

CULTURAL HERITAGE, COURGENAY

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The village of Courgenay was made famous, particularly in German-speaking Switzerland, by "la Petite Gilberte". Born on March 20, 1896, Gilberte was one of three daughters of the Montavons (Gustave and Lucine), who had owned the hotel in Courgenay since 1906. During the First World War, many soldiers were stationed in Ajoie, close to the French and German lines. Gilberte's kindness and good humour made her a true Swiss icon among the soldiers and officers who frequented the Hôtel de la Gare from 1914. Courgenay is also known for its mysterious "Pierre percée" (pierced rock).

