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Melchior Russ

Melchior Russ or **Ruß** (* around 1450 in Luzern , † July 20, 1499) was a Swiss historian .

Russ was council clerk in Lucerne. In 1479 and 1488 he went as an envoy to Matthias Corvinus , King of Hungary , who knighted him, and died in the Swabian War in 1499.

From 1482 to 1488 he wrote a Lucerne Chronicle that lasted until 1412 , one of the oldest historical works reporting on Wilhelm Tell (edited by J. Schneller, Kopp and Wurstemberger, Bern 1834 and 1838).

Knighting of Melchior Rus by Matthias Corvinus in Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral

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