



# NEWSLETTER

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## Ho, ho, ho...Phyllis and I send Season's Cheer and hopes that it will last throughout next year!

2001 was a very busy year in this Allstott household. Not that we were at home, we weren't. Between our 2-1/2 month trip back east to visit family, friends and see the New England fall color...our British Isles/Ireland tour and my visit to Germany, we were away from home for around four months. We missed the old house, but the Good Lord provided us with a great time wherever we traveled.

Late May found us either ahead of or behind rain in England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The "wet stuff" only caught up with us once in Dublin.

We hadn't planned it...but did most of our Christmas shopping on that trip. The suitcase was bulging. In London, we walked into a Woolworth (of all things) and found a lot of "Thomas the Train" stuff. That is the preferred toy of our grandson, Geoffrey. So I guess it all started from there.

On the trip home from London, we stopped back east and attended our car club national meet in Keene, New Hampshire. We landed at Logan International Airport in Boston. (*That sounds scary to me now*). After a really enjoyable car meet we drove back to LaGuardia Airport in NYC to take the plane home, and, of course, saw the World Trade Center towers for the last time. Three months later they were gone.

My Germany "scouting" trip was FANTASTIC. I didn't know what to expect...and each day was filled with what I call...God Accidents...such as driving into Fraurombach, a small village of around 20 homes. In seeing no one on the streets, as this is now a satellite village to Fulda, we stopped and walked up to the town church which was on a hill. Finding the church door locked, we walked down the hill and ran into **Karen Altstadt**, who just happened to take off work a little early that day. She invited us into her home for coffee and cake. That is what I call a God Accident...and there were many more. Not only did we meet Karen, but I met 18 other Altstadts. 11 of whom Hermann had never met before. I hope everyone who can make it, will go to Germany with the tour in 2003. The fall color was just starting when I left on September 6. What I saw was a prelude to a wonderful time that we will have in just two more years.

Our 2-1/2 months in our RV traveling back east went wonderfully well. We headed up through Colorado, and saw the beautiful Aspens starting to turn yellow. Heading into Illinois we dropped in on "skinny" **Bill Alstott** in Joliet, IL. While there we visited with

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## The 2003 Altstadt/Allstädt Germany Tour Is Just Around the Corner...Don't be left out!

*Yours truly spent 2-weeks in Germany this summer as the guest of Hermann & Gundi Altstadt...we put over 3,000 km on his car checking out the 2003 tour sites and sights... read on and get excited about joining the tour in 2003!*

Upon my return from Germany, packed with great memories, photos, brochures and pamphlets, Phyllis and I met with Rev. Cecil Pottiger of Frederick, MD, a genealogy oriented tour agent who specializes in German ancestry tours (*see last years newsletter*). Cecil and I went over the itinerary that Hermann and I had driven over just a few weeks earlier. Cecil works with a Swiss tour company, who only offers specialized tours, so they know how to best suit our needs. Please understand that 95% of the tour will NOT be over the "tourist" trails. You will see Germany as the German Altstadts/Allstadts see it, with all its beautiful Schlosses (Castles), forests, countryside and churches and at the prettiest time of the year...and I know you will enjoy it as much as I did in August and September of this year.

During our 2-week jaunt through Germany, Hermann and I visited seven German States and rubbed shoulders with 19 Altstadt/Allstädt German cuzzins, seventeen of whom Hermann had never met in person. I found all the German Altstadt/Allstädt cuzzins to be very friendly and all are looking forward to our visit in 2003. In fact, those who go on the tour will meet many German cuzzins at **four dinners...at four different places...in four different states of Germany!** All of the German cuzzins we will dine with, will be related to a good number of our American tour participants. The German clan members that

Hermann and I met will be inviting many of their families to these dinners and I expect the American clan members who participate will meet in excess of 100 of their German cuzzins.

Also, the majority of German cuzzins under the age of 40 speak English, as they had around 6-years of English curriculum taught to them in school. So, language will not be a barrier to those

of us who have very little or no command of the German language. In fact, during the "free time" we share in the cities, you will even find English fluently spoken in most shops.



*Fritz Allstadt, Bad Homburg, (right) met Hermann (left) and I at the Dreieichenhain Castle. Both men speak fluent English*

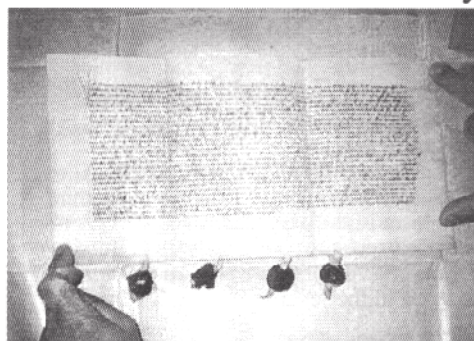
If you are unfamiliar with German food (*the NordSee buffet is great*), you will find "familiar" food at Burger King, McDonald's, Pizza Hut or KFC...they are located everywhere. Even though their menus are printed in German, the pictures of the food are the same as the menus in their "American" counterparts. As far as money is concerned...The Euro is now the common currency of Europe. ATM machines also speak "English" and are located everywhere AND they give you the best exchange rate for the buck! That means there is no need for you to take the more expensive-to-use travelers checks. Most stores take VISA or MasterCard. CNN gives you the latest tv news in English. That is good to know when you are in your room at night and find that your favorite American tv shows have been voiced over in German.

Let me give you a brief idea of what this tour will encompass: (*Note: ancestral immigrants to the U.S. are denoted in italic and parenthesis*)

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## Old 1416 Altstadt Documents viewed in Germany

While in Germany Hermann and I visited the large genealogical library in Aschaffenburg. The curator of the library showed us an index and said he would bring out any documents that used the Altstadt spelling (or any derivative). We found two references to a Hans Altstadt, who was a magistrate in Ascheffenburg between 1416 and 1426. The curator brought out two parchment documents, both documents had seals attached to the bottom (see photo). The document shown was about a legal dispute between Hans and a cousin who lived in Mainz, of all things. Hermann is checking this out as this is the first reference that the Altstadts lived in the Mainz area.





