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Dear Dick, Ed, Rudy, Edith, Ruth, & Esther

We thought you all might be interested in the enclosed article. We don't know if this news was in the papers all over the U.S. or not but it was a big story in Texas. The story first broke in June and continued to be in the papers up to now. Whitesboro is a small town 20 miles from Sherman. (Frank Morris lives there in a trailer during the week. He teaches at Blue Ridge near by, and returns to his home in West, Texas, on weekends.)

Bob and I noticed in this enclosed article, third column, that Henry I (Henry the Fowler) is mentioned and that some of these treasures date back to him.

Why are we writing this? Please keep reading---

In 1964 Bob sent a Christmas letter to each of you that included several sheets of Von Pein information. The original had been in Ricka's possession. It was in German, so Bob had some professors of German translate it into English.

Apparently someone had done some research in Germany by looking up the name Von Pein. This might have been Ricka's grandfather Matthew and second wife Emma who travelled in Germany. Sources are given from which the information was copied. Bob and I feel that the material is in no way a geneological record. It is just entries about Von Pein people and taken from different references.

If you still have your copy and know where it is, you will read on the first page, first paragraph, "A noble family of Silesia, some of them barons, raised to nobility by King Henry the Fowler in 924, following the meritorius conduct of four brothers in the conquest of the Braunschweig city of Peina." This is Henry I mentioned in the enclosed newspaper article; when we read it, it "rang a bell" and we immediately dug out the 1964 Christmas letter and attached information to compare the name and the date. Sure enough it is the same Henry. The newspaper article says 10th century. The Von Pein record gives the year 924 which is the 10th century.

We feel it is not too far fetched and indeed very likely that some of these people are you ancestors.

We hope to see the display of treasures in Dallas before they are returned to Germany. In previous articles it was stressed how valuable they are historically and also in monetary value.

Love

Bob and Rosamond