

Recognizing what should be done

Hassler and the survey of Switzerland 1791–1803

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1763-1822



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1785 vocation as a professor for mathematics and experimental physics at the High School of Berne (now University of Berne)

1788 base line near Thun

1789 base line Suhr (near Aarau)

1790 publication of the Bestimmung der Höhen der bekanntern Berge des Canton Bern (determination of the heigths of the well known mountains of Canton Berne)

Tralles's Determination Of Heights 1790





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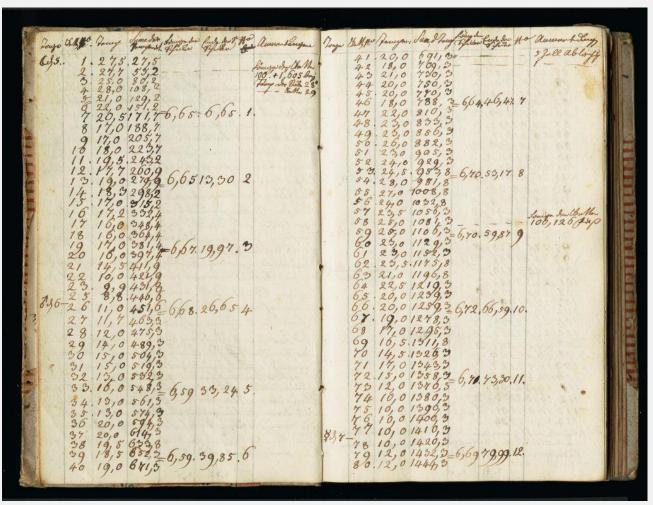
Es sieht wohl schwerlich mit den Charten irgend eines Landes schlechter aus, als mit denen von der Schweiz, und sonderbar genug ist es: je neuer sie sind, desto schlechter. Die, welche den Reisen von Cope bengefügt ist, ist sehr unforrett, außer das Pays-de-Vaud, welches nach der großen Charte von Mallet kopirt worden ist.

In relation to maps it hardly looks as bad in any country as it looks in Switzerland...

Tralles' introduction to the «Bestimmung der Höhen der bekanntern Berge des Canton Bern» from 1790

First Base Line Measurement

1791

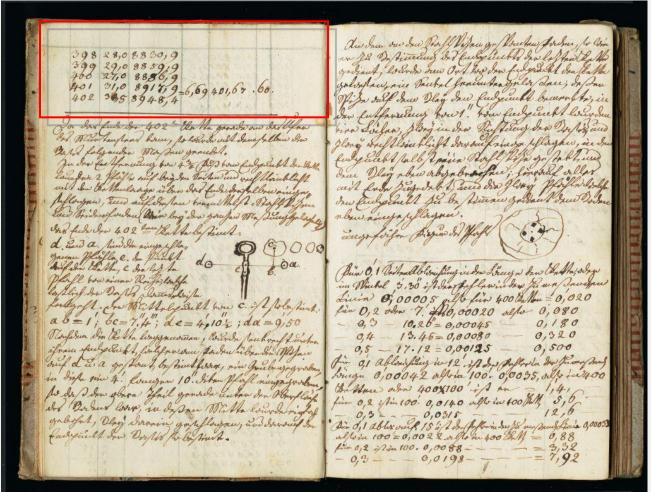


1st-3rd day chains 1-80 $0 - 2599 \, \mathrm{m}$

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First Base Line Measurement

1791



7th day (8th eff.) chains 398–402 12896 – 13058 m

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Second Base Line Measurement

1797

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Measured with steel bars which were 7.8 m long

Reduction of the temperature

Difference of the measurements 1797–1791: 0.1961 feet [6.4 cm]

