

NEWSLETTER

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2002...How can a year pass so quickly? And now it's time to wish you Holiday Greetings!

Phyllis and I decided early in the year to stay closer to home and recover from a busy 2001. But we found that to be impossible again!

In mid-February, Phyllis' folks moved to a retirement community up in Santa Barbara, CA, so we were on hand to help load up for the 2-hour journey from their home to their new apartment, in the "independent living" area, a really beautiful place.

In less than two weeks, Phyllis' mom had a stroke which eventually led to her homegoing in August.

Previous to their move, Phyllis and I had made plans to attend the Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow National Meet in Kansas City, MO, the first week of June. Phyllis' mom's side of the family was from the KC area, so we got to visit five of her Kansas kin and go to the old cemetery where her great grandparents are buried.

A week after returning from KC, we joined 17 other fellow church members for a *Greater European Mission*-sponsored work trip to Camp Bradatel in the Transylvanian Mountains of Romania. We enjoyed the beauty of the mountains and rivers while painting, tiling, grouting, and sewing along with other projects. After two weeks of, what I call, Romania's answer to TV's "Survivor" series, Phyllis and I toured Austria (Vienna, Salzburg,



Al & Jerry Allstott...our gr-gr-grandfather's families lost touch 120 years ago. Al lives in Klamath Falls, OR

Innsbruck) for a week of "R'nR."

After arriving back home we had one short week to relax (ho, ho) and then our kids and grand- kids came out from Texas and Georgia for a week

at the first of August. A household of ten including two 2-year olds. It was heaven for

grandpa and gran Grace!

We polished off the year by adding 2,450 miles to the RV with a trip up to see friends and family in the Sacramento, and

Jerry and Phyllis Allstott with Pat and f Marvin Kennedy in Medford, OR S Chico CA areas: Klamath Fal

Chico, CA areas; Klamath Falls; Medford, Portland, OR; and Las Vegas, NV.

Ah, retirement, what a great way to kill yourself...ah la go, go, go!

Next year it's lightweight - - only the 2003 Altstadt Germany Tour! Which in terms of time, will only too soon be here!

Final Plans are shaped up for the Altstadt/Allstätt Germany Tour...September 13-25, 2003

Our Swiss tour guide has gone over our itinerary and assures me that Germany is ready for the U.S. clans!

We are approaching 9-months and counting down...in preparation for the 2003 Germany Tour and...I hope you are just as excited about the trip now as I was last year in visiting the Altstadt Germany hometown sites.

Cecil Pottieger, of Frederich, MD, our travel consultant, who organizes genealogical "German homeland" tours works hand in hand with Elizabeth Lutz of Kuoni Tours, Zurich, Switzerland. Elizabeth, our actual tour guide, has taken my projected itinerary on our Allstädt/Altstadt tour and brought it to reality! The itinerary that follows shows the dates of the tour and places we will actually visit.

But...before we get to the itinerary, I want to answer some very important questions that members of our clan have asked in relation to the safety of this tour and other general items.

In view of the terrorism going on in the world and USA today, I feel that time spent this tour could be safer than staying at home.

How safe is Europe? Phyllis and I participated in a church work project in Romania in the summer of 2002 and this is what we learned and can apply to the Germany tour.

If you wish to accompany us to Germany, I know you are very interested in what we found in the realm of:

- 1. SECURITY
- 2. CURRENCY
- **3. FOOD**
- 4. LANGUAGE

1. SECURITY: Since 9-11, security is the word at ALL the world's airports. For example, not only were Phyllis and I "full body searched" and "wanded" *WITH* shoe removal for scanning at Los Angeles (LAX), but were also full body searched and removed our shoes for inspection at Washington D.C (Dulles) and at the airport

Continued on page 2 photos by Daniela Bolz Weidelsburg Schloss ruins, (formerly Alahstat Schloss in the 9th century) were probably home to the earliest known Altstadt lines in Hessen... that's a new find by Hermann Altstadt Reference B A Romania Manual M just this year... and it's on the tour route. Read more about Hermann's "Alahstat find on page 8. Direction

The "A" Train Corner

Week 6: Mike Alstott rumbled for 126 yards and two touchdowns as





Left: Alstott stormed for two touchdowns against the Vikes on November 3rd

BUCCAMEERS

TAMPA -- Highly offensive

Bucs fans must be wondering where the offense has been all season. Brad Johnson threw for 313 yards and a career-high five TDs, as the Bucs took the form of an offensive machine during a 38-24 victory over the Vikings on Sunday.

Keyshawn Johnson had a season-high nine receptions for 133 yards and two TDs. Karl Williams, Rickey Ďudley and Mike Alstott, pg. 438, also had touchdown catches for the Bucs (7-2), who matched the best nine-game start in team history. "We're moving in the right direction," said Keyshawn Johnson. "This was a big step. ... What's important now is we keep moving and get better and better."

BASEBALL: Alstot Brothers Enjoying College Ball

Andy Alstot, pg. 368, tosses strikes for Azusa Pacific University while younger brother Jimmy takes the mound at UC Irvine...both are headed for the big leagues!

IRVINE, Calif. - Chris Miller and Jaime Martinez hit back-to-back RBI singles as part of a fourrun fifth Tuesday and the UC Irvine Anteaters defeated the USC Trojans, 5-3, at Anteater Ballpark. It was the first-ever meeting between UCI head coach John Savage and USC head coach Mike Gillespie. Savage served as an assistant coach under Gillespie at USC.

