

FOREWORD

Genealogy is the study of a family's lineage.

Genealogy is a record of, who is in a family, and who they are related to.

More and more **Luitwielers** are eager to learn about our family genealogy.

From before 1580, it was hard to secure the relevant information and create the data bank, i.e. we obtained the information from old Family Bibles and Church Archives

However, with the internet we can trace our genealogy more readily.

The required data is each **Luitwieler's** full name, date and place of birth, marriage and death.

There have always been members of the family who have kept the data bank current. The data will never be complete, because there is always new information to be added.

The oldest known written document in respect of the origin of the name **Luitwieler** can be found in the State Archives in Solothurn, in Switzerland. Therein it is written that a Herr Burchard, who was the Minister of the Church in Werd, in the Diocese of Konstanz, had contracted with Herr Walther Meier in respect of a parcel of "leasehold land" (with the right of succession and ownership).

The "leasehold land" was around the Parish of **Lütwile** (Canton Aargau), located between the "leasehold land" of another Herr Meier (probably the father of our Herr Walther Meier) and the "leasehold land" of a Herr Rudolf Schenker. The cost of the "leasehold" amounted to 12 pfennigs (pennies) per year. **The piece is dated July 12, 1273.**

Raised to the landed gentry, he would in the future be known as **Walther von Lütwile**.

He was the first Leutwiler, Leutwyler, Lütweiler, Leutweiler, Luitwieler, Luitwiler, Luitweiler in history.

From 1580 on there was more data that become available and was identified as being large branches to the family tree:

From 1580 the first branch	Leutwyler von Flügelberg
From 1590 the second branch	Leutwyler von Birrwil
From 1599 the third branch	Leutwyler von Reinach
From 1693 the fourth branch	Leutwyler von Lupfig, and since 1742 we have the Luitwielers of Holland
From 1749 the fifth branch	Leutwyler von Sigrist

The data has been updated to June 2025.

If you find there is inaccurate or incomplete information in this data, or if you require further explanations, please contact **M. J. "Charles" Luitwieler in Canada c/o charlesann.luitwieler@yahoo.com**
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Thank you. (updated to June 2025)



The Coat of Arms "von Lüttwyl"

Our family coat of arms is found in the book "Coat of Arms displaying Old and New Royalty" of the 13 Swiss Cantons, written by Niclaus Gachet in 1799.

The coat of arms of "von Lüttwyl" displays the claw of a lion. The claw seems to resemble the claw in the coat of arms of the Royal House von Habsburg. So it is not the claw of an eagle as many believe it to be. There is mention of both spellings in the book, v. Lüttwil and v. Lüttwyl.

It is assumed that the Leutwil men (from Canton Aargau) were granted the right to use part of the von Habsburg coat of arms (also from Canton Aargau) because of their services as ministerial officials for the Royal House von Habsburg. We believe that the idea is not that farfetched, since we know that the two families had close ties and originated from the same Canton.

The battle at Sempach (Canton Luzerne) took place in 1386. The battle was fought between the soldiers of the Old Swiss Confederacy and the Austrians. In the Sempach War Chapel on the list of fallen soldiers for the von Habsburg side, there is the name "der Lüttwiler". According to this he was a knight in the von Habsburg army.

We cannot prove that we go back in direct lineage to the bearer of this coat of arms. But we can use the original "von Lüttwyl" coat of arms without any qualms.



The picture below is of the town of Leutwil as it appears today, Kanton Aargau, Switzerland.



This is the Lake Valley of nearby Birrwil, Kanton Aargau, Switzerland.



History of the Swiss Mercenary

Johannes Leutwyler/Lütweiler/Leutweiler/Luitwieler, born in Lupfig, Switzerland, on 27 March 1718, was a **Mercenary Soldier** in the Berner Regiment of Switzerland. He and his Regiment arrived in Vlissingen (Flushing in English), the Netherlands in 1742. This man is the patriarch of all the Dutch, US and Canadian branches of the family.

History tells us that the Swiss were among the most sought-after **mercenary forces** for half a millennium. Over a million Swiss mercenary soldiers fought on the battlefields of Europe. They were renowned for their brutality and boldness, which made them much coveted and feared in equal measure. They served as mercenary soldiers for almost every European power. At one stage, 1 in 3 in the French army's infantry actually came from Switzerland, and in the 19th century, liberation movements were often confronted with Swiss troops serving royal dynasties in decline. Today's Swiss Guard at the Vatican started out like that a long time ago. However, Swiss mercenaries of old are a far cry from the idyllic image of the modern-day papal Swiss Guard as an historic relic.

