



NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor's Keyboard:

Fall is in the air...so it must be *Newsletter* time again. And what a full letter we have. I really want to thank you for your support on the *Newsletter*. I was really amazed at the great response from many in all the clans who enjoyed the first *Newsletter* last year.

Natalie Hill (pg. 499) wrote though and said that her *Newsletter* was delivered in a very gnarled manner and suggested that future *Newsletters* be sent in an envelope...so Natalie thanks for the suggestion, and that's how the *Newsletter* will be sent in the future. Since many of you on the *Newsletter* mailing list are owners of the *Clan History Book*, I have decided in the *Newsletter* to add the page number where a "cuzzin" can be found for reference as to who is speaking or who the article is about. I hope that this will add more life to each story and clan. Phyllis and I have had a full year. In March we

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Rector native promoted

(Clay County, AR, Democrat, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1996)

Rector native Bill Alstadt (pg. 75), 43, of Piggott has been promoted to lieutenant of the Piggott Police Department.



Alstadt replaces Lt. Gene Bomar, who retired on Dec. 31 after 22 years of service to the city.

Alstadt is beginning

his 15th year with the Piggott Police Department. He is the son of Melvyn and Dorothy Alstadt of Rector.

Lt. Alstadt said he will be working with the department's other officers to make some changes and improvements. Chief Parker said of Alstadt, "He'll represent the department well."

Buccaneers finally give coach first victory

The Associated Press - Monday, Oct. 14, 1996

Buccaneers finally give coach first victory Tony Dungy's long wait for his first victory as an NFL head coach ended at the expense of one of his mentors.

The longtime assistant who worked 15 years for his opportunity, only to begin with five straight losses, beat former boss Dennis Green as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 24-13 Sunday at Tampa.



(above) AROUND THE CORNER: Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott lunges to get the ball inside the end zone marker to score despite the defensive efforts of Minnesota's Jeff Brady.- Ventura County Star, October 14, 1996

Bill J. Altstadt and his son Johnny L. Altstadt went to Detroit, MI, September 8, 1996, and had the extreme pleasure of meeting Mike Alstott, number 40 tail back for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Mike is a super nice young man that played for Purdue University and was drafted by the Buc's. Mike was in Detroit to play the Detroit Lions and we made it a point to look him up. Our son Billy Jr.



had his friend Barry Sanders, #20, of the Lions get us tickets to the game. Lots of fun was had by all.

Bill Altstadt shows Mike Alstott his writeup on page 441 of the family history book.

St. Paul, Minnesota Pioneer Press - December 15, 1995

Life turns upside down for reservists

Consultant was just month away from retiring from unit

Cynthia Boyd, St Paul Pioneer Press Staff Writer

The news came early Wednesday for Gene Alstadt, full-time financial consultant, part-time soldier.

Only one month short of retiring from the Army Reserves, Alstadt knew his unit might be headed overseas to help with the Bosnian peacekeeping effort

He just didn't expect to hear about it from a radio reporter.



Members of the Army's 19th Corps Materiel Management reserve unit listen solemnly to the charge for deployment in the Bosnian peacekeeping effort.

As he headed to work Wednesday,

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Altdstadt-Lloyd Reunion



The Royal Altdstadt family at an earlier reunion. Seated: left to right, Mildred Larson, Edith McDonald and Lloyd Altdstadt; standing: left to right, Betty Hazeltine, Dolly Boyer, Helen Hoover, Nedra Hubler and Lois Larson; standing in the back is Roy Altdstadt

On September 1, the annual Altdstadt-Lloyd reunion was held in Lanse, PA, at Martha's Park. Many relatives and friends attended this covered dish lunch and many family specialties were enjoyed.

The fun began at noon with lunch followed by Crazy Bingo and a Chinese Auction.

All Altdstadts mark your calendar for next September or write Millie Larson at P.O. Box 144, Lanse, PA 16849.

Great Weather Greeted the Alstott Reunion in Lanesville, Indiana on May 27th

This year the Pope's hosted the Alstott family reunion at the Gresham Park in Lanesville, Indiana.

Nelson, and Ivanyetta Alstott came up from Brownsville, TX, and Dennis Alstott, of Corydon, reported around 47 family members were in attendance.

Highlights were a great potluck lunch (as usual and a "grab-bag" auction to finance next years get-together.

