompanied judge Niklaus Dürst in the quest for land and remained other than Dürst in New Glarus. His wife and his son followed him in 1846. Four children were born in New Glarus.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 38 descendants known			

Stüssi Andreas	Master-Printer, tried to get work in Vorarlberg but returned and worked as woodsman	Genealogy Glarus # 111	1
11.12.1805 -	of Riedern		
Tschudi Rosina			
18.04.1811 – 24.10.1835	of Schwanden		
Anna Margreth	12.07.1830		1
Andreas	25.05.1835		1
Heer Elsbeth			1
15.05.1814 -	of Riedern		
Niklaus	05.11.1836		1
Rosina	03.12.1842		1
<i>Family left the main group and stayed behind in Baltimore. No information about the whereabouts of the family</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 5 descendants known			

Vögeli Balthasar	Sap Sago Laborer	Genealogy Linthal # 84	1
11.12.1789 – 28.07.1845			
<i>He was a widower with one surviving, married daughter, and travelled alone Left the group and stayed in Baltimore. His death was reported by Andreas Kundert (Betschwanden # 233), another immigrant, who remained in Baltimore</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Vögeli Mathias	Weaver	Genealogy Betschwanden # 141	1
22.06.1823 – 08.1849			
<i>Left the group and stayed in Baltimore. He died of cholera in Springfield, Illinois.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: no descendants known			

Wild Hilarius	Textile Printer	Genealogy Schwanden # 162	1
18.04.1820 – 13.02.1905	of Schwanden		
Hefti Anna			1
15.04.1820 – 02.01.1893	of Luchsingen		
Hilarius	17.06.1844		1
<i>A daughter was death born on the ship. Six more children were born in New Glarus.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 144 descendants known			

Zopfi Andreas	Cooper	Genealogy Schwanden # 214	(1)
14.09.1813 – 15.06.1845	of Schwanden	en route to New Glarus	
Blesi Appollonia			1
11.12.1808 – 30.03.1877	of Schwanden		
Samuel	01.11.1835	died 1856 in New York	1
Fabian	01.10.1842		1
<i>Andreas Zopfi died en route to Amerika on the ship. Whilst the older son remained in New York and died there in 1856, the mother returned with the younger son to Glarus and remarried Esajas Blumer. The younger son Fabian emigrated again in 1878 together with his family to Amerika and stayed there in Syracuse.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 38 descendants known			

Zwicky Kaspar	Day laborer, innkeeper "Rössli"	Genealogy Mollis # 427	1
26.03.1788 – 12.05.1866	of Mollis		
Ackermann Barbara			
20.03.1800 – 04.03.1839	of Kerenzen		
Fridolin	17.01.1825	emigrated later to America	
Jakob	16.02.1826	emigrated later to America	
Kaspar	04.01.1828	emigrated later to America	
Johann Jakob	16.06.1833	emigrated later to America	
<i>Left the group and stayed in Baltimore, but found his way to New Glarus in 1846. Four of his eight children emigrated later to America from Mollis. Kaspar Zwicky remarried in New Glarus in 1849 Anna Elizabeth Pfändler.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 68 descendants known			

Weise äusert: „Ich schließe nun mit dem schlichten Wunsche, daß der liebe Gott diese Bestrebungen segnen möge und daß der Thau des himmlischen Segens auf unser gemeinsames Bestreben fallen möchte, damit das Wachsthum unserer Kolonie befördert werde und dieselbe zur Feststätte erwache um auf künftige Zeiten den lieben Schweizern söhnen eine günstige Zuflucht zu werden.“

Zum Schluß folgt noch ein Verzeichniß sämtlicher unterm 16. April 1845 aus dem Kanton Glarus nach dem neuen Bestitum in Nordamerika ausgewanderten Personen.