Base Line Monument Walperswil

2006



Inaugurated on May 22, 2006

Photo Heini Stucky

Figur zur Anlage der Dreyecke

~1793

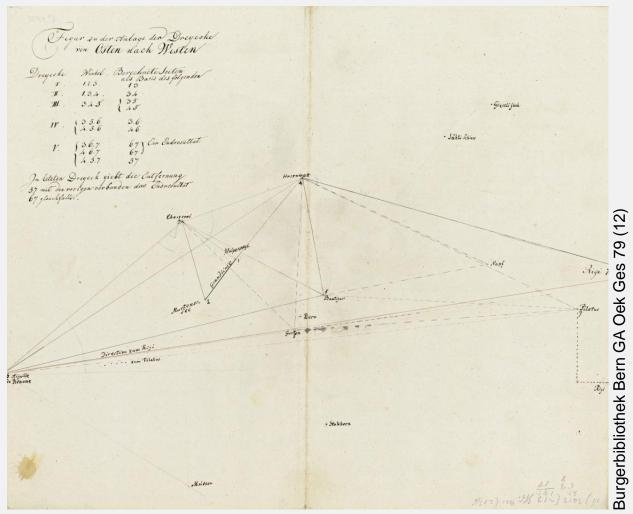


Figure for the base extension

The Ramsden Three Foot Theodolite



Ordered 1792

Delivered on February 26, 1797

Diameter of the circle 91 cm

Weights over 100 kg

Transport with a sprung carriage, which had to be drawn by two or four horses

Not fitting for Swiss terrain conditions

Ferdinand Rudolf Hassler

1795



Portrait around 1795

Drawn by Mlle Legrand in Paris

In the manner of the late 18th French century style

Hassler's Coordinate Register

~1800

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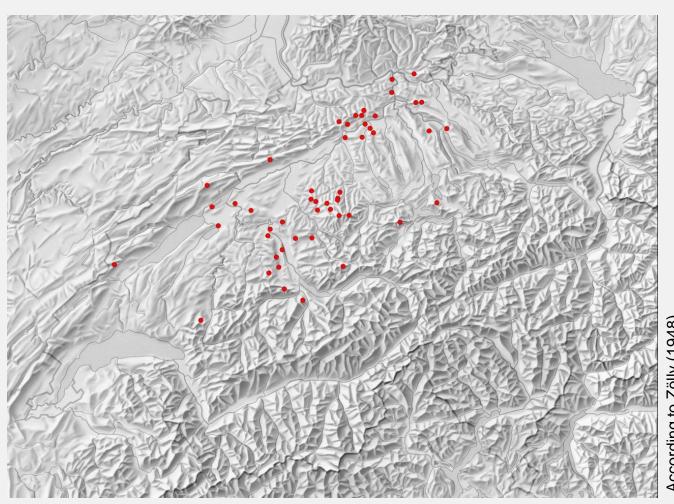
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51 Points

Zölly (1948) Fig. 1

Hassler's Coordinate Register

~1800



Red points: from coordinate register

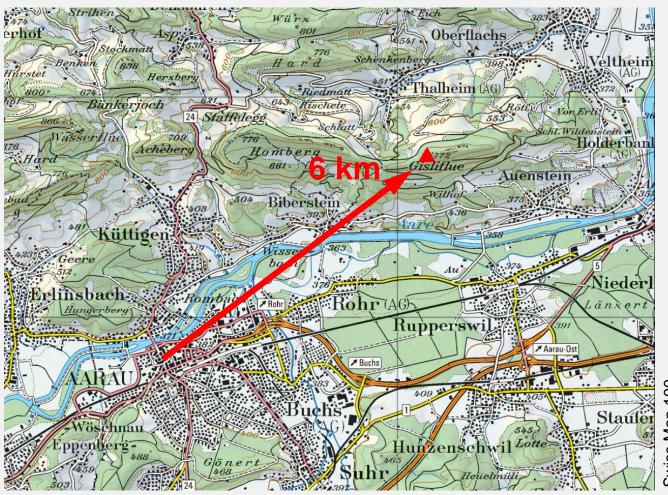
Encompassed area approx. 11500 km2

Point density: approx. 225 km²/pt

Zölly (

Hassler's Accuracy

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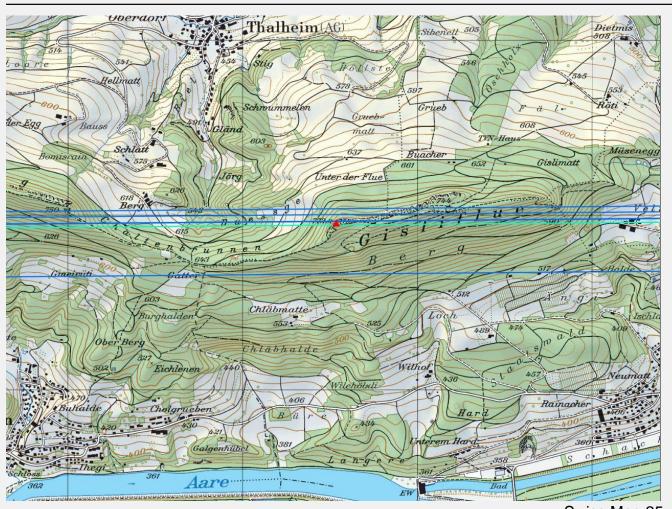


