

Foreword

Our ancestors in Switzerland certainly had no easy life. There were illnesses, epidemics, famines (large families) and a high rate of infant mortality.

People tried to solve their problems to their best knowledge and to find a practicable way for the future. That was certainly one of the reasons why so many families left their home country.

It is very interesting to accompany them in our thoughts.

This document is not a scientific historical work, but rather a storybook which is weighed solely according to the author's preferences and without claim to be complete.

The aim of this document is to describe the history of the ancestors of the Reber family in Switzerland.

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Remarks concerning the Reber documentation

In the case of place names in the Canton of Berne, I often left out the expression "Canton of Berne" for space reasons.

For place names outside the Canton of Berne, I added the name of the Canton.

Also for space reasons, I also left out the burial place in the family register when it was the same as the place of death.

Notes on the spelling in the German part of Europe:

I used our way of spelling without remembering that you do not know the following "Umlaut":

ä ö ü

<u>Examples:</u>	Räber	Correct is:	Raeber
	Röthenbach i.E.	Correct is:	Roethenbach i.E.
	Rüderswil	Correct is:	Ruederswil

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Picture front page: Farm of Fritz and Emma Reber-Egli, "im Moos" in Schangnau.
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