Tauf- und Geschlechtsname, Heimath.	Verf.	Bemerkungen.
Von Genueda:		
Höfli, Kaspar, Jakob sel. und dessen Frau Margreth Zepf.	2	In Pittsburg zurückgeblieben
Höfli, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Christine und Kinder Barbara, Jakob.	4	In Neu-Glarus.
Höfli, Math., Josten, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder Markus, Jost.	4	" "
Weder, Kaspar, Wattenmacher, und dessen Kind Sophia.	2	" "
Weder, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Luise, und Kind Elisabeth.	3	" "
Jenni, Balthasar, Sager, mit dessen Frau Regula.	2	D. Kind d. 10. Aug. gestorb. Von Rotterdam n. Hause zurückgekehrt und seine Frau bei Erlangen am Obio zurückgeblieben.
Höfli, Mathias, Mathiasen, mit dessen Frau Magdalena und Kinder Maria, Magdalena, Mathias.	5	In Pittsburg zurückgeblieben.
Weder, Jost, mit dessen Frau Barbara.	2	In Neu-Glarus.
Höfli, Markus, mit den Söhnen Heinrich, Johann.	3	" "
Von Dießbach:		
Därh, Mathias, mit dessen Frau Verena, und Kinder Sebastian, Verena.	4	" "
Legler, Georg, mit dessen Frau Anna und Kinder Agatha, Magdalena, Georg, Heinrich, Nikolaus.	7	" "
Därh, Balthasar, mit dessen Frau Magdalena und Kinder Magdalena, Margreth, Anna, Selma.	6	" "
Höfli, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Margreth und Kinder Heinrich, Samuel.	4	" "
Legler, Johann Kaspar, mit dessen Frau Agatha und Kinder Katharina, Mathias, Agatha, Regula, Magdalena.	7	" "
Legler, Fridolin, alt, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder J. Meister, Nikolaus, Georg, Antreas, Johannes.	7	" "
Höfli, Heinrich, mit dessen Frau Barbara, und Kinder Barbara, Rudolf.	4	Rudolf ist auf dem Meere gest.
Legler, Fridolin, jgr., mit dessen Frau Rosina und Kind Fridolin.	3	In Neu-Glarus.
Von Meuti:		
Kundert, Paulus, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder Rudolf, Anna, Salome.	5	" "
Kundert, Andreas, mit dessen Frau Anna, und Kinder Agatha, Margreth, Kaspar.	5	In Baltimore.
Höfli, Mathias.	1	" "
Kundert, Ludwig.	1	" "
Kundert, Kaspar.	1	In Pittsburg.
Von Schwanden:		
Wiesl, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kind Paulus.	3	" "
Wid, Hilarius, mit Frau Anna und Kind Hilarius.	3	In Neu-Glarus.
Zepf, Antv., Käfer, mit Frau Apollonia und Kinder Samuel, Gadian.	4	Zepf ist auf ein anderes Schiff gekommen, seine Frau soll auf dem Meere gestorben sein und die Kinder sind in Neu-York. (?)
Von Länggelbach:		
Höfli, Georg.	1	Bei Billingen zurückgeblieben.
Höfli, Samuel.	1	In St. Louis.
Von Mollis:		
Zwickl, Jakob.	1	In Baltimore.
Von Schwändi:		
Schindler, Abraham, mit dessen Frau Anna und Kinder Andreas, Fridolin, Abraham.	5	In Neu-Glarus.

Gimer, Heinrich, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder Heinrich, Fridolin.	4	Bei Billingen zurückgeblieben.
Von Haslen:		
Höfli, Jakob, mit Frau Katharina.	2	In Pittsburg.
Von Linthal:		
Högli, Balthasar.	1	In Baltimore.
Sigrist, J. Rudolf.	1	In Billingen.
Von Rittfurn:		
Schmid, Mathias, mit dessen Frau Katharina und Kinder Mathias, Heinrich, Adam, Verena, Katharina, Thomas.	8	In Neu-Glarus. Verena u. Thomas gestorben.
Von Engh:		
Frischnecht, Balthasar.	1	In Baltimore.
Von Retfall:		
Spältli, Heinrich.	1	In St. Louis.
Spältli, Joachim.	1	" "
Von Kerzenen:		
Schräpfer, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Margreth und Kind Barbara.	3	" "
Grob, Jakob, mit Kinder Johannes, J. Jakob, J. Kaspar, Theodor.	5	In Neu-Glarus.
Grob, Paulus, mit dessen Frau Regula, und Kinder Fridolin, Ferdinand, Peter, Kolubina, Katharina.	7	" "
Kdermann, Hil., mit dessen Frau Magdalena und Kinder Kolubina, Jost, Maria, Mathias, Magdalena.	7	In Pittsburg.
Von Niedern:		
Stenfl, Andreas, mit dessen Frau Elisabeth und Kinder Margreth, Andreas, Nikolaus, Rosina.	6	In Baltimore.
Höfli, Fridolin.	1	Bei Billingen zurückgeblieben.
Von Matt:		
Bähler, Oswald, mit dessen Frau Ursula und Kinder Elisabeth, Anna, Gsajos, Nikolaus, Oswald.	7	In Neu-Glarus.
Bähler, Fridolin, mit dessen Frau Dorothea und Kinder Magdalena, Elisabeth.	4	" "
Stauffacher, Anton, mit dessen Frau Anna und Kinder Jakob, Mathias, Anton, Gsajos.	6	" "
Stauffacher, Heinrich, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder Joseph, Susanna, Maria, Barbara, Heinrich, Jakob.	8	Heinrich u. Jakob gestorben
Stauffacher, Jakob, mit Frau Elisabeth, und Kinder Aera, Jakob, Heinrich.	5	In Neu-Glarus.
Stauffacher, Rudolf, mit dessen Frau Anna, dessen ungeseliche Frau Susanna von Matt, und Kinder Ursula, Susanna, Verena, Rudolf.	7	Frau Anna gest. a. d. Meere
Stauffacher, Peter, mit dessen Frau Barbara und Kinder Vinzenz, Ursula, Barbara, Maria, Peter, Magdalena.	8	In Neu-Glarus.

