from Gerolzhofen, and it was clear that this was a prized possession of the family.

The Descendants are Found

Bernhard Purin, director of the Jewish museum in Frankonia, now began his search for possible descendants of the Dottenheimer family. After much trial and error, he begun looking for a shortened name. This was common with Jewish emigrants. He found something under the name Dottheim. A man with this name lived in Jefferson City, Missouri.

It was Steven Robert, Fred’s son. But Fred had already been dead for 14 years. And his children didn’t know much about the history of their family.

And now Faye comes into the picture. Faye Dottheim-Brooks, the little 2 ½ year old girl Fred had written about to Frieda Wiedemann. She now lives with her husband, David, and her two daughters, Joanna and Kara in New York. She is a lawyer. Her father’s history had always been of much interest to her. She had even visited Gunzenhausen in the early eighties.

She wrote: “I had visited Gunzenhausen 20 years ago and had only been shown the foyer of my father’s house at that time”.

In March of 2001, she takes her whole family on a trip to Germany with her. They visited the museum in Fürth, to see the breastplate, and the concentration camp at Dachau, to see where her uncle and grandfather died, and they came to Gunzenhausen.