Happy Holidays and Welcome to Newsletter Number 3!

Phyllis and I want to wish you all the best as we head into the 1997 Christmas Season!

A lot went on in 1997 within our personal family. I entered the year with a good case of the flu, a present from my grandson, Eric, while visiting my daughter's family, Cheryl, Tim and Nichola Vaughan, in Enid, OK for the 96 Christmas Holidays. In August we welcomed a visit from our son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Anne Alstatt, later in August my sister and her husband and daughter, Mary Balls, Joe and Alice Cooper, dropped by; then they were on to visit her son's family, Dave and Lisa DelJohn, who had recently moved to Ojai, CA.

We received two very enjoyable visits from Bill and Georgia Altstatt, Oklahoma City, OK during the year, and John Alstott, from Springfield, MO came out for a couple of weeks in March. John does really fine carpentry work and our kitchen never looked better…thanks cuzzin!

Archie Padberg is doing great work on the 1999 Reunion (as you read ahead)…and was I flooded with items for the newsletter…WOW!…and thanks…read on!

3rd National Reunion…with a birthday party and fireworks too! The latest updated information on page 2

Banker cashes in, hits $1 million field goal!

The Associated Press
HONOLULU -- On this occasion, both teams rushed out, and mobbed the kicker. Lance Alstatt, an investment banker from New York, coolly boomed a 35-yard field goal through the uprights Sunday to win $1 million in the "Hershey's $1 million Pro Bowl Kick!"

"I think the only way to go with something like this is that you believe you can drill it," Alstatt said, as composed afterward as he was when he was kicking. A former high school soccer player, Alstatt, 26, used the ball up, took a few strides to set himself up, and wasted no time taking the kick. The ball was almost dead center from the start, and with plenty of distance.

The first player to congratulate him was Carolina Panthers kicker John Kasay. Asked if Alstatt has a future as a kicker, Kasay added: "He shouldn't give up his day job. But he made more than I did this season."


Editors note: I got quite a few letters on this newsworthy event and although Lance Alstatt pronounces his name the same way, his family heritage traces back through the ... from Holland, not Germany. This lineage is noted on page 6 in the Family History Book…in any event—congratulations Lance!

Alstadt wins 1st place in regional science fair

Jennifer Alstadt recently received a first place achievement award for her entry in the Northeast Arkansas Regional Science Fair.

More than 100 students from more than a dozen Northeast Arkansas secondary schools were recognized for entries in the Northeast Arkansas Science Fair recently. Winners were announced Saturday, March 22, at ceremonies on the Arkansas State University campus.

Jennifer's entry, "Are Petroleum Products Harmful to Plants?"... entered in the Environmental Science division, received a first place achievement award from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. Jennifer is the daughter of Ben and Jeanette Alstatt of Jonesboro. She is the granddaughter of Melyn and Dorothy Alstatt of Reclif and James and Virginia Bedwell of Jonesboro, CLAY COUNTY DEMOCRAT, Wednesday, April 1, 1985

Alstratts Celebrate with Big Minnesota Reunion

The Alstatt Family (Pg. 563) Reunion on August 10 was organized by Sharon Hunt, wife of Paul Hunt (Lucille Altstatt Hunt's son). It was held in Malmotin, MN, at a former Girl Scout camp lodge. At last count there were 53 family members in attendance. We're sure the next reunion will be bigger, perhaps 2000 (the year not the number of people).

It was fun to see everyone. The food (potluck, everyone brought their favorite franchise chicken) and conversation were plentiful. The main event (next to the food) was the photo session.
3rd National Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt Reunion Set for July 4th Weekend 1999 with a full flung 300th Birthday Party for Martin Alstott and Fireworks!

Archie Fadberg (pg. 291), Chairman of the 1999 Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt 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!

Tentatively set for June 18-20, 1999, our plans had to be changed due to scheduling conflicts with the convention center calendar. These conflicts have been addressed, and a revised set of dates, acceptable to the “Oregon” Alstott Clan, has been worked out with a firm agreement already in place by the parties. The new firm date for the 1999 Clan Reunion is set for the weekend of July 4th 1999!