UCI improves to 12-10 on the season while USC falls to 6-8 overall. The Trojans have lost three straight games.

The first five Anteater batters reached base safely in the fifth. B.J. Eucce led off with a walk as Jordan Szabo and Matt Anderson followed with back-to-back singles. All 11 UCI hits were singles.

ŬCI's Keith Raulinaitis and Jimmy Alstot combined to retire the last nine Trojan batters to protect the win as Alstot recorded the save, his first of the season, with a perfect inning in the ninth inning.

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at Vienna on the way to Romania. Luckily I had worn socks with no holes, but I was amazed at how thorough the search teams were, especially since our light colored hair and blue eyes looked nothing like we had "near east" ancestry. Tight airport security will likely continue when we take off to Germany, especially since we meet at Washington's Dulles Airport for the trip to Frankfurt.

2. CURRENCY: The Euro is the currency in Germany. The Euro (E) and Dollar (S) are currently traded for around the same amount - 99¢ - §1.00 US, which will make it very easy to know the exact price of what is bought in Germany. Euro denominations are: 1 cent, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, 1 Euro, 2 Euro coinage and £5, £10, £20, £50 and £100 in bills - each bill is a different size, unlike U.S. dollars. In addition, European ATM machines use English and their exchange rate is excellent. Exchange desks at U.S. airports sell Euros but are expensive to trade at unless you like throwing away money. The tour will allow ample time at the Frankfurt Airport for our participants to obtain Euros with their ATM card. Traveler's Checks are basically a thing of the past and one of the more expensive ways to change money in Europe. ATM machines work after the banks close. VISA and Master Charge are used all over Europe for most purchases, but Discover Card is unknown.

3. FOOD: *My favorite subject.* Yes, McDonald's is in Germany (and, as in the US, the European kid's favorite restaurant) - But at the McDonald's in Austria, we found specialty dishes such as a really good tuna salad for £1.95, chef's salad for £2.80 and vanilla ice cream for 70¢ a cone. (I am not big on McDonald's burgers - but these other choices were relatively inexpensive and delicious). The Big Mac in Austria was £2.50, for those interested. Austria and Germany menu's should be about the same price-wise, Coke's, shakes and fries tasted the same as their U.S. versions.

A big treat were the pork ribs at Pizza Hut (which have outlets all over Germany) - a real surprise and great taste at £7.90, which included a small salad and home cut fries. Of course Pizza Hut has pizza at around £2.00 a slice. They also had a very good salad bar for £3.50, small, to £4.50, large. We didn't see KFC in Austria, but I did see KFC in Germany last year.

A European fast food place that Phyllis

and I liked was the NordSee Seafood Restaurant. The food was very good served cafeteria style. They had everything from fish and chips at £2.99, to salads from £5.80 to £6.50, to full meals from £7.50. Our walking route in Paderborn and Bad Hersfeld carries us by NordSee Restaurants.

Large grocery outlets, just like in America, usually have delicatessen's for "sub" type sandwiches, chips, desserts and soda's. Ålso, there are an abundance of sandwich shops, cafes and butcher shops that have sandwiches at lunchtime. Cokes sell for 75¢ at the grocery, and usually £1.80 - £2.00 at a "sit down" eatery.

Taxes are included in all purchases made *in Europe.* No added tax to the bill. The price you see is what you pay - A Coke purchased for £2.00 is £2.00 total, and no bottle deposit. I like that!

4. LANGUAGE: Most German's, under the age of 40, took at least 6-years of English in school. What they know is "technical" English, and not much slang - although they have picked up some slang from Clint Eastwood movies. Words like "Danke" thank you, "Bitte" - please, "Morgan" - (Good) morning - make Germans feel you are wanting to communicate with them and is very appreciated.

So...I hope the above has been somewhat helpful - now let's get down to the knitty-gritty of the tour itself.

Cecil Pottieger, our travel consultant, has been working with airline fares and has gotten us a really good price of \$880.00 round trip per person (initially, pricing for the same time period was around \$1,200.00 per person) on **United Airlines** from Washington Dulles to Frankfurt. (We had initially planned on flying Lufthansa Airlines, but the United price was too good to pass up). In addition, the airlines are still hurting so Cecil is still trying to get better pricing before we leave for Germany - but as of now...we are set to pay no more than \$880.00 per person on airfare from Dulles to Frankfurt and return to Dulles.

The current plan is for the tour to meet as a group at **Dulles Airport** in Washington, DC. on **September 13**, **2003**. United Airlines will get us from our hometowns...to Dulles... at the proper time for the tour to board the plane that takes us to Germany.



Beautiful Castles, Palaces and Cathedrals await your viewing pleasure as we tour the heart of Germany



Our airliner will arrive in Frankfurt the morning of **September 14**, and there we will meet our tour director, Mrs. Elizabeth Lutz. We board our air-conditioned, full service touring coach and head north for lunch "on your own" in Bad Homburg with Fritz and Gisela Allstädt. After lunch we return to the Autobahn and drive to Marburg. Upon arrival at Marburg at around 2 p.m., we will have a guided tour of the city, and then visit ElisabethKirche, the Altstadt and Castle. *Entrance fees are prepaid*. We will have dinner and spend the night in Marburg at the Europaeischer Hof Hotel or a similar hotel.

