

GUILLEMORE

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The place name Guillemore stems from the legend of a giant bandit who settled on the edge of the cliff.

His name was Guillaume. He attacked wayfarers, plundered them, murdered them, throwing their bodies into the ravine. . Everywhere his name was uttered with horror and fear. It took five armed men to make him realize that the time of his nefarious deeds was over. But they could not catch him: rather than fall into the hands of justice, the giant threw himself into the abyss.

Then all over the valley, from Monte Rosa to Pont-Saint-Martin, there was a cry of relief, perpetuated through the centuries, which gave the place its name: "Guillaume est mort!" which reads as Guillemort.

As for the murderous brigand, his spirit continues to roam, restlessly, in the depths of the gorge; and the echo endlessly repeats its lament that mingles with the gurgling of the waves among the rocks.

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