The revised plan is to start the Reunion at noon July 2, 1999, and end Monday afternoon, July 5. This Schedule would include:

Friday - July 2, 1999 - Noon-5 p.m. Registration and get acquainted along with sign up for the famous Pendleton Woolen Mill tour and Pendleton Underground tour

7:00 p.m. Western music, Entertainment - and most importantly socializing

Saturday - July 3

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

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

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Recounted tours or socializing

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

Sunday - July 4

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

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

Noon - Lunch on your own

1:00 - 5:00 Socializing or Tour to Tamatskals Cultural Institute

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Barbeque dinner on your own

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

9:00 p.m. July 4th Fireworks Display

Monday - July 5

8:00 a.m. - Cleanup of facilities and goodbye till 2004

Final plans for the 1999 reunion will be sent to you in the 1998 issue. The more clan members who attend, the better we can spread the individual costs...

Archie is planning to set a per person cost to pay for the facilities, music, and food up front, so no charges will be hidden. No hassles, no last minute routine for mom in the kitchen cooking up her favorite potluck recipe. This way everyone can have a good laidback time. Travel expense and motel costs will still have to be determined by your budgeting.

In addition, RV facilities are available on the Convention Center grounds, that’s where Phyllis and I plan on staying. Plenty of hotel space is available with motel locations and prices coming in the 1998 Newsletter.

Flight information into Portland or Pendleton, Oregon will be coming in the 1998 Newsletter along with the registration forms and maps.

For more info: The Pendleton Convention Center, site of the 1999 Clan gathering

Kate Laura Leontina Anderson (Pg. 402) was born at home May 15, 1912 in Wilton, North Dakota, with her father, Henry Theodore Anderson, in attendance. Laura was 2nd born of twins. Laura’s mother, Kate Lund Anderson, passed away giving birth to Laura & Paul. Paul later died 6-7-12. Laura & sister Grace went to live with Kate’s sister, Mary Lund Berg and her husband, Ole, together with their own children, Ernest, Myrtle, Florence, Emily and Judith, in Upsala, Minnesota.

Laura’s two brothers, Arthur and Sig, remained with their father.

Laura was confirmed at Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Upsala, and graduated from Upsala High School in 1932. On May 1, 1937 she married Archie Ray Allstot at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. They lived in Anahim, California & worked on Walter Knott’s farm before returning to Minnesota to do farming in Bringham Lake and later moved to a farm North of Upsala. In 1948 they moved to 7 acres of land just on the edge of town.

Archie passed away June 26, 1968. Laura did home health care sponsored by Saint Gabriel Hospital. 1970 she moved to California where she continued her Home Health Care for shut-ins as well as adult care. Her dedication was the caring and nurturing of the sick, the elderly, and the young. In Livermore, California she worked for a Convalescent Home caring for the elderly.

Laura would always serve her Lord with church activities as well. Played piano, sang in choir, taught Bible School, or whenever her talent would lead her. She was Sunshiner Lady for the Woodland Hills Golden Age Club; visiting the sick and/or giving rides when needed. She would cheerfully go about her work never once complaining. Always a happy, good-natured attitude with a ready smile for everyone.

She is survived by her daughter, Deonore M. Talor and husband, John, of West Hills, CA; two grandsons, William Talor and wife, Michelle, of Simi Valley, CA and Geoffrey Talor and wife, Eileen, of Houston, TX; and one great granddaughter, Cassidy Allison Talor of Simi Valley, CA; sister-in-law, Marie Allstot (Pg. 411) of Wendell, MN; and half sister, Edna Anderson of Hemu, MN and half brother, Alvin Joseph Anderson.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Archie; twin brother, Paul; brothers, Sig, Arthur and extended family - Emer; Sisters, Grace, and extended family - Mythic, Florence, Emily and Judith, and brothers-in-law, Clyde Allstot.

John, chapter 17, verse 4 says: “I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do.” Now she has been summoned by her Savior. She will never be gone - she is just away. As Christians we know we’ll all be together again some day.

KATE LAURA ALLSTOT

Native Americans will soon tell their side of the cowboy and Indian saga.

