



NEWSLETTER

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**2003... What great memories...
A new grandson born in June...
then, Germany...and it was
fantastic and a Super Bowl win
for Mike Alstott...who could ask
for anything more!**

I couldn't believe all the time spent in planning for the Germany tour for September, between all the letters to cuzzins, I also sent postcards to everyone who had an address on the internet. That netted one more cuzzin participation. It also netted four more new cuzzins sending in their information to update the <www.altstatt.org> website. Thanks!

June 11, 2003, found us in Houston, TX, awaiting the arrival of the latest Allstott in our line...**Andrew Bradley Allstott**, and of course, a real cutie. Now all he has to do is survive his two older brothers, Geoffrey and Ben!

September 13th and **Phyllis** and I along with 29 other cuzzins met at Dulles Airport in Washington, DC, for our long awaited tour of German ancestral sites. I won't say more as the tour was well covered in this newsletter. We all wished everyone could come on this tour of a lifetime. I hope many of you will be able to be in DuQuoin, Illinois, for the 4th AAA National Meet so you can get the picture first hand from all the participants. Two standout times for me were when Father Merz brought out the church books in Grossenbach, Germany, and showed the christening records of *Georg Altstadt (1831)* to his great granddaughter, **Florence Hammers**. Then, from the stage in Allstedt Castle - our daughter, **Cherilyn Vaughan**, showed us how to spread pork fat on brown bread - yucky!...but funny!

Our fall trip back east this year found us visiting our cousins **Estelle Bowen** and her daughter's, **LeAnn Monger**, family in McKinney, TX, **Bill** and **Georgia Altstatt** in their new home in Oklahoma City, OK, **Gene** and **Viola Altstatt** out in the "boonies" east of Berryville, AR - our first taste of beautiful tree color in the Ozarks...wow! Then up to Vergennes, Illinois, and a visit with **Wayne** and **Barbara Alstat** who invited **Glenn** and **Sharon Alstat** over so we could finalize plans for the 2004 meet. Then it was over to visit family and friends from New Jersey down to Florida and our daughter's, **Cherilyn Vaughan**, family just outside Cartersville, GA, for Halloween with granddaughter **Emma**, and son's, **Roger Allstott**, family in Lake Jackson, TX, for Thanksgiving, and sister's, **Mary Ruth Cooper**, family in Houston. Great seafood in Texas - too bad we don't have it in California.

Our return in early December found me at the church working on the Christmas Children's Choir sets...so forgive me on a late newsletter as this year has been ultra busy but packed with fun!

Alstott hits the end zone as the Tampa Bay Bucs rolls over the Oakland Raiders on January 26, 2003 in Superbowl XXXVII!



The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are the Champions of Super Bowl XXXVII after beating the Oakland Raiders 48-21. The Bucs intercepted Raiders' QB Rich Gannon five times and returned three of them for touchdowns. Dexter Jackson intercepted two passes and was named the

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Mike scores against the Raiders



Alstott TD aids the Bucs as they defeat Philly 27-10 to become NFC Champs and meet the Raiders at San Diego in the Super Bowl

The Buc's earned a trip to the first Super Bowl in franchise history by defeating the Eagles in frigid Philadelphia. A steady offense smothering defense, delivered the Bucs their

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Alstott delivers the winning touchdown against the Eagles

The 2003 Germany Tour in September far exceeded expectations in every way...let's just say it was much more than Wunderbar!

Elisabeth "Mrs Doubtfire" Lutz set the pace in a whirlwind tour that circled the heart of Germany and our hearts as well!

In the space of 12 days we visited the ancestral hometowns of 20 of the 27 Allstadt/Altstadt immigrants to America and walked in their footsteps.

Our group of 32 cuzzins left Dulles Airport in Washington, DC, on September 13, 2003, at 9:30 pm. Our United flight arrived in Frankfurt at around 11:30 am on Sunday,

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2004 AAA Reunion at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds is in full swing with a full "plate" of events, entertainment and plenty of good cookin'



Jerry and Wayne met on the Alstat farm to discuss all the happenings at the 2004 Reunion... and all this during fall harvest time too!

The 2004 Reunion is a go! Please turn to page 3 for all the exciting events and update. Then send in your enclosed registration form. Don't delay as we need to order "t" shirts soon!

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The "A" Train Corner

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 8 (UPI) -- Fullback Mike Alstott of Tampa Bay will not play again in 2003 after being placed on injured reserve late Tuesday because of a recurring neck strain. He aggravated the injury in Monday night's 38-35 loss to Indianapolis. "It's unfortunate," said Alstott, the team's all-time leading touchdown-maker. "Doctors and everyone that I have consulted with, fully expect me to be back in a Buccaneer uniform next season. I truly appreciate all of the support and encouragement from our fans."

"This is a terrible blow to our football team," said Coach Jon Gruden. "Mike Alstott is a great leader and a great player. We will miss him, but we have to step up." This season, Alstott had 77 yards rushing and 83 receiving. The six-time Pro Bowler is the Bucs' all-time leader with 59 touchdowns, including 47 rushing. A series of tests revealed that the eight-year veteran out of Purdue needs surgery, but the injury is not believed to be career-threatening. (by United Press International)



Imagine Mary Lou Karras' unexpected surprise while vacationing in Florida when she ran into cousin Mike Alstott signing autographs in a Mall where she was shopping. Mike's grandpa Hubert is a first cousin to Mary Lou. I'm sure Mike was just as surprised to see an "real live" cousin standing in line for an autograph!