John Wesley Allstott Reunion in Heppner, OR - July 20, 1996

A wonderful gathering of the Allstott clan was held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds for a "typical" potluck dinner. Too much food was served, as usual. 94 registered family and friends attended. After the dinner the family journeyed by bus to see the old Eight-mile homestead and Rhea Creek farms where the Allstott family settled when



Pendleton, Oregon, Gearing Up for the 3rd National Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt Reunion in '99

Archie Padberg (pg. 295), Chairman of the 1999 Alstott/Altstatt Clans Reunion has been working hand in hand with Pat Kennedy, director of the Pendleton Convention Center to make the 1999 National Reunion the greatest ever!

Archie has explored everything from a riverboat luncheon to a visit on the Umatilla Indian Reservation to checking interesting attractions in Pendleton itself, and is honing in on a package to present by the '98 newsletter.

A tentative plan is to start on Friday morning, June 18, 1999, and end Sunday afternoon, June 20, with a brunch.

Schedule would include:

Friday - June 18, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.

Registration and get-acquainted and sign up for famous Pendleton Woolen Mill tour

7:00 p.m. Western music, Indian entertainment - more socializing

Saturday - June 19

9:00 a.m. - noon - Assembly and family introductions

Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Catered Western Barbecue

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Pre-arranged tours

7:00 p.m. - Entertainment - more socializing

Sunday - June 20

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Catered

Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Church-of-your-choice or nondenominational service

Socializing and end of reunion

More on the 1999 reunion will be forthcoming in the 1997 issue. The more clan members who attend, the lesser the individual costs will be. The Pendleton Convention Center will run \$250.00 per day use, (cost of facilities will be divided equally between all who attend for lowest cost) and the barbeque dinner will run around \$12.00 each. So start saving your pennies, nickels and dimes now as Archie is looking at a set cost per person to pay for the facilities, music, and food up front, so no charges will be hidden up front, and all will have a good relaxing time in not having to cook or work.

In addition, RV facilities are available on the Convention Center grounds. Plenty of hotel space is available and flight information into Pendleton or Portland, Oregon will be coming in future Newsletters.

Bring your scalp and squaw to Pendleton in '99...We've got lots of fun cooked up for you!



Archie and Jeanette Padberg and their family have thrown out all stops in assuring us of the best All Clan Reunion yet!

they moved from Oklahoma to Oregon early this century. Allstott matriarchs, June Meek and Dorris Spencer gave continuous renditions of what it was like in the old days while in transit on the bus.

Everyone had a great time and voted to have next year's reunion again in Heppner.

Allstott's of any spelling living in the Oregon/Washington states area are always welcome when the Oregon Allstotts get-together! Just bring your favorite dish.

Mills Family Reunion - San Diego, CA - June 28 - 30, 1996 - Celebrate with a Big Luau

Wilma Bruce (pg. 423) (great-great granddaughter of David Apple and Lucinda Alstott) wrote that the Mills Family celebrated a Hawaiian Holiday at the Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, CA.

Forty Years Ago:

List of Company K, Arkansas Cavalry, Discharged at Memphis 87 Years Ago In Possession of Jonah Yates of Ozark Franklin Co. AK Democrat-Enterprise, Thursday, November 27, 1952

Jonah Yates has come into possession of an old document listing the names of men from Arkansas, who fought in the Civil War and who were discharged on the 20th day of August, 1865.

Mr. Yates loaned us the document in order that we might print the names in the interest of the public.

The list of the Company K, 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry, was compiled from memory by Russell R. Nichols, who will be remembered by many people. This list is the number who came through the war and were discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, on the above date, just 87 years ago. Lots of people in Ozark and surrounding towns and country will remember some of the names, some will be relatives.

They are Dump Sumner, George Springer, Sam Moss, John Clevenger, Sam Pierce, Alex Maxfield, James Kirby, U. J. Nichols, Alvin Nichols, David Nichols, George Nichols, George English, Ab Hampton, **John Alstot**, David Kesteson, Bill Adams, Harrison Armstorg, Sterling Price, Robert Belt, Pleas Hamlen, Tom Smith, Hank Tucker, Huston Taylor, John Crane Robert Hatfield, John McCowen, Wood Porker, Dan Wolcey, John Barnes, Macklen Maxfield, Milt Sutherland, John Nichols, Sr., Pleas Nichols, Marten Nichols, Russell R. Nichols, Charlie English, Wash Crussan, **Tom Alstot**, Blufford McIntosh, Mose Thompson, Pleas Gibson, T. J. Hardcastle, Bee Belt Bill Hoyul, Joe McCalister, Bill McMurry, John Taylor, Isaac Thompson, Robert Oliver, Charlie Richmond, Sam McCowen, James Lee Sam Kirk, James Barnes, Bill Thompson, Rease Knox, Larkin Nichols, John Nichols, Jr., J. H. Nichols, John C. Nichols, Sr., Peter Lewis, Bill Gifford, William Nie Oliver, Burk Conaster, John Armstrong, John Stanley, Dock Hardcastle, Tom McCartney, Ed Pipkins, James Jackson, Cal A. McMurry, Sam Wolf, Ab Smedley, D. A. Nichols, and James Adams.

