



South Tyrol – Land of Myths and Legends

At the site of the present city of Bruneck there was, in ancient times, a beautiful city called Schöneck.

A massive flood completely destroyed it, though. Out of the entire population, only a little old lady escaped – with her goat – up to the nearby mountain. When the water had run out, the little old lady came back down into the valley with the goat. She saw that of the entire once-beautiful city, now nothing more than a fountain (Brunnen) and a corner (Eck) remained. A city grew up again in the same place, but now instead of being called Schöneck, it was called Bruneck.

Others say the city of Schöneck had burned. When it had been rebuilt, many of the walls were brown because of the fire so it was named Brauneck (braun = brown).