



NEWSLETTER

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fröhliche Weihnachten und Glückliches Neujahr zu alles von Phyllis und Jerry Allstott...Yah!

Just practicing "mein schlecht Deutsch" for the upcoming "rescheduled" 2007 Germany/Austria/Switzerland tour with a little bit of eastern Holland thrown in.

I must admit that I my *balloon was busted* when I had to cancel the Spring "version" of the 2007 European Tour as only 10 of our "cuzzins" were able to definitely GO! Of those who had to drop out, either immediate financial problems or job situations prevented their participation in the tour...not the fact that lipstick and bottled water are now "verboden" on airliners, ho, ho!

But I am undaunted...and am giving all our American clans one last chance to sign up to visit our ancient Germanic heritage. So, if your fall is open...STOP procrastinating and send in your deposit today!...enough said! All the info on the Fall European Tour is found in this newsletter.

So, what did 2006 hold for Phyllis and Jerry? A lot!

But to condense...church mission trips to Tijuana, Mexico, and Waveland, Mississippi, with church friends rounded out the early part of the year.

This was followed by a 11-day tour to China in August. *See How! Everything was Ding How!* I was expecting an old China "third world" look, but we were awestruck on how modern that eastern nation has become since 1989. *Like a whole new country!* And within 10 years it will become the most capitalistic country in the world! But...you still can't drink the water.

In September and October, we took our usual tour back east to visit the kids and grandkids and made an enjoyable stop in Oklahoma City with **Bill and Georgia Allstott**, enjoying their family and Georgia's dad's 90th birthday. Onward to a wet visit of "Slick Willie's" library in Little Rock, and on to visit Phyllis' uncle in Huntsville, AL, Then we were off to Georgia to visit our daughter, **Cherilyn Vaughan's**, family for a couple of weeks and headed south for a visit with Phyllis' nephew's family in Lake Worth, FL.

Heading west we stopped at Lake Jackson, Texas, to visit our son, **Roger**

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Will "A-train" Mike Alstott hang up his cleats after 11 hard knocking years with the Tampa Bay Bucs?...he made the name Alstott a nationally known moniker. To that we say... "Thanks Mike!" We'll always remember... and then...



2003 National Conference Championship Game — Tampa Bay 27 - Philadelphia 10

Mike Alstott has played his entire NFL career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, a total of 10 memorable seasons.

Make it 11.

Alstott, the six-time Pro Bowl fullback who ranks as one of the most popular players in franchise history, will be back for his 11th year as a Buccaneer after agreeing to a new contract on the first day



2003 Super Bowl XXXVII Game at San Diego, California — Tampa Bay 48 - Oakland 21

of free agency.

The free agency market opened eight days later than originally planned due to the lengthy but ultimately successful CBA negotiations – and the Bucs immediately got busy. Alstott's pact was finalized not only an hour after negotiations started.

Despite speculation that the former

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ALTSTADT EUROPEAN TOUR DATES CHANGE FROM SPRING TO FALL...SEPTEMBER 20...OCTOBER 4, 2007, TO BE EXACT!

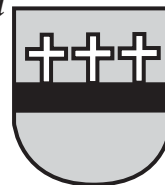
...and then there were 10! Ouch!

Finances and job problems clobbered our Spring European tour...how is your Fall? There's NO TIME to procrastinate if you want to see ancient Altstadt/Alstede sites!

Talk about being "flexible" - that is all I can say of the 2007 tour.

When I first talked of the 2007 tour at the DuQuoin Reunion in 2004, 18 "cuzzins" signed up for information on the tour. Of that group, only 3 "cuzzins" were able to send in their deposits on the tour.

Fourteen other "cuzzins" were excited to go, but by the first of September, our numbers were down to 11 - due to job difficulties or finances - or both. *(In order to get the discounts and keep costs low, we needed at least 15 folks to fill the tour requirements).*



Alstede

As we were going backward in numbers rather than forward... I had to cancel the tour, or risk charging much higher costs onto the 10 "cuzzinz" who had signed up.