Research of Gene Altstadt

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WCCO's Eric Eskola announced the deployment of the Army's 19th Corps Materiel Management Center in New Brighton – Altstadt's Army Reserve unit.

And instantly, for Altstadt and more than 100 other citizen-soldiers in the unit, life turned upside down.

At 7 a.m. Thursday, he and fellow reservists reported to the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant in Arden Hills to prepare for active duty, possibly in Bosnia.

Dressed in camouflage fatigues, they entered Building 105, to begin processing for overseas duty. Some seemed excited about their first active duty. Altstadt, a 50-year-old major, tried to remain philosophical.

"You never know what tomorrow will bring," he said.

But Altstadt and the others who won't

be spending Christmas with their families can't help but feel emotional about their call-up.

The reservists leave Monday for Fort Dix, NJ, and as many as nine months of active duty. Right now, it appears they will head to Wiesbaden, Germany, with at least some of them rotating to Bosnia in the coming months.

When he departs, carrying two Army-regulation duffle bags full of cold-weather gear and chemical warfare equipment, Altstadt leaves behind his wife, Marcia, his 86-year-old father, Ray, his business and his home in Excelsior.

Allstatt, who has never been on active duty before, says he knew his unit might be mobilized. Still, he thought the chances minuscule.

After all, there are some 600,000 reservists in this country, and he hadn't been called up in almost 20 years

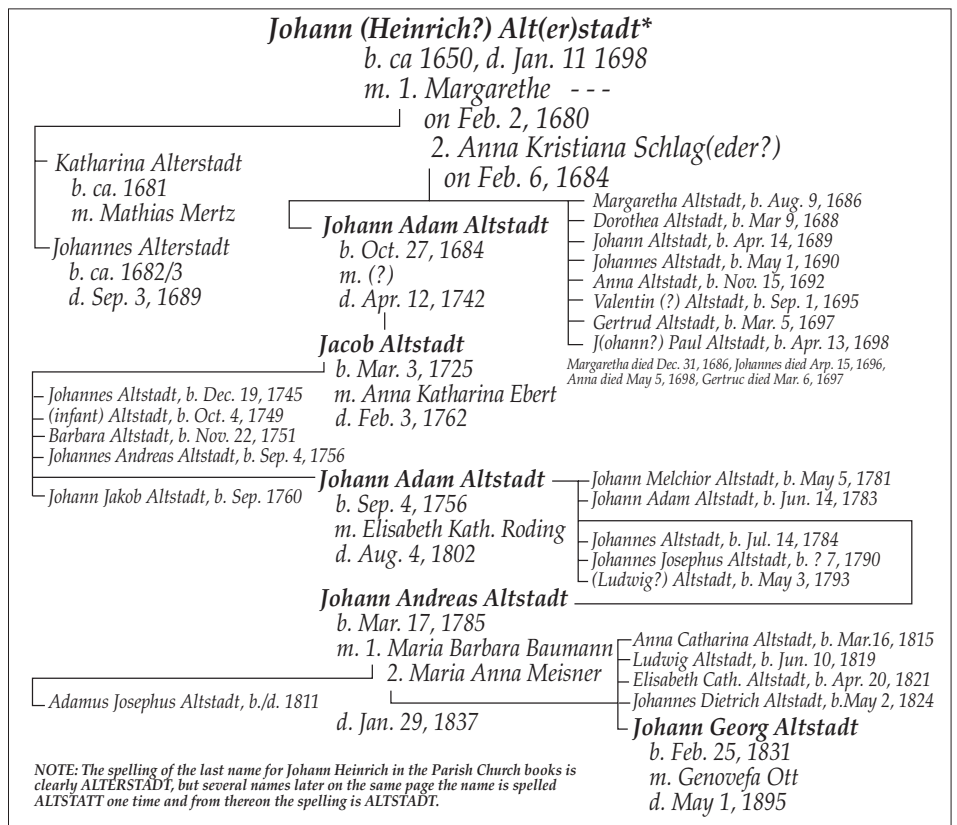
Latest Research from Father Damian Dietlein - October 1996

George Altstadt Clan Can Now Trace Back Two Generations to 1650

With the help of Ferdinand Dietlein, who lives near Augsburg, Germany, I was able to trace back my Altstadt clan two more generations. Below is a copy of our clan pedigree chart up to George Altstadt (1831-95)(pg. 98). Since these

ancestors were born at the same place (Grossenbach, Kreis Hunfeld, Fulda), it didn't create any tie-ins with other Altstadt clans.