# The "A" Train Corner

Mike Alstott's 129 yards rushing and three TDs and the return of a formidable defense get the Bucs well in a hurry.



By RICK STROUD  
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TAMPA -- It was a home remedy that worked again Sunday for Tony Dungy and the Bucs.

You take aspirin for a headache. You take antacid for an upset stomach. You take an antihistamine for a stuffy nose.

And if you are the Bucs feeling lousy about a losing streak, take the Vikings and devour them at home. Facing falling even further behind in the NFC Central, the Bucs played a near-perfect game and pounded Minnesota 41-14. It was the fifth time in six seasons Dungy's team has beaten Minnesota at home.



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## BASEBALL: Alstot pitches Camarillo to playoff win

Pitcher strikes out 11 in 4-2 victory over Arroyo Grande.

By Rich Romine  
Star writer

Jim Alstot realized his Camarillo High baseball teammates were nervous in their CIF-Southern Section Division I playoff opener. Alstot (10-2) struck out 11 batters and scattered six hits as



Staff photo by Rob Varela

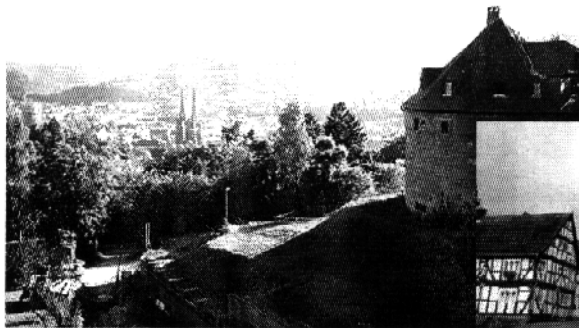
Camarillo (24-6) overcame its jitters with a 4-2 victory over visiting Arroyo Grande (16-9) Friday.

"Really, there was a lot of pressure," said Alstot, who has signed to play baseball at UC Irvine. "Our team was a little tense." Alstot got help in the first inning when Delmon Young hit a solo homer (his eighth). Davey Komatsu and Mark Cardella had RBI singles for Camarillo, the Pacific View League champion and the third-seeded team in the playoffs.

Camarillo coach Scott Cline wasn't thinking about pulling Alstot when Arroyo Grande threatened in the seventh inning. "I wasn't

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Looking down on Marburg from the castle at dawn

The current tour plan is for us to meet as a group at Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. It will be Lufthansa German Airlines' job to get us from our hometowns...to Dulles...at the proper time for us to board the plane that flies us to Germany.

Our Lufthansa plane will arrive in Frankfurt the next morning and there we meet "Elizabeth," our tour director. We will board our air-conditioned, full service touring coach and head north for lunch in Bad Homburg. Lunch will be attended by Fritz and Giesela Allstädt. After our time with the Allstäds, we will return to the Autobahn and drive to Marburg (Ancestral home of David Altstadt). Upon arrival at Marburg, we will visit



The Dom in Paderborn

ElisabethKirche (Elisabeth Church) (1235-83) (Elisabeth was the Mother Teresa of the 13th Century), then drive through the "Altstadt" (old historic part of town), and tour the Schloss (Castle) and gardens. We will spend the night in Marburg. On the second day of the tour, we depart Marburg and drive through scenic wooded areas and alongside modern windmills as we approach Paderborn (Ancestral home of Heinrich Altstadt). In Paderborn we will visit the 13th Century Dom/ Cloisters/Museum, and Rathaus, Paderquellgebiet Springs and Kaiserpalzen Royal Palaces. That afternoon we leave Paderborn and drive to Bad Hersfeld (near the Ancestral home of Joseph Georg Altstadt). We spend that night in Bad Hersfeld.



The Rathaus in Bad Hersfeld

The next morning we leave Bad Hersfeld and travel to Fraurombach. We will stop there for a coffee/tea break with Hans and Karen Altstadt.



We will also visit the freshly restored evangelical church, with its beautiful interior frescos, located on the hill just behind the Altstadt home. We then drive through Schlitz to Grossenlüder (Ancestral home of George and Francis Altstadt).

After a stop in Grossenlüder at the Catholic church and Rathaus for a rest break and short tour, we head to Fulda. At Fulda we will visit the Dom, St. Michaels church (built between 819 and 822) and the historical rooms in the City Palace. After lunch we travel east to Wasser-kuppe Summit (3,116 ft.) and catch a very scenic view of the Fulda River valley and hills. We continue driving to and through Weisenfeld (Ancestral home of Otto Altstadt) and on to Grossenbach (Ancestral home of Georg Altstadt). That afternoon, the priest of the Catholic church in Grossenbach will give us a tour of the church, in English. We may also be able to take a possible look at one of the early 18th century church books containing entries of some of the members of this Altstadt line. We leave Grossenbach in the late afternoon and head to Burghaun. At Burghaun we will stop at the Landgast-hof Zur Schmiede for dinner. We will be hosted by the Burghaun Altstadt clan headed by Karl and Irmgard Altstadt. This is our first scheduled dinner meeting with Altstadt cuzzins.

