

Hans Fründ

Hans Fründ (* shortly after 1400 in Lucerne ; † before March 10 , 1469 there) was a Swiss chronicler .

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life

Hans Fründ was probably a citizen of the city of Lucerne, where he received his education and was employed as a signatory in the city chancellery under Egloff Etterlin until 1437. After the outbreak of the Old Zurich War, he was given the position of clerk in Schwyz . In this function he served as a federal field clerk (chronist) and took part in several daily regulations as a clerk. In 1441 he was a notary with imperial approval. As the clerk of the Schwyz estate, Hans Fründ documented, among other things, the siege of Greifensee by troops from central Switzerland and the execution of the people of Zurich in May 1444 Crew documented. Fründ's description of the massacre in the "Chronicle of the Old Zurich War" is factual and not free from partisanship, but with undisguised sympathy for the fate of the besieged and their families. After the death of the incumbent Hans Sax, Fründ applied for the position of town clerk in Lucerne. Out of consideration for Fründ's merits and the political position of the second job applicant, the State Chancellery was reorganized and the minutes kept by the council and the court were kept separate: On July 31, 1461, Melchior Russ was appointed town clerk and Fründ court clerk.

Fründ was married in the first marriage to Elli Bumbel, then to Adelheid von Tengen and in the third marriage to Margaretha Giessmann.

works

Around the year 1431, Hans Fründ describes the circumstances surrounding the witch hunts that began in 1428 in Valais and, with a thoroughly critical view of current events, ^[1] handed down the rituals practiced on a witches' sabbath for the first time. ^[2] ^[3] ^[4]

The "Chronicle of the Old Zurich War" was written as early as 1447 and covers the period up to the armistice in 1446. The presentation of the final negotiations (up to 1450) is missing, as Fründ probably had to stop work due to illness. His chronicle is influenced by his own war experiences on the part of the Central Swiss, adopts a patriotic Confederate point of view and tells « ... *circumstantially, powerfully and simply the sad events of the first [Swiss] civil war.* » ^[5] The text also contains representations of diplomatic backgrounds that he was able to

bring in from his official position. In his Bern chronicle, Diebold Schilling took over important parts of Fründ's work, and also thoseThe Tschachtlan chronicle for the period after 1423 (Old Zurich War) is based on the chronicle by Hans Fründ.

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