Latitude observations

Swiss Map

Hassler's Accuracy

Gislifluh



Latitude observations

February 28, 1797 March 1-3, 1797

October 10, 1792

Deviation of the vertical is taken into consideration

Swiss Map 25

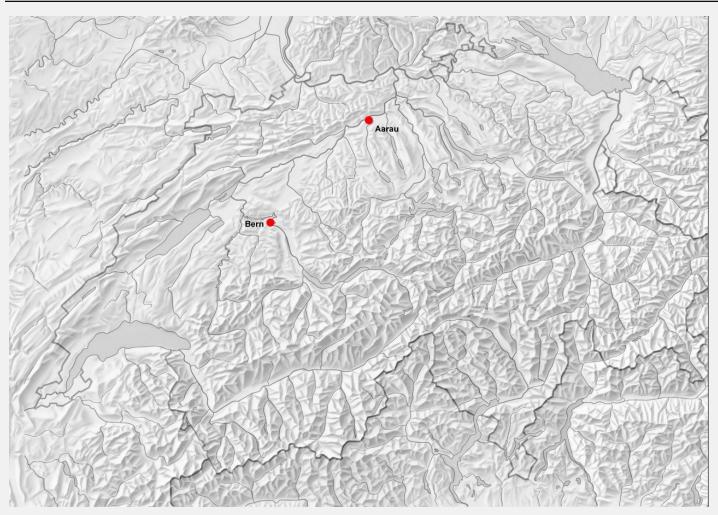
Carte vom Thurgau

~1798–1800



Hassler's Campaigns

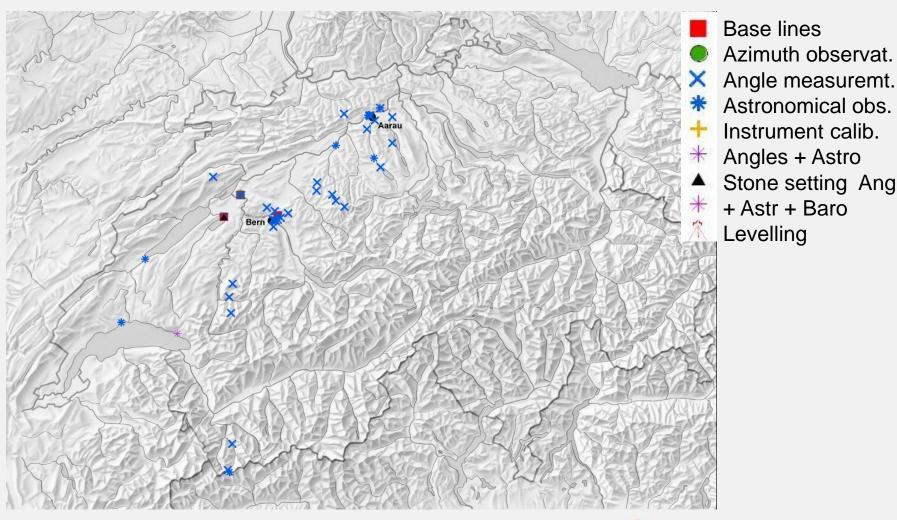
1791-1800



Aarau and
Berne –
Hassler's
main locations

Hassler's Campaigns

1791-1800



Mont Blanc Relief

18??

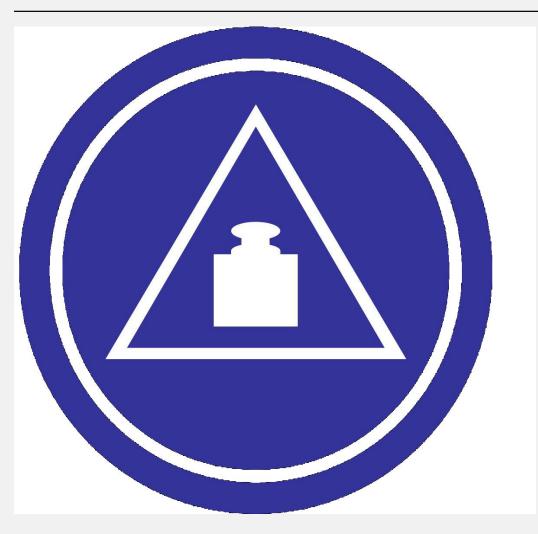


165 x 96 mm 48 mm high

XY ~1:185000 Z ~1:113000 Area covered: 450 km²



Hassler's Experiences

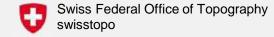


Hassler's seal

Perfect symbolization of

- surveying (triangle)
- standardization (weight)

Modern graphical concept



Further information

www.F-R-Hassler.ch