



NEWSLETTER

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Season's Greetings to All...2004 was a very good year with a great Reunion on July 4th in DuQuoin, Illinois...and meeting old friends!

What a fast 2003/2004, but two years full of enjoying AAA cuzzins. From a great Germany Tour in September of 2003, my head and hands spun around full gear into finalizing plans for the 2004 Reunion when Phyllis and I visited with Wayne, Barbara, Sharon and Glenn Alstat in October, 2003.

Early in May 2004, Phyllis and I mounted our trusty RV and headed east. After enjoying time with my sister's and our son's families in Texas and daughter's family in Georgia, we headed toward ILLINOIS! Along the way we enjoyed spending time with "Doc" Alstadt in Salem, VA, and got caught up with his family.

At the end of June, we hobbled into Vergennes, IL, to the home of Wayne & Barbara Alstat. Our RV was definitely "sick," with the rear wheel bearing "singing" into the Alstat's driveway. But no problem...he knew a shop that immediately came to our aid...it only cost money! After enjoying being around our many cuzzins (see article) we visited again with Bill Alstott in Joliet, IL. Last April, Bill had the misfortune of having a tornado scream into town right up his street! Phyllis and I arrived after they had put the house back in one piece!

We took a northern route home through Mt. Rushmore and camped in Yellowstone Park. And you couldn't ask for better weather.

Traveling south on Interstate 5, we visited our cousins, Bill and Joan Langford in Clackamas, OR, and Marvin and Pat Kennedy in Medford, OR on the way to California.

Just lately we had the treat of having Katie Bauers drop by for a visit in our home. We relived the AAA Reunion and brought out the Germany Tour video. What a treat in visiting family and cuzzins...*nothing better!*



You have entered the website of the Allstadt/Altstadt/Altstatt Clans



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GUTEN TAG!

Starting with the image above of Johannes Martin Alstott, in 1729, through the immigration of Alfred Alstott, in 1956, this site tracks thirteen spellings of the 27 known Altstott/Altstadt/Altstatt immigrants to America, their descendants, and includes lineages of many of these present day German cousins.

This website honors all the collected data on all Altstott/Altstadt/Altstatt Clans in the world, but focuses on those clans who immigrated to America from the German State of Hessen

The All Clans website has been updated, please check your family charts and see if your family needs to be updated on the web!

DuQuoin's Mayor and Abe Lincoln Greeted All the AAA Clan Members at the 2004 National Reunion...and it was a blast!



Wayne & Barbara & Glenn & Sharon and the Alstat Clan provided us with the best of food and Illinois "atmosphere!"

Wayne Alstat reserved the perfect building on the fairgrounds for the event for July 3 and 4. It suited our needs to a

"T." The Super 8 Motel was home base for most of the AAA cuzzins.

Yvonne Murray, Katy Alstat and Tiffany Coleman manned the registration and sales tables.

We had 6 RV'ers at the Fairgrounds who were parked just across the street from our building. And that was convenient for the few "sprinkles" received during the two days of festivities.

The "award winning" Illinois style bar-b-que with all the trimmings, served on Saturday evening, and fried chicken and catfish, served at Sunday noon, were delectable to say the least!

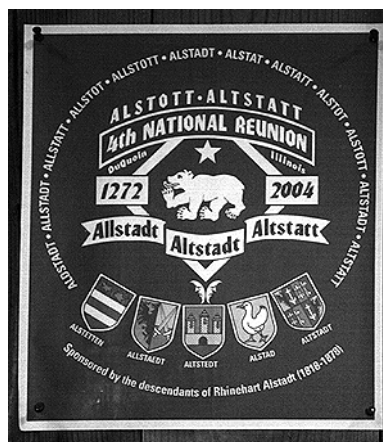
We started on Friday night at the Super 8 and the lobby was quite over crowded. But who cared, we were having a great time catching up on five years of gabbing.

Saturday morning registration switched over to the fairgrounds.

Continental breakfast of muffins, juice and coffee greeted us Saturday and Sunday morning at the Fairgrounds. Around 8 a.m. and most folks were very ready for their first cup of coffee and orange juice!

Gift packages, assembled by Sharon Alstat and the reunion "t"

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Heads Up! Start Making Plans for the 2007 Altstadt Ancestors Tour to Europe...Don't Be Left Out!