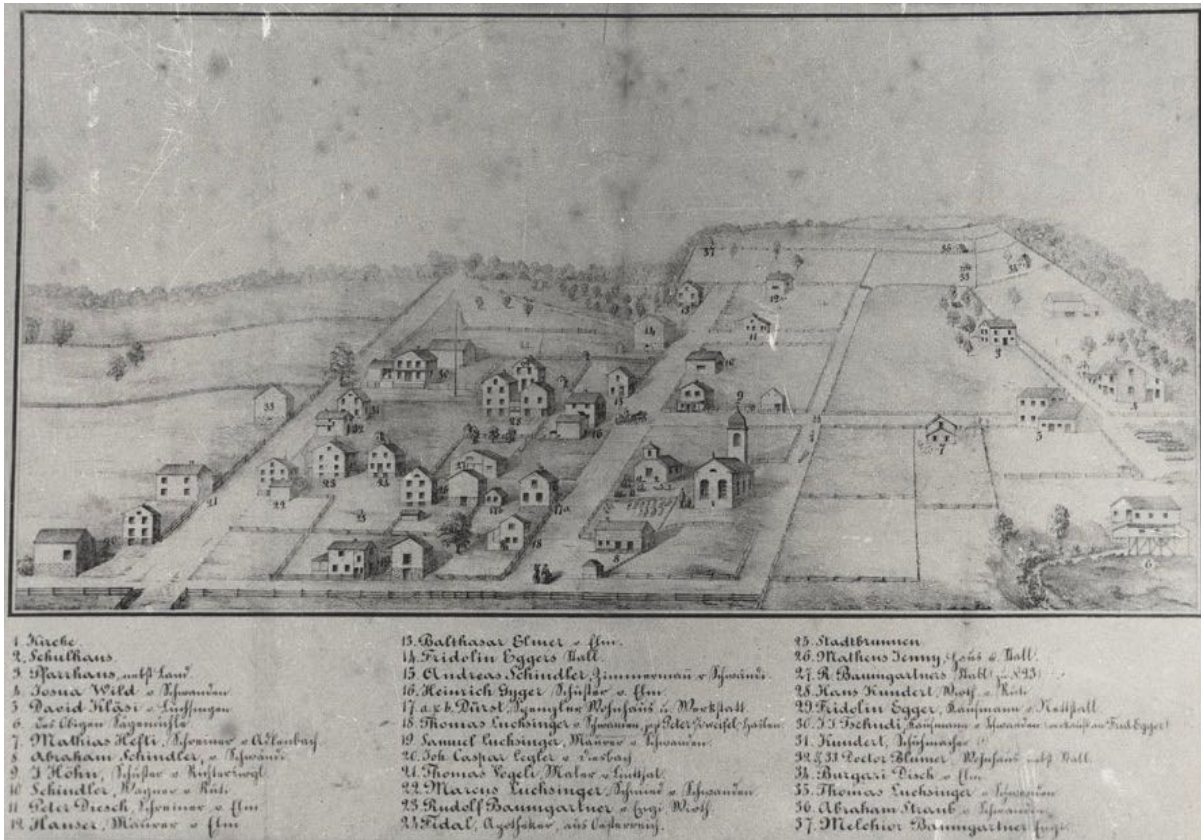
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Von den 193 ausgewanderten Personen sind also bloß 5 Personen, meistens Kinder, gestorben.