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game MVP.

Michael Pittman had his best game as a Buc carrying the ball 29 times for 124 yards. Keyshawn Johnson caught 6 passes for 69 yards, Mike Alstott scored from the two yard line and Keenan McCardell caught two touchdown passes. The offensive line deserves special recognition as Brad Johnson was not sacked at all and the Bucs gained 150 yards rushing.

The defense, however, was the story of the game. The Bucs held the NFL's number one offense to 269 total yards.

Stats courtesy www.thejollyroger.com

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first NFC Championship. The biggest offensive play of the game was a 71 yard pass to Joe Jurevicius that set up Mike Alstott's TD run that gave the Bucs an early 10-7 lead.

Rhonde Barber also had a big day with three tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, 4 passes defended and a 92 yard interception return for a TD late in the game that secured the Bucs victory.

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September 14, and there we met Elisabeth "Mrs. Doubtfire" Lutz, of Switzerland's Kuoni Travel, our tour director, in the baggage area of the airport. Following Elisabeth outside the terminal... we boarded our coach. Driver, Roel Koppmans, then headed north to the Hessenpark for lunch at the "Zum Adler" with Fritz and Gisela Allstädt, their daughter, of Bad Homburg, and their son Hansjörg, sporting his daughter.



Roel, Jerry and Elisabeth were still smiling halfway through the tour

Fritz Allstädt's grandfather had immigrated to Indiana in the late 19th century, but his wife became homesick and they returned to Germany. After lunch we return to the Autobahn and drove to Marburg. (Ancestral home of David Altstadt).

At Marburg we checked into our hotel and met our city tourguide for a walking tour of the ElisabethKirche and the Altstadt. That evening we enjoyed a chicken dinner with a fabulous cream sauce. When we turned in... we slept like babies from such a long day.

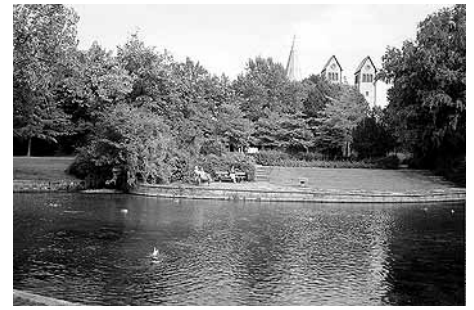


The Altstadt at Marburg... a rooster in the belfry flapped its wings on the hour

On September 15, we departed Marburg and drove through scenic wooded areas to the base of Weidelsburg Castle ruins (Alahstad Castle



Our happy group at the Hessenpark included: Mary Dalton, Natalie Hill, Cherylly Vaughan, Mark Alst, Ron and Lyn Liss, Mary Ruth Cooper, Allan and Donna Westphalen, John Allstott, Lana Jo Weiss, Fred and Shirley Allstott, Diane Valdes, Cheryl Francis, Jean Williams, Jim and Kathryn Altstadt, Wayne and Diane Altstadt, Glenna Kingsley, Elaine Bell, Lauraine McGregor, Carolyn Altstadt, Diane DiRosa, Mary Homman, Florence "Fuzz" Hammers, Karen Hammers, Lois Larson and your's truly Jerry and Phyllis Allstott along with clowning and squatting Hansjörg Altstadt and his dad, Fritz Allstott



Paderborn sports over 200 springs

(in the 9th century)... the oldest known Altstadt site and probably the original home to all the Altstadt Hessen lines. We skipped the 30-minute walk to the top of the hill that the castle sits on as it was too strenuous for most of the group, but got a good view of the ruins from the road.

We then motored on to Paderborn (ancestral home of Heinrich Altstadt).

In Paderborn our city guide showed us the 13th Century Cathedral, Paderquelle Springs (200 springs flow into Paderborn - then disappear - no river flows there), the City Hall (in scaffolding) and the monastery church...fantastic!

That afternoon we left Paderborn and drove to Bad Hersfeld over the Autobahn. At our evening dinner, we had formal introductions of all our tour members and whose ancestors were represented by each cuzzin. We spend the night in Bad Hersfeld.

After breakfast on September 16, we left Bad Hersfeld for Grossenbach (Ancestral home of Georg Altstadt) for Mass at the Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m. Father Bernard Merz then gave us a tour of the church, in English, and brought out an old church book which recorded the christening of Johann Georg Altstadt in 1831! This was one of the high points of the tour. Just ask Cuzz Fuzz Hammers!

Next we took the road east to Weisenfeld (ancestral home of Otto Altstadt) for a brief stop and then headed past "Checkpoint Alpha" into "old" East Germany on our way to Fulda.

At Fulda our city guide showed us the

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2004 AAA National Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday: July 2 -

6:00pm - 9:00pm - Registration desk at the Super 8 Motel. Registration will be set up in the hotel lobby. Meals are on your own on Friday, so run into some of your cuzzins and start gabbin' early!