What a great time we had "across the pond" in 2003 and many have said, "When can we see Germany again?" or "I missed out on the 2003 Tour to Germany, will you be going again?" The answer to both questions is

YES...we will be returning to Europe in 2007, and 18 of our cuzzins at the DuQuoin Reunion have already said, "WE WANT TO GO!" So turn to page 5 for our itinerary.

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The "A" Train Corner

10/3;
Bronchos 16,
Bucs 13.

Broncos safety John Lynch, the former Buc, makes one of two straight crucial stops of fullback Mike Alstott during the third quarter.



10/24; Bucs 19, Bears 7

Alstott tied the score at 7 when he bulled across on third and goal from the 1. But later went down with a knee injury that will have him out for the rest of the season. Injuries to running back Charlie Garner and fullback Mike Alstott forced Gruden to abandon plans to spread the rushing workload among more than one back.



Photo by Meredith Mercier Daily Egyptian

Lucas Alstat of De Soto target practices at T.L.'s Archery on Illinois Route 13 Monday afternoon. Alstat, a junior at SIUC, has been target practicing with a bow and arrow since he was 16 and has improved to land a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team as an alternate.

SIUC student earns alternate for U.S. Olympic team

SIUC student Lucas Alstat's coach recognizes there are some born with the skill and form necessary to succeed in the sport of archery. He also recognizes the fact that Alstat is not one of these individuals. Alstat's coach, Mark Williams, first met him when he entered his archery shop, T.L. Archery, three years ago and does not recall anything in particular that stood out about him.

Said Williams, who is also the owner of T.L. Archery, where Alstat works. "Lucas is one of those people who puts in the work and makes themselves a better shooter." "When he first came in the shop three years ago, I said we were going to have to work on proper form for shooting, and there are several different things with mental training form and cardiovascular stuff we needed to work on."

Following two tournaments, the cumulative totals were tallied, and 10 finalists were named to the Olympic team. Alstat placed 11th overall, making him the alternate for the team that will venture to Athens for the 2004 Summer Olympic Team.

by Jessica Yorama
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shirts ordered by Glenn Alstat were passed out and the atmosphere was immediately "RED." After a brief noonday shower, we assembled for our group photo outside.

On Saturday evening the program began with a welcome to all the clan members by Wayne Alstat and his special guest, the mayor of DuQuoin. Then it was time for Abe Lincoln! And not only "Abe" but Mary Todd Lincoln was there to accompany him on the podium. Abe gave us a historical look at the American Civil War period intermixing his quick humor. Then Mary Lincoln described what it was like to be "first lady" during war time. The audience reacted with standing applause.

Jerry Allstott then introduced the clan members in attendance by having the participants come forward after their ancestor was introduced. This was a good "icebreaker" and let everyone know "who belonged where." We finished off Saturday night with our first Mike Alstott raffle of memorabilia. The big winner of the jersey and signed football was Jean Williams. Can you believe she had both winning tickets?

Sunday morning found us in worship, with voices joining in beloved tunes including "Amazing Grace." Our worship leader was Jim Kerley with special music by Stephanie Kerley. What an inspirational time!

Sunday lunch was another tasty treat...a combination of fried chicken and southern fried catfish. It was one of the few times the halls of the reunion building were silent from gabbing.

We reassembled, after lunch, for awards and to thank those who made this such a memorable reunion. For Hospitality: Charletta Doerr, Registration: Yvonne Murray, Katy Alstat and Tiffany Coleman, Photographer: Andrew Coleman, Worship Service: Jim and Scarletta Kerley, General Chairmen:

The RVers were set up across the street from the Reunion building. John Allstott talks with Mark Alstat about the good time they had last year in Germany. John's dad, Louie Allstott checks out their German accent

Mike Alstott memorabilia lined up for the raffle drawing

Francis Paul looks over some of the different clans genealogy books out for display

Yvonne Murray and Tiffany Coleman signed everyone in and took in monies for the Alstott and Hand Made Quilt raffle drawings

Grandpa Wayne and grandma Barbara Alstat served double duty as nursemaids for family and cuzzins alike



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BY JOHN H. CROESSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

DU QUOIN
Jackson County board chairman Gary Hartlieb and Perry County board chairman Wayne Bigham have appointed John Hawkins of Du Quoin the new Regional Superintendent of Schools for the two counties.
He fills the vacancy created by the