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Glerner Zeitung 20.12.1845, List of the first group of emigrants in 1845

Early Settlers of New Glarus (1846 - 1850)



In all, the New Glarus settlers purchased 1,200 acres (4.9 km²) for their new home. Many of the pioneers were carpenters, mechanics, and farmers; trades that proved useful as the settlers prepared for their first winter in the Wisconsin Territory. A sum of \$1,000 was used by the settlers that winter to purchase tools, cattle, seed, and other provisions, all of which had to be repaid with the price of the land within ten years of the formation of the colony. Twelve families stayed in the community's only wooden hut that first winter, which was built on the same property where the Swiss United Church of Christ is presently located. Their diet consisted mainly of potatoes and grated cheese, a dish also known as Röschtli. They also ate fish caught from the Little Sugar River. Bread, it was said, was a rarity, and meat even more so. To earn money to survive their first winter, the settlers worked in the nearby lead mines in Exeter and Mineral Point. In 1851 the first store in New Glarus opened, followed in 1853 by the first hotel, and in 1870 by the first cheese factory.

Two years after New Glarus was founded, another group of immigrants arrived from "Old Glarus." Then, one by one, more arrived, and the population of New Glarus was reinforced by new settlers from their motherland. The 1870 census showed 1,247 natives of Switzerland living in Green County, Wisconsin. By 1878 the 22 original 20-acre (81,000 m²) parcels owned by the first settlers had grown to more than 30,000 acres (120 km²) around New Glarus.

Eventually every Swiss franc loaned to the settlers was returned to their former home in Switzerland with interest. Then in 1861 a terrible fire devastated much of Glarus, Switzerland. The fire destroyed 593 buildings while over 3,000 people lost their roofs and everything they owned. To aid their former neighbors back in their native homeland the residents of New Glarus collected and dispatched more money than what they received in the form of a loan from Glarus 16 years earlier. And then nineteen years later when much of the Sernftal town of Elm, Switzerland was buried beneath a landslide killing 114 people, the residents of New Glarus rushed to help again; this time sending \$20,000 back to the old country.

Though they had only been residents in America a very short time, 98 Glarner fought for the Union during the American Civil War. The residents of tiny New Glarus contributed to other American wars, too. The Swiss Miss Textile Mart and Lace Factory in New Glarus made chevrons and insignia for U.S. military uniforms during World War II. Walter Gabriel Schindler, who was born in New Glarus, fought in that same war and received the Navy Cross and Silver Star. Kevin Patrick Lynch from New Glarus also received the Navy Cross in World War II.



Aebli Heinrich	Cloth pattern engraver	Genealogy Ennenda # 85	1
10.05.1823 – 13.07.1898	of Ennenda		
Becker Anna Maria			1
18.03.1827 – 10.02.1902	of Ennenda		
<i>Heinrich Aebli arrived in September 1845 and Anna Maria Becker arrived 1846 or 1847. First married couple in New Glarus on 26.10.1847. Six children were born in New Glarus. Heinrich was "Gemeindepräsident" in New Glarus 1878/79.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 106 descendants known			

Baumgartner Oswald	Carpenter	Genealogy Matt # 105	1
23.07.1795 – 21.07.1878	of Engi		
Hefti Margaretha			1
19.12.1802 – 02.04.1877	of Luchsingen		
Johann Melchior	04.03.1824	Postmaster in Berne, Milton	1
Rudolf	09.11.1825		1
Magdalena	22.02.1828		1
Anna	05.02.1830	married to Mathias Figi in 1849	1
Margaretha	22.01.1832		1
Salome	11.05.1835	married to Mathias Figi in 1857	1
Oswald	12.05.1840		1
Dorothea	06.07.1843		1
<i>Oswald immigrated 1846 with his family from Switzerland to the United States and traveled to the Midwest living for a time in New Glarus, Wisconsin where he built the New Glarus Hotel. He then moved on to Berne, Dodge County, Minnesota with part of his family, two daughters (Anna and Salome) remained in New Glarus, Wisconsin.</i>			10
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 369 descendants known			

Becker Fridolin	Farmer	Genealogy Ennenda # 51	1
29.10.1815 – 22.05.1906	of Ennenda		
Hösli Rosina			1
02.09.1822 – 08.09.1888	of Ennetbühls		
<i>Only son of Jost Becker and Barbara Hefti (original settlers). Bob Elmer believes this couple arrived around 1846-49 (according to the US Census 1900 the immigration took place in 1846).</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 208 descendants known			

