Holstein neighbors Hamburg. *Hammaburg* was first referenced in the ninth century AD. Saxon trading post. Occupied on a seasonal basis. 831AD there was a reference in a theological document written by Rimbert (830-88), *Vita Anskari*. Viking raiders burned the city in 845AD. Between the eleventh and thirteenth centuries Hamburg began to develop into a proper medieval town, with a population of around 4,000, weekly markets, craft and trade guilds (known in Hamburg as Amter) and several churches. It boasted a harbor, two water mills and a network of dykes to prevent flooding. Saxon Counts of Schauenburg, although for a short time during the early thirteenth century it fell under the control of the Danish crown. 1189AD there began traveling back and forth from London to Hamburg. This opened up a large new hinterland to the east: Magdeburg, Dessau, Dresden, and beyond. Danish King Knut IV 1201AD. Hanseatic League began in 1230 when Hamburg signed a treaty with Lubeck. Pg 1-5. *Hamburg A Cultural History*. Matthew Jefferies. 2011. Washington, DC. 31,12. 2016.