Globetrotting 4th of July

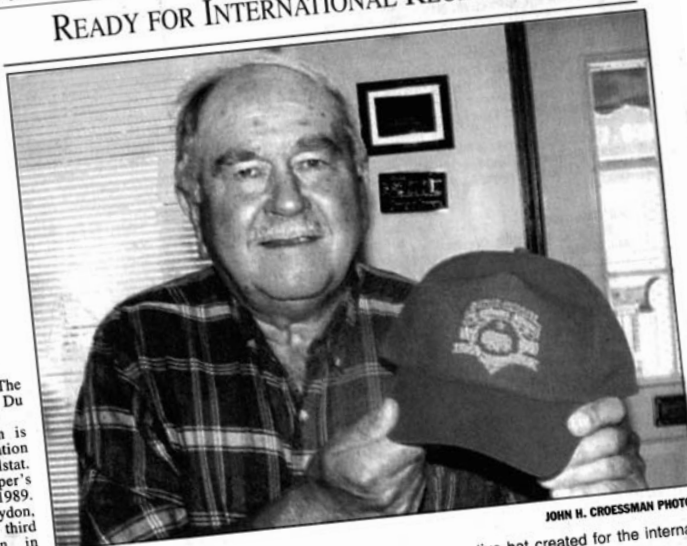
Reunion Brings 200 Members of
Allstadt, Altstadt & Altstatt Families
From Around World to Du Quoin

BY JOHN H. CROESSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

DU QUOIN STATE FAIR
Fourth of July family reunions take on new meaning this weekend when approximately 200 members of the Allstadt, Altstadt and Altstatt families gather at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds for what has evolved into a reunion every five years.
They're coming from all

ing place in and around The First Heat building at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.
"The national reunion is held at a different location every five years," said Alstatt. "The first was at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia in 1989. The second was at Corydon, Indiana in 1994 and the third in Pendleton, Oregon in 1999."
Alstatt says the first recorded arrival of any members of the family to America was in 1729. Included in the family records is of one member who was with General George Washington on his Christmas Eve crossing of the Delaware River during the War of Independence.

READY FOR INTERNATIONAL REUNION HERE



JOHN H. CROESSMAN PHOTO

Wayne Alstatt of Vergennes is pictured with a commemorative hat created for the international reunion at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds this weekend

Another family ancestor running back for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is also a member of the family. Registration for the event are from several states--coast to coast--and some international visitors. The reunion is being hosted by the direct descendants of Rhinehardt Alstatt.



Who's on first? Jerry Allstott and Wayne Alstatt look for an appropriate time to start on Saturday morning as the AAA clans (who are known for their promptness) begin to swing in from their morning cup of coffee.

Wayne & Barbara Alstatt and Glenn & Sharon Alstatt. We then observed the second Mike Alstott raffle, along with the raffle for the quilt made by Wilma Allen, aided by the drawing of Jacob McDonald - this time the big winners were Mark Alstatt, Sharon Alstatt, Jim Altstatt and Debbie Sullivan.

Everybody pitched in for cleanup detail and we finished up around 3:30 p.m. in enough time to get rested and ready for the

Vergennes, host family a proud trail the way



"Honest Abe" and Mary Lincoln relax before coming onstage. Below, Bill Altstatt tells how he used to be as "skinny" as "Abe" which put a shocked expression on Katie Bauer's face.



Bill, Maurice and Aletha Alstott chat with Beverly Alstott before the Lincoln presentation.



Reunion 2004



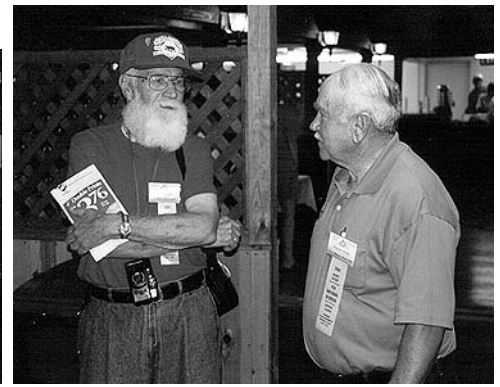
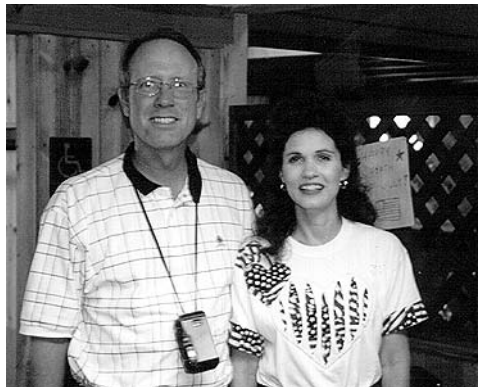
Upper right: Wayne Alstat checks on what's happening in northern Illinois with Bill Alstott who almost lost his home in a tornado last April; middle top: Mark Alstat with Glenn and Sharon Alstat welcoming "Doc" and Brad Alstatt; above top: Jerry Allstott shoots the breeze with Maurice and Aletha Alstott; above 2nd: Sabrina Alstat corrals her kids near meal time; above 3rd: Tim and Emma Vaughan; above 4th: Tiffany Coleman and Katy Alstat take in raffle tickets for the hand made quilt; next row top: Jeff and Charletta Doerr; next right: a table full of Joliet-Plainfield, Illinois area Alstotts; below middle: two Alstat couples; below right: a group of Corydon, Indiana-Michigan, area Alstotts.