Blumer Samuel	Medical Doctor	Genealogy Schwanden # 278	1
24.02.1819 – 16.11.1871	of Schwanden		
Streiff Maria			
22.09.1822 – 21.04.1845	of Diesbach		
Jakob Johannes	10.09.1843	emigrated 1861 and married Margareth Legler 1870 in New Glarus	1
Legler Katharina			
09.05.1833 – 15.01.1904	of Diesbach	emigrated 1845 with her par- ents in the main group	
<p><i>Dr. Samuel Blumer was the first resident physician of New Glarus. He came here in 1848. He married Katharina Legler in July 1848. He practiced here until 1852, when he and his family went by wagon train to Marysville, California, where he built the first Sanitarium erected in Marysville. On their returning trip by ship from San Francisco along with other 49er's some thrilling experiences overtook their path. While crossing the isthmas of Panama, en route for New York, they found themselves in the massacre perpetrated by what were known as Walker's filibusters who held up the party for several days and 200 of them were killed. After finally landing safely in New York they returned to New Glarus in 1855, to his medical practice. In 1867, a Brewery was built by Dr. Blumer & Co. , sold to his partner Jacob Hefti. He practice in New Glarus until 1868, then a few months in Monroe, he went to Galena, Illinois, then to Sioux City, Iowa area the spring of 1871 where he died in the fall November 16, 1871. The doctor is well remembered as a conservative, old school practitioner. His son Dr. J.J. Blumer took over his practice in 1869 now the resident physician of New Glarus.</i></p> <p><i>His son from first marriage emigrated in 1845 and from his second marriage with Katharina Legler were eight children born.</i></p>			6
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 186 descendants known			

Elmer Werner	District Administrator	Genealogy Elm # 196	1
17.02.1813 – 06.02.1883	of Elm		
Elmer Anna Maria			1
25.04.1813 – 05.04.1880	of Elm		
Verena	22.06.1838		1
Anna Maria	06.05.1840		1
Werner	25.09.1841		1
Jakob	30.12.1842		1
Euphemia	20.01.1845		1
<p><i>Werner Elmer emigrated in March 1847 with his family to New Glarus. 4 children were born in New Glarus.</i></p>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 280 descendants known			

Figli Mathias	Farmer	Genealogy Betschwanden # 69	1
20.05.1819 – 30.05.1897	of Betschwanden		
Baumgartner Anna			
05.02.1830 – 10.12.1856	of Engi	emigrated 1846 with her parents	
Johann Jakob	28.02.1850		
Margaretha	15.10.1853		
Baumgartner Salome			
11.05.1835 – 13.09.1918	of Engi	emigrated 1846 with her parents	
Mathias Oswald	10.04.1858		
Mathias	10.08.1859		
Anna	01.03.1863		
Magdalena	29.01.1865		
Johann Melchior	25.12.1866		
Rudolf	10.10.1868		
Fridolin (Fred)	22.01.1870		
Salome	30.01.1872		
Johann Melchior	25.05.1873		
Salome	06.01.1876		
John Thomas	18.05.1878		
<i>Mathias Figli immigrated between 1846-1848. He married Anna Baumgartner who immigrated with the first group in 1845 in 1849 in New Glarus. After Anna's death, Mathias married her younger sister Salome. The women were daughters of pioneer settler Oswald and Margaretha Baumgartner</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 11.2019: 172 descendants known			

Dürst Johann Jakob	Waagmeister	Genealogy Betschwanden # 141	1
10.03.1790 – 31.01.1877	of Diesbach		
Wichser Rosina			
06.12.1799 – 04.05.1846	of Betschwanden		
Katharina	10.02.1822	Married Gabriel Zimmermann in Monroe 1849	1
Barbara	04.02.1827	Remarried Andrew Hösli in 1853	1
Balthasar	11.10.1830		1
David	12.01.1834		1
Johann Jakob	12.01.1838		1
Rosina	14.09.1842		1
<i>Recently widowed Johann Jakob Dürst emigrated in 1848 with his children to New Glarus. Pregnant daughter Barbara had a promise from her husband that he would follow shortly. Her husband, despite his promise, didn't follow Barbara. He remained in Glarus and later married his mistress, Rosina Elmer.</i>			7
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 359 descendants known			