Upon calling some of our "cuzzins" who had planned on making the Spring tour, I found that some had preferred a Fall tour over a Spring tour. I also found others who wanted to go but needed more time to come up with the necessary funds.

So...with all this in mind, I have decided to see who would be interested in a Fall 2007 Tour to Europe to see ancient Altstadt/Alstede family sites...along with viewing the beautiful lowland Fall Color and splendor of the Alps! This tour will be later in the late fall which should assure us of seeing Europe at its "brightest!"

In the last few weeks, I have had communication from Ira Allstadt and Phil Allstadt, who let me know that they would

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The "A" Train Corner

Purdue star might retire at the end of 2005, both he and the Buccaneers were motivated to extend his career after his strong showing last fall. Used primarily as a short-yardage and goal-line weapon in the rushing attack, Alstott scored six touchdowns among his 34 carries, tying for the team lead and marking his highest total since 2001. The fifth-leading receiver in franchise history, he added 25 catches for 222 yards and another touchdown.

By all accounts, Alstott also turned in some of the finest lead-blocking of his career last year. He helped paved the way for rookie back Cadillac Williams' 1,178 rushing yards and the league's 14th-ranked rushing attack. Tampa Bay had finished 29th in rushing yards in 2004.

Alstott has long captured the fans' imagination through his rugged style and a memorable series of second and third-effort highlight-reel runs. During the early part of his career, he formed a "Lightning & Thunder" duo with scatback Warrick Dunn and averaged nearly 700 rushing yards per season from 1997-2002. He was selected to the Pro Bowl after each of those seasons.

Early in 2003, however, as the Bucs attempted to defend their Super Bowl XXXVII title, Alstott suffered a neck injury that eventually landed him on injured reserve and led to fears that his career would be over. Instead, Alstott worked hard to recover from the injury and came back to play in 14 games in 2004, contributing 230 rushing yards and 29 receptions. He has completely put that injury behind him and appeared refreshed in 2005.

In a thrilling, 36-35 victory over Washington in November 2005, Alstott scored two touchdowns. To cap that effort, Alstott used a second effort to score the game-winning two-point conversion after the Bucs scored a touchdown in the game's final minute. Alstott called the game, and the final run, his second-most memorable NFL moment, after that Super Bowl XXXVII victory.

Alstott's return in 2006, will allow him to continue his climb up the Buccaneers' career statistical charts. He is far and away the top touchdown producer in team annals, scoring 68 times, including 55 on the ground.

Article from ESPN.com



That's Phyllis (mein frau) with the family of Hermann and Gundi Altstadt in Erlangen last year. All the family speak English except for the youngster, Alex and he's learning.



Hermann and I stand between Hermann and Edelgard Pütz. Both speak English well - Hermann Pütz speaks it with an English accent!



Karl and Maggie Altstadt's son's families speak English, Karl's family is our host at the sumptuous banquet in Burghaun.



Tobi Allstadt is our host in Bamberg. He has made many business trips to the states for his employer...Adidas.

In 2003, a highlight of the tour was coffee and homemade goodies in the backyard of Hans and Karen Altstadt in Fraurombach



Hans and Karen Altstadt's sons are also fluent in English. Their son, Alex, is mayor of Fraurombach.

Sprechen sie Deutsch! Nein! That's OK - as most of our German cousins speak English... So come on along and get to know your "closest" kin in Germany!

If you're worried that you will be totally "lost for words" in the Fatherland - practice up on your "bitte" (thanks) and "hallo" (hello) and "Gesundheit!" (gesundheit!).

Outside of that, all of the German and Austrian population under 50 years of age have taken at least 6-years of English in school. English and/or French are the two required languages one must master in the European Union. Most Europeans choose to master English...I think except for those who live in France.

Any shops you would enter, hotels or museums you wish to explore hire folks who also speak English.

And, our tour guide, Elisabeth Lutz, speaks English, as well as French, Italian, German and ...well, she is a tour guide!