Saturday: July 3 -

8:00am-10:00am - Registration continues at the Fairgrounds with continental breakfast served to 10:00 am
10:00am-noon - Introductions of all the clans

Noon - lunch on-your-own

1:30 pm - Open Pit Mine Tour

5:00 pm - Bar-B-Que Dinner

6:30 pm - Evening Program

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Gabbing time and time to see the 2003 Germany Tour highlights

Sunday: July 4 -

8:00am-10:00am - Continental breakfast served to 10:00 am

10:00am - 11:00am - Worship Service

11:30am - Group Photo

Noon - Fried Chicken Feast

1:30pm - Recognitions and Thanks to the Alstat's

2:30pm - Alstott drawing and free time

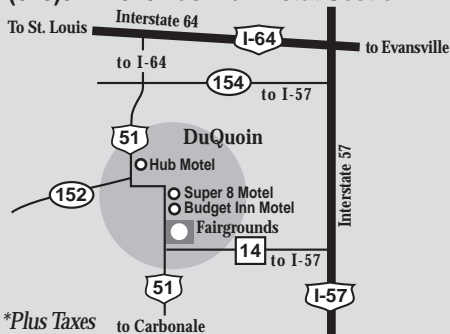
8:30pm - Fireworks at the Fairgrounds and end of festivities

Super 8 Motel just north of the Fairgrounds in Du Quoin has been selected as our Host hotel for the 2004 AAA Reunion

Our host hotel is the Super 8, which is just north of the Fairgrounds. Rates are \$60.00* for a room with two beds. Continental breakfast included. Phone: DuQuoin - (618)542-4335 or (800)800-8000 and ask for the DuQuoin Alstat reservation price. Wayne Alstat is holding 25 rooms.

Other hotels in the area are: The Budget Inn Motel, near the Fairgrounds. Rate: \$35.00* for two, no breakfast. Phone: (618)542-5014; The Hub Motel, in downtown DuQuoin. Rate: \$35.00* for two, no breakfast. Phone: (618)542-2108.

Reservation problems...call Wayne or Barbara Alstat at (618)426-3347. RV Camping: \$10.00* (618)542-1515 - ask for Alstat Section.

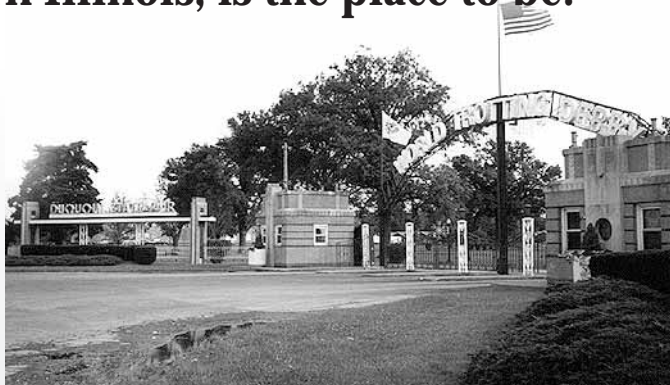


All Clans!...The DuQuoin Fairgrounds in Southern Illinois, is the place to be!

July 2-4

2004...with fireworks!

Registration table is at our host hotel, the Super 8, on July 2nd. Activities start the morning of July 3rd



The Illinois Alstat's have everything planned and ready for us 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. And have been planning activities over the last few years just for your pleasure and enjoyment!

Phyllis and I met with the 2004 Alstat Reunion Team, Wayne and Barbara Alstat, and Glenn and Sharon Alstat in October in Vergennes, Illinois to check over final preparations...and we guarantee a great time!



- Largest concentrations of all the various AAA clans are located within 300 miles of DuQuoin!
- Easily accessible from the St. Louis airport - 85 miles away!
- An "Abe Lincoln" welcome awaits us!
- Horse Show and Car Show Weekend!
- Great fireworks display at the fairgrounds!
- RV park in Fairgrounds at \$10.00 per day*!
- Tour a working coal mine!
- Lots of door prizes!
- Big Mike Alstott memorabilia drawing!
- Presentations from the Germany tour cuzzins!
- July 4th weekend is known at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds for the largest swap meet in the state! (\$1.00 entrance fee)

* water and some electricity

Even "Honest Abe" will be there! So make your plans to be there too!



In addition to our many cuzzin activities we will tour a working coal mine and be on hand for the states largest outdoor swap meet/flea market too!

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



huge Cathedral, St. Michael's Church, and the City Palace...what a fantastic view of the city from the Palace tower...wow!

Manfred Altstadt, of Burghaun...but who works in Fulda, met the group on our way to the Palace. After the Palace tour he directed us to the "fast food" spots in the Altstadt of Fulda for lunch.

From Fulda we headed west to Grossenlüder (*ancestral home of George and Francis Altstadt*). We stopped in Grossenlüder at the Catholic Church for a short rest break and, by chance, ran into a city guide who took us to the village museum (*gratis*) for a look at a room full of wooden hand-cut Christmas displays. An unexpected treat!