By the way my e-mail address is "damos@psci.net" for those on e-mail.





Cal Talhelm Retires after 62 Years

Marj and Cal Talhelm show off the well-earned commendation certificate presented to Cal at his retirement open house. The certificate of commendation is from Governor Engler (Michigan) and Senator Bill Schuette for his many years of service. The well-known and much-loved Cal served his community for 62 years before hanging up his many occupational hats. At this throughout his life Cal served in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Naval Reserves, as Evert Postmaster, and as attorney not only for private and corporate concerns but for the City of Evert as well.

Yes, he has given up his law practice - but that won't slow him down much. It will just give him more time for the other things in his life - his wife Marj, his family, his golfing, and his garden. A favorite pastime of Cal and Marj's has been travel. They have journeyed to locales around the world, including Singapore, Fiji, Bora Bora, Turkey, Greece, the Netherlands, Germany, Brazil, Peru, Panama, Columbia, and Austria. In fact, Mr. Talhelm estimates that they have flown on a total of 23 different airlines over the years. Of all the places visited, the Talhelms find that Tahiti and Singapore are their favorites because they are "the friendliest and cleanest."

By way of personal accomplishments, Cal has golfed his way into Ripley's Believe It or Not as part of a four man team who shot a par four hole - one, two, three, four. "Dr. Munson made the hole in one, I shot the hole in two, Jack Rouse shot the hole in three, and Mike Kennedy made par with

a hole in four. One, two, three, four." Now that he has retired, Cal said he intends, "to take life easy, do some gardening and play some golf."

Our deepest regrets and sympathy to Peter Cross, John and Virginia Talhelm and their family on the loss Lani Cross, in this tragic event.

Mourners across U.S., in France pay tribute to Flight 800 victims

San Diego Union-Tribune, Associated Press - July 22, 1996

In California, 230 white balloons were loosed to the wind, drifting upward as more than 800 mourners below held each other and wept in memory of the victims of TWA Flight 800. At dozens of memorial services dotting the nation yesterday, the living struggled to find peace and, perhaps, understanding. Both were hard.

In Hollywood Hills, where the balloons were let lose, veteran pilot Cliff Waeshle paid tribute in a wavering voice to the pilot of the doomed flight, Ralph G. Kevorkian of Garden Grove. "It just doesn't make a lot of sense at this time, but I'm sure some sense will come of it," said Waeshle, who sported a white ribbon above his gold pilot's wings.

It gave John Talhelm a little comfort to know his sister, Lani Warren (Cross) (pg. 461), 47, was killed doing what she loved most -- flying.

Warren, a flight service manager aboard Flight 800, was a 27-year TWA employee and the wife of San Diego prosecutor Peter J. Cross.

"Lani loved her job and she loved this airline," said Talhelm, who attended the California tribute. "She never wanted to give up flying and the danger didn't bother her."

At Kennedy airport, many relatives standing vigil in a nearby hotel attended ceremonies. The Rev. James Devine celebrated Mass at Our Lady of the Skies chapel at the airport, while Rabbi Alvin Poplack led a service in a garden outside the hotel.

The Crash of TWA Flight 800

Bill Callahan, staff writer, San Diego, Union - Tribune, Saturday, July 20, 1996

Victim recalled as sunny, zestful/
Friends tell of local woman who died on TWA flight: 'She didn't have a mean bone in her body'

Lani Warren was on the telephone with a friend Monday, bubbling with excitement as they discussed a party planned for next month. Warren had juggled her schedule as a TWA flight service manager so she could attend.

But the crash Wednesday night of Flight 800 a continent away transformed festive anticipation into numbed bewilderment, and left close acquaintances groping to understand the death of a woman they admired for her zest for life.

"She loved to laugh," said Debbie Sachs, whose voice cracked as she recalled the conversation with Warren. "I'll always remember her laughing and having a twinkle in her eye."

She loved to tell the story about how Woody Allen was on one of her flights and what a character he was. Meeting people was one of the things she really enjoyed about her job."

Warren, 47, was traveling as a passenger from New York to Paris, where she was to work as head of the flight attendants on another plane when TWA Flight 800 exploded shortly after takeoff and plummeted into the ocean. Sachs and several other friends of Warren said they never heard her express any concern about the risks of her job or the possibility that one of her flights might be the target of terrorism.

