

# 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).*

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

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