We then headed north to Fraurombach. There we stopped for a coffee/tea break in the huge backyard of Hans and Karen Altstadt. Meeting us there was Hermann Altstadt and other Altstadt German "cuzzins" from Gelsenkirchen...in former East Germany. Karen had spent two days baking coffee cakes and they were scrumptious! We were invited to see a restored 16th Century country home just down the block from the Altstadts. Many of the furnishings for the home were from Hans and Karen's attic.

Around 6:00 p.m. we left Fraurombach for Burghaun and our main course "wild boar" banquet. We followed Manfred Altstadt from Han's and Karen's home to the Burghaunerhoff



The church at Grossenbach where Georg Altstadt was christened in 1831

Restaurant for dinner. There we met the family of Karl and Irmgard Altstadt along with 15 more German "cuzzins" for a sumptuous buffet banquet. Afterward we were treated to a "Powerpoint" Altstadt/Altstadt history presentation update by Hermann Altstadt. After the presentation we return to Bad Hersfeld for our evening slumber.

Following a very filling breakfast on September 17, we departed Bad Hersfeld and traveled east toward Allstedt Castle (*ancestral home of Johann Jakob Altstadt*). That morning we had a short tour of Erfurt, shopping on the medieval bridge and at the open-air market.

Down the road, we stopped at Querfurt, first at the local Walmart for souvenir shopping, and then at our evenings hotel, to cleanup and get dressed for the Allstedt Castle banquet.

Upon arrival at Allstedt, we met more Allstädt and Altstadt cuzzins and had our own personalized tour of the medieval castle, museum, and grounds by a guide in medieval costume. That evening we enjoyed a festive Medieval Banquet with ancient musical instruments played by gifted musicians along with German humor translated by Elisabeth Lutz, (*all fit in between FIVE courses*) in the Allstedt Castle Banquet Hall. Cherylyn Vaughan showed us how to smear pork fat on brown bread loaves...how tasty! Cordial cuzzins, Hartmut and Ellen Allstädt made arrangements for this festive 5-hour time.

Fish/tomato soup...our second course favorite! We all determined we preferred living in the present day!

We returned to Querfurt for rest and sharing medieval banquet memories.

On September 18, we traveled through Bavaria (*ancestral state of Nicholas and George Altstadt*) to Bayreuth. There, we saw the Markgrafliches Opera Haus, the Wagner Museum, and the Neues Schloss (*fantastic - words cannot describe it!*) with our tour director.

We then drove to Gössweinstein and stopped to visit the Gössweinstein Basilica... a magnificent place of worship where you can really feel the awe of God!

Returning to the motor coach, we continued to Erlangen for the evening. We were treated that night to an "Octoberfest"

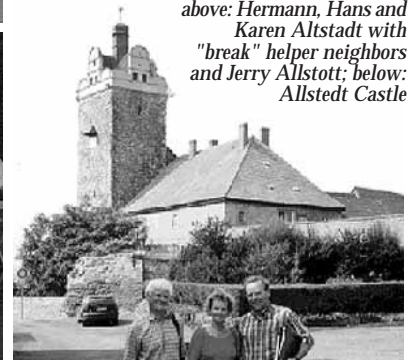


Left, interior of the monastery church in Paderborn



Above top: Altstadt coffee break in Fraurombach; above: Hermann, Hans and Karen Altstadt with "break" helper neighbors and Jerry Allstott; below: Allstedt Castle

Below: sisters Annemarie Müller and Käthe Harmatzy with their Altstadt Family Bible; right above: Cuzzins on the steps to the Altstadt home in Fraurombach; below right: the Burghaun Banquet



style dinner at the "Kosbach Stadl" ...with old time German "umpa" music! Again...more German Altstadt/Altstadt cuzzins to greet us at this banquet in an old converted 16th century barn.

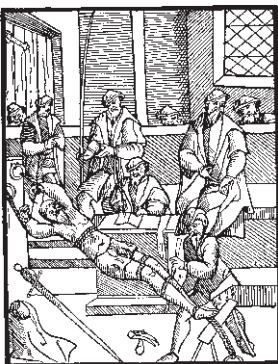
Fantastic fried carp and roasted duck were features on the menu, prepared by Norbert and Hans Polster, Gundi Altstadt's brothers. What a feast - and the dessert - unbelievable!

On September 19, we took a short 15-minute drive south from Erlangen and enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Nürnberg. There we visited the Germanisches National Museum and the Albrecht Durer Haus with Elisabeth. We also saw Sebaldkirche and the Fraukirche. AltstadtFest, with its stalls of food and the merchandise, was happening in the Fraukirche square. We passed on the dancing and musical revelry that evening because of our superb dinner planned at the "Brave Bavarian" Norbert Polster's restaurant in downtown Erlangen. But we didn't pass up the pork shoulder or poulard breast and the top rated German beers on tap at Norbert's restaurant. (We also found out that Wayne and Jim Altstadt were beer experts).

Gundi Altstadt was the life of the party, going from table to table and really getting to

know her husband's American cuzzins.

September 20...after breakfast, we were off on the Autobahn to Rothenburg-ob-Tauber. There we visited the Medieval Crime Museum with all its torture apparatus, and many took advantage of the wonderfully stocked Christmas shops in town. Jerry and Phyllis Allstott needed to be fitted for "shame masks" as they took shopping too seriously and missed the bus to Heidleberg. They took



The Criminal Museum showed you that it didn't pay to live in olden times

the "optional train ride" to Heidleberg with a patient Elisabeth Lutz, but missed a "whirlwind" dinner at the famous "Red Ox" restaurant with the group. We bedding down for the night in Heidleberg.