Dürst Niklaus	Slate miner	Genealogy Betschwanden # 158	1
26.12.1806 -	of Diesbach		
Streiff Anna Maria			
24.12.1809 – 04.02.1905	of Diesbach		1
Magdalena	18.12.1831		1
Johann Jakob	05.04.1834		1
Heinrich	29.11.1835		1
Anna	21.04.1839		1
Anna Maria	24.11.1840		1
Margaretha	09.01.1842		1
Anna Barbara	19.05.1844		1
<i>Niklaus Dürst emigrated with his family in 1846 to New Glarus - one of the first families to settle here after the arrival of the original group the previous year. Niklaus and family followed his three sisters and brothers-in-law who were in the original 1845 group (Anna and George Legler; Magdalena and Balthasar Dürst; and Margareth and Fridolin Hoesli). 4 children were born in New Glarus. See also Bob Elmer Family History Notes Fall 2009</i>			9
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 429 descendants known			

Hämmerli Jost	Farmer in Mollis / 1814 seasonal farmhand in Swabia	Genealogy Matt # 72	1
12.02.1785 – 14.06.1879	of Engi		
Zwicki Anna Katharina			
10.02.1787 – 30.08.1864	of Mollis		1
Hämmerli Leonhard	15.10.1818 – 27.05.1905	with his wife and son	1
Leuzinger Barbara	18.07.1819 – 30.09.1849		1
Jost	06.07.1845		1
<i>Jost Hämmerli together with his wife, son and daughter in law with grandson emigrated in 1846 to New Glarus - one of the first families to settle here after the arrival of the original group the previous year.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 255 descendants known			

Hefti Fridolin		Genealogy Betschwanden # 293	1
21.02.1804 – 11.07.1870	of Hätzingen		
Schiesser Rosina			
10.08.1805 – 01.03.1873	of Diesbach		1
Adam	11.01.1829		1
Johann Jakob	15.04.1835		1
Rosina	26.02.1837		1
Fridolin	01.06.1839		1
Margaretha	17.07.1844		1
Johann Thomas	15.03.1846		1
<i>Fridolin Hefti emigrated with his family in 1847.</i>			8
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 335 descendants known			

Hösli Heinrich (Henry)		Genealogy Betschwanden # 46	
06.05.1827 – 28.04.1894	of Diesbach		
Bäbler Anna			
07.10.1825 – 15.10.1901	of Engi		
<i>Heinrich and Anna were both children of original settler Fridolin Hösli and Margartha Dürst resp. Oswald Bäbler and Ursula Baumgartner. Heinrich and Anna married in 1849 in New Glarus. 7 children were born in New Glarus.</i>			

Hösli Jakob		Genealogy Glarus # 307	1
07.11.1829 – 30.09.1903	of Ennetbühls		
Baumgartner Katharina			
05.07.1821 – 20.06.1901	of Engi		1
Jakob	14.07.1846		1
Balthasar	16.12.1847		1
<i>Jakob Hösli emigrated in June 1848 via New Orleans to New Glarus. Jacob was born out of wedlock and was the son of original settler Christina Hösli. 7 children were born in New Glarus. The family settled later in Minnesota and the name was spelled Haesly, Hesley, Haesley.</i>			4
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 54 descendants known			

Hösli Johann Kaspar		Genealogy Schwanden # 153	1
21.04.1805 – 1872	of Haslen		
Stüssi Magdalena			
23.09.1810 – 04.08.1901	of Haslen		1
Samuel	05.02.1830		1
<i>Johann Kaspar Hösli emigrated with his wife and son Samuel in 1849 to New Glarus, stayed there until 1870 and moved then to Clarno and Monroe.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 9 descendants known			

Hösli Peter		Genealogy Betschwanden # 43	1
16.12.1822 – 1872	of Diesbach		
Zweifel Sabina			1
04.02.1824 – 19.10.1916	of Linthal		
<i>Peter Hösli and Sabina Zweifel married in March 1846 and emigrated immediately thereafter to New Glarus - one of the first families to settle here after the arrival of the original group the previous year. 7 children were born in New Glarus.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 108 descendants known			

Jenny Peter		Genealogy Schwanden # 286	1
10.09.1811 – 09.01.1858	of Sool		
Freuler Sara A.			
26.10.1815 – 1882	of Ennenda		1
Verena	17.09.1835		1
Johannes	22.03.1839		1
Anna	26.07.1840		1
<i>Peter Jenny emigrated in 1847 with his family to New Glarus. Peter was district counselor in Schwanden and later president of the church (Kirchenvogt) in New Glarus.</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 321 descendants known			