On **September 15**, we depart Marburg and drive through scenic wooded areas to Weidelsburg Schloss (Castle) and visit nearby Altenstädt. *NOTE:* Through research earlier this year, Hermann Altstadt believes this castle (formerly Alahstat Castle in the 9th century) to be the oldest known Altstadt site and probably the original home to all the Altstadt Hessen lines (this is a change from our original itinerary). We then motor on to Paderborn. In Paderborn we see the 13th Century Dom (Cathedral) and Rathaus (City Hall). After "on your own" lunch, visit Paderquellgebiet Springs and

Kaiserpfalzen Royal Palace..." fees not included." That afternoon we leave Paderborn and drive to Bad Hersfeld. We dine and spend the night in Bad Hersfeld at the Sleep and Go Hotel (this hotel is similar to a Motel 8, and the only US style hotel on the tour - but it has the best location for the part day of travel).

next day of travel).

After our buffet breakfast on September 16, we leave Bad Hersfeld and go to Fraurombach. There we stop for a coffee/tea break with the Hans Altstadt family of Fraurombach. We then drive through Schlitz to Grossenlüder. 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 visit the Dom, St. Michael's Church, and the historical rooms in the City Palace...fees prepaid. After lunch "on your own" we travel east to Wasserkuppe Summit (3,116 ft.) for a magnificent view of the Fulda valley, Weisenfeld, and on to Grossenbach. In the afternoon, the priest of the Catholic church in Grossenbach will give our group a tour of the church in English...and possibly a look at one of the early 18th century church books containing entries of the Georg Altstadt line. We leave Grossenbach in the late afternoon and head to Burghaun. At Burghaun we will stop at the Landgasthof Zur Schmiede for dinner with the Karl Altstadt family. This is our second meeting with German cuzzins. After dinner "on your own" we return to Bad Hersfeld for the night.

After a continental breakfast on September 17, we depart Bad Hersfeld and travel east to Allstedt Schloss (Castle). The group will lunch "on-your-own" in Bad Tennstedt. After arrival in Allstedt, around 2 p.m., we will tour the medieval castle, museum, and grounds (nominal fee not

included). That evening we will enjoy a festive Middle Ages feast, prepaid, with music at the Allstedt Schloss (beverages not included). This is our third scheduled meeting with German Altstadt/Allstädt cuzzins joining us. That evening we will stay in the town of Querfurt at the Querfurt Hof Hotel or similar, which is only a 15-minute drive from Allstedt Schloss. This hotel is newly remodeled and will be the closest thing to a German Guest House that we will be lodging in.

We leave Querfurt after included breakfast on September 18, and travel to Bayreuth. At Bayreuth we will visit the Märkgrafliches Öpera Haus, Schlosskirche, and the Neues Schloss with our tour director. After lunch, "on your own," we drive to Gössweinstein to stop and visit the inspiring Gössweinstein Basilica. We continue to Erlangen for the evening. We will be treated to a "Octoberfest" style dinner at the Kosbacher Stadl in Kosbach. Hermann Altstadt has arranged special "on-your-own" prices for us. This is the fourth scheduled meal for us to enjoy with German Altstadt cuzzins. That evening we will stay at the Erlangen Astron or similar hotel.

On **September 19**, we take a short 15-minute drive from Erlangen and enjoy a full day of sight-seeing in Nürnberg. There we visit the Germanisches National Museum and the Albrect Durer Haus with our tour director. Our group can also see the Schloss, Fraukirche, Sebalduskirche, and St. Lorenz Kirche - they are all within short walking distance. *AltstadtFest* will be in full swing while we are in Nürnberg with fun filled polka dancing and music. Evening dinner will be at the outstanding *Brave Bavarian* - Hans Polster's restaurant, "on-your-own," in Erlangen with special pricing of around £9 arranged by Hermann Altstadt.

September 20...and we are off on the Autobahn to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber. Here you can walk up the staircases and around the city walls, see the Rathaus and visit the Medieval Crime Museum (£2.70) a must see attraction. In the afternoon, we leave Rothenburg and continue on to Angelbachtal/Michelfeld. We will arrive at Michelfeld and drive by two 19th century Altstadt residences before stopping for the evening at the Schloss Hotel Michelfeld. Michelfeld Altstadt cuzzins will dine with us that evening as we enjoy our fifth Altstadt cuzzin encounter.

The next morning, **September 21**, we visit Altstadt grave sites in Michelfeld. 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 (prepaid for the castle (Great Barrel Courtyard and Pharmaceutical Museum)) and then time for shopping. Later in the day we will go to the beautiful Echtersheim Schloss for

dinner "on-your-own" and return to Schloss Hotel Michelfeld for evening lodging.

On **September 22**, we motor through the Pfalz wine country to the walled city of Freinsheim. In Freinsheim, we will take a break and tour the walled "Altstadt." Later, we leave Freinsheim and head toward St. Goar, where we will board a Rhine Cruise at around 12:30 p.m. We eat lunch "on-your-own" on the ship while we cruise up the Rhine River to Bingen. After disembarking at Bingen we reboard the motor coach and continue to Heppenheim. There we stroll through the "Altstadt" and walk the pedestrian shopping street nearby. We will have dinner at the Winzerkeller Restaurant "on-your-own" and spend the night in Heppenheim at the Hotel Mercure or Europa Comforthotel.

At 9:00 in the morning of **September 23**, after included breakfast, we journey from Heppenheim to Darmstadt. In Darmstadt, we will tour Prinz Georg Palais und Garten and the Hessisches Landesmuseum (no entrance fees included). In the afternoon, after lunch "onyour-own," we leave Darmstadt and travel to Dreieichenhain. After a brief orientation on the Dreieichenhain Schloss grounds we reboard the motor coach and head to the Hotel

Arabella in nearby Offebach.