The next morning, September 21, we traveled up to Heppenheim (ancestral home of brother's Adam and Rhinehart Altstadt) for a self-guided tour of the Altstadt with its half-timber buildings and a visit to St. Peter's Church. Later in the morning we returned to spend most of the day in beautiful Heidleberg. There we visited the Castle and saw the Great Barrel and Pharmaceutical Museum in the Castle along with a great view of Heidleberg from the Castle walls. Many had lunch at the city Altstadt near the Nekar River.

Later that afternoon we traveled down to Michelfeld (ancestral home of Heinrich Altstadt, the baker). Upon arrival at



Right: the interior of the Rococo style Gössweinsteinst church; below: the medieval banquet at Allstedt Castle; middle: music at the Kosbachstahl Banquet; far right: top, Altstadt Fest in Nuremberg, Cuzzins in front of the Lutheran Church in Michelfeld, a typical breakfast, the banquet at Kosbachstahl; bottom: the beautiful Neu Schloss at Beyreuth



Michelfeld we met Heinz and Gerhart Weigel and Hermann Altstadt, who showed us Heinrich "the Baker" Altstadt's establishment and the old village cemetery after a memorial service in the village Lutheran Church.

We then walked to our last banquet with German Altstadt cuzzins at the Michelfeld Schloss. After dinner that evening, Heinz brought out two versions of his "new" wine for our palates. This was accompanied by "fresh onion cake" which is only served with new wine. Very unusual to say the least...but very good!

On September 22, we motored across the Rhine River and traveled through the Pfalz wine country to the walled city of Freinsheim. We took a quick "break" and made a short tour of the walled "Altstadt." Ancestor Martin Altstatt was the town blacksmith there before he immigrated to America in 1729.

After a quick paced run through Freinsheim, we headed up the Autobahn to Bad Kreuznach (*ancestral home of Joseph Allstadt*) and took a brief bus run in the Altstadt area before driving toward St. Goar, where we boarded our Rhine Cruise ship.

Diane Valdes bought and scanned over a Rhine River map while we waited for the ship. She noticed some familiar towns from her Derst line family research. (Peter Alstadt married Sarah Derst in 1764). Bacharach, on the Rhine, was one of our stops along our cruise route and a part of Alstadt/Derst ancestry. Six of the tour group were descended from this Alstadt/Derst blood line. This was another of the marvels that seemed to happen daily on the tour.

That evening we stayed in Wiesbaden... Our early arrival at the hotel gave all who wished plenty of time to do more shopping.

The next morning we headed to Darmstadt (*ancestral home of Christian Altstadt*). At Darmstadt we visited the Hessisches Landesmuseum and did more shopping in the downtown area. Some took a brisk walk to see the Prinz Georg Palais Gardens, gorgeous in the French style. Elisabeth and I headed to the genealogy library, located beside the Landesmuseum, to hunt for further Altstadts and we found a few in the files.

In the afternoon, we left Darmstadt and

traveled 18 miles up to Dreieichenhain (*ancestral home of Caspar Altstatt and birthplace of Martin Altstatt*) for a brief orientation before driving up to Frankfurt for our lodging and dining that evening.

The next morning, September 24, after a hot American style breakfast, we were treated to a 2-hour guided tour of the Dreieichenhain Altstadt and Castle. A memorial service was then held in the old Castle Church where Caspar Altstadt's family worshipped. After the service we had a guided tour of the historical museum by the museum director.

Around noon, we left Dreieichenhain for an orientation drive of central Frankfurt and had lunch in the Romer. Then, Elisabeth took us on a tour of the Goethe Haus and Museum. Later, some of us visited the Holocaust Museum while others finished up their last minute shopping.

We return later that afternoon to the Hotel Arabella for our farewell dinner and packing for the trip home. We shared memories of the tour at the dinner tables and gave Elisabeth and Roel very generous tips and many thanks for the great time they showed us on the tour.

On September 25, we were transported back to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight home to the U.S.

Natalie Hill, Mary Dalton, Jim and Katie Altstadt, Wayne and Diane Altstadt and Diane Valdes stayed over to see friends, do more genealogy research and sightseeing for an additional five days.

Great memories, new Allstadt/Altstadt cuzzins, wonderful weather and beautiful cities and countryside. Please be sure to see all the photos that all our cuzzins took on the Germany Tour at the National Meet in DuQuoin in July.

A word of thanks:

I wish to thank Charlie Otstot, Cecil Pottieger, Fritz Allstädt, Hermann Altstadt and Elisabeth Lutz. Without all their help, this tour would not have been possible.

Future travel:

Who knows...you may want to accompany the group when we plan another tour in around five years...next time - 16 days with Switzerland and Holland Allstadt/Altstadt sites included.

Bacharach on the Rhine River was special to the six Alstadt cuzzins who were on the tour



Allstadt/Altstadt Antiquity Research

by Elvira Wuschke Howe, pg. 547

THE VON FAMILIES OF ALSTADT (*and various spellings*).

