

## Book Review: For His Sake By Tina Kauffman

The book, *For His Sake*, is back! Mildred Schrock is the book's original author. Her grandmother, Barbara Schrag, and her husband, Joseph Schrag, and their descendants are the subjects of the book.

Mildred Schrock heard the family story orally from her mother. She tells the story of Barbara and Joseph Schrag and their multi-generational family.

Their Anabaptist ancestors fled from Switzerland to escape persecution to live in Austria. Mandatory military service motivated them to flee from Austria and a little later from Volhynia, Ukraine, "For His Sake" to America in order to live their Anabaptist faith.

This family story, like others, left a long legacy of suffering: family illnesses and repeated childhood deaths, dust storms in South Dakota, grasshoppers, cold and snow. Oregon became their home.

Many descendants by the family names of Emmert, Mishler, Shenk (Schrock and Schrag), and Wolfer and others, live in Oregon and have scattered over the globe. You know who you are. You will also know what service a "little red apron" plays in the story, and you will see a very old "steamer trunk" used by Barbara and Joseph Schrag that's still in existence.

And how does a Ukrainian-Russian name like David Unger fit into the book with all these Swiss names?

The book, first published in 1972, was in print for over three decades. Then it was out of print until 2014 when Wilbert Shenk, born in Oregon, nephew of Mildred, revised, corrected and added to the book. Thank you Wilbert for your work.

Read the book and claim the history with your descendants just like Barbara did. This book may be purchased from Marla Kropf, Shoppe of Shalom, Halsey, OR 97348, or email: [shopofshalom@rtinet.com](mailto:shopofshalom@rtinet.com) (Note there is only one "p" in the shoppe email.) The book can also be purchased from Wilbert Shenk ([wshenk@fuller.edu](mailto:wshenk@fuller.edu)) or Byron Shenk ([bsshenk@comcast.net](mailto:bsshenk@comcast.net)). ~ Tina Kauffman is the author of *Immigrant Daughter*. She lives in Albany, Ore.