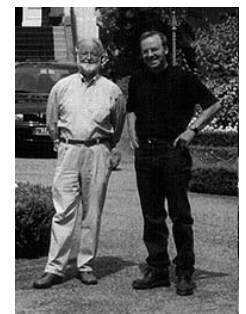
Our tour group now consists of Yvonne Murray, Cobden, IL; Mark Alstat, Auburn Hills, MI; Lana Jo Weiss and Wanda Carrick, Caseyville, IL; Sally Altstadt Dutzman, Pittsburgh PA; Lorrie Altstadt, Ocala, FL; Alan and Donna Westphalen, El Cajon, CA; Ira Allstadt, Addison, TX; Phil Altstadt, Superior, WY; and Jerry and Phyllis Allstadt, Ventura, CA.

Come on along...we would love to show you the Altstadt side of Europe!

Oh...by the way, Wanda Carrick is on a special diet and will using a wheelchair pushed along by her daughter Lana Jo Weiss. We've tried to think of every way to make this tour "low impact" on your joints and to fulfill your dietary needs as best as possible.



Jörge Allstädt will greet us in English at our hotel in Bremen



Burkhardt Altstadt will show us his Shoe Museum in Tiefenort...in fluent German...I didn't say everyone sopokey English, but Elisabeth can translate

Address change? Please let me know when you move so that I can keep your AAA family newsletters coming... Thanks!

2007 is just around the corner...send your \$1,000 tour deposit to Jerry Allstott today!

Europe FALL 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 Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, while enjoying beautiful castles and countryside along the way!

Day 1 - September 21, 2007

Arrival in Frankfurt (from Sept. 20 departure from Dulles/Washington D.C.) Continue to Dreieichenhain for a walking tour of the walled village. Motor onto Götzenhain for dinner with Heinz Hang. Heinz has done research on **Caspar Altstadt** (1673) and I think all will be interested in what he has to say — IN ENGLISH) and then we will overnight at Hotel Krone in Götzenhain..

Day 2 - September 22

Breakfast at Hotel Krone. Drive on to Ravalzhausen and visit the town of Caspar Altstadt (1673). Motor through Gambach and onto Herborn to see the Altstadt and "Hohen Schule" where **Henricus Alstedius** taught high school in the 17th century before becoming a professor at the University in Marburg and writing the first German Encyclopedia. Continue to Grossenlüder and onto Frauorbach for coffee at **Hans and Karen Altstadt's** home (in their back yard). We then see the town's 13th century church, enjoy an organ concert by **Phyllis Allstott** (mein frau) and look for Altstadt graves in the cemetery. We drive next to Burghaun, for a tour of its 16th century Catholic and Protestant Churches and Rathaus led by **Manfred Altstadt**, before joining our German Altstadt/Allstadt cousins at a sumptuous Banquet at the Burghaunerhof. That evening we will stay at the Konrad Zuse Hotel in Hünfeld. (Sounds like a lot of zipping around — but the towns are very close together).

Day 3 - September 23
Breakfast at Konrad Zuse Hotel in Hunfeld. Drive a short distance northeastward to Tiefenort (in old East Germany) and see the Altstadt Shoe Museum (am alten Amtshaus) with an escorted tour by retired schuhmeister **Burkhardt Altstadt**. This is his shoe collection from around the world - very unique. Then it is on to Paderborn for lunch, on your own, and a short walking tour with our tour director, **Elisabeth Lutz**. We continue to Munster for some shopping time, our dinner and overnight at Hotel Moevenpick.

Day 4 - September 24

Breakfast at Hotel Moevenpick. Drive to **Alstede Schloss** - just 24 km west of Munster. We will then drive country roads (that once on Alstede property) into eastern Holland, turning at Enschede back toward Germany. We will have lunch, on-our-own at a stop on the Autobahn on the way to Bremen. We continue driving northeastward to Bremen for our dinner and overnight at the Ramada Treff Uebersee Hotel.