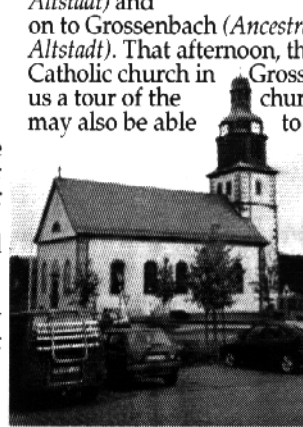


The village of Grossenlüder

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The Schloss at Fulda



The church in Grossenbach

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The Landgasthof in Burghaun

Below left: Jerry with Karen Altstadt, right; Hermann with Karl and Irmgard Altstadt and their family



**Wo einst die Kaiser  
thronen ...**



We'll enjoy a medieval banquet

After dinner we return to Bad Hersfeld for the night. This travel day might sound like an exhausting one, but coachwise, we will be traveling less than 100 miles.

On the fourth tour day we depart Bad Hersfeld and travel east through Saxon Anhalt which was formerly a part of East Germany to Allstedt Schloss (Castle). After arrival in Allstedt (Ancestral home of Johann Jakob Altstadt), in the early afternoon, we will

tour the medieval castle, museum, and grounds. That evening we will enjoy a festive Middle Ages Dinner with music at the *Allstedt Schloss*, arranged by **Hartmut and Ellen Allstädt**. Waiters and singers will all be dressed in 12th century style garb and will entertain us with a sumptuous meal and medieval music. This is our second scheduled evening with German Altstadt/Allstädt cuzzins joining us. That evening we will stay in the town of Querfurt, which is only a 15-minute drive from Allstedt Schloss.



Hartmut & Ellen Allstädt with Hermann Altstadt at Allstedt Castle in Saxony Anhalt

Querfurt sports an American sized "Walmart." Just seeing it should keep you from getting too homesick!

We leave Querfurt bright and early the next morning and travel to Bayreuth. At Bayreuth we will visit the



St. Lorenz Kirche in Nürnberg

Markgrafliches Opera Haus, Schlosskirche, and drive by Haus Wahnfried - Richard Wagner's home. We then drive to Gössweinsteinstop and visit the beautiful Gössweinsteinst Basilica. Returning to the motor coach, we continue to Erlangen, the home of the **Hermann and Gundi Altstadt** family. We will be treated to a

"Octoberfest" style dinner at the *Kosbacher Stadl*. This is the third scheduled meal for us to enjoy with German Altstadt cuzzins.

The next day we take a short 15-minute drive from Erlangen and enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Nürnberg. There we will visit the Schloss, Germanisches National Museum, the Albrecht Durer Haus, Sebalduskirche, Fraukirche, and St.Lorenz Kirche...and...they are all within short walking distance. If you prefer, you can shop all day or enjoy the sights and spend the afternoon in the "Altstadt" markets shopping. Shop at the unique store in the middle of the "Altstadt," it's called "Woolworth." Best of all, don't forget to pick up world famous Nürnberg cookies. You won't find them any other place. Evening dinner will be at the *Hans Polster Restaurant* (**Gundi**

Altstadt's brother's restaurant) in Erlangen.

Another day and we are off on the Autobahn to Rothenburg ob der Tauber (the German fairytale city). Most people you see here speak fluent English...as most are tourists! (We needed to stop in at least one "Tourist Trap" city).

Here you can walk up the staircases and around the city walls, visit the Rathaus and put your head into stocks at the Museum of Medieval Justice... besides shopping.

Later in the day we motor on to Angelbachtal/Michelfeld (Ancestral home of Heinrich Altstadt, the baker). We will arrive at Michelfeld and drive by two 19th century

Altstadt residences before stopping for the evening at our hotel, "the Michelfeld Schloss." Yes, we will stay in a REAL CASTLE! **Heinz and Gerhardt Weigel and Ute Altstadt** will dine with us in the *Schloss Restaurant* that evening as we enjoy our fourth Altstadt cuzzin encounter.

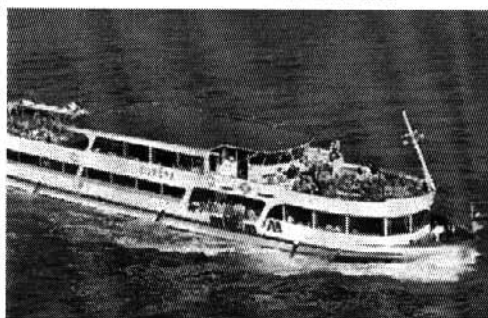
The next morning we will visit Altstadt grave sites in Michelfeld with the Weigels. After a morning break we leave for a full day in beautiful Heidelberg, which is a 20-minute drive to the north. There we will tour the "Altstadt" and Schloss and shop. Later in the day we will return to the Michelfeld Schloss for dinner and slumber.

The next day finds us back on the Autobahn driving west and crossing the Rhine River at Speyer, where we enter into German wine country. We motor through the Pfalz wine country to the walled city of Freinsheim (last German residence of Martin Altstadt). After arriving at Freinsheim, we will take a break and tour the walled "Altstadt" and walk by the old town blacksmith shop (now a home), where Martin Altstadt probably plied his trade in the 1720s. Still that morning we will leave Freinsheim and head toward St. Goar, where we will board a Rhine Cruise Ship for



The walled city of Freinsheim, in the wine country

The tour will also include a cruise on the Rhine River



at cruise up the Rhine River to Bingen. After disembarking from the boat at Bingen we will board the motor coach and continue to Heppenheim (Ancestral home of brother's Adam and Rhinehart Altstadt). There we will stroll through the "Altstadt" and walk the pedestrian shopping street nearby. We will

The "Altstadt" in Heppenheim



The Rathaus in Rothenburg

Darmstadt's Hessisches Landes Museum



have dinner and spend the ninth night in Heppenheim.

In the morning we will take the short journey from

Heppenheim to Darmstadt (Ancestral home of Christian Altstadt). In Darmstadt, we will tour Prinz Georg Palais und Garten and the Hessisches Landesmuseum. In the afternoon, we leave Darmstadt and travel 18 miles up to Dreieichenhain (Ancestral home of Caspar Altstadt). After a brief orientation on the Dreieichenhain Schloss grounds we reboard the motor coach and head to our hotel.



