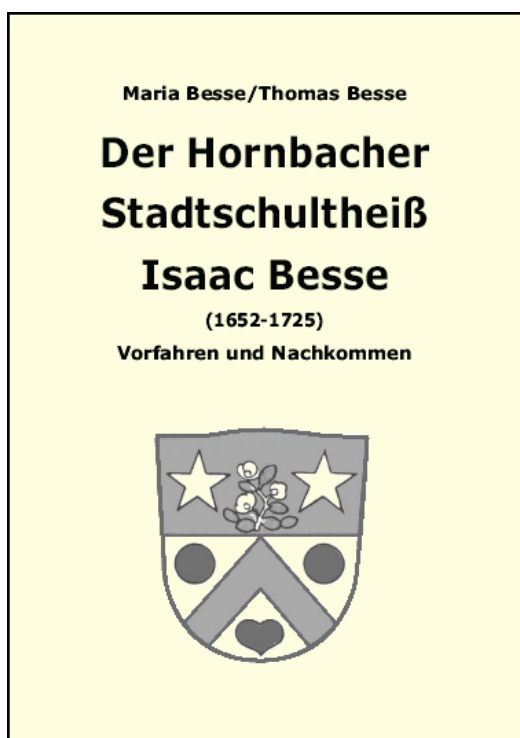


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As many family researchers from Saarland and Palatinate Dr. Maria and Thomas Besse have also found in search of her family name a Swiss immigrant: Isaac Besse, the son of a notary from Sainte-Croix (canton Vaud) immigrated to Hornbach/Palatinate in 1682/84. He was Village Mayor in Hornbach until his death in 1725. Thanks of the documents well preserved in the archives in Lausanne the family tree could be traced back to Henri Paillard named Besse (21 generations of the fatherly line to 1397). In Hornbach Isaac Besse and his sons Otto Friedrich and Johann Heinrich held the office of the Village Mayor more than 70 years. A guardianship account, which was found in the archives in Speyer, provides an insight into the living conditions and the social environment of the family of a Village Mayor. The account contains the composition of the receipts and expenses of the inheritance with a balance of 9.305 guilders, different testaments, the importation of the inheritance from the London fortune of Francis Best/François Besse (11.000 pounds of sterling) etc. Particularly many privately documents and letters arrange a detailed image of the ancestors. Since the year 1770, the sons of Otto Friedrich Besse work as officials in the government and administration at the court of the Duke of Zweibruecken. The instruction of Heinrich Besse and supplementary sources from the archives in Zweibruecken give information about the profession of a hospital conductor. At the period of the French Revolution Carl/Charles Besse went to Tholey as a forester; he is the ancestor of the numerous families named Besse who are living in Saarland today. The book contains 13 chapters. 5 chapters talk about the areas where lived the family: Sainte-Croix, Hornbach, Zweibruecken, Tholey, Saarland and the emigration to America. A lot of information took out the archives and the literature supplements the genealogical data. A register of family and field names completes the book. This is of special interest to name and family researchers.

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