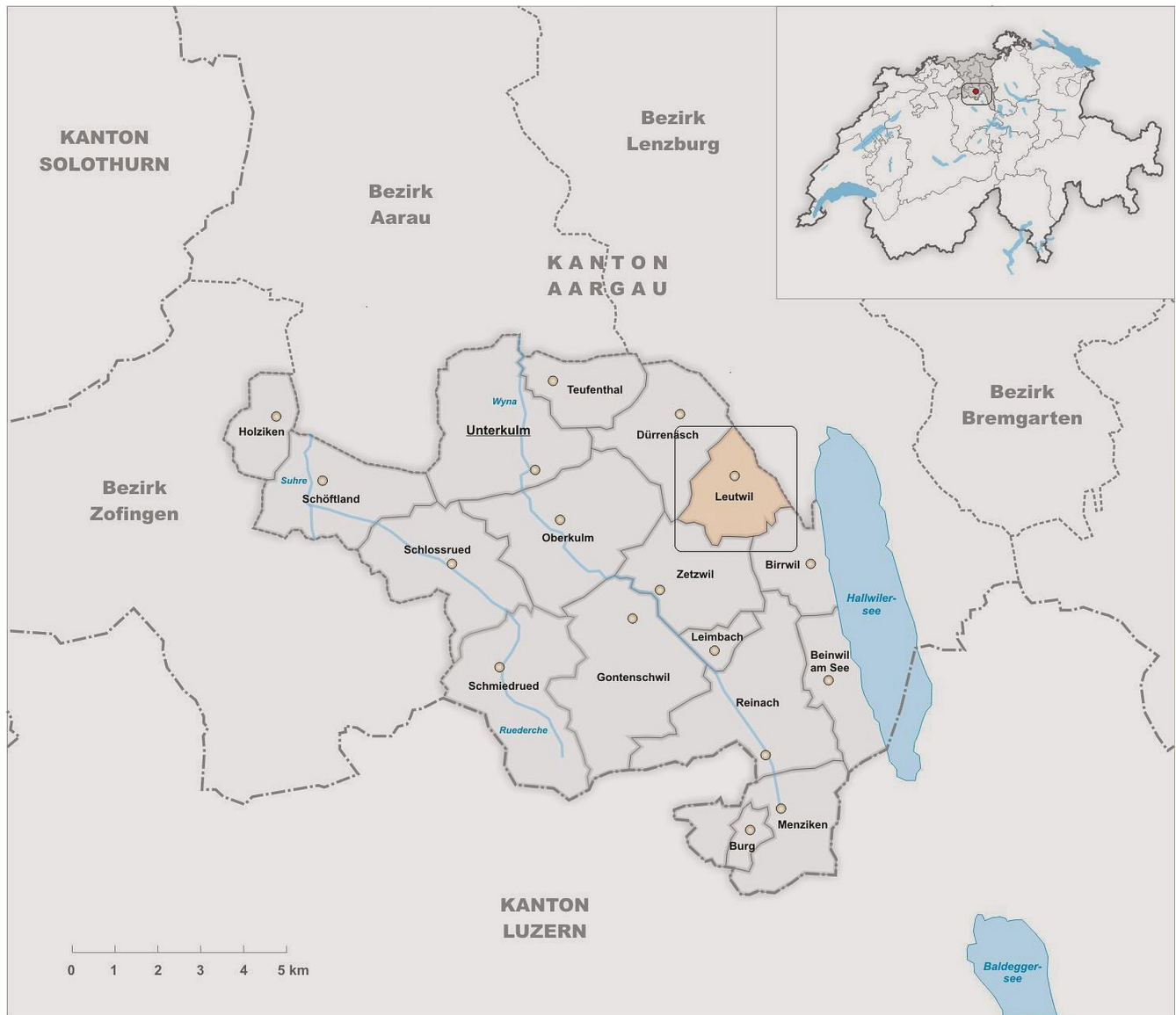
Probably no other phenomenon had a stronger influence on pre-modern Switzerland than its mercenaries. There is little general awareness of this extraordinary historical phenomenon. No other country has had that history.

In one respect, it was a "dirty business", one that established an aristocracy founded on the mercenary trade and wielding political power. On the other hand, the long periods abroad resulted in a transfer of knowledge because those who managed to return home in good health and perhaps even with some prosperity brought culture and knowledge from many foreign countries with them.