Jenny Peter	Teacher	Genealogy Schwanden # 303	1
02.11.1815 – 04.09.1880	of Sool		
Elmer Barbara			
17.09.1815 – 26.03.1892	of Elm		1
Maria	04.06.1840		1
<i>Peter Jenny emigrated in 1847 with his family to New Glarus. Peter was village counselor and district counselor in Schwanden and later teacher and president of the church (Kirchenvogt) in New Glarus.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 30 descendants known			

Kundert Johannes	Innkeeper	Genealogy Betschwanden # 217	1
09.10.1803 – 29.03.1873	of Rüti		
Elmer Magdalena			1
22.09.1805 – 29.04.1880	of Rüti		
<i>The couple emigrated in 1846 to New Glarus but returned later back to Glarus.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: No descendants known			

Kundert Rudolf	Butcher, Carpenter	Genealogy Betschwanden # 252	1
28.01.1816 – 08.04.1871	of Rüti		
Schuler Elsbeth			
24.01.1819 – 14.01.1904	Of Rüti		1
Elsbeth	17.05.1844		1
<i>Rudolf Kundert emigrated in November 1848 with his family to New Glarus. 5 children were born in New Glarus.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 155 descendants known			

Kundert Thomas		Genealogy Betschwanden # 247	1
17.07.1813 – 28.04.1882	of Rüti		
Schindler Amalia			
25.12.1820 – 10.09.1889	of Rüti		1
Johann Melchior	14.06.1840		1
Abraham	27.03.1843		1
Anna	30.03.1846		1
<i>Thomas Kundert emigrated in 1847 with his family to New Glarus. 8 children were born in New Glarus</i>			5
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 265 descendants known			

Legler David	Butcher	Genealogy Betschwanden # 123	1
02.09.1803 – 28.05.1887	of Betschwanden		
Streiff Barbara			
17.07.1808 – 04.02.1845	of Diesbach		
Andreas	07.10.1832		1
Katharina	31.12.1833		1
Ursula Cecelia	02.04.1837		1
David	25.10.1839		1
Johann Peter	08.12.1844		1
Schürch Elisabeth			
02.02.1819 – 05.03.1875	Of Schaffhausen		
<i>David emigrated as widower with is 5 children from his first marriage with Barbara Streiff in July 1847 and remarried in New Glarus with Elisabeth Schürch with whom 8 children were born in New Glarus</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 446 descendants known			

Luchsinger Thomas	Carpenter	Genealogy Schwanden # 280	1
03.01.1798 – 14.12.1875	of Schwanden		
Stalder Elisabeth			
11.01.1797 – 23.07.1875	of Rüegsau		1
Christian	20.08.1820		1
<i>Thomas Luchsinger emigrated in April 1847 via New Orleans to New Glarus</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 88 descendants known			

Norder Leonhard		Genealogy Matt # 11	1
20.05.1810 – 09.10.1882	of Engi		
Stauffacher Magdalena			
20.10.1811 – 02.02.1881	of Matt		1
Anna	10.12.1830		1
Magdalena	06.02.1834		1
Dorothea	27.01.1836		1
Barbara	13.05.1838		1
<i>Leonhard Norder emigrated in November 1846 with his family to New Glarus. 5 children were born in New Glarus</i>			6
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 104 descendants known			

Ott Johann Jakob	Veterinary Surgeon	Genealogy Schwanden # 22	1
28.03.1799 – 04.06.1868	of Nidfurn		
Fluri Katharina			
17.04.1791 – 24.12.1832	of Schwanden		
Anton	10.01.1828		1
Johann Jakob	15.08.1830	Married in New Glarus Verena Jenny, dauger of Peter Jenny and Sara Freuler	1
<i>Johann Jakob Ott, twice widowed, emigrated with is two sons in 1849 to New Glarus.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 212 descendants known			

Schindler Johann Melchior	Councilor	Genealogy Betschwanden # 72	1
28.07.1790 – 20.11.1859	of Rüti		
Heiz Anna			1
14.04.1799 – 18.09.1890	of Rüti		
Amalia	25.12.1820	Married with Thomas Kundert (see above)	
David	08.05.1831		1
<i>Johann Melchior Schindler emigrated with his family and in-law Thomas Kundert in 1847 to New Glarus</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 270 descendants known			