Day 5 - September 25

Breakfast at Hotel Krone. Drive on to Ravalzhausen and visit the town of Caspar Altstadt (1673). Motor through Gambach and onto Herborn to see the Altstadt and "Hohen Schule" where **Henricus Alstedius** taught high school in the 17th century before becoming a professor at the University in Marburg and writing the first German Encyclopedia. Continue to Grossenlüder and onto Frauorbach for coffee at **Hans and Karen Altstadt's** home (in their back yard). We then see the town's 13th century church, enjoy an organ concert by **Phyllis Allstott** (mein frau) and look for Altstadt graves in the cemetery. We drive next to Burghaun, for a tour of its 16th century Catholic and Protestant Churches and Rathaus led by **Manfred Altstadt**, before joining our German Altstadt/Allstadt cousins at a sumptuous Banquet at the Burghaunerhof. That evening we will stay at the Konrad Zuse Hotel in Hünfeld. (Sounds like a lot of zipping around — but the towns are very close together).

Jörg Allstädt and other Allstädt's in the area, will join us during the dinner hour.



And we may be able to coax Jörg into giving us a short walking tour of the Bremen Altstadt and possibly a pub stop (of course, on-your-own).

Day 5 - September 25

Breakfast at Ramada Treff in Bremen. Motor to Lübeck for an escorted city tour with lunch at the Restaurant Ratskeller. After shopping we will continue to the Hotel Courtyard in Braunschweig for dinner and our overnight stay.

Day 6 - September 26

Breakfast at Hotel Courtyard. Visit Eisleben and tour Martin Luther's houses. Lunch on-your-own. We then visit **Allstedt Schloss** in Allstedt for a self guided tour of the castle grounds and buildings.

Later that afternoon we drive, via Dornburg, to Weimar where we have dinner and overnight at the Hotel Kaiserin Augusta.

Day 7 - September 27

Breakfast at Hotel Kaiserin Augusta. Drive south through Coburg. We meet **Tobi Altstadt** in Bamberg for lunch, on-your-own, at the Zum Spezial-Keller Bier Garten, which overlooks the town. This is followed by an "unofficial" tour of the Bamberg Dom, a "bier" brewery tour, and a walk to the river area by Töbi where we return to our motor coach and drive to Erlangen for our dinner at the "Brave Bavarian" with the family of **Hermann and Gundi Altstadt** (The Brave Bavarian is Gundi's brother, Norbert Polster's restaurant - fantastic cook! - his pork loin roast is something to die for - or maybe you prefer the roast duck! - if

you're lucky, maybe he will give you a ride on the back of his BMW bike!). Overnight at Nh Erlangen.

Day 8 - September 28

Breakfast at Nh Erlangen. Visit the Nürnberg Kaiserburg in the Altstadt area. Lunch at the Bratwurst Roeslein. Drive to Munich where we have an orientation drive upon arrival. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Tryp.

Day 9 - September 29

Breakfast at Hotel Tryp, Munich. Drive to Fuessen and Schwangau for a tour of Neuschwanstein Schloss. Lunch at the Restaurant Schwanstein in Schwangau. Drive over the border and to Innsbruck, Austria.

Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Bierwirt in Innsbruck.

Day 11 - September 30

Breakfast at Hotel Bierwirt. See Maria Theresien Strasse 34 - former home of

Friedrich I von Altstätter - Archduke in the court of Maximilian III - City tour by tour guide - shopping and lunch on your own - std. Dinner and Overnight at Hotel Bierwirt.

Day 12 - October 1

Early breakfast in Innsbruck. Drive to Altstetten, Switzerland bei St. Gallen. Spend the day shopping or visit the Altstetten Museum (on-your-own). In the afternoon we will drive to Altstetten bei Zurich for a brief tour and shopping - - then back to Zurich for our dinner and overnight at the Hotel St. Gottard, Zurich.

Day 13 - October 2

Breakfast at Hotel St. Gotthard. Drive into Germany and visit the Freilichtmuseum in the Black Forest - - home of the world famous "Bag Museum." Lunch on-your-own at the museum cafe. Continue to Michelfeld and see the Schloss and Heinrich Altstadt Bakery. Then to Hotel Ratsstube in Sinshheim for dinner and overnight. **Heinz Wiegel** (his mother was an Altstadt) joins us for dinner and brings another batch of his "new" wine and onion cake (remember 2003) for our after dinner pleasure.

