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Thirteen years ago Ernest Albert Thurkauf published his fine memoir *One Small Lifetime* (New York: Vantage Press, 1983.) It contains his reminiscences of a busy life starting in Liestal, Switzerland, and including stays in Alberta, Canada, several regions of the United States and, eventually, faraway lands in the Pacific. At age 87 Ernest Albert Thurkauf revisited the region of his early years, located in the canton Basel-Land, which he whimsically calls his "Shangri-La." This issue offers an account of his experiences on his return visit, as well as a newspaper report of his and his mother's and other siblings' journey across the Atlantic in 1915, a year of submarine warfare. The issue concludes with a captivating account of a return visit to Alberta, Canada, where E. A. Thurkauf grew to manhood; and a brief excerpt from Thurkauf's book describing his family's difficulties entering the United States in 1924.

Ernest A. Thurston, his son, kindly prepared the camera-ready copy for this issue which is gratefully acknowledged. Like his father, he is an exceptional Swiss-American, a loyal member of the SAHS, and a generous human being. His understanding for his father's past is as unusual as it is beautiful.

May Ernest Albert Thurkauf accept this issue of the *SAHS Review* as a special greeting of the SAHS for his eighty-ninth birthday!

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