Tamatskals Cultural Institute, covering 45,000 square feet of former wheat fields on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will tell how the lives of the Walla Walla, Umatilla, and Cayuse Indians were changed after the white man moved into their territory.

“The truth is a little different than the way the history books tell it.”

According to Cook, the center will dispel a lot of myths.

In exhibit form, with a $14 million price tag, artifacts from the three tribes will be displayed in the cultural institute poised at the base of the Blue Mountains east of Pendleton.
Sam Baltzer Pushes Himself to the Limit

Baltzer has been at Shorter for 10 years and has taught 30 course titles. He conducts the Northwest Georgia Winds, which is a concert band and is referred to by Baltzer as a “y’all come band” and the Clocktower Jazz Ensemble an 18-piece invitation-only band.

Playing in a jazz band called “Applescapes” gives Baltzer the chance to perform in the community. A jazz tune by Charlie Parker titled “Scrappin’ from the Apple” inspired this name.

Applescapes is also one of the warm-up acts for the celebration on the river and was featured on Broad Street’s main stage when the Olympic torch came through Rome.

Baltzer played with bands in lounges and pubs and sported a long hair style while driving a “beat-up Volkswagen van,” according to Vickie Culberson, who occupies the first chair flute position in the Northwest Georgia Winds.

Because of his desire to share his love, Baltzer attempts to make every practice and performance lively with jokes that Wayne Walker, a member of the Clocktower Jazz Ensemble, refers to as “grooves.” Culberson calls them “Johnny Carson stand-up monologs.” One such occurrence involved Baltzer’s assertion that the band was going to try to perform a Latin titled piece in “its original Latin.” Culberson says her 83 year old father came to concerts just to hear Baltzer’s jokes. He would say “That little boy - he sure is funny.”

James Willis, who plays in the Clocktower band and substitutes in Applescapes, recalls a time when Baltzer said the Clocktower band plays for everybody but the Dalai Lama. If given the opportunity to perform for them he would play “Hello Danny.”

Baltzer is a self-described teacher, conductor, composer and performer. He performs on the trombone, electric bass and folk guitar. He is also knowledgeable in the areas of band instruments, orchestral instruments and piano. Baltzer explains that music allows him to “express feelings too subtle for words.”

Baltzer’s life is a symphony. His love for music and his desire to share it with others blended in sweet harmony.

Angel Express Inc. turns its love toward the Hispanic community

As the Christmas season nears, some Rome, GA, residents are already thinking about what they can do to help others. One of these is Janet Baltzer, founder and director of Angel Express Inc.

Angel Express Inc. helps people help people. Through this local organization more than 100 area children and adults are presently making preparations for a merry Christmas for disadvantaged Floyd County families.

This would have been hard to imagine four years ago when an opportunity presented itself to Mrs. Baltzer. In 1993 working in the Rome Housing Authority Drug Elimination Program, she initiated the “Stuff-A-Stocking” project. She traded her garage sale items for 460 stuffed toys which she distributed to children in Rome’s public schools. Thanks to community support, this simple project has evolved into a year-round independent grass roots nonprofit corporation.

Last year, doll furniture handmade from scrap lumber by Paul Layman of Lindale, and dolls dressed by former Berman Claudette Woodruff were a very special addition to the gifts offered by Angel Express to the clients of social service agencies including the Exchange Club Family Resource Center, Shrine Clubs of Rome and Cave Spring, and Youth for Christ Teen Moms Program. For Christmas 1996, this concept has expanded to involve the efforts of a small army of volunteers of all ages from several organizations.

The “Royal Ambassadors” of Second Avenue Baptist Church, painted 35 pieces of Layman’s doll furniture. One of the boys, Paul Wilson, said, “Helping the Angel Express means a lot to us. I wish I could see the children’s faces on Christmas morning when they find the furniture we painted it really gives you a good feeling.”

As the opportunities for service through Angel Express continue to grow, so do the needs of those to be served in the community. Through her membership in the Rome/Floyd County Human Relations Commission and the newly formed Latin American Coalition, Mrs. Baltzer has become aware of the plight of many of the Latino families in the area who are struggling to make a life in an unfamiliar culture.