The various places of **Alstädt** (*All Spellings*) are very old...sometimes going back to the stone age and at the very least to the beginnings of Christianity in Germany. I believe these old places are where the early German Tribes made their camps as they migrated from place to place or from hunting ground to hunting ground. They are also believed to be related to places of worship (*Pre-Christian*).

Our Families may be said to have been keepers of the names of the "*old places*." Although people didn't use surnames until after the 12th century the earlier "nobles" used the names of their castles or lands to identify themselves.

So far I have found five such places that have produced von families...in Latin

1. **Alstadt - Alastater**
2. **Alstat - Alahstat**
3. **Alst - Alahstedi**
4. **Allstedt - Alstedi/ Altstedi**
5. **Alstäten - Alsteti**

1. **ALSTADT** by Gambach

First mentioned in 793 when a wealthy citizen named Frumigoz gave Monastery Lorsch some land and meadows called **Alastater Marca**. From 1237 to 1444 the owners used the names **De Alstat**, **Von Altstadt** and **Von Alstad** 1237-1309 Crafto, Gyplo and Wigand owned the land.

1309-1405 Heinrich Urhane and Conz Urhane used the name **Alstad(t)**.

The coat of arms that has a gold background and a white wood grouse (or sea gull - and it does look like a gull and not a grouse) on it, belongs to their families

In 1685 **Alstadt** is owned by Heinrich von Solms-Braunfels. This place was not a town it was a noble Manor Land /Farm. It had a mill on it and the river still has the name **Altstädter Brook** to this day. The land is northwest of Gambach.

It is likely that **Johann Heinrich Alsted** 1588-1638, and **Jakobus Alsted**, who was present at the deathbed of Caspar Olevianus a Rector of Herborn University in 1587, have their roots here, as well as the **Altstätt** family from Homburg. Possibly more of our present day families come from here as well.

2. **ALSTAT** and Altenstädt

Known in 831 as **Alahstat**, in 1121 Grafen Wernecke von Grüningen. (Count Werner IV) gave **Castrum Alstat** to Archbishop Adalbert I von Mainz.

In 1123 **Meginfriedus** and his son **Gebhardus De Alstat** are mentioned in a document of the Monastery Hasungen. Meginfredus had a daughter named Hedwig who married Giso IV von Güdensberg. Their daughter Hedwig von Güdensberg married Ludwig I (Louis) Landgraf of Thuringia, that marriage made Hesse a part of Thuringia from 1137-1247.

In 1256 a **Geunther von Alstette** is mentioned in the old records of Altenstädt. **Alstat** area was part of Prussia

There is a strong relationship between Hesse-Kassel, **Allstedt** and what is now the Netherlands. The **Alstädt** crest registered in 1677 and 1716 suggests by it's symbols (*but is not confirmed*) that it relates to William I, The Silent, Prince of Orange, Count of Nassau, Stadtholder of Holland, (*POSSIBLE HOLLAND CONNECTION near Enschede, Nederlands???*) who married in 1583, to Louise de Coligny daughter of Admiral Gaspard de Coligny. Some of their descendants lived in Hesse Kassel and married into the families of the owners of **Allstedt**

Castle according to the Wettin Genealogie charts. Some of the Solms-Braunfels family also married into the same Royal Netherlands family.

Silver eagle on a red background = Coligny (As per royalty book at Library) Blue fleur-de-lis on gold background=Parma Silver anchor on blue background= Naval (Admiral) Gold fleur-de-lis on blue background = Bourbon France Note- Bourbon -Parma, that name is no longer used, just Orange.

3. ALST by Horstmar and Leer

This town existed before 1150 and was known as **Alahstedi** and **Alstet** around 1319. The House **Alst** is mentioned in 1217 and its owners are called **Sueder von Alstede** in 1282. After 1400 the **Alstede** name was not used by the new owners of **Alst**. In the area close to the Netherlands border is a town of **Alstätte**, which was called **Alstede** until 1498 and from 1499-1583 **Alsteden** and 1583-1584 **Alstedt**. Also nearby is another town or castle named **Alstätte**, and further away two towns named **Alstedde** and one named **Alstaden**.

There is a family(s) **Alstede** that has the following names in their genealogy.

In 1266 **Rykarð von Alstede** was mentioned in documents in Herne (because of the dates this person is probably not from Alst).

1546 **Johanne von Alstede** from Herne

1690- **Gerrit Van Alstede** from Enschede (SEE AGAIN)

1728-**Steven Van Alstede** from Enschede and several more, they are now in the Netherlands.

4. ALLSTEDT by Halle

The area around **Allstedt Castle** has had people living there since the stone age. **Allstedt** is first mentioned in 777 and has a very rich history. It has produced the following names, **Altstedti/Alstedti, Alstet, Alstädt, Allstädt, Altstädt, and Allstedt**. The earliest known person who used the name **Alstädt** is **Hatheburg von Alstädt-Merseburg**, born in 880. She was the daughter of **Erwin von Merseburg, Alstädt, Altenburg**. He had no sons and when he died his lands were divided between two daughters, nothing is known about the other one. **Hatheburg** married **Henry I (the Fowler) Ludolfinger**, who became king of Germany. She was a widow at that time. Due to circumstances with the church, their marriage was dissolved, they had three children that lost their inheritance, there still are descendants to this day. **Henry** kept the lands and got remarried to **Mathilde von Ringelheim** a descendant of **Widukind**. His Son **Otto I** and grandson **Otto II** inherited the lands which included **Allstedt**. That family became extinct.