Day 14 - October 3

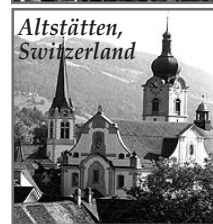
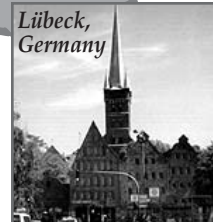
Breakfast at Hotel Ratsstube. Visit Heidelberg Castle and see the Great Barrel and Pharmaceutical museum. Lunch at the Kulturbrauerei, Heidelberg. Drive to Darmstadt, via the earliest known Allstätter region around Wersau/Messbach, and tour the Prinz Georg Palace Garten. Continue to Frankfurt and the Hotel Arabella Sheraton Congress for our "Finis" Banquet and overnight

Day 15 - October 4

Breakfast at the Hotel Arabella Sheraton Congress. Coach and transfers to Frankfurt Airport and in most cases...home same day.



Elisabeth and Roel are ready to "run" us around this expanded trail of our ancestors



2007 European Tour Costs:

The approximate cost of this 16-day tour, which includes airfare, personalized motorcoach, most meals (*outside of lunches that you need to provide for yourself on some days*), entrance fees for palaces, castles and museums, along with lodging/dinner costs \$850* for the airfare (*plus discounted airfare from your home town to DC Dulles*) and \$3,355* for the landtour. *Tips to our tour director and motor coach driver are not included in these prices.*

The dollar is now taking a beating on the European financial market...that and even higher gasoline prices in Europe, than in the states, has brought made this tour cost higher than projected in last year's newsletter... but...as in 2003, Elisabeth Lutz of Kuoni Travel has searched out and is searching out for the best value our dollars can buy!



In addition to the AmericalGermany Cousins Banquet in Burghaun, we will have sumptuous dining at the Brave Bavarian in Erlangen, The Restaurant Kulturbrauerei, Heidelberg, The Ratskeller, Lübeck, The Elefantenkeller, Weimar and the Restaurant Schwanstein in Schwangau

Hotels that Elisabeth has made contact with and where we will stay in 2007 include: The Hotel St. Gotthard, Zurich, Ramada Treff, Bremen; Hotel Quality, Weimar; Hotel Tryp, Munich and the Hotel Bierwirt in Innsbruck

**Approximate US dollars to Swiss Francs*



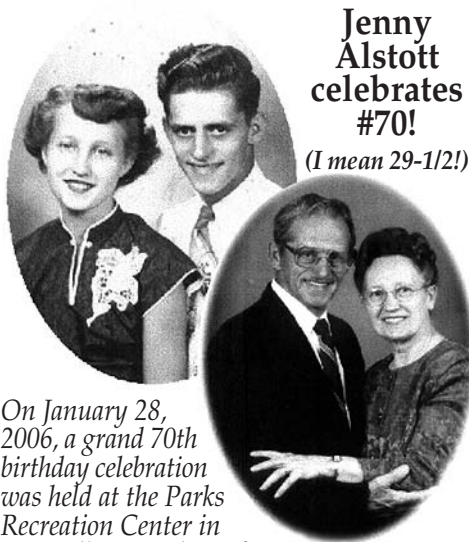
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Allstott's family for another couple of weeks. While there we were invited by cousins **Marian** and **Jim Neel** for three days at the old Sowell home in Palestine, Texas, with my sister, **Mary Ruth Cooper**. We visited the graves of my Davis ancestors and the graves of Reason and Mary Allstott in the old city cemetery.

The two months away from home gave us only 9 days of sun. But the parched east needed the rain and we were glad to bring it with us.

Hope this season finds you and your family well. Thanks beforehand for the upcoming Christmas Greetings we receive from all our "AAA" cuzzins!

Cuzzin Contact



Jenny Alstott celebrates #70!

(I mean 29-1/2!)

On January 28, 2006, a grand 70th birthday celebration was held at the Parks Recreation Center in New Albany, Indiana for Reverend Jenny Alstott. Congratulations Jenny, and we wish you many more years of vim and vitality!