“Rome is fast becoming a multicultural community which makes working together all the more important,” Mrs. Baltzer said. This year, Angel Express is hosting a Christmas Fiesta on Dec. 22 at the Civic Center. Invited guests will include a large number of Latino children and their families who have been designated as “most needy” by school counselors, churches and other organizations working closely with the Latin American community.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mayes H. Simpson and Delores A. Bruce (Pg. 423) were united in matrimony on May 26, 1937 in Silverton, Oregon. Delores Simpson celebrate fifty years of marriage at a reception on their honor on Saturday, July 26, 1997 at two o’clock in the afternoon, Tillamook George Hall 5520 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon.
The Mike Alstott Fan Corner

BUCS fans know all about Alstott

Love hard-running rookie from Joliet

By Charean Williams
Orlando Sentinel

TAMPA—Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback Mike Alstott may have played like a veteran, but he’s yet to earn a name in the NFL.

When Alstott donned his No. 40 jersey for the Bucs’ mud game against the Arizona Cardinals two weeks ago, the back of his game jersey read: ALSTOTT Bucs equipment manager Frank Puppillo blamed the spelling error on “a screwup at the factory.” “I didn’t even know until Monday morning when Frankie told me about it,” Alstott said. “I guess everybody else noticed, huh?”

Can you spell rookie?
The 6-foot, 240-pound Alstott 35th pick in April’s NFL draft, has bowed over the league. Literally. Alstott, who has 118 rushing yards, 237 receiving yards and two of the Bucs’ eight touchdowns, has run over Lions and Browns and Cardinals.

In Tampa Bay’s only victory, a 24-13 decision over Minnesota, Alstott broke through two tackles and then carried Viking linebacker Jeff Branty on his back the final three yards of a 12-yard touchdown run.

The football that from that first NFL touchdown now nests on the entertainment center in the Alstott’s family room in Joliet.

“He’s fun to watch, isn’t he?” Bucs offensive coordinator Mike Shula said.

Alstott’s bowling ball style has made him a fan favorite in Tampa. Alstott has a hard time getting around town without being noticed.

“It makes me feel at home,” Alstott said. “Going out there as a rookie and not knowing what to expect, it has really boosted my confidence to have the fans on your side. You just have to be good to the crowd by going out there, putting everything on the line and playing with your heart.”

Alstott’s training methods are legendary.

In preparing for the wear and tear of 3,635 rushing yards in his four-year career at Purdue, the Joliet Catholic High product pushed his Jeep Wrangler 100 yards in the parking lot of Ross-Ade Stadium every afternoon during the off-season.

For Tampa Bay, he is the last player to leave the locker room after practice.

“I want to be at the NFL so bad,” Alstott said. “Whatever it takes to do it, I’m going to do it. My work ethic is probably my best asset. I don’t have the natural ability here, I cannot do anything and be in the NFL. I have to work hard.”

Bucs running back Reggie Brooks said:

“Alstott Rookie trading

We’ve got the dirt on Alstott

By Martin Pardoe/Tampa Tribune Columnist, July 5, 1997

This was not a happy camper. His white shirt wasn’t white anymore, covered as it was, with mud and grass and mud. Rain and rolling around on the field at Houlihan’s Stadium will do that, whether you’re a Buc or small change, whether you’re 8 or 28. Matt Dotson is 8.

He allowed himself a toy after his big rookie year, months ago. Naturally, he’s fixing it up himself. The man who once pushed a Jeep around — for miles — to stay in shape now tears out cabinets or paints a wall or lays carpet. Anything beats sitting still.

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Matt Dotson.

“OK, go get a new one.”

Keeping others in mind

He’s the Iron Mike who doesn’t bite. The Iron Mike who has won over Tampa Bay. The Iron Mike who powers past defenders fast to stop in hospitals, who caught a touchdown pass, then gave the ball to a little boy just like Matt, except that boy was in a wheelchair. The Iron Mike who took his NFL money and bought his father a new pickup truck and his mother a washer and dryer (nosey never think dirt is good).

Iron Mike Alstott worked with kids this week at his inaugural football camp. Some 150 children joined him for four days; he left them only to lift weights or run steps. Otherwise, he was teaching them or fetching his two genuine Mike Alstott football camp shirts and could maybe Mike autograph that one, too?