An Altstadt grave stone in Michelfeld

The next morning we will be treated to a 2-hour guided tour of Dreieichenhain given by an English speaking guide. After the tour will be a memorial service in the old Schloss church, where Caspar Altstadt's family wor-shipped, and a walk through the Dreieich Historical Museum.

Later, after lunch, we will leave Dreieichenhain for an afternoon tour of Frankfurt and visit the Romer, Dom and Goethe Haus along with, of course, more shopping.

The next day will be our last morning to

shop in Dreieich. This will be your last chance to shop in a German Walmart! After shopping



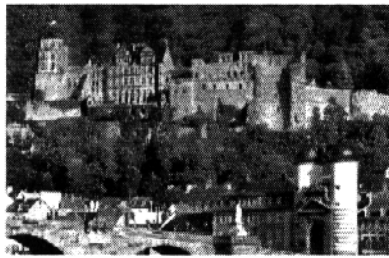
17th century houses inside Dreieichenhain

we will return to the hotel for packing. Later that day we will be transported to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight back home.

See next page for details...



# Let's go to Germany in 2003



Magnificent Heidelberg is one of our destinations

*You've read the tour highlights...now is your opportunity to join others in your family and clan and revisit the land of your ancestors. Many of the houses, castles and churches you will see and visit were old when your immigrant ancestor came to America!*

The length of the tour, will be between 12 to 14 days. The cost per person will be all inclusive, except for most lunches. All inclusive means that the price will include accommodations, all breakfasts, certain lunches and all dinners, all tips (including tips to the tour director and driver), all taxes, certain museum/castle/cruise/entrance fees and airfare from Dulles Airport to Frankfurt and the return flight to Dulles Airport (You will have to pay extra for the airfare to and from your hometown to Dulles Airport, but Lufthansa Airlines will coordinate this and their fares to get you to Dulles, as I understand it from Cecil, will be very competitive).

The overall tour cost is based on at least 35 persons actually participating in the tour. The per person cost will run approximately between \$2,800.00 and \$2,900.00, based on 2002 prices. If we have more than 35 participants, the cost will be lower. If we have fewer participants, the cost will be higher. So far, over 55 cuzzins have shown interest in the tour.

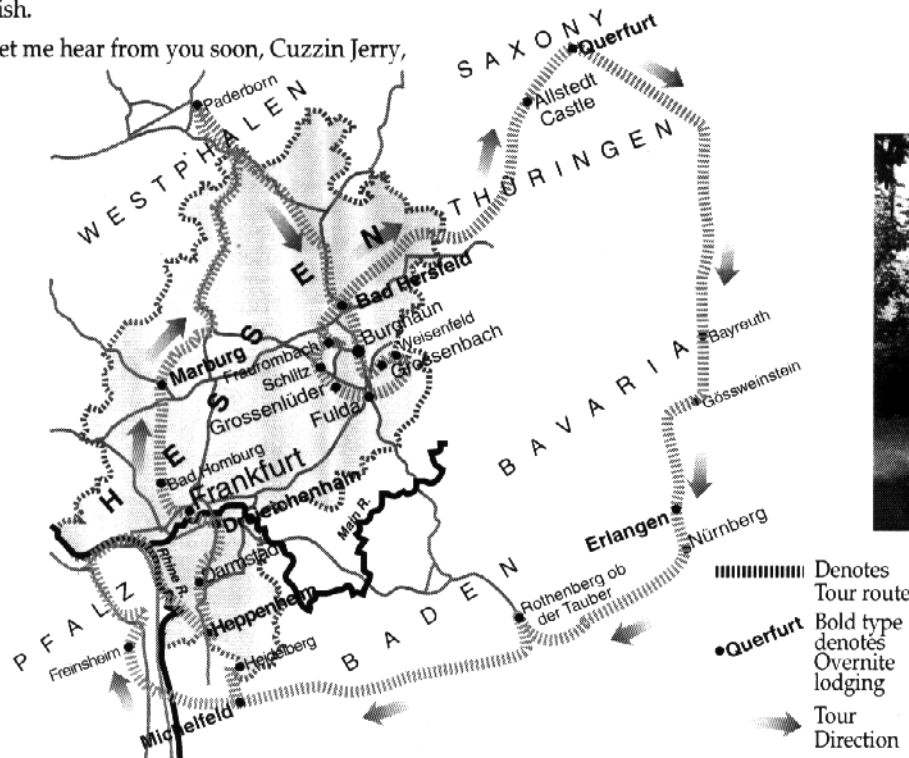
*If you enjoy this itinerary and are ready to commit to going on the tour, please fill out the inserted card and mail to me as quickly as possible with your \$200.00 deposit per person.*

#### NOTE:

For those of you who have asked about extending your stay in Europe, Lufthansa Airlines has told Cecil that they will grant an extra five day extension before you must travel home, at no extra cost, on the initial airfare price.

So don't delay! Please write out your check for \$200.00 for each person's deposit. There is only room for 45 people on the Motor Coach. Again I say, don't delay. As soon as I have 45 persons lined up, we will try to book the trip in order to get the best price. And as you know, the travel industry right now is really hurting so we can't wait or these good prices may soon vanish.