Warren's husband, Peter Cross, is a deputy district attorney in San Diego as is Sachs' husband, Richard. Both prosecutors joined the office in 1985, and the couples frequently socialized. Greg Thompson, assistant district attorney in San Diego, said he spoke to Cross Wednesday night. "He's doing well. He's strong."

Article supplied by Kirk Talhelm and Everett Aldstadt

Sexton plots search for lost families



by Jay Kirschenmann, Aberdeen SD, American News, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996

Finding the descendants of people buried in the more than 100-year old Riverside Cemetery is a tough task. Stacks of photocopies of "Aberdeen Daily News" pages from the late 1800s and early 1900s

take up much of the space on two of Kathie Allstott's desks. For the past half-year, the sexton for the Aberdeen-owned Riverside Cemetery and Riverside Memorial Park has been trying to track down heirs of families buried there, starting with obituaries in old newspapers.

"Families have asked if they may purchase the long-abandoned spots to keep their families together," Allstott said. "I've been trying to contact owners of those spots to find out if they're willing to sell."

I. A. Brown purchased 10 graves spaces in 1908, and never used any of them. The family has never contacted the cemetery since then.

There are 165 such spaces in the old Riverside Cemetery, on the south side of Melgaard Road. There's plenty of room in the city's newer Riverside Memorial Park, north of Melgaard, but some people want to keep old-section families together or prefer the atmosphere in that section, Allstott said.

So far, Allstott has tracked down old obituaries that include lists of survivors at the time. Now she's trying to contact descendants of the survivors.

"The cemetery is a beautiful and historic place here in Aberdeen," she said. "Family members with names of people you see our schools and parks named after are here, including Andrew Melgaard, the Simmons family, the Aldriches, Tiffanys and many more."

Daughters of the American Revolution Recognize John Nicholas Alstott (1727-84) and John Altstatt (1755-1837)

Chris Naberhuis (pg. 198) writes that, with perseverance, her supplements were approved on July 11, 1996 - record time for the DAR. A new line usually takes two to three years for approval.

She writes, "I was surprised at how much I enjoyed doing the research, but I can see that the paper trail has got to be organized." Her documentation now on file with the DAR recognizes John Nicholas Alstott and his son, John Altstatt, as patriots of the American Revolution.

Thanks for Judy Stubbs, Pat Kennedy and your help. Without your research I could never have done this.

NOTE: For those of you in the line of John Altstatt (1755-1837) who are interested in joining the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution, please write Chris Naberhuis, 35923 Blair Place, Fremont, CA 94536. She is excited about her Alstott/Altstatt roots and would love to aid you in your quest.

List of private claims presented to the House of Representatives of the United States from the 1st to the 31st Congress inclusive—

Name of claimant: John C. Allstadt.
Nature of object of the claim: Payment for materials furnished for New York custom-house.

Congress: 28th

Session: 1st

How brought before the House of Reps.: Petition

Page of journal: 421

To what committee of the House referred: Claims

(Allstadt lineage unknown)

Phyllis and I hope you are enjoying your "Clans" Newsletter as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Remember, without you there's no news and no newsletter, so start collecting for the '97 Newsletter as soon as an event crosses your path...we'd love to hear from you!

Also, remember your \$2.00 to help defray costs of photo reproductions, duplicating the newsletter, envelopes and postage.

Many in the family gave more than the \$2.00 requested, but these folks are overly generous by nature...and to them I say a grateful thanks. And because of their generosity, we were able to publish eight pages this year rather than the four pages that I was looking to prepare. So many thanks again for all your article and monetary support!



Above: Brian Gregg

Right: Tara Gregg



Okanogan County, Washington Fair Results

Report in the Methow Valley News - Thursday, September 19, 1996

Winners in the children's divisions:

Pigs

Brian Gregg (pg. 566): Grand champion producer of merit; fitting and showing, blue.

Tara Gregg: fitting and showing, blue; market hog, blue.

Chad Gregg: fitting and showing, blue; best educational display.

Arts and Crafts

Tara Gregg: art, reserve champion; best craft overall, reserve champion.

Submitted by uncle, Gene Altstatt

Barbara Altstatt Pappenfus Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

Barbara Pappenfus celebrated her 90th birthday at the Radisson Hotel in St. Cloud, MN. All of her children were present as well as her two sisters Lucille (Altstatt) Hunt and Janet (Altstatt) Heinch and brother Ray Altstatt, along with several of Ray's children.

