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"Jakob Ellenberger was born in 1800 in Gönnsheim, Germany. Died 1879 in Friedelsheim.

Jakob's parents were **Abraham Ellenberger** and **Katharina, also an Ellenberger**. Jakob describes them as pious and God fearing, and highly respected by the other villagers for their honesty and sincerity. They lived quietly and simply, keeping themselves aloof from everything that was worldly and ungodly. Their Christianity was earnest and sincere: the Bible was their guide; and their faith and love were expressed not only in words, but even more in deeds. The children "imitated their parents with delight and love."

There were five children.

1. **Barbara**, the oldest, married **Christian Ellenberger** of Ibersheim, and lived in Gönnsheim. Both died young, in 1832, when their son was a year old. This boy, later referred to in Mennonite writings as **Jakob Ellenberger II**, grew up in the home of his uncle, Jakob Ellenberger I.
2. Jakob I's younger sisters, **Elisabeth**
3. and **Katharina**, neither of whom married, also made their home with Jakob I, one of them taking the place of a mother for Jakob II.
4. Since Jakob I's **only brother died in infancy**, and Jakob II had no children, only Jakob I carried on the family line.
5. **Jakob Ellenberger** (1800-1879)