big fireworks display at the racetrack grandstands. What a thunderous July 4th display it was...and the perfect way to say goodbye to everyone and look forward to the next reunion in Evansville, Indiana, in 2009.

Registered attenders at the DuQuoin Reunion were:

Jerry & Phyllis Allstott, Ray & Frances Paul, Maurice & Aletha Alstott, Everett & Thelma Aldstadt, Katie Bauers, Gladys Schumert, Ann Alstat, Jon & Chris Alstat, Marvin & Louise Alstott, Allan & Donna Westphalen, Wayne Altstadt & Diane Altstadt, Roger & Anne Allstott, Geoffrey, Ben & Andrew Allstott, Gene & Viola Altstadt, John & Pat Alstott, Jim & Kathie Alstott, Roger & Mary Alstott, Jacob McDonald, Bill & Jenny Alstott, Beverlie Alstott, Glenn & Sharon Alstat, Tim & Lori Alstat, Ian Alstat, , Tori Alstat, Bob & Pat Gott, Jim & Katie Altstadt, Bill & Georgia Altstadt, Bill Alstott, John Allstott, Paul & Delight Engleman, Mark Alstat, Bonnie Alstat, Edna Welch, Mary



Homman, Jean Williams, Jeff & Julia Williams, Loring "Doc" Alstatt, Brad Alstatt, Wayne & Barbara Alstat, Alan & Sabrina Alstat, David & Judy Jones, Caitlyn Jones, Ted Alstat, Ben Alstat, Louie & Virginia Allstott, Jerry & Lisa Allstott, Kavla Allstott, Anita Cate, Rick & Yvonne Murray, Tiffany Coleman, Randy Beckham, Mary Reynolds-Beckham, Tim & Cherilyn Vaughan, Emma Vaughan, William & Shirley Alstott, William Alstott III, Diane Valdes, Wayne & Cheryl Francis, George Alstat, Hershell Altstadt, Jeff & Charletta Doerr, Andrew Coleman, Keiman & Keire Jefferson, Ed Alstat, Katy Alstat, Ernest & Phyllis Heishman, Lana Weiss, Wanda Carrick, Jim Altstadt, Barbara Thompson, Purle Alstat, and Joyce Golden.

I'm sure some AAA clan members got in through the cracks, but the folks listed above did sign in with the registrar, Yvonne Murray.

See you in 5 years in Evansville!



Photos by Andrew Coleman



Top: Jacob McDonald draws out winners of the Mike Alstott raffle from a jar held by Tiffany Coleman; 2nd: Jerry Allstott hands Jim Altstatt the Mike Alstott bobble head doll he won in the raffle; 3rd: Jerry awards Sharon and Glenn Alstalt their plaque for being meet hosts; 4th George and Purle Alstalt get caught up on family news.



The most difficult job was getting the "shorter" clan members off the back row so they could be seen for the clan photo...even that was a laugh!

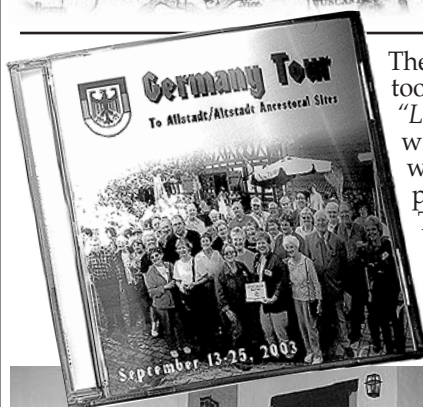


Old 16th century map of Europe depicting country boundaries shows the "Germany" we will tour in 2007

A look at this map, courtesy *Ancestry.com*, locates Brugge, Belgium and Swiss Altstetten locations INSIDE the borders (dark line around the country) of Germany in 1558.