“I would hope he wouldn’t try to run through a brick wall,” Brooks said. “He’s not incredible. He gets tired and he gets sick just like anybody else. The thing about it is, he doesn’t show it.”

Alstott’s body shows it. He is tattooed black and blue by the bumps and bruises that go with blocking 300-pound linemen. He begins his day with a hot whirlpool and finishes with a cold one.

In between he punishes his teammates in practice.

“He’s brought some toughness to our team,” Bucs coach Tony Dancy said.

Alstott will hold nothing back this week when the Bucs take on the Bears. He never has played at Soldier Field, though it isn’t far from his home. His only trip there to watch a game ended prematurely.

“Cold weather chased him and a friend away from a Bucs-Bears game before it began.

“I know it’s going to be exciting,” said Alstott, who grew up a fan of the Washington Redskins.

And costly. Alstott, who signed a three-year, $1.8 million package in August, still was figuring out how many tickets to order on Wednesday. “This only comes once a year,” said Alstott, who purchased 26 on Thursday. “People are excited to see me play.”

“Dirt is good.”

Article ran Nov. 1, 1996 in the Chicago Tribune

Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer, night, talks with Buccaneers Dent Dilfer, from left, Hardy Nickerson and Mike Alstott after unveiling their new uniforms during a news conference Wednesday afternoon April 9 in Tampa.

The Associated Press/Chris O’Meara
Mike Altstatt Statistics
SEASON-TO-DATE RUSHING AND RECEIVING
1997 6 200 79 3.9
SEASON-TO-DATE SCORING
Year  G  Rush TD  Rec. TD  KR TD PR TD Int. TD
1997  6    79                   310            3.9
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Pro: Career Highlights
* Inaugural year included first alternate selection for Pro Bowl, 1996 AP All-Pro second team, 1996 Football Digest All-Pro second team and NFC Offensive Rookie of the Month in November 1996.
* In first NFL season, amassed 377 rushing yards and three TDs on 96 attempts and 557 receiving yards and 3 TDs on 65 catches. Set new Buccaneer rookie record for receptions in a season, pacing all players on the '96 squad and leading all NFL rookies. Among all running backs, trailed only Arizona's Larry Centers (90) in receptions. Finished second on squad in rushing yards, averaging team-best 3.9 yards per carry. Was only one of four offensive players to start in all 16 contests.

Ione A. Altstadt
1918-1996
Ione A. Altstadt (Pg. 90), 77, of 205 Prairie Hills Drive died Monday in Cheyenne, WY.
She was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Otis, Kan., and had lived here since 1948.
She graduated from Enterprise Academy in 1936 and then attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb., and finished her registered nurse's training at the Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital in 1940.

Altstatt was a registered nurse.
She worked at Memorial Hospital for 15 years and Internal Medicine Group for 23 years.
She was very active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Altstatt was a member of the Retired Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association.

Altstatt is survived by her husband, Clifford Altstatt of Cheyenne, whom she married July 4, 1941, in Cheyenne, two daughters, Judy Herbel of Aldie, Kan., and Arlene Dennis of Westminster, Colo., one brother, Wilmer Bartel of LaCrosse, Kan., one sister, Bluba Clark of Topoka, Kan., five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents. John and Elizabeth Bartel; one sister, Elva Bartel; and four brothers, Harley, Harvey, Clifford and Warren Bartel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wadepahl-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes.

Altstatt Cemetery Fix-Up
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Billye Jean Langford
September 1, 1933 - February 18, 1997
Billeye Jean (Pg. 357) was the only child of Alexander Mitchell Collins and Willie Lee Altstatt Collins. She was born in Houston, TX on September 1, 1933, at Memorial Hospital. She grew up in West University Place and attended Lamar High School and majored in music at the University of Houston. She was a charter member of Rice Temple Baptist Church, in Houston, and was active in all the activities. She married Grover William Langford of Avon Park, FL, in 1951 after meeting at Rice Temple Church. Their only child, Cynthia Michelle was born in 1957.

