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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

A Strasbourger in America

John Frederick Ernst, Minister of the Gospel, Lutheran Denomination (1748-1805)

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This book presents the diary, history, and records of Rev. Ernst as he journeys from Strasbourg, Germany, to colonial America. It traces his experiences from his arrival in Philadelphia to his ministry in the rural communities of Easton, Pennsylvania, and Sussex County (now Warren County), New Jersey. Through his letters and diary entries, readers gain a vivid glimpse into the daily life of a colonial pastor and the people and places of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and Warren County, New Jersey. They also reveal his frequent struggles with his congregations and with those he referred to as the "half savages."

As you will read in Rev. Ernst's own words, his life was marked by misunderstandings and controversies. His remarkable journey came to an end in Manheim, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he died in November 1805.

This fabulous book can be found in the Marx Local History Room or can be bought at the Lutheran Archives in Philadelphia for a mere \$5.00.