Come along in 2007 as we track these ancient family roots and enjoy tulip time in Holland too!

Read the itinerary on the next page.



The 2003 Germany Tour video is finished! The tour took place from September 13 - 25, 2003. It's not a "Lord of the Rings" Hollywood class quality video with all the bells and whistles - but it does trace what the 31 American Altstadt (all spellings) tour participants experienced during the 12-day tour. The video contains the clan's heraldry, our route to ancestral immigrant hometown sites, what we saw during the tour and the enjoyment of being with German Allstadt and Altstadt "cuzzins" that we met and talked with at six meetings and/or banquets.

Price for the DVD Video, including postage and handling, is \$9.00 US funds. For the VHS Video, including postage and handling, the cost is \$7.00 US funds. The video is a condensed 2-hour version of the 8-hours of video that I shot during the tour. If interested in a DVD or VHS copy just write: **Jerry Allstott**, 6537 Hummingbird St., Ventura, CA 93003-6908, and enclose your check.



2003 Germany Group and DuQuoin National Meet Photos Now Available

For an 8x10 copy of the Germany Tour taken at Allstedt Castle by Lana Weiss, and/or a 8x12 copy of the 4th reunion group at the DuQuoin Fairgrounds send



a check for \$7.00 for each photo, including packaging and postage to **Jerry Allstott**, 6537 Hummingbird St., Ventura, CA 93003-6908.



The descendants of Heinrich Altstadt (c.1792) led by Jim and Katie Altstadt and Wayne and Diane Altstadt invite all the AAA Clans members to

The 5th National Allstadt/Altstadt Reunion

The reunion will be in August 2009 during Germanfest in Evansville, Indiana, at a date still yet undetermined...follow future newsletters for exact dates!

Europe Spring 2007...YES! We had a great time in 2003 visiting our immigrant ancestors home towns - - now we go back further into the past to the origins of our clans in Belgium, Germany and Switzerland while enjoying Spring tulips in Holland along the way!

The **2003 Germany Tour** centered around the Altstadt/Altstadt immigrant ancestors who came to America. The **2007 Tour** will look more into the ancient roots of the Altstadt/Altstadt clans. We will be traveling in the footsteps of the ancient "holy-place" **Alahstads** as they journeyed from the Baltic coast into Hessen - - and up from the Swiss areas around Lake Constance into the Baden/Michelfeld area.

I know you will enjoy the tour!

We will be starting out in Switzerland and ending in Switzerland - - possibly flying into and out of Zurich from Dulles Airport, Washington, DC.

Here is the proposed itinerary:

Days 1/2 - Fly from Dulles into Zurich. Meet **Elisabeth Lutz**, our tour guide, and drive to the area of Altstetten, Switzerland (*west of Zurich*) for the evening stay and a look around the town. Elisabeth will be *preresearching* this town for us to see where their Altstetten "roots" are found.

Day 3 - Motor from Altstetten, Switzerland, across the Rhine River at Basel into the Black Forest of Germany. At Freiburg we continue north stopping at the **Freilichtmuseum** (*my Michelin tour book says it takes two hours to tour*). Continuing northwest to Offenburg we turn north to Michelfeld. We spend the night at Michelfeld, possibly at the *Engel*...and eat dinner with Michelfeld Altstadts/Wiegels at the *Engel*.

Day 4 - Leave Michelfeld and turn north to Heidelberg for a Castle/Altstadt tour then lunch at the Altstadt. We continue north to Heppenheim for a coffee (*or Italian eis*) break and continue north to Darmstadt for a tour of the Prinz-Georg-Garten/Palais. Evening in Darmstadt.

Day 5 - Leave Darmstadt for Dreieichenhain with morning tour and lunch at Dreieichenhain. After lunch we motor to Gambach (*early Altstadt site*) and drive east to Burghaun for the evening meal and overnight at the Burghanerhof (*same place where we had one of our banquets in 2003*). We will invite the local Altstadts to eat with us here



as we did in 2003.

Day 6 - Leave Burghaun and head northeast to Altenstadt and Paderborn for morning tour and lunch. After lunch we head west to Dortmund and, heading west, we cross from Germany into Belgium and our overnight stop near Antwerp, Belgium.