The country of Switzerland would not have survived without its foreign mercenaries. The fact is that the courts of Europe had become so dependent on Swiss troops that they refrained from attacking this supply line of soldiers. The Swiss were able to call their troops home whenever they needed them for themselves and so a mechanism was practised here that gradually became an ever stronger commitment to neutrality.

The map of Switzerland in the far-right corner.

The main map below shows Kanton Aargau in northern Switzerland and our town of Leutwil.



Well-known Luitwielers:

Dr. Fritz Leutwiler (Economist), up to his retirement in 1984, the President of the "Swiss National Bank" and the President of the "Bank for International Settlements", was the best known Leutwiler/Luitwieler in the World.

RULING THE WORLD OF MONEY

by Edward Jay Epstein in Harper's Magazine, 1983, **(submitted by M. J. "Charles" Luitwieler)**.

Ten times a year - once a month except in August and October - a small group of well dressed men arrives in Basel, Switzerland. Carrying overnight bags and attaché cases, they discreetly check into the Euler Hotel, across from the railroad station. They have come to this sleepy city from places as disparate as Tokyo, London, and Washington, for the regular meeting of the most exclusive, secretive, and powerful supranational club in the world. **The Chairman of the club is Fritz Leutwiler.**

Each of the dozen or so visiting members has his own office at the club, with secure telephone lines to his home country. The members are fully serviced by a permanent staff of about 300, including chauffeurs, chefs, guards, messengers, translators, stenographers, secretaries, and researchers. Also at their disposal are a brilliant research unit and an ultramodern computer, as well as a secluded country club with tennis courts and a swimming pool, a few kilometres outside of Basel.

The membership of this club is restricted to a handful of powerful men who determine daily the interest rate, the availability of credit, and the money supply of the banks in their own countries. They include the governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, the Swiss National Bank, and the German Bundesbank. The club controls a bank with a \$40 billion kitty in cash, government securities, and gold that constitutes about one tenth of the world's available foreign exchange.

The profits earned just from renting out its hoard of gold (second only to that of Fort Knox in value) are more than sufficient to pay for the expenses of the entire organization. And the unabashed purpose of its elite monthly meetings is to coordinate and, if possible, to control all monetary activities in the industrialized world. The place where this club meets in Basel is a unique financial institution called the Bank for International Settlements - or more simply, and appropriately, the BIS (pronounced "biz" in German).

The BIS was originally established in May 1930 by bankers and diplomats of Europe and the United States to collect and disburse Germany's World War I reparation payments (hence its name). It was truly an extraordinary arrangement.

Although the BIS was organized as a commercial bank with publicly held shares, its immunity from government interference - and taxes - in both peace and war was guaranteed by an international treaty signed in The Hague in 1930.

Although all its depositors are central banks, the BIS has made a profit on every transaction. And because it has been highly profitable, it has required no subsidy or aid from any government.

Since it also provided, in Basel, a safe and convenient repository for the gold holdings of the European central banks, it quickly evolved into the bank for central banks. As the world depression deepened in the thirties and financial panics flared up in Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Germany, the governors in charge of the key central banks feared that the entire global financial system would collapse unless they could closely coordinate their rescue efforts. The obvious meeting spot for this desperately needed coordination was the BIS, where they regularly went anyway to arrange gold swaps and war-damage settlements.

Dr. Fritz Leutwiler died in May 1997.

A Have Gun - Will Travel Story

Farmer's Son becomes a For-Hire-Troubleshooting-Specialist

One man's life's story My own personal story Sink or Swim Luctor et Emergo

As you know, I have been updating our Family Tree for more than 25 years. I've been able to do that with the help of many of you. I thank you all very much for that.

Here is a short one-page version of my working life (it's up to you to imagine the rest) :

1. I was born a Zeeuw in Zeeland and will always be a Zeeuw, just like my ancestors before me for almost 300 years. I'm very proud of that. Zeeland is a beautiful place with a long history.
2. My Mom and Dad were adventurous, risk-taking, forward-looking, and had a pioneering spirit which they, no doubt, passed on to me. I've always felt that way. Look ahead, keep going, don't look back was the motto.
3. They were one of 'the chosen families' that were selected for a farm in the Noord Oost Polder (or NOP) right after the end of WW II. The NOP was a young man's dream for exploring and adventure, over 200 sq. mi.
4. I too grew up as a dreamer, a romantic, with the same pioneering spirit as my parents. I emigrated at age 19 in order to pursue my own dreams. I was young then and didn't want to look back as per the motto.
5. I started by comparing overseas prospects (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the USA), and chose Canada in the end. I followed the legal immigration trail. It wasn't always easy.
6. My studies in Canada included Economics at the University of Toronto, while at the same time articulated at one of the Big 8 International Accounting Firms. I worked during the day and studied at night. A busy time for me.
7. My next studies included working at one of the most prestigious Investment Dealers and Stockbrokers. I was on the money-market desk trading for both local and foreign clients.
8. My final set of studies, after some 24 years in Canada, included working in the Property & Casualty and Risk Management Fields with some of the best experts in the business, and earning important proficiency awards.

