

On the History of the Glarner Families, Particularly Those of the Sernf Valley  
A Medley of Pictures from Past Days  
(*Zur Geschichte glarnerischer Geschlechter, derjenigen des Sernftales insbesondere  
Allerlei Bilder aus vergangenen Tagen*)

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### XIX. THE DISCHES

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"In this year" (1602), reported J. Heinr. Tschudi, "several new cantonal citizens have again been accepted, in return for which each must pay 100 Gulden"; among these who had been accepted into the cantonal right in 1602, he named "Mathys Teisch and Andreas Teisch, both from the above confederacy". Likewise, the Elm baptism register mentions a Matthis Disch, who was married to Regula Pfifer and had a daughter, Anna, baptized in 1597. A Joss Disch and his wife, Salome Bähler, had 4 sons baptized: Felix in 1598, Andreas in 1603, Mathis in 1604 and Jost in 1608; to infer by their names, these might possibly have been grandsons of an Andreas Disch and nephews of a Mathys Disch. They and their descendants had then become citizens of Elm and Glarner cantonal citizens. On the other hand, it is clearly remarked of a Heinrich Disch, married to Maria Giege, in the 1631 baptism register, on the occasion of the birth of his daughter: from F a l s [*location unknown*]. He, and likewise his sons, Jakob (1637) and Fridli (1640), as well as their descendants, were, doubtless, not in the position to buy the ever more expensive Glarner cantonal right. For this reason, we also find 85 Disches (47 males and 38 females) among the "non-cantonal citizens" who purchased [*the Glarner cantonal right*] in 1834.

We encountered no personages from the Disch family who had served the canton in the highest positions; the Disches, who existed as non-cantonal citizens, were excluded from them in advance. On the other hand, in the 1840's and 1850's, a Hans Ulrich Disch, as a shrewd swindler, had caused the Glarner and Confederation courts much trouble and work. For this reason, the *Glarner Times* reported with satisfaction in 1853, in its Number 54, that credible reports had arrived in Schwanden, "according to which the infamous swindler, J. U. Disch, had successfully arrived in America. Interesting things are told about the manner of his escape. Disch earlier expressed little inclination towards the free America. 'One makes short work of it over there', he said once." With the exception of Elm, where the Disches were reported on with 21 head-taxpayers and a property of 20,000 Fr., 3 Disches were found in Engi, 2 each in Glarus and Netstal, and 1 each in Schwanden, Sool, Mitlödi and Ennenda, according to the 1876 cantonal tax roll, but all 32 were citizens from Elm.

As Tschudi's above-mentioned note already disclosed, the earlier spelling was a varied one: Teisch, Tysch, Thysch, Thys, Disch and Dysch. Undoubtedly, it was a question of an abridgement of Matthias. It even so happened that a member of the family bore the names Disch

as baptism and as family names. "On the 21<sup>st</sup> of *Hornung* [*February*] in 1621, Heinrich Disch and Rosina Rachensteinerin had a boy baptized, who was called Disch," — similar to when someone from the Joss family also received the baptism name Joss, and, for this reason, as the Elm baptism register reported, was called "Over-Joss" [*above, pg. 5 in the Introduction (pg. 3 in the SW translation)*].