Elisabeth and Roel are ready to "run" us around again

Day 7 - Leave the Antwerp area for Brugge (*early Altstadt site*) for the City Tour and lunch. After lunch we retrace our route to Antwerp and head north into Holland and eastward to our evening destination of Arnhem. We will take some time to stop and see tulip fields and windmills (*the old fashioned type*) as we tour through Holland.

Day 8 - Leave Arnhem, Holland, for Alstätte,



We will again visit Allstedt Castle.

Germany, (*early Altstadt site*) on the western border of Holland with Germany. Next we head to our evening stay at Bremen.

Jörg Allstädt -- (*who met us at Allstedt Schloss in 2003*) will welcome us in Bremen.

Day 9 - Leave Bremen and head toward Lübeck (*early Altstadt site*) with a coffee break near Hamburg on the way to Lübeck. City tour and lunch at Lübeck. Leave Lübeck in the afternoon and turn south to Hannover and head to Helmstedt for the evening.

Day 10 - Leave Helmstedt and turn south to Eisleben. At Eisleben tour Martin Luther birthplace the in morning. Continue south for lunch at Querfurt. After lunch head west to Allstedt Schloss for an afternoon tour of the castle. After the tour drive south to Dornburg (*early Altstadt site*). After a short break we turn west to Erfurt for the evening meal and lodging.



Day 11 - Leave Erfurt and continue south to Coburg (*early Altstadt site*). There we have a city tour in the morning and lunch. After lunch, we motor south to Bamberg. We will meet **Tobi Allstadt**, who now lives in Bamberg, and he will guide us around the city. Later that afternoon we continue to Erlangen. We have dinner at the "*Brave Bavarian*." We will stay at the same hotel as in 2003...a block and a half from the restaurant. **Hermann** and **Gundi Allstadt** and other Allstadts/Altstadts from the area will join us.

Day 12 - Leave Erlangen for morning tour of the Nürnberg castle and castle museum. Then stroll the town and have lunch. Then we head south for München (Munich). We have a brief tour of München and spend the evening there.

Day 13 - Leave München and head to Fussen and further south to 'das wunderbar' Schloss Neuschwanstein. We tour the Schloss and have lunch then return to Fussen and head to Lindau near the Bodensee. Evening dinner and stay at Lindau.

Day 14 - From Lindau we take the ferry to Rorschach, Switzerland, across the Bodensee (*Lake Constance*). Then we drive south to Altstätten. Tour of Altstätten. Day in Altstätten at leisure.

Day 15 - Altstätten to St. Gallen. Morning for shopping in St. Gallen...on to Zurich for shopping, rest and evening final dinner.

Day 16 - Pack up our souvenirs and memories and return to the good ol' USA.

Cuzzin Contact

I do not have any news or know of any from our clan. Since I do not go down for the reunion in Corydon, IN. I do not know what went on there either. My brother, **Pete (Engleman)** said that he and Delight had a good time in Illinois. If I hear of anything, I will e-mail you.

I talk to **Marvin and Louise Alstott** about every other month. They are in the midst of building themselves a new home, all on one floor, for the aging. HA! Well, your trips all sound very interesting, but I have arthritis in my right knee and hip, so it is difficult for me to get around. I just can't do a lot of walking before the pain takes over.

Have a nice winter out there in CA.
Love from Maine, **Ruth Fraser** (pg.201)

Hi Jerry,
Happy Halloween to you two. It's the only day I blend into the crowd (without a costume) that is. I am glad the website is getting done, now Shelly will be happy. The chart looks OK. I haven't found any errors, good job. My cousin **Edelgard Pütz** (decendant of **Pauline Altstadt**) in Germany has met with **Arthur Altstadt** and she is getting his Genealogy next time they meet. So you see the 2003 Germany trip accomplished a lot, two cousins found each other and are getting along great. Edelgard is waiting for your next trip to Germany and she will meet you all somewhere along the way. She lives in Borken, that's in the Northeast corner of Germany close to where your next trip is headed. She is a really nice lady, we have been e-mailing a lot to each other sharing pictures etc. It's been a blast.

Well gotta go thanks again.
Elvira Howe, (pg.541)

Dear Jerry,
Here we have had much trouble in January 2004! I have prepared two greater meetings of our old-people's organisation. Physical problems, which I unfortunately have, then appeared again. Therefore I couldn't thank you earlier for your last e-mail and the Newsletter you sent by post. Gisela and I enjoyed the report and the printed photos from the Germany tour. Many thanks also that Gisela and I are mentioned. It is particularly honorable for us.
Cordially, **Fritz and Gisela Allstädt**, Bad Homburg, Germany

Hi Jerry,
I have moved to the beautiful city of Bamberg "Now since 10 years named as World Cultural Heritage".