By this time, I felt that I had more than earned the title **for-hire-troubleshooting-specialist**. Who knew ! me, a fixer of sorts to correct corporate mismanagement ! with the acquired expertise and personality traits for solving complex business problems.

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Professional Designations (post my under-graduate studies at the University of Toronto and at the University of Calgary)

CSC - Investment Dealers - Canadian Securities Consultant.
RIA - Registered Industrial Accountant of Canada. (1)
CMA - Certified Management Accountant of Canada. (2)
AIIC - Associate Insurance Institute of Canada. (3)
FIIC - Fellow Insurance Institute of Canada. (4)
CRM - Canadian Risk Manager.

The (1) and (2) accounting designations are now CPA designations, Certified Public Accountant, in line with the USA and the rest of the World.

The (3) and (4) insurance designations represent the two advanced and pinnacle designations in the Property & Casualty Insurance Industry.

Career includes **for-hire-troubleshooting-specialist** : Public & Corporate Accounting & Auditing, Stockbroker & Investment Dealer (stocks, bonds, money-markets), Property & Casualty Insurance Claims, Forensic Accounting (court-appointed expert), and Risk Management for medium-sized to large corporations in Canada and the USA. Memberships in Rotary International and The Honorable Order of The Bluegoose.

Well-known Zeelanders (Zeeland is a Dutch Province) :

ZEELAND's Claes Maartenszen van Rosenvelt, the DUTCH immigrant ancestor of the Roosevelt family, arrived in New Amsterdam (present day New York City) some time between 1638 and 1649.

Claes' son Nicholas was the first to use the spelling Roosevelt and the first to hold political office, as an alderman.

His children Johannes and Jacobus were, respectively, the progenitors of the Oyster Bay and Hyde Park branches of the family that emerged in the 18th century.

By the late 19th century, the Hyde Park Roosevelts were generally associated with the Democratic Party and the Oyster Bay Roosevelts with the Republican Party. President Theodore Roosevelt, an Oyster Bay Roosevelt, was President Franklin Roosevelt's fifth cousin.

Despite political differences that led family members to actively campaign against each other, the two branches generally remained friendly. Franklin Roosevelt married Eleanor Roosevelt, Theodore's niece and his own fifth cousin once removed. James Roosevelt met his wife at a Roosevelt family gathering in the home of Theodore's mother.

Flushing in 1742 (the year when a Swiss Luitwieler arrived in Vlissingen in Zeeland)

It was a maritime and fishing town. Seafarers sailed from here to the far reaches of the World. Therefore, Odysseus (Ulysses) and Penelope is the story of "a love steadfast and enduring".... "Long as the day in the summer time, deep as the wine dark sea, I'll keep your heart with mine, till you come home".



PROGRESSION in the FAMILY TREE of the LUITWIELERS

Descendants are arranged in order of generations along the **male line, with few exceptions, with the family name Luitwieler.**

GENERATION	I	= letter A	Swiss Luitwieler arriving in the Netherlands in 1742
	II	= letter B	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	III	= letter C	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	IV	= letter D	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	V	= letter E	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	VI	= letter F	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	VII	= letter G	Luitwielers in the Netherlands
	VIII	= letter H	First Luitwieler leaving for Canada in 1958
	IX	= letter I	Luitwielers born in Canada
	X	= letter J	Luitwielers born in Canada

This means:

A.	is the Johannes Leutwyler/ Lütweiler/Leutweiler/Luitwieler, born 27 March 1718 arriving in Holland in 1742
B.4	is the son Hendrick Luitwieler born on 14 September 1758 in Holland
C.4.2 (1)	is the son Pieter Luitwieler born on 19 September 1784 in Holland
D.4.2.6	is the son Huibrecht born on 3 April 1824 in Holland
E.4.2.6.4	is the son Klaas born on 17 January 1856 in Holland
F.4.2.6.4.5	is the son Jan born on 16 August 1883 in Holland
G.4.2.6.4.5.1	is the son Klaas born on 4 December 1909 in Holland
H.4.2.6.4.5.1.2 (1)	is the son Marinus Jan "Charles" born on 30 December 1938 in the Netherlands, who emigrated to Canada in 1958
I.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1	is the son Rinus Jon born on 20 May 1968 in Canada
J.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1.1	is the son Brandon Thomas born on 2 October 1996 in Canada