The next morning, **September 24**, we eat a hot American style breakfast at the Hotel Arabella and 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 worshiped and a walk through the Dreieich Historical Museum. Later, after lunch "on-your-own," we will have an orientation drive of Frankfurt. Then, we will visit the Romer, Dom and your tour director will take you on a tour of the Goethe Haus, prepaid. We return to the Hotel Arabella for our farewell dinner and packing for the trip home.

September 25 will be our last morning to shop in Dreieich! After shopping we will be transported to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight back to the U.S.

Now, let's talk about the tour pricing...

Elizabeth Lutz, of Kuoni Tours, has placed the "Land Price" cost of the tour at \$1,500.00 based on 35 persons going on the tour. If more persons participate, then the cost will be lower, if fewer persons participate the cost will be a little higher. Some costs, as you read from the itinerary, will be "on your own" - basically for some meals and certain entrance fees. This cost will range between \$100.00 to \$180.00, depending on your budget.

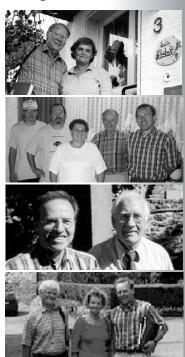
Airfare - Dulles/Frankfurt/Dulles is \$880.00. Example airfares from places in the US to Dulles range from \$210.00 r/t (Seattle) to \$40.00 r/t (Atlanta). You would have to add that fee to your airfare cost. I will let you know

that figure when you sign up.

Airfare...Dulles/Frankfurt, and land tour combined will range from \$2,400-\$2,500. So send in your yellow slip **TODAY!** Simply fill out the enclosed card and send it, with your deposit, to Jerry Allstott today! Only 17 seats remain! We know you will really enjoy this nostalgic opportunity to ACTUALLY visit the hometown of your German immigrant Altstadt/Allstadt/Alstadt ancestor.

The low specialized tour price of \$2,400* - \$2,500 including airfare from Washington (Dulles) to Frankfurt and return is \$400 less than last year's estimate.

- * Based on 35 participants actually making the tour - add airfare from your hometown to Washington, DC
- Additional time in the Washington, DC area and Germany can be arranged through Antietam Travel



The German Allstädt and Altstadt families say, "Come enjoy German hospitality in 2003! We are looking forward to seeing you!"

Let's go to Germany in 2003

You've read what the tour covers...now is your opportunity to join your cousins who have signed up to revisit the land of your ancestors. Many of the houses, castles and churches you will see and visit were ancient when your immigrant ancestor came to America!

2003 GERMANY TOUR PARTICIPANTS AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2002:

- Jerry and Phyllis Allstott, Ventura, CA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Cherilyn Vaughan, Cartersville, GA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Joe and Mary Ruth Cooper, Houston, TX (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Natalie Hill, Argyle TX (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Mary Dalton, Salem, SC (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Mark Alstat, Auburn Hills, MI (Reinhardt Alstadt line) Heppenheim, Hessen
- Ron and Lyn Liss, Sussex, NJ (Reinhardt Alstadt line) Heppenheim, Hessen
- Allan and Donna Westphalen, El Cajon, CA (Heinrich Altstadt "the Baker" line) Michelfeld, Baden
- John and Maria Allstott, Oxnard, CA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Phillip Altstatt, Superior, WY (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Lana Jo Weiss, Caseyville, IL (Reinhardt Alstadt line) Heppenheim, Hessen
- Fred and Shirley Altstadt, San Jose, CA (Christian Altstadt line) Darmstadt, Hessen
- Diane Valdes, Lansing, MI (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Cheryl Francis, Davisburg, MI (Reinhardt Alstadt line) Heppenheim, Hessen
- Jean Williams, Morrisdale, PA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- James and Kathryn Altstadt, Evansville, IN (Heinrich Altstadt line) Paderborn, Westphalen
- Wayne and Diane Altstadt, Evansville, IN (Heinrich Altstadt line) Paderborn, Westphalen
- Glenna Kingsley, Wenatchee, WA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Lauraine McGreggor, East Wenatchee, WA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen
- Elaine Bell, Wenatchee, WA (Martin Altstatt line) Dreieichenhain, Hessen

And we currently have plenty of room for you too! But only 17 seats remain, so don't wait another day!

Sept. 11 gave us common thread

By Colleen Cason, Ventura CA Star, September 8, 2002

Just under a year ago, Jodi Plum was hunched over an embroidery machine in her garage. The Ventura seamstress was monogramming strips of black elastic. Again and again the overtaxed machine choked out the initials for the Fire Department of New York in scarlet thread. FDNY. FDNY. FDNY. FDNY.

She was sewing mourning bands for Ventura County firefighters to slip on their official badges as a way to honor FDNY personnel who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

The black bands were the brainchild of Ventura Fire Department **Capt. Vern Alstot**. He gave them to firefighters who attended a wrenching memorial service at the County Government Center after the collapse of the Twin Towers snuffed out 343 of the FDNY's finest.

Soon firefighters from departments across Southern California clamored for the bands. Plum and Alstot enlisted legions of volunteer seamstresses to meet the demand. If they had sold the things, they'd both be richer than the guy who thought up the Pet Rock.

The bands found their way back to New York, to funerals for the rescue workers.