Dear Jerry,
You two are out there traveling again, what a wonderful retirement for two hard working people. We never did much traveling (now it is too late) we were to busy helping our kids and grandkids. I bought that RV in hopes of seeing some things but Marv never took to it, the winters were too cold and the summer time was garden time.

I sent you Aunt **Dorris Spencer's** Obit. Aunt **June Meek** is the only child from the **R. E. and Mary (Wardwell) Allstott** family, living now. Aunt **Jane Allstott**, wife of **Otis Allstott** is still living in Hermiston. Not many Allstott's are in Hermiston...they grew up and moved to other places or died. Also Fred Painter passed away.

We had a Allstott reunion (at the last minute and a Memorial for Aunt Dorris) in Hermiston at the cemetery on Memorial Day and then we went to a cafe and had a great dinner and visit. I think there were around 50 of us and we were so happy to see each other. It had been awhile and the older ones are old and have health problems. Aunt Dorris wanted some of her ashes buried between her mother and father and so Karen, her daughter, took care of that and the rest of the ashes were taken to Idaho (I think to be buried by her husband there.)

Our daughter, Linda, and her husband are safely back from five weeks in Thailand....Dimitri and Ali leave September 1, for Greece and Italy....Maraya is in the hills of Honduras...doing mid-wife things for three weeks. So I worry

about my travel family in these times. We have had a very, very busy summer! With family coming and some friends dropping by.

Linda was here for two weeks, her husband for a few days....Maraya for six weeks....Dimitri is spending the month with his mother, we see lots of him...he has been helping Marv, tons, stacked all the winter wood in neat piles.

Did I tell you or send to you that grandpa **R. E. Allstott's** middle name was NOT, as Aunt Dorris said....I came across some paper where he signed his name and she had that all wrong. Pat Kennedy, pg. 295

Newburgh, New York
Martha Altstadt (pg. 545)

Martha Altstadt, entered into rest on Monday, October 24, 2005, at Elant at Newburgh. She was 91.



Daughter of the late Gottlieb and Bertha Hennig Steinbrenner, she was born March 26, 1914 in Brieserholland, KR. Konin, Poland.

She married Alfred Altstadt on September 28, 1946 in

Neuseehagen, Germany, who predeceased her on October 3, 1979.

Martha was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Newburgh.

She is survived by her daughter, Hannelore Altstadt of Newburgh; her sons, Manfred Altstadt and his wife Elaine of Monroe, and Ewald Altstadt and his wife Diane of Toms River, NJ; her sister, Marie Kindermann of Bad Bibra Bez. Halle, Germany; her grandchildren, Amanda Altstadt-Collins and her husband Christopher of Goshen, Elizabeth Altstadt of Monroe, Adrienne and Trista Altstadt of Toms River, NJ, her nieces and nephews, Ruth Doberenz, Ewald Steinbrenner, Albert Steinbrenner and his wife Tonia, Helga Kuhn and her husband Edwin.

In addition to her husband, Martha was predeceased by her sister, Olga Steinbrenner, and her brothers, Edward and Gottlieb Steinbrenner.

Visitation was held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26 at Brooks-DiDonato Funeral Home, 481 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh.

A funeral service took place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 27 in the funeral home with the Reverend Emie Mossel officiating.

Burial followed in Wallkill Valley Cemetery, Walden, New York.

Melbourn E. Altstatt (pg. 274)

November 11, 1923 - October 24, 2006

Born in Keota, Oklahoma, Melbourn Ealem Altstatt, 82, died Tuesday in Dustin, Oklahoma. Services were held at 2 pm, Saturday at the Living Water Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wetumka OK.

Melbourn leaves his wife of 55 years, Alpha Mott Altstatt, four children, 10 grandchildren and many friends.

Grandson Jeffrey Chishum drowned earlier in the year.

**Dorris Wanda Spencer 1917-2006**

Dorris Wanda Spencer (pg. 297), 89, died April 18 from natural causes.

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Eight Mile to Robert and Mary Elizabeth Allstott. She was one of 12 children. She graduated from high school in Heppner in 1936.

