

I presume that by now you and mother have gotten the two bits of Weide history which I have picked up by bits here and there. Much of this came by way of Lester Harding who is doing such a fine job of writing the history of Woodson County. I dont knw why our families didnt talk more of the ~~early~~ early days and where they came from but I guess they were to busy existing to worry about the past. What prompted my sending them on to you was this. When Uncle Leonard and Lyndal came to Topeka I took the articles along and read to those of us who were there. Several indicated an interest in having copies of both of them so I had them duplicated by one of the high school girls in the typing class and am sending them out to those who seemed to be interested. Since there is no Copywright on them you can rewrite them, have them duplicated, give a copy to Hattie and the boys in your family who might like to have a little knowledge from whence they sprung. I am sorry that I dont have any information on the Schwindt family and mother's side but what little I do knw comes by way of Anna Dickinson. Grandad Schwindt came from Bremen and Grandmother Schwindt or Copleen came from a town which is now in Poland, which was at the time of her birth and when she grew up a part of Prussia. The name of the town was Arnswalde but that has been changed since it is now a part of Poland.

From my memory of Medieval history I suspect that her town was caught up in the partition of Poland by Bismark, Maria Theresa and Katherine the Great. After World War two the Poles got it back and that is the reason for the changes. From what Anna Dickinson tells me one of Grandmother Schwindt's ancestors must have been an officer in the German army and received an Estate after one of the numerous middle European conflicts in settlement for services rendered. Anna tells of considerable affluence on that side of the family. They apparantly had a regular Feudal Estate complete with church, school, shops and even Green house with flowers and Nursery.

Well this is the only letter I will write this time, tell mother I will write later and I hope she will be satisfied with the articles for this time. By the way if she wants to get me a Bible I will be happy for any one of the versions, not that I really need it becau e I do have four translations at present in my library.

Love
Ray K. K.