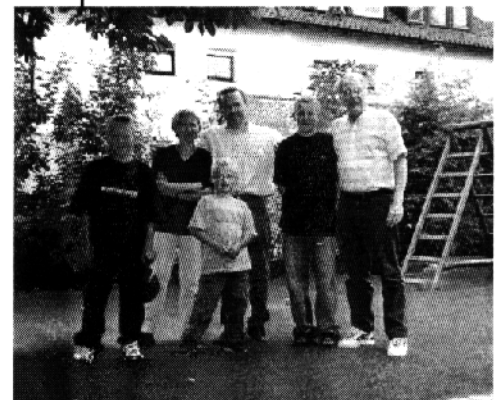
Let me hear from you soon, Cuzzin Jerry,



*Simply fill out the enclosed card and send it to Jerry Allstott today!*

*I know you will really enjoy this nostalgic opportunity to ACTUALLY visit the hometown of your German immigrant Altstadt/Allstadt/Alstadt/Allstädt ancestor.*

*Possibly never again will airfare rates will be this competitive... or tour companies be able to offer a specialized tour for this low a cost!*



The Hermann Altstadt family, Hermann, Gundi, Mattias, Tobias and Alex say, "Come enjoy German hospitality in 2003! We are looking forward to seeing you!"

# The A/A/A Clans Website is Up and Running and full of stuff from Family Charts to Reunion Information and

John Altstatt, our web "master" has put a lot of time and effort into giving us a professional clan site that we can all be proud of. Just open <www.altstatt.org> and everything you want to know about our various clans will be at your fingertips. We even have and Allstädt

site connecting us to some of our German cousins. Since the complete website was up and running this summer, we have been found by at least nine Altstatt-Alstott cuzzins who have brought their various lines up to date. Thanks to all who have updated their

charts over the last year. Don't stop now, as births, marriages and deaths occur, please contact John Altstatt at <jea@altstatt.org> or myself, Jerry Allstott at <jandpallstott@yahoo.com>. In the meantime we hope you enjoy the updated website.

**Family Charts**  
The Alistadt/Altstadt/Altstatt Clans

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Links to Other Websites

**GUTEN TAG!**  
Starting with the average date of Johann Martin Altstatt, in 1726, through the average date of Albert Altstatt, in 1956, this site traces thirteen generations of the 27 Immigrant Altstatt/Altstadt/Altstott families only in America, their descendants, and includes images of many of their present day German cousins.

**Webbs and E-mail**

**Enter other websites where you can track other Allstadt/Altstadt/Alstott information**

**Here's how the website works. Just type in www.altstatt.org and the opening page appears in Netscape or Explorer**

**Then click on a topic**

**You have entered the website of th Alistadt/Altstadt/Altstatt Clans**

**The Chart area traces the 27 immigrants to America and their German cousins lines**

**See photos and brief writeups on our past Reunions and read about the 2003 tour and 2004 Reunion**

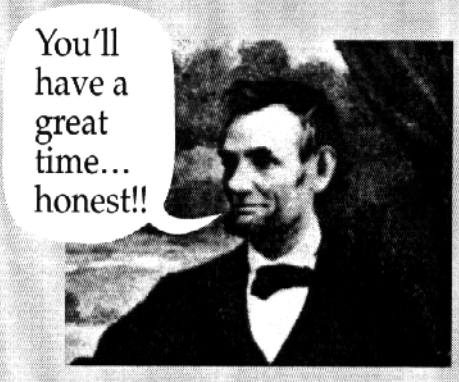
**We will have quarterly news updates starting in 2002**

**Send in your corrections and changes because we will be continually updating the site!**

**Photo pages planned for 2002!**

## Come 2004, The DuQuoin Fairgrounds will be the place to be!

**July 2 - 4, 2004 with fireworks... Start Making Plans for Our Next Reunion in the Land of Lincoln!**



You'll have a great time... honest!!

All the Alstat Clan are excited about the opportunity to host the 4th National Allstadt/Altstadt/Altstatt Reunion in DuQuoin, Illinois. Even "Honest Abe" will be there! So make your plans to be there today! All the fun will be reported in next years Newsletter.

# Cuzzin' Contact...

Dear Jerry,

This October, Anita's mother suddenly died. She had just recovered from hip surgery and appeared to be good for another 100,000 miles when she suffered a major heart attack and was gone. Even though she was 86, and expiring like she did was a much better way to exit, it was still a shock and distressful to the rest of us in any case.

On a happier note Jason and Michelle (pg.516) are expecting their second child sometime next summer. They are running out of room in their condominium and are starting to look around at the housing market.

Speaking of housing Anita continues to be busy in Real Estate. In spite of taking some time off to travel several times this year she had her best year yet. Her grandkids think her success is a pretty good deal too! Anita and I are healthy and fighting the daily race between the calendar and the bathroom scale.

Seasons greetings from Anita and Mike Gray, Glendale, CA, pg.516

Dear Jerry,

Things are about the same here. Several marriages and a few new babies.

My sister, Helen Hoover, (pg.482) turned 95 and she is still in good health.

I have had a bad year and my arm (broken on July 17, 2000) will not heal so I will be wearing a cast the rest of my life.

My daughter Joan and her family moved to Maryland after seven years in Hawaii. Closer to home...only one draw back, they can't seem to get warm in this climate!

Tom Aldstadt acquired some very interesting information about the Aldstadts when he was stationed in Germany and we found a few interesting facts about them here in the states. According to his information our family must have had a very colorful past, including living with the indians for a few years. Our generation has some indian blood in our veins.

Regards, Millie Larson, Lanse, PA, pg. 482

Dear Jerry,

My daughter, Mary Jean Virden (pg.29) and her husband are talking of going on the Alstadt Tour. I see Darmstadt is on your agenda. that's where Adam Alstadt came from. Aunt Katie says he was a Lutheran.

God bless you, Mabel Dudgeon, Oakland City, IN, pg. 29



Bill and Melissa Alstott, Jr.'s wedding party. Left to right, Annette Hiller, Alexandra Hiller, Melissa, William Logan Alstott, Jr., William Logan Alstott, III, Igy, Sam, Bill Hiller, Bob Alstott and Steven Welch

Dear Jerry,

I am sending an update on our family. My dear husband of 63 years passed away on Dec. 18,2000. I spent almost every day with him and stayed at my son and daughter-in-law's at night. He was alert, but just couldn't walk. On the day before he passed away, we read your newsletter and he said the trip to Germany would be a really nice trip for someone "young." He knew we were too old.