She married Sloan Rhea Spencer on Feb. 13, 1936, in Pendleton, Ore.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the San Jose Unified School District in San Jose, Calif., and for Willamette High School.

She was a member of the Church of Christ at Sixth and Gibbs in Cottage Grove, Ore., and was a Sunday school teacher for many years.

After being introduced to computers at age 70, she enjoyed writing and compiling family memoirs and researching genealogy. She volunteered at San Jose Bible College in San Jose, Calif., Boise Bible College in Boise, Idaho, and Cincinnati Bible College in Ohio.

She is survived by two sons, Sloan Rhea Spencer Jr., of Meridian, Idaho, and Gale William Spencer of Harrisburg; one daughter, Karen Lee Ziese of Cottage Grove; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Her husband, Sloan, died on May 6, 1983.

A funeral service was held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ at Sixth and Gibbs in Cottage Grove. Internment was held at Cloverdale Memorial Park.

Fredrick Lee Painter (pg. 293)

Born: 15 Sep 1926, died: 9 April 2006 at St Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, OR
Burial: Presidio National Cemetery, San Francisco, CA

Fred took sick and to my understanding was in the little Heppner hospital and

then was moved to Pendleton. He had an operation for a bowl obstruction. He went through the surgery fine and about a week later died from a heart attack. He was one of my favorite cousins...

Remember he came out to the Indiana Allstott Reunion.

Pat Kennedy

Robert Altstatt (pg. 132)

March 4, 1932 - June 15, 2005

To others, he was Bob. To us, he was Dad and Papa.

Dad passed away on Wednesday, June 15, at home surrounded by family - and love. He died of complications from chemotherapy as he tried to fight lung cancer.

Dad was born on March 4, 1932 to **Herb and Helen Altstatt** of Eastmoreland, Ore. He

attended Washington High School, followed by Lewis and Clark College where he graduated in 1954 with a bachelor of science in business.

After college, Dad went to work at First National Bank of Oregon. Thus began his long career in banking, interrupted only by his service to his country. Dad was drafted in November of 1955 into the U.S. Army, which he proudly served. He spent most of his tour of duty overseas, stationed in Verona, Italy. The city became dear to his heart as he would later recant stories to us of his time there.

When Dad returned home to Portland, he went back to work at First National Bank and there he met the "love of his life," Martha. They married on Oct. 10, 1959. Dad said that's when the most important part of his life began as he and Mom went on to bring five children into this world from August of 1960 through September of 1966.

Dad and Mom surrounded us children with love, guidance and most of all - understanding. The riches Dad gave us were not the material things but rather those which can not be held in the hand - a secure home full of love, the time he spent with us, understanding when it was needed, the emotions he instilled in us and the strong sense of family and devotion he showered on us. We will always treasure our vacations at Seaside in the cabin his grandparents built there, and the special times we each spent with Dad in childhood and adulthood.

We will all hold dear the time he



honored us with at the end, as he allowed us to care for him here at home, the same home his parents first brought him to after he was born. His patience as we struggled to grow from children into caregivers was amazing, never complaining of our blunders and emotions that overwhelmed at times. Now he has gone to God, and we must go on as his legacy. With Dad watching over us - his wife Martha; daughters, Ginny, Susan, Libby and Roberta; son, Paul; and his grandsons, Robbie, Andy, Charlie, Jeremy and Zachary, and granddaughter Katie - we will strive to honor all the good he instilled in us through his love.

Dad - we will miss your presence on this earth each and every day! But we will hold on to your spirit until we can meet you again face to face in Heaven.

A funeral will be held Friday at 3:00 p.m. in Holy Family Church in Southeast Portland, Ore. for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dad's name to Holy Family School.

Jeffrey Scott Chisum (pg. 289)

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 2006, at Keiley Memorial Chapel for Jeffrey Scott Chisum, 21, of Seminole. Minister Charlie Bailey officiated at the services.

Mr. Chisum was born Nov. 9, 1984, in Shawnee to Steve R. and Paula D. (Altstatt) Chisum and died Aug. 2 in Eufaula.