While living in Houston, she was the Assistant Administrator of the Warwick Hotel and also served many years at the Shamrock Hotel. Through the years, her husband’s work provided many opportunities for living in many areas of the U.S. with many long friendships made along the way whether in Tulsa, OK, Winston-Salem, NC, or Portland, OR. Southern hospitality and always being there to lend a hand and kind word were her calling cards. She was a member of Warfield Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Portland, OR; Oregon State Button Society and Portland Button Club; Williamette Valley Postcard Club; National Button Society; Nine Lakes Baptist Church, Seattle, WA; Professional Picture Framers Assoc., Wethsfoot Postcard Club, Houston Rose Society; Professional Tiles Painters Assoc., and 1st Baptist Church, Ferguson, MO.

Billeye Jean and Bill moved to Portland, OR in 1991 at the insistence of their daughter and “favorite son-in-law,” Amey Ray Baker, of Portland. The Langfords were blessed with a granddaughter the same year, Brenna Langford, who adored and loved her “grandi.”

Always looking for the good and accepting everyone just as they are was her lifelong devotion. She will be forever a part of every life she has touched. Love, Love, Mom ...

Billeye Jean "was a place at the front"
Knabb Cemetery has new owners

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She relates: The new owners are very protective and proud of the gravesites in the old Knabb Cemetery and they wish to personally maintain them. They also welcome visits from descendants of those buried in the cemetery. The new owners are: Christine and John Wissieski.

Their address is Reifstled Rd., Limerick, PA 19353, and phone number is (610) 689-4253.

When your family members wish to visit the Knabb Cemetery, please write or call ahead.

The Association has been attempting to survey all the historic gravesites in the county. We have been very successfully using divining rods to detect unmarked graves. We will try to get the Knabb site done before long, but cannot promise a certain completion date as our volunteer skilled personnel is very limited.

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Heavener Wolves Basketball Team, front row, f.r. Brent Billings, Trev Evans, Chris Neal, Gorg Gibson, Sam Roop, Charles Woodard; second row: Jason May, Steven Rowton, Heath Sullivan, Brad Morris, Charles Patterson, David Rowland; third row: BOY McLe, Marc James Brian Peveyhouse, Leland Turman, Jared Stockman, Jamie Altstatt; fourth row: Jude Childs, Josh Terry Jarrod Face, Adam Bonedelf, JR. Sullivan, Casey Vaughn; not pictured: Cory Yandell, Chris McKibbon, J.T. Ray, Joe Daugherty, Adam Delhart. Dustin White Coach is Greg Nichols.

Descendants of Royal Fester Aldstatt know how to celebrate a birthday…Royally!

Above: Phyllis Altstatt presents to Richard Matthiesen in his honor.
Bill and Georgia Alstott...[Page 260] Boy this has been a busy year for us. I couldn’t even guess how many hours I have spent on family pictures. I put together an album for each of our three children beginning with the birth of each. It was a lot bigger job than I thought it would be.

Our granddaughter, Sherry, who lives in Florida, was born for her 18th birthday on March 31. My mother’s 80th birthday was March 29. So we had two big celebrations. We left April 6th to escort Sherry home. On our trip we went to Myrtle Beach, FL, and enjoyed seeing it. We will be going back to Florida for Sherry’s high school graduation on June 2. She will be going to FSU in the fall. I was hoping to redecorate inside the house this spring but it just doesn’t look like we will have time.

Georgia and I just got back from a two-day trip to Arkansas in September. We went to Ft. Smith and picked up some tombstones that I ordered. We then went down to Pine Ridge, AR, and put two of them on some of Georgia’s Mothers kinfolks. We stayed in Muskogee and in the morning went and found Owens Chapel Cemetery, and took pictures of some of the Alstott’s graves, including Sarah Williams Alstott’s grave. Her stone was broken in four pieces and Thomas Franklin Alstott does not have any but we feel sure he is buried next to Sarah.

While I was there I took a quick look in the court house but didn’t have much luck. I went to the newspaper and came up with some items of interest. We then drove to Holdenville, OK, and put a stone on Georgia’s mother’s brother’s grave. He died before he was born. Then—we went to Little Church, Little, OK, and put a tombstone on my grandmother’s, Lucy Margaret Greenwood Alstott’s grave. I’ll take my Dad out soon and let him picture it.

