

## Brother Matthew Duffner

March 8th is the anniversary of the death of Brother Matthew Duffner. John Duffner was born on June 11, 1864, in the town of Kirchberg, Canton St. Gall, Switzerland. He came to the United States and to Subiaco with the "Expedition" of 1891 from the abbey of Einsiedeln led by Father Gall D'Aujourd'hui.

In this "Expedition" there were four candidates for the priesthood and eight candidates for the brotherhood. Three in each group persevered, one being brother-candidate John Duffner. He professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on October 16, 1893, receiving the name Matthew.

Brother Matthew served our community for three decades, mainly as baker. Brother Matthew died on Sunday, March 8, 1925, as a result of a stroke.

At the time of his death, Brother Matthew was 60 years old and in the 31st year of his monastic profession. He is buried in our cemetery.

