

Weidelsburg Schloss - Early Roots for the Hessen lines of the Alahstat/Altstadt Clans

I found an important document about a further "revolutionary" meaning of the surname "Altstadt" and its variances and maybe a further root of (von) Alstet (Alsted, Aldenstad...) linked to Aschaffenburg, Mainz, and Central Hessia with Burghaun... and so on.

"Alt..." no longer means old!!! "Alt..." or in "althochdeutsch" (Old High German; OHG) is "alah..." or in "mittelhochdeutsch" (Middle High German; MHG) is "ale..." and gotisch (Gothic) is "alhs..."

Thus, **Alahstat** means Aldenstede-Alstet-Alstet-Altenstadt-Altenstadt...

Nowadays, the city of Altenstadt, close to Naumburg and Kassel in Hesse, was called **Alahstat** in the former times and changed the name in the history several times.

And the castle of Altenstadt -these days, they call it Weidelsburg- was the 'Alstet'-Castle. And the first earl of Alstet was Meginfried, see chart at the right, with the 'Stammtafel der Grafen von Naumburg'.

Alahstat was a heathenish (sacrifice) place!!!

About the "new" meaning of 'Alt...' you can find some further information on the internet at <http://www.midhnottsol.org/lore/grimmst/index.html>

Take this link...click here to visit this section at the new site. Then take Chapter 4 'Temples' and you can read that...four or five centuries after Ulphilas, to the tribes of Upper Germany their word "alah" must have had an old-fashioned heathenish sound, but we know it was still there, preserved in composition with proper names of places and persons such as: Alaholf, Alahat, Alahhilt, Alahgund, Alahrüt; **Alahstat** in pago Hassorum (AD. 834), Schannat trad. fuld. no 404. Alahdorp in Mulshgöwe (AD 856A), ibid. no. 476.

The name **Alahstat** may have been born by places where a heathen temple, a hallowed place of justice, or a house of the king stood. For, not only the fanum, but the folk-mote, and the royal residence were regarded as consecrated, or, in the language of the Middle Ages, as frōno (set apart to the frō, lord). Alstidi, a king's pfalz (palatium) in Thuringia often mentioned in Dietmar of Merseburg, was in OHG. alahsteti, nom. "alahstat."

Isn't it amazing???

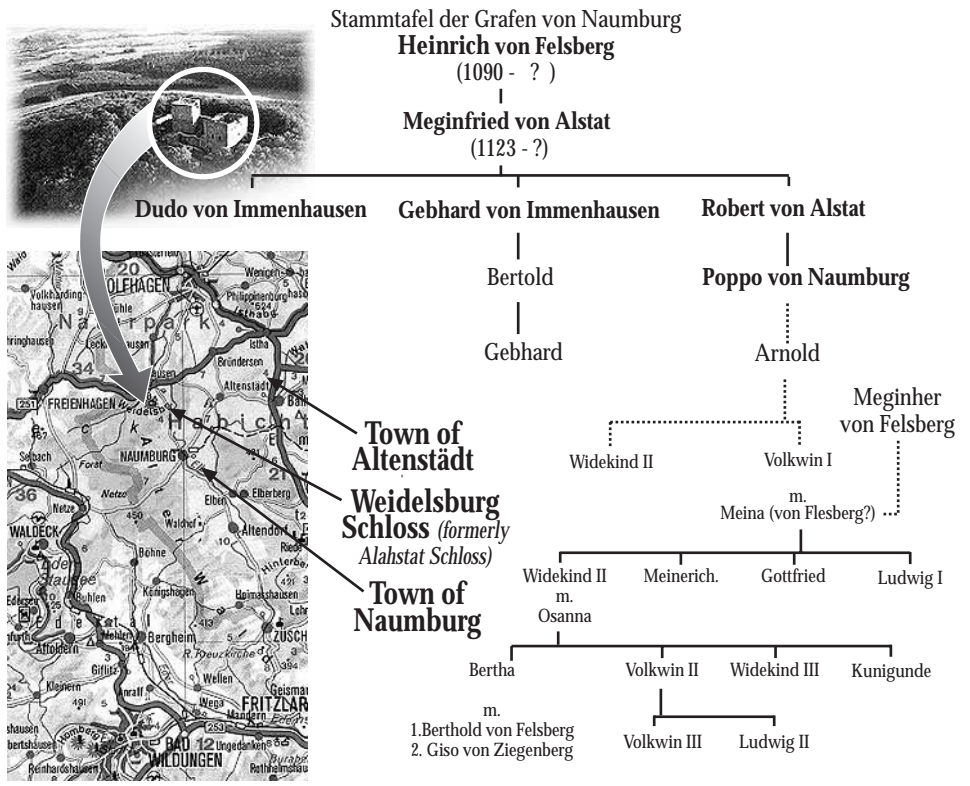
Editor's note: Alahstat, Altenstadt, Altstadt... a progression of the clans name since the 9th century - and we wonder about the 13 spellings of the American descendants of Martin Altstadt, which have occurred over just the last 270 years.

Hello friends in the USA. Shown is my latest find. Here you can see a bottle of German Schnapps (corn) with 32 % volume of alcohol called "Altstädter Korn."



All the best to you and hopefully you will see us in 2003, and you can try some Altstädter Korn. Regards, Jörg Allstädt, Bremen, Germany

The early generations of the Alstet line who were based around Altenstadt, Hessen, as researched by Hermann Altstadt



Nebraska's Big Offensive Guard at the 2001 Rose Bowl was #64, Steve Altstadt



Steve Altstadt, #64, offensive guard, 6'-5", 289lbs, Senior from Fort Calhoun, NE, played in every game in 1999 as Russ Hochstein's backup at right guard and as a member of the Husker PAT and field goal units. He recorded seven pancakes on the year, with a season-best four vs. Iowa. Altstadt did not play in 1998 and redshirted in 1997, his first year as a scholarship athlete. He was the first Fort Calhoun prepster to sign a national letter of intent for football with Nebraska, earning all-state honors on both the offensive and defensive lines. The son of Steve and Delores Altstadt, (pg.91) Steve was born on Nov. 29, 1978.

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