Haskell Alstott’s mother was an Uncle Cecil’s girl, Donna who died at about 14 years old. She’s buried next to my grandfather, William Ambrose Altstatt at Binger, Oklahoma.

Judy Stubble...[Page 297] Just wanted to touch base and let you know I found some Alstott ‘goodies’ on my recent 8-day trip to Berks County. I spent all day, every day in the court houses and various libraries/research facilities...will give you details when I get my head above water...by the way, are you on line yet?

Editors note: Not yet—but soon.

Sam and Janet Baltzer...[Page 189] My Christmas was special because of the sweater I got. It was waterproof, dustproof, scratchproof, shockproof, and it came with Scottsgahd, Amor Alstott 24-hour deodorant protection, flight insurance, and a coupon for Depends. But I only had it two days and it caught on fire. The incident reminds me of how the older I get, the faster things seem to burn.

Janet organized a variety show for children called Romeo-A-Rama as a benefit for Angel Express. The show featured clowns, a mime, a magician, two children’s choirs, two ethnic dance troupes, and Janet and me singing some kid songs. The audience of 600 children had a great time. The show was part of a larger Angel Express fund- raising campaign called Christmas Challenge that netted over $8000 this summer.

I’m in my tenth year at Shorter College, a small church-related liberal arts college in a conference of small church-related liberal arts colleges. There are schools like Lord Have Mercy Community College where the female affiliates have to come in one outfit due to modesty. Our homecoming game is usually against the Runners ofephraim Temple Divine Holiness Disciples of Deliverance Tech. Their soccer team is terrible because, out of habit, they keep laying on hands. We do have one state in the conference—the law school of Southern University at East Mobile, Alabama (SU-UM AL). Not only are their teams clumsy, but their players are strangely prone to neck and back injuries. (Their cheer team has three starters on the disabled list).

Actually, Shorter College has everything taller schools have, but in miniature, including my salary. In fact, my salary is on a couple of shelves under the windows in Room 207, next to the pencil sharpener. Our cafeteria rolls in at 11:45 on its way to the construction site of the new by-pass. One of our recent graduates in graphic design was fired for painting a large sign for a local motel that advertised ‘WEEKLY RAVES’.

We hope you are all well. If you get a chance to visit, please do. Just head for Chattanooga and turn right. You can’t miss us.

Margaret Allston...[Page 410] I am sending an article on Lance Alstott, it was over TV and in the news. We had around 60 inches of snow since last November (letter written in February 1997). The big blizzard of 97 closed the two South Dakota Interstates over the entire state for 2 days. Windchills of minus 45°-75° from 45-55 mph winds made it a very dangerous and life-threatening storm. Like to see (Clark Co. IN) the spot where Robert Allstott (1784-1862) must be.

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eventually, I hope they will not be bad enough to alter, or will be bad enough to be replaced with implanted lenses by then.

Tom and Kathy Rivers... (Pg. 47) Tom and I plan on making a trip to Pennsylvania this Fall. We want to visit the grave of Anna Judith Altstatt. Also, are there still researchers working on the Johannes S. Altstatt line? I am trying to find the first wife of Johannes S. Altstatt.

Our youngest daughter, Kasie, ran in her first marathon in Duluth, MN. We are so proud of her. The Rivers, Altstatt, Kren Reunion took place the 4th of July at Mikea State Park.

Editor: Letter of research on Johannes S. Altstatt line of Peter Altstatt (1728) going on at this time, but Berkle Co., PA could be a great starting place. Also, on article about owner of the property where for 200+ years a boat was located.

Melbourne and Alpha Altstatt... (Pg. 275) Our granddaughter, Lathene Marie Allen, graduated from high school in Oklahoma City on May 23, 1997. She has enrolled in college in Oklahoma City this Fall. Our daughter, Kathy Alt Allen married Martin McDonald on July 21, 1997. We also have a new great granddaughter, Eastrine Wayne Earls, who was born on February 13, 1997. Her parents are Marshall Lee and Danal Earl.