From 1316 to 1364 **Count Burchart von Mansfeld** had the Castle and town, and then the land was passed to the **Wettin Family** in 1364. During this time there is a mention of several Counts von **Allstedt** but the names are not given. Although the Castle was owned by Kings they did not live there but hired caretakers like **Walther von Weimar, Villicus von Allstedt**, in 1154 of the family **Gleibburg** to take care of it and the town. The property and the land stayed under that families care until 1341. Then it changed hands names unknown. In the 1500's there were several different Herr von **Allstedt**.

In 1674 **Duke Bernhard II of Saxe-Jena** had a daughter by **Marie Elisabeth von Kospoth, Countess von Alstädt**, born at **Dornburg**. Their Daughter was named **Emilie Eleonore von Kospoth**, legitimized in 1676 as **Countess von Alstädt**. She married **Otto Wilhelm von Tumpling**. Their descendants kept the name **Von Alstädt** and some lived in **Gotha** until the 1800's. They are listed in the **Adels Peerage** books and are cross-referenced to "Kospoth (Sachsen)". Two of **Duke Bernhard II's** nephews wives are listed as dying at **Allstedt**.

Oklahoma lends a hand to New York rescuers

By Penny Owen Staff Writer



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Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Wurttemberg, wife of Duke Johann Georg II von Saxe-Eisenach, died 1717. Grfn Amalie von Nassau-Dietz From Orangewoud-Friesland, wife of Duke Johann Wilhelm von Saxe-Eisenach, Died 1695.

5. ALTSTÄTTEN Switzerland.

Altstätten existed in the 6th century and had Alemmani settlers and was probably known by the Romans. In 853 it was called **Villa Altstedti** in Latin. Some people from there are 1166 **Deitrich von Altstätten** and his sons **Hermann, Dietrich** and **Eglolf** the son **Dietrich** married **Udelhild von Güttingen**. 1268 **Konrad von Altstätten**

1389-1433 **Rudolf Von Altstätten (Meier)**

1370-1375 **Edeln Eglolf Von Altstätten (Meier)**

1340- **Rudolf von Altstätten/Walter von Altstetten**

When New York called, Oklahoma came. From Oklahoma City police chaplain Jack Poe, who arrived Sept. 13, to FBI chaplain Joe Williams, whose initial three-week stay has turned into a year and counting, Oklahoma law enforcement spiritualists have filled a weighty need in New York - that of experience.

New York and Washington were flooded with experts of all kinds after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacks - engineers, heavy machinery workers, strategists and others.

The American Red Cross and Salvation Army have their teams of experts. Police and fire departments across the country sent crews to help direct traffic.

Then there are experts who have simply lived through a similar tragedy. While the attack on the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building

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(brother to Rudolf)

The dates are not in error as this family built a series of four **Allstätten Castles** named **Alt-A., Hoch-A, Neu-A, and Nieder-A**. their lines are believed to be extinct. There is a family named **Altstätten von Kaltenburg** which began with **Heinrich Von Altstätten** ca. 1362. From **Altstätten** by Zurich, they became extinct in 1801 with a person named **Anna von Altstätter** who was born in 1739. In Inzing, Tirol, there is reference to **Maria Anna** Widow of von **Pfeifersberg**, nee von **Altstetten** and her brother **Leopold von Altstetten** they gave a donation to a church in 1799. It is possible this line may still exist.

Although these old places are not founded by one family, the people are probably related, because since

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MIKE GRAY REMEMBERS

February 19, 2003 would have been my parents (Darwyn and Rowena Gray, pg. 516) 67th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Greeley, Colorado. At the time they were married my Dad was washing dishes,

or working in an icehouse or driving a beer truck. Those were some of the jobs that I recall hearing about from that era. In fact he may have been out of work like many others in those hard times.

This picture was taken in the summer of 1944. My folks were in Alexandria, Louisiana where my Dad's bomber crew were finishing their training prior to their departure.

MICHAEL "MIKE" CARLSON, Pg. 516

Michael Carlson, 47, of Johnstown died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley. He was born June 16, 1955, in Longmont to Melvin and Elaine (Nicks) Carlson.

Survivors: Therron Carlson and Cameron Carlson; his mother, Elaine Carlson, and father, Melvin Carlson; and sister, Kathy Kidston and her husband, David.; and a brother, Richard Carlson. *From the Greeley Tribune, February 27, 2003*

We have been saddened this year by the passing of so many of our close cuzzins.

Alma Allstott - pg. 297, who went to be with her loving husband, Don, this year. Don and Alma were our earliest supporters in the "clans" searches. **Luther "Bill" Allstot** - pg. 217, who after a long illness went to be with our Lord this year.

Mildred "Millie" Larson - pg. 482, died on her 89th birthday on February 19, 2002. She was the instigator of so many Aldstadt Family Reunions. She is missed.