It was a joyful celebration. One of her gifts was truly special - it was the Altstatt family history book.

Our family are descendants of Valentine Altstatt whose sons, George and Francis came to America in the 1830s and settled in Pottsville, PA.

(submitted by granddaughter Lynne Anne Pappenfus Durrenberger)

Allstot Reunion in Wenatchee, WA- August 9 - 11, 1996

This reunion brought together the Allstot families in central-west Washington state. Represented were Allstot descendants from the line of John Alstott (pg. 195) through his grandson, John Sherman Allstot (pg. 216) and descendants of George

Washington Allstot (pg. 380).

The festivities started Friday night with a dessert in the home of Dick and Sally Allstot. Saturday a potluck dinner was served at the Pioneer Park in Wenatchee. There were fun and games for all ages, including tennis, swimming, volleyball and a special skateboard area for the kids. The Sunday activity centered around a brunch at the Gingerbread House.

Dorothy Allstot of Tonasket, WA, mentioned in her letter that many of the children were anxious to hear Dick and Bill Allstot tell about the "good old days." 56 people attended during the three days. The next get-together is planned for 1998. We hope to see you and Phyllis then!

We're Overwhelmed

Thanks again to all those who sent in family news... Your contribution of time, effort and reporting is very much appreciated - Jerry & Phyllis

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journeyed to Lake Jackson, TX where our son, **Roger**, and his new bride, **Anne Suzette Zingleman** were married on March 16th.

Later in the spring we had visits from **Archie** and **Jeanette Padberg**, followed in June by **Wayne** and **Shirley Wheeler**, then August found us visiting with **Georgia** and **Bill Altstatt**. In July we visited our cousins, **Bill** and **Billye Jean Langford** in Clakamas, OR, stopping by to enjoy the hospitality of **Marvin** and **Pat Kennedy** in Medford, OR. While in Portland we saw the fabulous world touring antiquities collection from Red China.



Above: Anne and Roger Allstot on their wedding day, March 16, 1996, in Lake Jackson, TX.

Charles D. Smith, (pg. 32), 65, of Oakland City, IN died at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, 1996, at Wirth Regional Hospital in Oakland City. He was born July 26, 1931 in Evansville, the son of Clarence and Lalura Smith.

Smith was employed at Whirlpool corporation in Evansville for 34 years. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and making wood crafts.

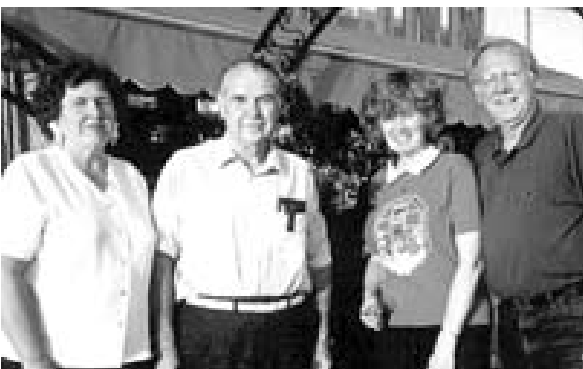
Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Lena Price Quiggins Smith, four stepchildren, Jerry Quiggins of Indianapolis, Shirley Schmidt, of Griffin, Mary Kreig of Orange Beach, AL, and Betty Cartwright of Mt. Vernon, IN.

Kenneth Harmon (pg. 75), 78, of Corning, AR, died Sunday at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center. Harmon served 32 months in the South Pacific during WWII and was a retired manager of the Clay County Electric in Corning. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bobbye Harmon of Corning; two sons, Dr. Harry Harmon of Rogers and Todd Harmon of Little Rock.



Above: Archie and Jeanette Padberg at the Allstott home. Below: Shirley and Wayne Wheeler at Sal's Mexican Restaruant in Oxnard, CA, with Jerry and Phyllis Allstot



Drop By Now, Y'Hear!

Stopping by Phyllis and Jerry Allstotts for a visit in the early winter were 1999 Reunion Chairman and wife, Archie and Jeanette Padberg of Heppner, OR, on their way to Palm Springs, CA in their 5th wheel. Topics included the menu and entertainment for the '99 reunion.

On June 17th, Phyllis and I met Shirley and Wayne Wheeler (pg. 463) of Holcomb, KS at Sal's Mexican Restaurant in Oxnard, CA for supper and gabbing. Shirley and Wayne were out to California on a visit with their daughter who lives in Oxnard. Shirley's Alstadt line is directly related to the Aldstadt Bedford County, PA clan

Then in September, Bill and Georgia were our guests for supper at Bobbi's Mexican Restaurant in Camarillo, CA.