Pat Kennedy... (Pg. 302) We were a bit close to you in February on our way to and from sunny Arizona. We had the 50th wheeler for our first big trip. We had a good time and found out everyone and their RV is in AZ. So where do we park? Lesa (Car) Trammell had a stroke the first week of March and lost her speech. And oh! how that gal loved to talk. She and I are like sisters, so tough stuff. All in the family ask OK, happy and busy.

Katie Bauers... (Pg. 461) In May, John Tallehny (pg. 452) died at the age of 84 in Sherman Oaks, CA, leaving wife Virginia, and son and daughter-in-law, and 2 great grandchildren. John and Virginia were the parents of Lane Pearson Cross who died on TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996. She was a TWA employee.

Also in May, my sister Gladys Schumert and I took a tour of China, visiting many cities beginning at Beijing, a 3 day cruise up the Yangtze river, ending the tour in Hong Kong — what an eye-opening trip.

Our granddaughter, Jennifer, of Jonesboro, AR, won first place in the Jonesboro Regional Science Fair.

A Letter from the “Mother Country”

Dear Jerry and Phyllis,

I was so excited to get your letter and the wealth of information you shared with me in these few pages. It was amazing. The info I already had and what you have sent me was able to fill in some very large holes in the tree.

My mother in law’s name is Lois Mae Alstadt. Her father was Marion Edgar Alstadt d. Yuma Az and my husbands name is Michael Christman (Pg. 241). We show up as the 10th generation.

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P.S. We are presently living in Heidelberg, Germany, been here since 1995. Have you ever been to Freinsheim or seen recent photos of it? We went there 10 days ago and made some pictures and took a short video tape of it.

Freinsheim is surrounded by farm land and was very impressed with the items they are growing. Normally here in Germany farmers grow more or less settlers into growing either grains, vegetables or fruits that can grow everything that can possibly grow in Germany. The town has a population of about 5,000 and the only means of income that I could figure out was tourism, wine making and selling what ever they grow. The Altstatts is enclosed by farm town walls. The outer one built in 1341, the city entrance was secured by an iron gate built into the wall on both ends of the city. A short distance inside the outer wall was another inner gate. Both can still be seen and I made pictures of them. The streets inside the city are very narrow and built with cobble stone. Although traffic still goes thru the Altstatts the only ones driving down those roads are residents and the occasional lost tourist. I have made pictures of the church and some of the immediate houses around the church. While walking thru the city we came across old “weiging station”. It seems that Freinsheim was the local “HQ” when it came to the annual reckoning of all weighting and measuring equipment. The plaque of the station stated that since 1708, on every September 8th all citizens with such equipment were ordered to come there to have it reckoned.

My next stop was the city hall to see if I could get any Altstadt ancestor information. They are in the process of inputting all their church books into the computer but able were able to come up with two names (Martin and Nichols Altstatt). I was informed if I wanted to have any copies of what they had I could request them for a small xeroxing fee but would also be encouraged to give them information I have.

I need to think in the process of compiling an Oritzepuecher. These books give the history of the city and its citizens. The information in these Oritzepuecher come from all city and church books.

After that we went in search of the cemetery. It took us a while to find it because unlike most German city cemeteries, Freinsheim doesn’t have them inside the city. We finally found it in the middle of the vineyard. The view from it to the city is quite nice. Although there were a lot of old headstones, some of them even dating to the early 1700s (which is unusual because of the grave recycling that is going on in Germany). There are no Altstatt’s there that I could see. Inside the cemetery is also a tall tower, what purpose it may have had I have not been able to figure out.

That concluded our first visit to Freinsheim. I know the Altstadts also came from Dreieichheim. If or when we will see this city have no idea. It is too far from here but is part of the metropolitan area of Frankfurt. A place we like to avoid it at all possible because of its tremendous amount of traffic and congestions. Now that I have so much information on our Altstatts my next task will be to get copies of original documents, which to me is important to back up the information I have in my data base.

Wishing you and your wife the best.

Margot Christman (Pg. 241) Heidelberg, Germany

Editors note: Thanks to Judy Trammell and the letter from Andy Meyers!