Dolly Boyer - pg. 482, died on May 27, 2002.

Louise Mirick - pg. 256, Aug. 28, 1916 - Apr. 11, 2002

Alvis E. Alstat - pg. 46, Feb. 18, 1923 - Nov. 13, 2002 in Pontiac, MI.

Betty Irene Bleeker - pg. 249, Oct. 23, 1924 - June 6, 2001

Dr. Robert H. Aldstadt - pg. 474, June 3, 1928 - Oct. 13, 2002 in Ocala, FL.

Marguerite H. Rowen - pg. 499, Oct. 19, 1911 - Dec. 27, 2002 in Solon, OH.

John W. Talor - pg. 399, May 14, 1931-2003. In Bakersfield, CA. He is survived by his loving wife, Delores, of 44 years. Sons, William and Geoffrey Talor & wife Eileen, and four grandchildren.

EMILY NICOLE ALSTOT, pg. 368, 20, of Ojai,

CA, and San Luis Obispo, died in the afternoon of Oct. 31, 2003, in Santa Barbara County as the result of a car accident. Emily was born Dec. 5, 1982, in Bakersfield and lived in Ojai for 16 years. A third-year architecture student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, she is survived by her father and mother, Creighton and Kathleen Alstot of Ojai; sister, Erika Venable

(husband Charles); nephews; grandmother Mary Catherine Alstot of Ojai; grandfather John Marks of Fresno; grand-aunts, Dorothy Jean Warren and Virginia Bogus of Ojai; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Marriage Service of Jennifer Ann Alstadt and James Anthony Craft - August 9, 2002



Left to right, front row - Jeff Bedwell, Kane Hagan, Jennifer Alstadt, James Craft, Jeanette Alstadt, Dorothy Alstadt, Virginia and James Bedwell. Back row: Bill and LaDonna Alstadt, Ben Alstadt, (father of the bride), Lisa and Joe Bedwell, David Bedwell, Jerry Bedwell and Jessica Bedwell. 4-year old Kane was the ring bearer.

Dear Jerry, Two Alstadt great grandchildren married this year. William Bryan Alstadt's great granddaughter Jennifer and James Craft, and Henry Lee Alstadt's great grandson Robert Preston Bland and Gina Lynn Delaney in Nashville, TN. I hope that my family can go to the Illinois Reunion in July. Best wishes, Dorothy Alstadt, pg. 75

Ewald Wuschke Wins Gold & Silver!



BC Champ Ewald Wuschke proudly shows medals received at BC Seniors Games!

September 6, 2003 --- Ewald (Waldo) Wuschke, pg. 547, was awarded a Gold and a Silver Medal at the B.C. Seniors Games

held in Chilliwack, BC, September 3-6, 2003. There were approximately 3,000 participants from all areas of British Columbia at the games. The medals were awarded in the 5-Pin Bowling Category. The Gold Medal was for the highest points above average after six games and the Silver was for the highest points above average in a single game.

Ewald Wuschke was a member of a team selected in playoffs at Varsity-Ridge Bowling at 15th Avenue and Arbutus Street in Vancouver, BC.

2004 AAA Clan Reunion "T" Shirts MUST be ordered before the reunion. None will be available for sale at DuQuoin. So please fill out your registration today and send it as soon as possible!

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the time of Charlemagne and Henry I King of Germany, certain Families from each place were appointed and given lands and titles and then they intermarried several times over and are part of the German Nobility. The **von Alstadt** families were most abundant in the 1500 to 1700's and probably due to the plague and the 30 years war (1618-1648) and the 7 years war (1756-1763), were then thinned down. There are not to many left and some have either lost their "von" status or just no longer used the title.

In Poland there are only two von people found so far and they are: **Everhardus von der Alstede**, 1405, from Marienburg, Govt employee **Moritz Wilhelm von Alststadt**, Hollandisher General. born? He married 1744 to Elisabeth Juliane Augusta von Carnitz. Born Dresden- Died Maastricht Holland- They are listed in the Pommern historical files and lived north of Stargard.

Latest American/German Clan Link in Georg Alstadt Line (pg. 98)

It was discovered on the Germany Tour that the Allstadt line who live in the vicinity of Nuremberg, originally came from the Grossenbach, Hessen, area. Further study by **Tobi Allstadt** found the actual link with the **Georg Alstadt line** whose family historian is **Father Damian Dietlein**. Tobi and "Damo" are in touch and upgrading their family charts.

HERMANN ALTSTADT, Aug. 18, 1916 - Jan. 30, 2003 Our father, he's gone from us in peace - Thursday, the 30th of January, 2003, 11:25 pm. "God released me that I do not drive to the dead ones, but my life sees the light" - Hiob 33, 28

After a fulfilled life was allowed to fall asleep my loved man, our dear father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle in peace.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, 4th February 2003, 2:00 pm at the cemetery in Oberweiler.

Hermann Alstadt was the father of Hermann Alstadt of Erlangen, Germany.

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If you would like a copy...please order now - \$45.00 by check to **Jerry Allstott, 6537 Hummingbird St., Ventura, CA 93003**. The book contains over 600 pages and shows 800+ photographs of the histories of the 28 Allstadt/Altstadt immigrants to the U.S. since 1729.

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