Sigrist Jakob		Genealogy Luchsingen # 11	1
05.02.1825 – 22.06.1896	of Leuggelbach		
Steinmann Verena			1
01.04.1827 – 02.1906	of Niederurnen		
Cleophea (Clara)	01.06.1845		1
<i>Jakob Sigrist emigrated in 1847 with his family first to New Glarus and farmed later in Hamilton, Nebraska. 8 children were born in New Glarus and 1 in Hamilton.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 23 descendants known			

Streiff Johannes	Locksmith	Genealogy Schwanden # 127	1
25.07.1817 – 06.10.1867	of Schwanden		
Bäbler Elsbeth			
01.06.1823 – 23.08.1881	of Engi		
<i>Johannes Streiff was the brother of scout Fridolin Streiff and emigrated 1846-1849 to New Glarus. He married in 1849 in New Glarus Elsbeth Bäbler, daughter of original colonist Oswald und Ursula Bäbler. 9 children were born in New Glarus.</i>			1
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 62 descendants known			

Trümpy Jost	Carpenter	Genealogy Ennenda # 41	1
24.09.1794 – 28.09.1846	of Ennetbühls		
Becker Katharina			
02.10.1795 – 16.08.1862	of Ennenda		
Heinrich	15.02.1827	Married in New Glarus Elsbeth Aebli	1
<i>Jost Trümpy emigrated in September 1845 together with his son Heinrich (Genealogy Ennenda 99) and with Heinrich Aebli and his son Heinrich Aebli to New Glarus - one of the first settlers in New Glarus after the arrival of the original group a few months before. His wife Katharina remained in Ennenda and the youngest daughter emigrated in 1853 to New Glarus and married there Balthasar Hösli with whom she emigrated together.</i>			2
Glarus Family Tree 09.2018: 210 descendants known			

Wild Josua	Textile Printer	Genealogy Schwanden # 151	1
15.08.1813 – 24.09.1878	of Schwanden		
Speich Barbara			1
25.07.1819 – 25.07.1890	of Luchsingen		
Anna Katharina	17.10.1838	Married in New Glarus Johann Heinrich Julius Eichelkraut	1
<i>Josua Wild emigrated in September 1845 together with his wife Barbara Speich daughter Anna Katharina. They first stayed in New York (Syracus) before moving to New Glarus. One daughter was born in Syracus and 5 children were born in Monroe respectively New Glarus.</i>			3
Glarus Family Tree 10.2019: 719 descendants known			

Early Settlers of New Glarus and area (after 1860)

Schlittler Jakob		Genealogy Niederurnen # 232	1
10.10.1833 – 1919	of Niederurnen		
Schlittler Barbara			1
12.04.1843 – 01.01.1899	of Niederurnen		
Jakob	28.06.1864	Married Elsbeth Zweifel (1863-1945) in Monticello	1
<p><i>Jakob Schlittler first married Katharina Steinmann (1839-1857). She died after the birth of her first child Jakob who also died 4 days before. Jakob remarried in 1862 Barbara Schlittler and the couple had their first child Jakob (1864-1946) born in Niederurnen. In 1867 the family emigrated to Monticello, where in 1872 Bertha and in 1875 Emily was born. Part of the family of Barbara also emigrated to New Glarus.</i></p>			3
 <p><i>Back row: Bertha (1872), Jakob (1864) born in Switzerland), Emily (1875), Edward.</i> <i>Front row: Jakob (1833) and Barbara Schlittler (1843)</i></p>			
<p>Glarus Family Tree 01.2020: 147 descendants known</p>			

Vögeli Jost	Carter	Genealogy Linthal # 111	1
12.12.1820 – 02.02.1889	of Linthal		
Opprecht Barbara			1
28.10.1832 – 11.01.1889	of Kümmertshausen, Thurgau		
<p><i>Jost Vögeli and Barbara Opprecht married February 17, 1853 and emigrated 2 ½ months later via Liverpool to New York and further to New Glarus area. The Voegelis were in the company of many Rüti families including Schindlers, Heitzs and a large contingent of Kunderts. They began a farm south of New Glarus in 1854 and that farm - perhaps one of the most famous in Green County - is now in the fifth generation of Voegeli stewardship with a sixth generation already in training. Jost and Barbara had a large family of 16 children with only one dying as a small child.</i> <i>Bob Elmer, Family History Notes, Fall 2014</i></p>			2
<p>Glarus Family Tree 11.2019: 135 descendants known</p>			