It has been lonesome, but I stay busy. Best wishes, Dorothy Alstadt, Rector, AR, pg. 75

Dear Jerry,

I thought I would send along some photos of what's going on with some of the Allstott's up in Oregon. We are quite proud of Tara Burnside (pg. 300) as she was the Happy



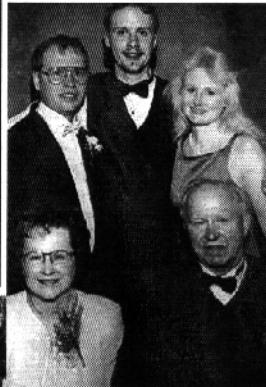
Cuzzin Pat Kennedy, Medford, OR, Pg. 295

Canyon Princess at the 2001 Pendleton Roundup. John Wilcox, my cousin, provided the court with beautifully crafted horse halters. Dorothy Allstott Jackson, (pg. 308) enjoyed playing a leprechaun at Heppner's annual St. Patrick's day celebration.

Happy holidays,

### "Hand Delivery"

Bill and Shirley Alstott gave us these photos of Bill Jr's wedding while on our visit with then last October. The wedding took place on June 30, 2001 in Shorewood, IL.



All dressed up for the big event, left to right: Shirley, William Logan, Jr., Robbert, Annette and William Logan Alstott, Sr.

Bill and Shirley Alstott, Shorewood, IL, pg. 440

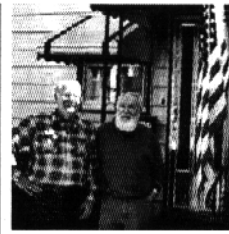
Dear Jerry,

I have found some items relating to various Alstadt spellings. I have translated shields and crests and am working at drawing them out and looking up the meaning of some of the symbols.

I find it very fascinating.

I tracked this information from the Map Quest site. Allstedt is a town and castle located up by Halle. Alstaden, Alstädten, Alstätte, Alstätten, and Alstedde relate to Nord Rhein Westfalen,

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"Skinny" Bill and I in Joliet

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**Hubert Alstott**, of Joliet, grandfather of Tampa Bay's **Mike and Nichole Alstott**, **Bill and Shirley Alstott**, **Jim and Kathie Alstott** and **Mary Jane and Warren Rolando** of Plainfield, IL.

From Illinois, we headed up to Niagara Falls and through the mountains of lower New York state and into New England. We cut up through Connecticut,

into Massachusetts and motored up to Brunswick, Maine to visit **Gordon and Ruth Fraser**.

Gordon had a stroke earlier in the year, and we were glad to visit with he and Ruth a few weeks before he passed on. Ruth treated us to fresh Maine lobster and steamers at one of the local pier restaurants. And what a treat it was.

Then it was on to Vermont and New Hampshire for the glorious brilliant leaves of fall. Our first time to see them, but I know we will be back.



Phyllis and I enjoyed lobster with Ruth



Cecil and I poured over pamphlets and brochures about Germany

Another car meet at Hershey, PA and then we sailed down to visit with Cecil Pottiger in Frederick, MD. Cecil is the person who is setting up our tour, and doing all the grunt work to be sure we are well fed and sleep well on the trip. I gave him a ton of brochures and notes on places that Hermann and I checked out. He was pleased that we had done so much homework as it took a lot off of his shoulders. But I wanted to be sure that what we saw in 2003 would have great meaning to those who were able to participate.

After meeting with Cecil, we were off to Georgia to visit our daughter's family, then off to Houston to visit our son's family and my sister, **Mary Ruth Cooper**. There's something about grandkids that really fills me with joy. But I will be glad when the younger ones, Emma, 18 months, and Ben, 13 months...get past the diaper stage.

We were a few day back home before dropping up to see **John and Dee Talor** and their new home in Bakersfield...now, for a while we are back home...looking forward to the fun and frolic of 2002. Come see us!



## Melvyn Alstadt, Pg. 75

Melvyn Alstadt, a retired Rector, AR, businessman who owned Alstadt Farm and Town Market here for 23 years, died Monday, Dec. 18, in Jonesboro, AR at age 83. He also had served on the Clay Co. Quorum Court as a justice of the peace. A World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, he was born Feb. 8, 1917, in Rector. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Bryan and Sue Ahlf Alstadt, and a grandson, Cody Alstadt.



Melvyn Alstadt

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Jeanette Alstadt of Jonesboro and Bill and LaDonna Alstadt of Piggott; one daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Larry Cassidy of Fenton, Mo.; 7 grandchildren, John and Brian Cassidy, Jennifer Hagan, Cyndee Manchester, Christina Shaw, Anthony and Jonathan Pickering, and one great-grandchild, Kane Hagan.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wed., Dec. 20, 2000 at Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel in Rector with Rev. Jimmy Anderson and James McKeel officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Heights Cemetery in Rector with Mitchell Funeral Home of Rector in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers are Bill Thomas, Mark Thomas, Brad Thomas, Melvin Crockett, Don Mosley and Alva Lee Thomas. Honorary pallbearers are Dale Smith, Richard Simmons, Ott Thomas, L.N. Gilbert, J.W. Bookout and Elvis Rodgers.

## Gordon A. Fraser, Pg. 201

Passed away on November 17, 2001

The service went just fine, and there were about 75 that attended the graveside service. We had Gordon's cousin sing and play his 12 string guitar singing "How Great Thou Art"...It is Well with My Soul...and When we all get to Heaven...and we all sang right out and the music carried well across the cemetery and the forest behind...We had our favorite preacher, Harold Duff, who was the ex-president of Glen Cove Christian Schools for years and years. He gave Ps. 23 and the 103rd...and John 14:1-6...He gave a salvation message which we requested for some of the folks were not Christians.