Coming to Southern California...drop on by, we'll leave the light on for you!

Family Updates from around the Country

Bill Altstatt, Oklahoma City (pg.256): Georgia and I paid a visit to the grave of William Ambries Autolysate, (March 25, 1872-



September 23, 1949), Cecil Altstatt, (1912-1985), Cecils daughter Donna, and Hershell Altstatt's son, Paul Wayne. All are buried at the Binger, Oklahoma Cemetery. Hershell's son, Scooter, happened to be there. He had come from a fishing trip in Canada, and

said he caught lots of fish and had a good time. Wish I had been there.

Georgia and I, along with Bobby and Karen and the rest of my clan in Oklahoma City want to thank each and every one of you who prayed for our granddaughter, Kristi Dawn Altstatt, 7 years old, when we had to take her to Sacramento, CA for brain surgery. With the Lords help and Dr. Michael Edwards of San Francisco, CA, she is doing great and is expecting full recovery. - Your Okie Connection

Calvin B. Talhelm (pg. 452): I retired from law practice on May 1st, after 62 years here in Ewart, MI. Marjorie and I also celebrated our 63rd anniversary in April. We hope to go to Arizona for a couple of weeks this winter and hope to see you in Oregon in 1999 with the rest of the clan. (Calvin, Marjorie and their kids have participated in the first and second national reunions).

Margaret Allstot, Aurora, SD (pg. 408): My oldest grandson, Craig Adamson, graduated from Iowa State University in 1996 and is employed in a financial company in Des Moines. My younger grandson, Michael Adamson, spent last year in Valalid, Spain, studying Spanish - what else? He returned last spring and is now in his third year at Iowa State. I am still peggin away in my little home in Aurora, SD and finding joy in yard work and in volunteering at my church.

Melbourn and Alpha Altstatt, Dustin, OK (pg. 274): Our granddaughter Catherine Douthit took a plunge into matrimony. "Cat" as we call her, joined the Navy in February. She took her basic training in Great Lakes, IL. She is now stationed in Orlando, FL. She got to come home on Labor Day weekend and we got to see her in uniform. Her folks, Steve and Alpha Darlene (Altstatt) Douthit moved to Bloomfield, NM. Alpha and I celebrated our 45 years of marriage on June 17, 1996. We went shopping and then to Pig-Out Palace Restaurant to celebrate. Our daughter, Paula, and her husband Steve Chisum took over Nickles Grocery store in Eufaula, OK, in April as manager. Their son, Christopher Eric, is in the high school band and son Jeffery Scott is in the fifth grade band.

Mabel Dudgeon, Oakland City, IN (pg.29): I had an aortic valve put in my heart last year and am doing real well. Thank the Lord!

Kathy & Tom Rivers, Edina, MN (pg.469): Tom and I moved to a different home in June 1996. Our oldest daughter Cyndy and husband Bradford had a baby boy born on March 24, 1996. His name is Preston Rivers Wallin - our first grandchild. We celebrated Betty Rivers Long's 80th birthday last October (1995) in Indiana.



Melvyn and Dorothy Alstadt, Rector, AR (pg.75): Our son, Bill, along with six other officers received a plaque for 15 years of service to the Piggott, AR police department. Daughter Marilyn and her husband Larry Cassidy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on September 17th. Their youngest son, Brian, is in college in Cape Girardeau, MO. Their oldest son, John, is an auditor for the state of Missouri.

Melvyn's health has not improved, but we are very thankful he can be up most of the time. He was in the Paragould, AR hospital in May and in the Rehabilitation Hospital in Jonesboro from May 15 to June 15. I was fortunate to stay in Jonesboro with our son, John, his wife, Susette, and daughter during that time.

Aunt Anna Alstadt Evans (pg. 75) is 94 years old but looks much younger. She made a small garden this year (in Corning). Bobbye, her daughter, brings her to see us three or four times a year. Although Melvin just goes to the doctor's office. September 1st was an exception, when he and I attended his 60th year high school reunion at the Rector, AR Community Center. My class met with his also. The classes of 1936 and 1937. There were five in his class and six in mine that attended with their spouses. We celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary in the Rehab hospital on May 26th in his room. Our two sons and their families and a few friends attended.