After the national period of mourning ended, firefighters were asked by their commanding officers to remove the bands from their badges. Gradually all complied. Now Alstot sees the occasional one wrapped around a utility knife or a pager.

I wondered if any lasting good came out of that massive effort. In fact, did anything substantial materialize from that patchwork of efforts so many undertook in the wake of 9/11 -- the flags flown, the stuffed toys collected, the blood donated, the posters displayed.

But it's a fair question. Did Sept. 11, in fact, change the fabric of our nation?

Like me, Alstot is grappling with the answers to these questions. But he did say he's seen a change in his world since he handed out those mourning bands.

Before the bands, he said, when firefighters from different organizations would gather, they'd talk shop, compare notes on equipment and techniques. But after the bands, the conversation changed. He found his colleagues asking personal questions and sharing things about their lives. "Do you know my cousin? He's in your department," one might say. Another would tell him about his wife having a baby. Still another would share his genuine respect for Alstot's unit.

And something else changed. Now, a year after Sept. 11, he hardly ever responds to an emergency without the victim or the family expressing gratitude.

"Thank God for you people," he has heard more than once in the past year.

So America has changed. Maybe not whole cloth. But by a common thread -- the human tie that binds us.

-- In the wake of Sept. 11, Colleen Cason's Sunday mornings changed forever. She started going to church. Her e-mail address

is ccason@insidevc.com.

Research of Mark Gray (pg. 516) of information on our ancestor, George K. Alstadt in regards to his Civil War service as found in the Civil War Archive Union Regimental Histories

George K. Alstadt was a Sergeant in the Ohio 60th Infantry Regiment and (Reorganized) Regiment

The Regiment was organized at Gallipolis, OH, and mustered in February 25, 1862. They moved to New Creek, VA., April 27-30. Served Unattached, Kanawha District, WVAVirginia, to April, 1862. Cluserett's Advance Brigade, Dept. of the Mountains, to June, 1862. Piatt's Brigade, 1st Division, 1st Corps, Army of Virginia, to September, 1862. Miles' Command, Harper's Ferry, WVA, September, 1862.

ALSTADT'S SERVICE.--Duty at Franklin May 25, 1862. Pursuit of Jackson up the Shenandoah Valley June. Mt. Carmel Road, near Strasburg, June 1. Strasburg and Staunton Road June 1-2. Harrisonburg June 6. Battle of Cross Keys June 9. Moved to Strasburg June 19-22, thence to Middletown June 24, and duty there until Julv.

At Winchester, VA., until September 2. Evacuation of Winchester September 2, and retreat to Harper's Ferry. Defense of Harper's Ferry September 11-15. Bolivar Heights September 14. Surrendered September 15. Paroled as prisoners of war September 16 and sent to Annapolis, MD; thence to Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL. Mustered out November 10, 1862

Alstadt's regiment lost during service: One officer and 9 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 officers and 30 enlisted men by disease. Total 42.

60th Regiment Infantry (Reorganized)

The unit was reorganized at Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, February to April, 1864. They

left the state for Alexandria, Va., April 21, 1864. Attached to 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 9th

Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to September, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, to July, 1865.

ALSTADT'S SERVICE.--Campaign from the Rapidan to the James River, VA, May 3-June 15, 1864. Battles of the Wilderness May 5-7. Spottsylvania May 8-12. Ny River May 10. Spottsylvania Court House May 12-21. Assault on the Salient May 12. North Anna River May 23-26. Ox Ford May 23-24. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. Totopotomoy May 28-31. Cold Harbor June 1-12. Bethesda Church June 1-3. Before Petersburg June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16, 1864, to April 2, 1865. Mine Explosion July 30, 1864. Six-Mile House, Weldon Railroad, August 18-21. Poplar Springs Church September 29-October 2. Reconnaissance on Vaughan and Squirrel Level Road October 8. Boydton Plank Road, Ratcher's Run, October 27-28. (Co. "K" organized November and December. 1864); 9th and 10th Independent Companies Sharpshooters as Companies "G" and "H," February 25, 1865.) Fort Stedman March 25, 1865. Appomattox Campaign March 28-April 9. Assault on and fall of Petersburg April 2. Occupation of Petersburg April 3. Pursuit of Lee April 3-9. Surrender of Lee and his army at Appomattox Court House April 9. Moved to Alexandria, VA, April 21-28. Duty there and at Washington, D.C., until July, 1865. Grand Review at Washington May 23. Mustered out July 28, 1865. Regiment lost during service three officers and 110 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 130 Enlisted men by disease. Total 243.

Source - "A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion" by Frederick H. Dyer (Part 3) The Civil War Archive 1998-2000

The AAA Clan Website is alive and well and helping us locate more Cuzzins!

T hanks to all of you who have taken advantage of the AAA website - *www.altstatt.org*, which was initiated in the middle of 2001.

Since the complete website was up and running last summer, we have been found by at well over a dozen Altstatt-Alstott cuzzins who have brought their various lines up to date. Our latest "cuzzin find" was **Lona Wilson** of Virginia Beach, VA, who was a descendant of **Gertrude Aldstadt**, pg. 466. 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>.



We are currently updating our Allstadt/Altstadt lines who live in Germany, and hope to have that in place on the website later this spring

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

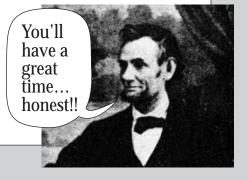
July 2 - 4, 2004 with fireworks... Start Making Plans for Our Next Reunion in the Land of Lincoln!

