

Texts and Contexts of the Oldest Runic Inscriptions



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58. **PLEIDELSHEIM** (Baden-Württemberg, Germany). A bow fibula, found in a woman's grave in an Alamannic-Frankish grave field. Dated end 6th c. It is possible to distinguish four runes, from left to right, reading **inha** (Düwel 1999:15). No interpretation.

59. **MERTINGEN** (Bavaria, Germany). A bow fibula, found in a woman's grave in a row-grave field. Mertingen is about 8 kms north of Nordendorf, a well-known findplace of two runic brooches (see above, nrs. 30 and 31). This fibula was found as early as 1969, but the runes were not discovered until 1998 (Düwel 2000:14). Dating of the brooch is around 550 or a little earlier. The runic legend is: **ieok aun** or **arn**. An interpretation seems difficult.