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## Gruber, Wenzel

[Wenzeslaus]

2nd half 15th century. Germany. Benedictine in Scheyern, Bavaria. Author of a lost family chronicle. As house officer of Hanns Trennbeck of Trennbach (d. 1468), friar Gruber repaid his master's favour by writing a prose chronicle of the Trennbecks from the origins to his own time, based on sources like registers and gravestones. Parts of the work are transmitted as excerpts in two 16th-century chronicles commissioned by bishop Urban of Trennbach (d. 1598). The *Tren-*

*nback-Chronik*, Gruber's main transmitter, was written by Johannes Auer in 1552, and finished and painted by Leonhart Abent in 1590. It survives in a well conserved manuscript of 311 small-folio pages (St. Pölten, LA, Hs. 327) and includes portraits of the family members, arms and genealogical trees. The other witness is the third part of the *Bayrisches Stammbuch* by Wiguleus Hundt.

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