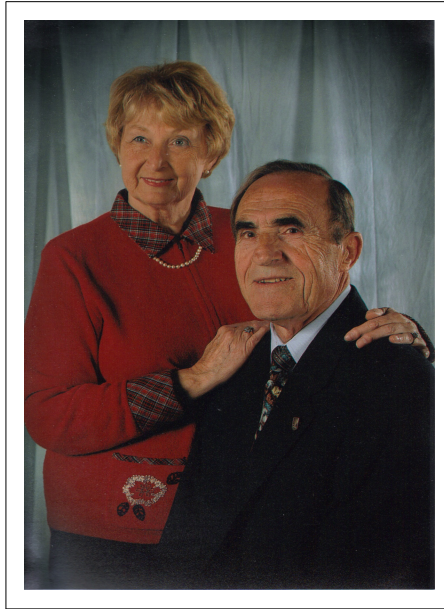
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Career includes for-hire-troubleshooting-specialist : Public and Corporate Accounting & Auditing, Stockbroker & Investment Dealer (stocks, bonds, money-markets), Property & Liability Insurance Claims, Forensic Accounting, Risk Management.

Married on 21 October 1967 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, to Ann Grant-Suttie (family ancestry in the Peerage of Great-Britain & Scotland at www.thepeerage.com), born on 26 June 1940 in Stephenville, in Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada.

They have 2 children:

Charles and Ann on 40th wedding anniversary:



I.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1 : **Rinus Jon** Luitwieler, born on 20 May 1968 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada,

married on 20 April 1996 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to Kristina Noelle Wittig, born on 17 January 1969 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

They have 3 children.

I.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.2. : **Melissa Ann** Luitwieler, born on 06 September 1970 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada,

married on 15 July 2002 in Nelson, British Columbia, Canada to Arne Robert Glavind-Luitwieler, last name was legally changed, born on 02 May 1969 in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

They have 1 child.

I.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1 : **Rinus Jon Luitwieler**, born 20 May 1968 in Montreal, Quebec, Businessman & Entrepreneur.

His sport activities include Cross-Fit Training and Lacrosse Coach.

was married on 20 April 1996 in North Vancouver to Kristina Noelle Wittig, B.Sc., born on 17 January 1969 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Public Nurse.

They have 3 children:

J.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1.1 : **Brandon Thomas** Luitwieler, B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business & Finance - University of Massachusetts, Cum Laude), born 02 October 1996 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, World-wide Trader in grains and other commodities.

J.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1.2 : **Connor Jonathon** Luitwieler, B.H.P.E. (Bachelor of Health and Physical Education - Mount Royal University, Calgary), born on 17 April 1999 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Program Director for all health and sports activities at Mount Royal University.

J.4.2.6.4.5.1.2.1.3 : **Nicholas Ryan** Luitwieler, born 05 January 2004 in Calgary, senior undergraduate student in Finance, Supply & Project Management - University of Indianapolis.

L to R Connor, Kristy, Nicholas, Jon and Brandon



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They have 1 child:

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Jackson in 2015.



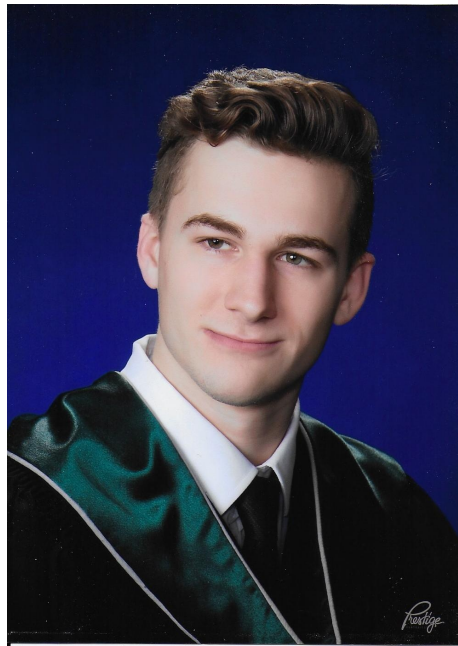
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