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!

A full schedule of events will be reported in next years Newsletter.

- Largest concentrations of all the various AAA clans are located within 300 miles of DuQuoin
- Easily accessible from the St. Louis airport 85 miles
- An Abe Lincoln welcome
 July 4th weekend is known at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds for the largest swap meet in the state and great fireworks!
- RV park in FairgroundsTour a working coal mine
- Lots of door prizes

- Mike Alstott memorabiliaPresentations from the
- Presentations from the Germany tour participants plus great food and gabbing and much much more!



Cuzzin' Contacts...

Next week I will be able to send you the family tree of my line, which goes back to the 16th

My Uncle Sepp from Erlangen researched it! You got my address, it is still the same as my father's (Ferdinand Allstadt, he was on list you've sent me).

I have to tell you that Hermann Allstadt is my uncle. If you know what he researched, you know

more about my family than I do!

I don't think that my line and Louis Allstadt's line (pg. 11) are related, my line is Roman Catholic, but after I send you my family tree we could try to find out who of the American Allstadts are

really related to my line. Frank Allstadt, Zapfendorf, Germany

Dear Jerry,

Hartmut Allstädt's father (Harry) is one of three living persons who knew my grandfather. He was killed in 1945, at the eastern-front and they are even in some pictures showing them together.

I have been to the "former" German Democratic Republic about five times and it is true, many many things have changed. The German exchancellor Helmut Kohl promised in 1989
"bluehende landschaften" - blossoming countryside
and his promise came true. The problem is only
that many young people are leaving the eastern

part of Germany because of unemployment. My father also grew up in the east-part and had no chance to learn English, only Russian. He escaped in 1961 with only his clothes on his back and nothing else. About ten years later (1970) he had his own house in a nice suburb of Bremen.

I have spent a few weeks in the USA in Ohio and I also was impressed with your country. I was a little bit jealous of the national pride of your country. I do not think you saw any German flags while you were here, did you? It is not very common to be proud of this country

Genealogy is really fun for me, I like it and like to be in contact with you! I am glad that I found the link to your webpage and I am sure we will have a great time when you all come over. Talk to you soon.

Jörg Allstädt, Bremen, Germany

Hope this finds all of the family in great health and busy as bees. I'm sure you are about ready to take off on one of those nice long-visiting-tours

or planning out the summer ones.

They are having a special birthday party for Aunt June Meek the end of May 2002, in Hermiston. Did you know that Aunt Dorris Spencer is in the nursing home in Hermiston (the same one that Mom and Aunt Gladys were in). Hear from Aunt Alma (Allstott), often ... she is full of good health and busy. Also hear from Aunt Jane Allstott (Otis)....she is baby-sitten the greatgrandson.

Have a fun day....we send our LOVE and Blessings.

Pat Kennedy, Medford, OR, pg. 300

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on September 29, 2002, (actual date 28). Our children planned an open house at our church, and we enjoyed the company of more than 100 guests during the afternoon. Before that, the immediate family all worshipped together and then went to lunch. Since the 28th was also our youngest son's 44th birthday, we had the waitress bring him a birthday cake with a candle and we all sang to him.

Even though we are getting "old," we manage

to stay busy. Much of our life has revolved around our church, and it still does. We have team taught two "Disciple" classes; Thelma has served a 4-year term on the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee; once a month we serve communion to some of our shut-ins; Everett sings in one of the choirs and directs the handbell choir; takes turns teaching our Sunday School class and sub-preaches occasionally where we attend or in a nearby church. He recently became a Board member of the retirement center where we live.

We are very thankful for each other, for our great family, and for God who gave us all life and continues to sustain us.

-- Everett and Thelma Aldstadt, St. Mary's, OH, pg. 452

Hi Cuzz!

Just wanted to let you know that Aunt Nina passed away this past Thursday. I've been at the funeral home tonight and the funeral is tomorrow. She was married to Dallas Alstott, my Grandpa's

You should be hearing from Kelly Alstott via e-mail. He and his wife live in Germany (he's stationed there) and they are interested in maybe meeting with the family when you go over for the tour. I gave him your e-mail address.

We had a Alstott family reunion back in May. I got to meet a cousin I hadn't met before from Arizona. She is Aunt Bessie's granddaughter. They were up visiting when Aunt Nina passed away....

I just wanted to tell you about the 'news' and to look for an e-mail from Kelly. Hope this finds you both well!

God bless!

Beverlie Alstott, New Albany, IN, pg. 204

Thank you for the Altstatt website. My husband and I are part of the family. Our last name is Smellegar. Robert and Janet. Our email address is: <rsmelleg@tampabay.rr.com>.

Where did you get all this wonderful lineage information? Someone has spent a lot of time and energy. There are a couple of slight mistakes and a generation left out. I can fill in some of the information to make it more complete.

We are just so delighted to find this research done for us. Would like to know if the family was right in that we were told that there was a Von in front of the Allstadt name, that was dropped upon entering the US.

Thank you

Robert & Janet Smellegar, Tampa Bay, FL, pg. 24 Editor's note: German research into names is going on right now. My only knowledge is from U. S. census data, which uses no von.

With our new address, just north of Santa Barbara, I'm wondering if Laura and I might be the Alstadts closest to you two geographically?

We moved here from Palm Springs about 2 months ago now. A nice change being on the

coast. We are enjoying it.