Gene and Viola Altstatt, Berryville, AR (pg. 246): Viola and I are doing great but seems like we are surrounded by unwanted events. Our oldest daughter, Clara Jean, is doing well now recuperating from cancer surgery last spring and chemo-therapy. Tommy fell and broke several ribs, Bob had a stroke last year and was put on strong medication and Judi had a benign lump removed. I had three hernias repaired and just when we thought things were shaping up in September '95, Bob called us one morning at 2 a.m. and told us he had a major fire which destroyed his barn, boat and work van with all his business inventory and personal tools and inventory.

In May of this year we went on an Airstream Rally to Columbus, OH. On the way we visited with Glenn and Sharon Alstat (pg. 48) in Murphysboro, IL. We had a good visit and met some of her relatives.

We took Tom's two boys (Rusty and Kelly) with us on the way to the Olympics and stopped by son Bob's in Tennessee on the way. We met Jeanie and Larry there and were in the Atlanta area for 8 days, although we went into Atlanta only once. All that wanted to went to several events, and Viola made keepsake albums for the two boys.

On August 14, 1996, we lost my oldest sister, Josephine, to cancer.



Bill and Jenny Alstott, New Albany, IN (pg. 204): On July 17, 1996, Bill and I became proud grandparents of Jacob Abram, 7 lb. 1 oz., McDonald who was born to our daughter, Kathleen

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and her husband, Sam McDonald. Also on January 30th I broke the "60" barrier. Bill hasn't been

able to work since July 1994, so he goes fishing a lot. YUK!!! I don't like smelling fish. On June 20-23 Bill and I went with Shockey Tours to Ohio to the Spencer Gospel Reunion. There were three great days of Gospel Singing. The Alstott (Corydon, IN) reunion was May 27th, and my (Conrad) reunion was June 9th. That's the only time we see some of the relatives.

Ernie and Phyllis Alstott Heishman, Jacksonville, FL (pg. 201): How wonderful was our 14-day Holyland Tour, December 31 - January 13, 1996, which included Egypt, Israel and Greece. Ernie and I are seen (in the picture) from the Mount of Olives overlooking the Dome of the Rock, the magnificent mosque in the background.



Russel and Josephine Alstott Bottles (pg. 201): The golden wedding anniversary of Russel and Josephine was celebrated on August 24, 1996, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Ft. Myers, Florida. Married on August 24, 1946, they have two sons, Nathan, of Indianapolis, and Timothy of Olathe, KS. They are proud of their six beautiful grandchildren. (submitted by Phyllis Heishman)



Tom and Kim Davis, Shoreview, MN (pg. 565): I just purchased a new computer program called "Home Phone" which contains name, address and telephone listings from the entire United States on two CD ROM disks. I thought you may be interested in comparing these lists (Altstatts in all spellings) with your records. Let me know if you would like me to check any other spellings. I got the program for \$30.00 at a local computer store.

Sam and Janet Baltzer, Rome, GA (pg. 198): We had a crummy year. No promotion, no raise, No vacation trip. Constant hassles, A lot of whining. I wrecked the car. A lot of hair has come and gone. Alas, the garden didn't come in (partly because we didn't plant one). And, alas again, another year gone by

and I still can't bring myself to start flossing. Sometimes I feel like life is passing me by. I'm 43 years old (that's 53.75% of an octogenarian) and it seems that something is missing from my life.

But there were bright spots. Janet's Angel Express operation had a banner year. She was featured in another local newspaper article, the result of which was a mountain of thousands of donated stuffed animals, toys, games, puzzles, clothes, books, and dolls. These items were given to several social service agencies who distributed them to over 600 of Rome's

(GA) needy children. We were helped by a nearby church who offered storage space and several people who assisted with the sorting.

After two years, Berry College reinstated the position of band director so my adjunct days at Rome's other college are over. I'm also composing and developing music software. I just got my first royalty check and took Janet out to lunch at a really nice medium-priced pizza place.

George and Ruth Altstatt, Pine Bluff, AR (pg. 262): Ruth and I have had a bad year. I had to put my dad (Hugh) into a nursing home July 17 of 1995, he has Alzheimers disease. His heart and lungs are in good shape but he doesn't know anyone now. He also broke his hip in November. He does call my name and my sister's name when he gets mad at someone!

Ruth had a little heart trouble in January and my turn came on the 21st day of January when I had a heart attack. I had 95% blockage in one artery. They did a Roto-Rooter job on me and I am doing great.

All my family here in Pine Bluff are doing well as well as those in Heavener, OK, where my brother Gene and sister Peggy, as well as my dad is in the nursing home.

We are planning a trip next spring to Oregon and might be able to drop by down our way on our way back home. If we don't get to see you then, the good Lord willing we will see you in 1999 in Oregon.

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