My new address is Schildstrasse 26, D96050 Bamberg. My new flat is about 15min (walk) from the railroad station, my home office with a view towards the Monastery Michelsberg and the cathedral "DOM". Three of the 9 breweries with

Old Altstadt Home found in Berks County, PA

In June 2004, Phyllis and I stopped by to visit the Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro, PA. The Homestead is located in Berks County only around 5 miles from the original **Martin Altstadt** (1699) farm. The tour guide was a fellow named Jim Lewars, who is the administrator of the Homestead. After the tour, I talked to Jim and told him about my Berks County Altstadt roots and that the old Schwarzwald Church was located on the **Martin Altstadt** property. He said that he attended the Schwarzwald Church and then he asked me if I had seen the old Altstadt house. I didn't know that one existed - so later, after we returned to California, he e-mailed me the location of the house. That house will be on our itinerary next fall. I do not know if this was a house owned by **Adam Altstadt**, a son of **Martin Altstadt**, but I sure hope Jim can find out.

In Jim's e-mail he said, "I have been extremely busy in October and I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. The Altstadt House is a privately owned residence located on Rt. 562 near Jacksonwald in Exeter Township, Berks County. The house is not visible from the road and I am not sure if the present owners are amenable to visitors. If you are familiar with this area, there is a development called 'Farming Ridge' located along Rt. 562. The private drive to the Altstadt House is located about 100 yards east of the Farming Ridge entrance, on the same side of Rt. 562. The house is a two-story limestone house, built in two sections. The present owner is a Dr. Lutz. I will try to obtain a phone number for him." Cordially, Jim Lewars, Administrator, Daniel Boone Homestead.

If you have not visited the Daniel Boone Homestead, it should be on your list of things to do. The tour was very encompassing...and on the property is the original house of Pierre Bertolet, the brother of John Bertolet, who married **Susanna Altstadt**, the daughter of **Nicholas Altstadt**. This early original Bertolet building was probably of the same log construction as that of the original **Martin Altstadt** home.

Biergartens are from 300 to 500m within my surroundings.

Awaiting your return to Germany in 2007.
cuz **Tobi Allstadt**, Bamberg, Germany

Dear Jerry,
Mother (**Jenny Altstadt**) is doing great! She's been able to make some long drives and did just fine. The only thing that is really bothering her is that the side of the surgery is still quite swollen. The doctor has told her his is normal and not to worry, but she's impatient. I asked her if she remembered how I had to wear those silly surgical shoes for over 3 months because of the swelling in my toe, and at least she can wear her clothes and not have to keep super gluing her shoe back together!

Now about Dad (**Bill Altstadt**)...he had a physical about a month ago and Dr. Croft found two things he wanted him to have checked out. One was a heart murmur and he's had the appointment with the heart specialist and treadmill with pictures of the heart with dye already. He also had the echocardiogram, which showed a problem with a valve. They believe medication will take care of it, thank God! The other thing was to do with the prostate. He went to Dr. Medley (the urologist we nearly know on a first name basis by now) and had to have a biopsy. His blood work didn't show cancer, but they wanted to make sure. Well, it's a good thing they did! It IS cancer! Now I never did like that word or disease, but I'm here to tell you I HATE that word even worse now! He has to have a cat scan this Thursday and has an appt. to be 'microwaved' in a couple of weeks. (That's what Dr. Medley called the radiation.) They only aim to do that once, to reduce the swelling. They will then do the seed implant to kill it the rest of the way. It's so early, they don't believe there will be any

problems at all. I'm truly thankful to God for that, but it's not exactly news that we wanted to hear. It's only been 2 months since Mother's surgery and that cancer being removed. Please remember us all in prayer.