As for Laura and I - she works for her previous employer back in the desert, doing environmental planning and report writing from home. I continue to remain in higher education working as a counselor at the community college here, even though my dream to write for Hollywood remains firmly intact. A partner and I came very close last year in selling a TV comedy pilot to a major network. We still remain hopeful to adopt in the next year, God willing. All for now.

Carey and Laura Alstadt, Goleta, CA, pg. 518

Dear Cuzzin,

Re-looked over the papers I have on family history...what I found was that it was Elizabeth Wisegarver's father who fought in the Revolution.
Presuming this is correct...then I get to NOT join

the D.A.R. if I don't want to, but could.

End of message.

Gracia Ripple Cass(Aldstadt), pg. 471

Dear Jerry,

Thanks for steering my Lansdon cousin to me. Talked to him quite awhile and he gave me my cousin Dennis Robbs' phone number in Myrtle Creek, OR, who I haven't seen for 60 years! Talked to him for two hours and brings back memories.

Thanks again cousin. Al Allstott, Klamath Falls, OR, pg. 355

Dear Jerry,

Last week we went to Amelia Altstadt's school (Murdock School in Spring Valley, CA) as her 1st grade has been studying castles.

Her mom, Sherril helped her build a model of our Allstedt Castle out of gingerbread and frosting. During the program, Amelia did a solo of the Scottish song "Comin' through the Rye."

Amelia's parents, Gary (a quadriplegic) and Sherril (a paraplegic) Altstadt, pg. 91, and brother, Max, were in attendance also. A remarkable family. We are looking forward to Germany in 2003!

Allan & Donna Westphalen, El Cajon, CA, pg. 88

Below: Amelia Altstadt's Allstedt Castle display and her school performance. Bottom: the Gary Altstadt







Hi Jerry,

I ventured into the next decade on June 16th (= age 70) and got to celebrate on the actual day of my birthday with the surprise gift of a balloon ride over Louisville, KY, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

July 25th was also my 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Also nice to hear that you have 30 lined up for the tour and hope you can get your full quota. Anything else I can do to help you?

Fr. Damian Dietlein, St. Meinrad, IN, pg. 112

Hi Jerry & Phyllis,

We really don't have anything fantastic to write about this year. Nothing for your newsletter, sorry. Somehow we find ourselves busy every day. Here are a couple photos for you. Take your pick. Guess which one is faux!!!!

Hope all is well for you there. Will we be seeing you up in our area soon?

Love & Hugs, Deeeee & John Talor, Bakersfield, CA, pg. 399





Earl Eugene Altstatt, Pg. 256 January 4,2002, at 3:25 AM, My Father, Earl Eugene Altstatt went to be with Jesus at his home in Heaven. We rejoice that he is no longer blind, that he can now walk and run and best of all, he's with our Mother there. Our son Bobby preached the funeral and did a superb job. Son Billy read a poem I wrote about Dad and there was not a dry eye in the house. I was with Dad his last night and knelt beside his bed and said a prayer for him, I'm so grateful that I had the chance. We'll miss him but we know he is much better off and at last he is happy.

Bill & Georgia Altstatt

IN MEMORY

Charles Otstot, a valued friend and resource for the Martin Altstatt clan, pg. VIII Charles Mathieson Otstot, former vice president of Palatines to America and longtime member of the society, died of prostate cancer on Christmas Day 2001.

Mr. Otstot was a retired analyst with the CIA whose volunteer work with the National Archives helped establish a database of more than 100,000 World War II intelligence documents. He received the U.S. Archivists's Award for his work on this project. He also published books and articles based on his work as a genealogist. His last contribution to The Palatine Immigrant was "The Original Otstot Family Bible," published in the June 2001 issue. He was also an instructor for the National Genealogical Society.

A memorial service was held on January 19. 2002. Donations in lieu of flowers are suggested for: the Endowment Fund of the Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA 22207; the American Urological Association, the charity of your choice.

Edward L. Mirick, Pg. 256 Age 65, of Yukon, OK. Passed away Friday, March 29, 2002 at home. He was born May 9, 1936, to J.G. & Louise Mirick, in Yukon where he graduated from high school in 1955 and then attended OCU for 2 years. He was in the army



from 1958 to 1960. In 1970 he went to work for Farmers Insurance Group where he retired in 1998 after 28 years. Ed enjoyed fishing and woodworking or as affectionately known to his family as "butchering wood". He was preceded in death by

his father J.G. Mirick. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Mary Sue of the home; one son & his wife James & Angie Mirick, one daughter & her husband Nancy & David Lawson, 2 grandchildren Kendra Mirick and Toby Lawson all of Yukon, and his mother Louise of OKC.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Jennifer Stanley, Tyrone Brown, Cindy Tadlock and others who over the past 15 months, devoted their time to seeing him through his illness.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 1:00 PM in the Smith & Turner Chapel with burial in the Yukon Cemetery.

E. Virginia Koonce Cosey, Pg. 498 Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey, 100, of 11823

Clearview Road, Hagerstown, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at her home.
Born March 1, 1902, in Halltown, W.Va., she



was the daughter of the late Harry Stafford and Edna Pauline Henke Koonce. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fonrose Wissner Cosey, in 1961.

She was a graduate of Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.Va. She received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1949.

She taught third grade at Harpers Ferry, W.Va., fifth grade at Winchester Avenue School in Martinsburg, W.Va.; and taught at Lincoln and Lincolnshire Schools in Halfway for 29 years. She was a member of Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town, W.Va. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution; Women's Club; Maryland and Washington County Retired Teachers Associations; Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers; American Association of University Women; Shepherd College Alumni Association; Shepherd Emeritus Club; Alpha Sigma

Tau; Shillelaugh Flying Club of Fairfax, Va.; and AARP. She is survived by three nieces; two nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews.