We had only our flowers in front of the vault/urn which said Husband on the ribbon...the kids got this big beautiful arrangement with a ribbon that said Father...Megan and Ethan bought a red roses (doz.) heart shape design backed with greenery all around it with baby's breath. Heather and Cody brought a spray of real pretty flowers, too which both had "Grandpa" on the big ribbon flowing from them. It was all so beautiful in the red, white, and green colors, and it looked real woodsy.

Howie, our nephew from next door, drove all the way here from Syracuse, NY. We were very touched by the number of folks attended.

Yes, I will miss my best friend, but he is so much better off than we are, and when the nurse said to him on the last day she was here and he was coherent...Gordon, you will soon be passing through those pearly gates! A big smile came across his face and all he could say was:

"Yessssssssss!!!"

We released him, and said: "There he goes!" and all of his parents, grandparents, and other relatives and friends in heaven said: "And here he comes!!!" It was precious to have lived with him for close to 53 years. God has been so good and gracious to us, and I praise Him for that!

Flying Solo now, with Love,  
Ruthie Fraser

## Ronnie Joe Altstatt, Pg. 272

D-9 Master Chief, 60, passed away on December 12, 2000. Born in Dustin, Oklahoma, he has resided in Orange Park, FL, for the last 38 years. He served in the U. S. Navy and retired after 30 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Anne Peavy Altstatt: 3 sons, David Luke (Toni), Joe Altstatt (Krystal), and Sam Altstatt (Nicole); daughter, Sandra Hansen (James); brother, Paul Altstatt; sister, Rebecca Bogard (Joe); 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. A Funeral Service with full military honors will be held at 11 AM Friday, December 15, 2000, at Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd. Middleburg, Pastor Tom Croff will officiate. Interment will follow at Black Creek Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8pm. Thursday at the Funeral Home.

## Kelley J. Altstatt, Pg. 248

BERRYVILLE, AR - Kelley Joseph Altstatt, 18, of Berryville died Feb. 3, 2001, at Clifty, AR. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Faith Southern Baptist Church in Huntsville with the Rev. Leslie Elam and Gary Faulkner officiating. Burial will be in the Moore Cemetery near Berryville under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home of Huntsville. Pallbearers will be Daniel Combs, Lenney Stewart, John Mueller, Josh White, Travis Smith and Jay Davidson.

## Lee Edward Alstott, Pg. 202

Lee Edward Alstott, 59, of Howell, died April 20, 2001, at home. He was born of Feb. 17, 1942, in Howell, the son of Webster N. and Edith Frances (Voorheis) Alstott.

He married Catherine M. Foldenauer in Howell on Oct. 16, 1965; she survives. He is preceded in death by his sister June Bloetscher.

Mr. Alstott was a lifetime resident and graduated in 1960 from Howell High School. He attended Michigan State University. He was a buyer for Alpha Technology. He was also a lifetime member of NRA; member of Howell Elks Lodge; member of National Guard; Partner in Venture Corner Party Store-30 years; member of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Catherine: one son, Darin (Paula Duncan) Alstott of Naperville, Ill.; one daughter, Lisa (Jeffrey) Blakesley of Canton; four grandchildren, Zachary, Courtney, Autumn and Noah; two brothers. Guy Alstott of Howell and John Alstott of Howell.

Visitation will be today at 1-8 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home. Rosary Sunday 7 p.m.

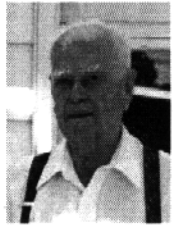
Funeral mass will be April 23 at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Fr. Gregg Pleiness of St. Augustine Catholic officiating.

Burial will be at St. John Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Livingston Community Hospice or Livingston Catholic Social Services.

## Calvin Talhelm Now Plays His Golf Game in Heaven

I would like to inform you that Calvin Talhelm (pg.461), of Ewart, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2000.

He will be sadly missed by his entire family. He was 94 years old.



Valerie Talhelm

## Dave Bowen, Pg. 361

McKinney, TX - David M. Bowen, 73, succumbed to cancer on December 10, 2001, at McKinney. Born in Arkansas, one daughter, Brenda Bowen Gullett, serves in the Arkansas Legislature. He was a retiree of The Texas Company (Texaco).

Surviving are his wife, Estelle, three daughters, Brenda (Dr. Robert) Gullett, Nancy (Kevin) Groves and LeAnn (Darell) Monger, 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

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Altstadt in Baden-Wurtemberg, Saarland, Bayern, Rheinland Pfalz and Sachsen. Altstäden in Bayern, Altstädter in Nord Rhein Westfalen, and Altstetten in Bayern. I found Altstadt towns in the Czech Republic.

Sincerely, Elvira Howe,  
Saskatoon, Sask., pg. 541

Dear Jerry,

We are doing well and keeping busy here: Our family trip this year was back in June, to the Salt Lake City area in Utah. That will be the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Valerie is now in 6th grade. She still plays the violin. Jason is fifteen and in 9th grade. He rode a wheeled bobsled down the actual Olympic track in Utah, reaching 60 MPH. Shortly after vacation, Jason broke his right leg in two places playing laser tag in our yard. Stephanie continues as homemaker and works on her church committee again this year. I'm still keeping busy at Bloom Engineering, currently working on a three-furnace regenerative burner upgrade for a DaimlerChrysler plant in Toronto.

