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Finally, you can get your own hardcover of: "Michigan's Thumb, a Paradise for Saxonia Settlers." Within 360 pages including **440 color pictures** and **32 maps** (SCH Museum & private collections) Clio the muse of history tells your ancestors story, the growth of Delaware Township and Forestville and struggles along the way from Saxony, Germany to the Thumb of Michigan. – Valuable information for the descendants, historians and genealogists – Novel and unique because 50% of the source material comes from Germany or was written in German.

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For many, the early settlement of Michigan, the immigration legislation (Act 112 of 1869), and emigration commissioner M.H. Allardt, who was sent to Germany, is either forgotten

or little known. Those mid-19th century efforts are obvious: Germans now represent by far the largest ethnic group in Michigan, over 20%. The legacy of the 100 traced families of Colonie Saxonia in Delaware Township, Sanilac County, is very much alive in descendants, sentinels and road names. They envisioned their paradise and became the kernels that multiplied and helped to grow Sanilac County into a prosperous farming area with a food related industry. Beware, you might be related."



Author Utz Schmidt, June 20, 2019

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