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THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
50 EAST NORTH TEMPLE / SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150

May 11, 1976

Caleb and Doris Ruffner
P.O. Box 351
Pleasantville, Ohio 43148

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner:

We have received an inquiry by a Peter Ruffner of Herrenfeld, CH7304, Maienfeld, Switzerland regarding your ancestor, Peter Ruffner who immigrated to the United States from either Switzerland or Germany. Mr. Ruffner received our address through Dr. Karl Zbinden of Luzern, Switzerland. Dr. Zbinden has visited our library and wondered if we had any information.

We checked various publications and found several references of the Ruffner family but all concerned descendants of Peter Ruffner and no further information regarding the birth place of Peter was available.

It appears that a careful research study should be made to determine if immigration or emigration records for Peter can be found which may reveal the place of his birth. Without such a birth place it would be impossible to do research in Switzerland. There are many localities in which Ruffner names appear and it would be necessary to find a specific town before further research could be done.

We are enclosing a source form for finding places of origin in Germany which may be helpful and also a list of immigration and emigration publications which might be searched in an effort for shipping lists or other papers which would give the place of birth.

We are also including a list of genealogists accredited by the Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and any of these could be hired in an effort to make such a search. It appears that the important search has to be made in the United States for clues of where Peter may have come from.

Mr. Ruffner of Maienfeld could not find a Peter Ruffner who immigrated to the United States in the period of time involved. We have written to him and told him that we would contact you directly because we wanted to send you these papers for your evaluation and decision as to how you would like to proceed in this task. We regret very much that we cannot give you further information at this time but do wish you success in your research endeavors and if you have further questions which we may assist you, feel free to write. With best regards.

Sincerely,
THE GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

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