Betty Alstadt, Pg. 518 On March 8, 2002, Betty Verna Alstadt, Loring Alstadt's wife of 59 years passed away. I happened to be in Virginia at the time, making it easier for Dad to deal with the stress of the moment. Brad, my brother joined the family for the funeral a day or so later. It was a wonderful service.

Mom had been experiencing lung problems for some time. Since the funeral, Dad seems to be doing okay, slowly developing a routine and getting back to church where for many months was hard to do due to the need to take care of Mom.

Betty was 80 years of age. All for now, Carey and Laura Alstadt

Delmer Alstat, Pg. 49

On September 6, 2001, Delmar Dean Alstat of Mount Olive, IL passed away at Springfield, IL. Delmar was born on May 15, 1922 in Ava, IL. He married Ann Trun on December 13, 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, sons Brian and his wife, Kathy, and John. And grandchildren Sharon and Joseph.

Services were held at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive, IL.

Alvis E. Alstat, Pg. 46

On Wednesday, November 13, 2002, Alvis E. Alstat of Michigan passed away.

He had a mild heart attack didn't tell anyone, When his son, Mark, got off work and came home dad was waiting to go to the hospital. We think he had a blood clot in his lung and it let loose taking his life around 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Take Care Cheryl J. Francis, daughter of Alvis Alstat

Altstatt surname from Places Named.com

Altstatt is the 88,581st most popular last name (surname) in the United States; frequency is 0.000%; percentile is 90.462 [Source: Census Bureau's Web Site]



The Ojai Valley Bank Men's 50s Senior Softball team is battling to win a fourth consecutive division championship in the Gold Coast Men's Senior League.

The team - comprised of **Gary Alstot**, pg. 368, Bob Hill, Steve Wilson, Alan Zusman, Dave Kuntz, Ray Fly, Rick Turner, Mike Jauregui, Dennis Carmichael, Lalo Perez, Dave Brown, Dave Wells, Art Goselin and Pat McCormick, who serves as the team's coach and pitcher - is in its fifth year together. They travel as far south as Simi Valley and as far north as Goleta to play once a week, eight months a year. Wilson and Wells were all-star baseball players at Nordhoff High School back in the 1960s.

We are a pretty tight group of seniors who really have fun playing, said Hill. © 2001 The Ojai Valley CA News



Julia Altstatt. vocalist

Julia Altstatt, pg. 243, has been playing music all her life, in all kinds of bands, usually as a bass player and backing vocalist In San Francisco she played punk, rock'n roll, and c&w, and toured with ex-members of the Grateful Dead. Now on the East coast, Julia has cut the loud music loose in favor of her acoustic guitar and her own songs.

Julia's music reflects her wild past and her more mature present - she loves a driving groove (bass players are like that) but appreciates the texture of silence. Her songs have moved listeners to laugh and to cry, with her wry wit, her forthright delivery, and stories of places she loves.

As a sidewoman, she has over a dozen album credits to her name, and has contributed a fine original track "Long Cold Winter," to the local compilation "District of Country," under the name Julia and the Honky Tonk Troubadours. Most recently, she has completed a 6-song demo CD "Six Good Tunes" in preparation for a fulllength record. Her songwriting is excellent, but it's in live performance where Julia really shines. Now she's ready to leave her electric past behind for a while, and concentrate on her acoustic present.

from Fredericksburg Songwriters' Showcase

Editor's note: Wonder if Julia has sung her twin brother Hamilton Altstatt's latest hit "Diamonds?" Early German Genealogy Research by Hermann Altstadt

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) Alstat (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-Alstat-Altenstädt-Altenstadt-Altstadt...

Nowadays, the city of Altenstädt, 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 Altenstädt -these days, they call it Weidelsburg- was the 'Alstat'-Castle. And the first earl of Alstat 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

grimmst/index.ntml
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 it was still there, preserved in composition with proper names of places and persons such as: Alaholf, Alahtac, Alahhilt, Alahgund, Alahtrût; Alahstat in pago Hassorum (AD. 834), Schannat trad. fuld. no 404. Alahdorp in Mulshgôwe (AD

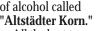
856A), ibid. no. 476.

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 management was regarded as consecrated or in residence were regarded as consecrated, or, in the language of the Middle Ages, as frôno (set apart to the frô, 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 Altstatt, which have occurred over just the last 270 years.

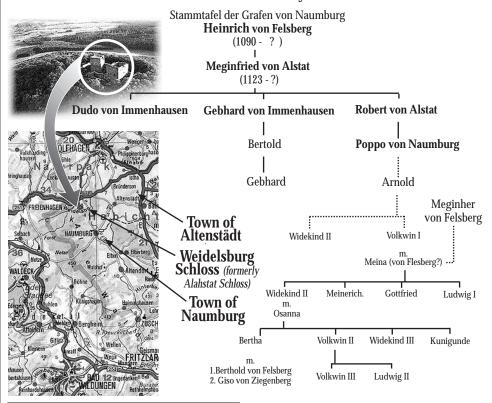
Hello friends in the USA. Shown is my latest find. Here you can see a bottle of German Schnapps (corn) with 32 % volume of alcohol called



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 Alstat line who were based around Altenstädt, 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 patient letter of intent for feetball. 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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