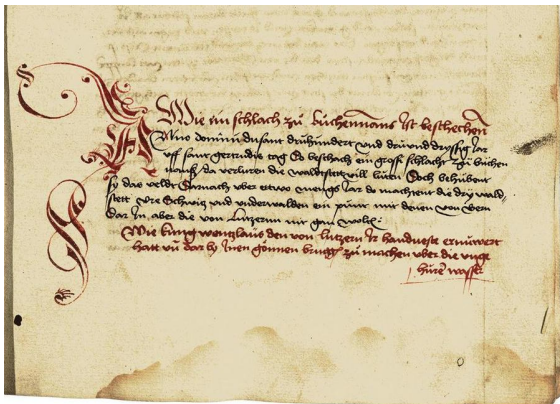# Melchior Russ

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Initial from his chronicle, around 1482 (Lucerne Central and University Library, special collection, Ms. 1a fol., p. 23). **[...]**

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∗ shortly after 1450 ，† 1499 as a mercenary from Uri in a battle near Rheineck, from Lucerne. Son of Melchior the Elder († 1493), town clerk, and Verena Bühler. Legal studies at the Universities of Basel (1471) and Pavia (1473). Writer at the Lucerne Chancellery and at the Diet. Participated in the Burgundian Wars. From 1480 Lucerne councilor, 1483-1485 bailiff of Ebikon and 1487-1489 of Malters. In 1479 and 1488 Melchior Russ became indebted, among other things, through embassies to Hungary, where King Matthias Corvinus knighted him in 1479 after fighting against the Turks, but did not fulfill his pension promises to Russ. A bargain of honor with Schultheiss Ludwig Seiler ended with the defeat and banishment of Russ to Uri:

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As a chronicler and historian, Melchior Russ is judged primarily negatively by modern research. The chronicle of Lucerne written by him between 1482 and 1488, inspired by the example of Diebold Schilling from Bern, was largely borrowed from Konrad Justinger; interspersed are Lucerne-specific excerpts from partially lost urban sources. Russ describes the early history of Lucerne in a particularly fabulous way. The Swiss founding history contains the Tell saga in an older form than the White Book of Sarnen - orally transmitted in Uri. In the chronicle of Russ, a decisive hero appears as a motif for the first time in the depiction of the Battle of Sempach; Petermann von Gundoldingen, to whom Russ attributed this role as a representative of a Lucerne-city point of view,

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