

December 22, 1964.

MR. GERALD HAMRICK,
1718 23th. Street,
DETROIT 16, MICHIGAN.

Dear Mr. Hamrick:-

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Austin
12 Texas*

Herewith I acknowledge receipt of your registered air mail letter of Nov. 9th. dated in that city's General Post Office Dec. 5th., which was sent to my home's address at Aldama 1038 Poniente, Saltillo, Coahuila, and from whose Post Office I withdrew it personally Saturday Dec. 13th. during my latest visit to my family, for, as I may explain to you, I am a Civil Engineer Class 1933 of The University of Texas and ever since 1935 I have specialized on highway studies and construction work and at present I am Superintendent and part-contractor of the above named contracting firm in Zaragoza-Ciudad Acuña highway construction.

First of all, I must confess that I was much surprised at the object which involves the basic petition of your letter, but still I was much more impressed by the preciseness of appreciation that are demonstrated in the majority of your statements concerning the moral and spiritual truth about my father's life as a patriot who rendered earnestly and consciously the best of his existence at the service of his country.

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Perhaps the best way to start revealing to you something more about the true story of my father's life would be passed away and so confirm to you your righteous supposition that he experienced a painless, peaceful departure because, actually my dear father calm and serene died in warm and caressing hug of my strong youthfull arms in such a peaceful manner as God may permit a man to bid farewell to this "sea of tears", with a gesture of utmost appeasement and such restfull spiritual composure that were so reflected into my own filial eyes by that unforgotten to me last depth of light of his eyes in the very supreme moment of his death.

You must pardon my very bad English but really I never have had many opportunities of practicing it after my graduation and return to Mexico. Also I must add that because of my hard work I do not have much idle time to dedicate myself to write as I used to do it up to about three years ago but nevertheless I will gladly cooperate with you without any charges as much as circumstances make it possible, in the understanding that I will only offer you facts and frank and honest information.

Sincerely, I never before have heard being any Peraltas in our family ancestor line although there may be a much feasible possibility that a Peralta may have been the mother or the grand mother of my father's father.

Neither do I recall but surely it must be true that Dr. Erwin C. Ruth was an old friend of my father and certainly if it is possible I would like to know more about the relation of this gentleman.

In my next mails I will send you newspaper clippings of an article that I wrote and that was published in Mexico City's EXCELSIOR through which article you may deduct the fact that my father during his youth did worked in the El Paso - Santa Fe Railroad construction from 1902 up to 1907 and surely most have travelled often by Arizona and near the Lost Mines of your story.