

Munshi Prepares History Of Perak

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IPOH, Sat.—Long before civilization came to this country, Perak was said to have been known as "Gongga"—the treasure house of minerals. Later, in the early fifteenth century, it became known as Perak Di Haru Haruan, after a fish found in the upper reaches of the Perak River, and subsequently as Perak Darul Ridzuan, which to this day is the official name of this State.

Perak has often been described as the "Silver State" and it is so because Perak means silver.

This information was given me by an aged Malay historian.

Munshi Noordin claims he has been consulted by the members of the Perak Royalty, Datos and major and minor territorial chiefs on the Perak Royal Family Tree as well as the ancestry of other Malay personages in the State.

The records of the Perak Ruling House, according to Munshi Noordin have been handed down from generation to generation by his ancestors. Munshi Noordin himself is one of the descendants of the Perak Sultanate.

In 1948, Munshi Noordin started to compile a record of the history of the Perak Ruling House and has just completed his work which he intends to publish shortly. The title