Beverlie Alstott, (pg.204)

Mrs. Estelle D. Bowen

October 6, 1927 - February 12, 2004

Mrs. Estelle D. Bowen (pg. 354), age 76, of McKinney, Texas, passed away February 12, 2004, in McKinney. She was born October 6, 1927, in Houston, Texas, to Obeal Joseph and **Alma Louise (Allstott) Dugas**. Mrs. Bowen married David Bowen on December 17, 1954, in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Bowen worked for the Texaco Company and the Houston and Austin Branches of Texas Bank for Cooperatives. She was a member of the Rheas Mill Baptist Church. She is survived by her daughters, **Brenda Gullett** and husband, Robert of Arkansas, **Nancy Groves** and husband, Kevin of Colorado, and **Le Ann Mounger** and husband, Darrell of McKinney; granddaughter, Tammy Lynn Schultz; grandsons, Todd Kercheval, Grant Gullett, Ryan Gullett, and Darrell Glenn Mounger, II; great-grandchildren, Wyatt Schultz and Shyann Schultz. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, February 15, 2004, in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel with Rev. Gary Sherrill and Rev. Jack Gibson officiating. Entombment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Saturday, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home.

Altstadt's in Evansville "Ringiered Up" a Great Time for All!

We had our Evansville ALTSTADT Family Reunion yesterday, Sunday, September 12, at Wayne and Diane's place. I have attached several pictures taken during the event. There was a very good turnout, 51 cuzzins showed up and all had a wonderful time.

Jim Altstadt, Evansville, IN (pg.77)



You are probably wondering "what is Washer Pitching"? It's a game similar to Horseshoes, only using 2 1/2 inch washer and throwing them to land in a 3 inch cup inserted in the ground 21 feet apart. There are teams of two, each throwing two washers trying to get theirs in the cup, or closest to it. It is very challenging and competitive but not as strenuous as throwing 2 1/2 lb. horseshoes 40 feet. In other words, more old folks like myself can participate!



"Der Hund Haus", which is Wayne and Diane's party room in their barn. The inside picture is of those sitting and standing around inside chatting with each other. Photo #2: This is me in the motion of throwing, and my opponent Wayne (left). As you can see, we are both very intensely washer pitching (with cans in hand)!! Photo #3: These two Washer Pitching tournament participants are my wife Katie and "my partner" and granddaughter, Kelli Duggan. Photo #4: Kids pitching Bean Bags



Bobby Eugene Altstadt, (pg.256) 69, of Mustang, OK, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004 in Oklahoma City. Bobby was born July 27, 1934, at Yukon, OK, the son of Earl Eugene and Claudia Bell Arney Altstadt. He much preferred to spend all the time he could with his grandparents in Valiant, OK, a small town in SE Oklahoma where he made friends that would last him a lifetime. They were Roy Byrd, Steve Walkup and Jake Johnson. In 1953, Bobby joined the US Navy and served on the USS Piedmont during the Korean War. His brother, Bill, and Steve Walkup were on the same ship. As a teen he learned to play the guitar and banjo and his CB Handle was "Banjo Man." He also used the stage name "Bobby All." On October 15, 1980, he married Kathy Masoner of Spencer, OK. Bobby is survived by his wife, Kathy, a daughter and her husband Pam and Ron Hamman and their children Ronda and Heath; a son and his wife, Roy and Terri Altstadt and their children Joe, Charlie and Amiee; great grandchildren Ashton, Chace and Robert; a brother and

his wife, Bill and Georgia Altstadt; nephews, Bobby and wife Karen and their children Sheri, Brad, Kristi and Brooke, also nephews Johnny and Billy; Mother in Law, Joella Masoner; Brothers in law, and their families, Larry and Kelly Masoner; Dennis and Stephanie Masoner and their children Tyler and Abby, Ron and Vickie Masoner and their children Michelle and Ryan and their grandchildren Christina and MaKenna. Bobby's family has many real memories of him. Bob was always a loner who always welcomed company but rarely went visiting. He was a guy that enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved guns, beer and Bluegrass. Bob was a master craftsman and jack-of-all-trades who enjoyed working in his shop doing leatherwork, woodwork, sewing custom upholstery and classic cars. Bob tooled leather guitar straps for Jeanie C. Riley and Porter Wagner. In his younger days he was a crack shot with a revolver and at one time worked as a gunfighter at Frontier City. His kids remember growing up with the music being played on weekends usually at their home with family and friends. His nephew, Billy remembers how Bobby called all the nephews "Squirrel." To Nanny he was "Bigger than Life." Billy went to the hospital the night before she died, Bob was asleep on a cot beside her bed. His uncle Bob taught him to tool leather, singing Merle Haggard and playing Banjo. His family was always proud of how he took care of his aging parents in their hour of need. He was a faithful and loving son. When called upon Bob would do whatever he could to be helpful.

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