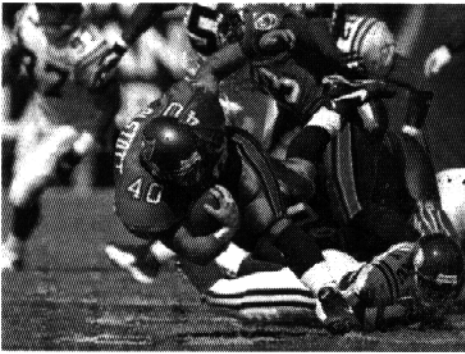
Holiday Wishes from Richard & Stephanie Alstadt

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Santa Claus (John Padberg (pg. 298), Hermiston, the son of Archie and Jeanette Padberg, Heppner, looking very much like the 'real deal') drew a horde of tiny admirers at his Heppner debut at the Artifactory held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Nov. 17. The annual craft fair, sponsored by the Willow Creek Service Club, heralds the holiday season to the area.

Heppner, OR Gazette/Times, Wed., November 21, 2001



(It lost 10-6 in 1997.) and their most complete victory of the season.

The Bucs' dormant running game, ranked 30th entering Sunday, pulverized the Vikings behind Mike Alstott, who rushed for 129 yards and tied a team record with three touchdowns.

Quarterback Brad Johnson passed for 214 yards and two scores but received his loudest ovation and took a bow for a pass he didn't complete -- a deep ball to Reidel Anthony.

Dungy was awarded the game ball by his players following the rout.

The Bucs did. The Vikings' first seven possessions included five three-and-outs, a one-play drive that ended the first half and an interception. At halftime, Tampa Bay held a 20-0 advantage in first downs, a 22:47 to 7:13 margin in time of possession and a 297-44 edge in total yards.

Alstott, starting at tailback for the injured Warrick Dunn, took over the game, scoring on runs of 3 and 6 yards in the first half and 10 yards in the third quarter.

He tied the team record for touchdowns in a game set by himself on Dec. 27, 1998, against Cincinnati, Dunn on Dec. 18, 2000, against St. Louis and Reggie Cobb on Nov. 20, 1991, against Detroit. "It looked like by the third series their defense had quit for them," Keyshawn Johnson said. "At that point, we knew that. 'Those guys didn't really want to tackle (Alstott) after a couple times of running into him. It was kind of like, 'Nah, we don't want any part of that.' Once you sense that, you just kind of know they're in for a pretty good butt-kicking."

Even when the Vikings knew what was coming, they couldn't stop it. A screen pass that Stecker took 35 yards for a touchdown was detected by the Vikings before the snap.

So once again, when they had one foot in the coffin, the Bucs remain alive entering an NFC Central showdown at Green Bay on Sunday. Sometimes, you have to swallow hard and take your medicine.

Fullback Mike Alstott enters his fourth year hosting youth from various nonprofit organizations from Pinellas and Hillsborough counties at each Buccaneers home game as part of "Alstott's Army". Children from several Bay area charities, including Brookwood, All Children's Hospital, Joshua House and Hope House, get the opportunity to earn tickets to attend the game as Mike's guests. You'll find "Alstott's Army" located in the south end zone.

## The first Generations of the Allstädt (Allstedt) founders of Allstedt Castle as researched by Hermann Altstadt



Stammtafel der Herren von Gleißberg und Allstedt

**Heinrich**,

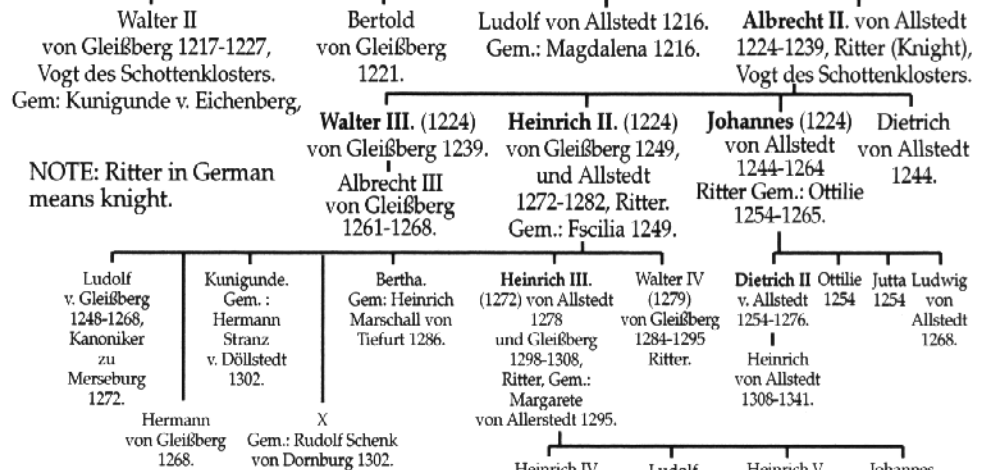
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von Weimar. 1182,  
von Gleißberg (1186--1100).

**Albrecht I**  
von Allstedt,  
Vogt des Kl. Kaltenborn 1179.



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thinking about pulling -' him -- it was his game. He had thrown only 88 pitches going into the seventh inning.

"That's what I expected. His fastball was dominant. He was throwing strikes," Cline said. "My fastball felt good," said the Camarillo pitcher.

Alstot struck out five of the first seven batters, but did surrender a second-inning homer to Shaun Mosley. Alstot has more than 100 strikeouts this season.

"Hopefully, he's not done yet," Cline said. Alstot had won 26 decisions without a loss in his Camarillo career before he lost early in the season to Hart by one run and then to Lakewood in relief.

Alstot won his second playoff game. A year ago, he defeated Bishop Amat in the second round.

Camarillo lost in the quarterfinals last season to Long Beach Wilson, but the Scorpions have enjoyed 24 victories for the second straight year.

Ventura County Star, Saturday, May 19, 2001

The next generations of this noble Allstedt line continually used the spelling Gleißberg from the 14th century forward

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