He attended North Rock Creek Elementary school in Shawnee through the fourth grade and then Eufaula Public Schools. He was active in the high school band and had recently moved to Seminole when his employer, Blue Wave Boats transferred there.

Survivors include his parents, Paula Chisum of Eufaula and Steve Chisum of Muskogee; brothers, Chris Chisum. Shawnee, and Josh and Brian Chisum of the home; maternal grandparents, Alpha and Melbourn Altstatt, Dustin; paternal grandparents, Steve and Susan Scruggs, Wynnewood; and paternal great grandparents, Clyde and Bernice Cornwell, Harrison, AR.

Pallbearers were Dusty Bray, Aaron Mullin, Oscar Nunez, Jonathan Campbell, Scott Campbell and Daniel Farrimond.

Internment was at Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Nunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home.



Bionic Ear changes Pendleton veteran's life

Hearing loss dated to Korean War grenade explosion

By KATHY ANEY of the East Oregonian

PENDLETON Richard Allstott (pg. 308) hadn't heard the birds sing since he was a young man of 22.

During the Korean War, the concussion of an exploding grenade severely damaged his ears and, for decades, he has missed hearing the sounds most people take for granted.

That all changed last week.

Richard, 77, received a cochlear implant, an electronic device surgically embedded in his inner ear.

The results were immediate.

"I couldn't believe I could hear that much, that quickly, since I could hear-anything."

It all adds up to a big change in his life – one that still has him stopping in his tracks when he hears a new sound.

"I can hear the dog pant," he said. "I can hear the birds."

His wife, Dorothy, said the couple was wandering through Safeway one day and Richard marveled when he heard the sound of a phone ringing way back in the pharmacy.

"It's the silly little things that make the biggest difference," she said.

Richard doesn't like to think back to that



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Dorothy and Richard Allstott, seen here at their Pendleton home, say they are enjoying Richard Allstott's restored ability to hear.

day in Korea when an enemy soldier dropped a grenade into their trench. When it exploded, it took away most of Richard's hearing.

"The concussion from the grenade is what started my problem," he said. "Doctor said it couldn't have caused it, but I know it did."

At first, he could hear some sound, but it gradually diminished over time. He started reading lips. Formerly a gregarious people person, he started avoiding social occasions. He even dreaded going to the store.

One of Richard's doctors suggested looking into cochlear implants. Richard went through testing to determine the severity of his loss at the Oregon Health & Science University. When it was over, the audiologist looked amazed, Dorothy said. "The audiologist said, 'Oh, my gosh -- he has almost zero hearing in both ears.'

Richard scheduled his surgery and, last week, his audiologist switched it on. Dorothy said she and Richard actually conversed on the way back to Pendleton, something they hadn't done in a car for years.

"It was wonderful," she said. "In the car going there, we couldn't talk on the way home we could."

OHSU started doing cochlear implants in 1983 and has performed more than 1,000 of them, she said. Recipients have been as young as 1 year old and as old as patients in their 90s.

Baumer said cochlear implants are for people who have explored all other options. The implant works quite differently than traditional hearing aids, she said.

The units aren't perfect, however.

Richard said the sound he hears is rather distorted and he is traveling to Portland to get an adjustment next week.

"He's learning to use it yet," Dorothy said.

"His brain is learning how to hear again."

The surgery didn't come cheap, but Medicare picked up most of the \$94,000 tab, they said.

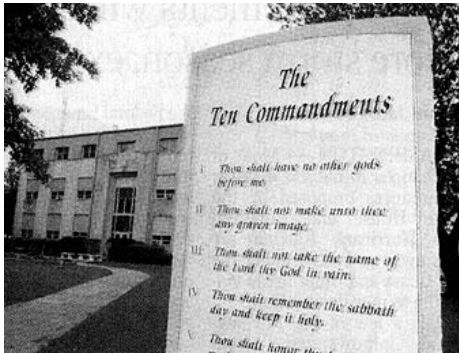
The four battery packs required to power the implant cost \$170 apiece.

But, despite the price tag and the adjustments, Richard is ecstatic to hear again.

"It's my bionic ear," he said.

Article abridged from the May 29, 2006 issue

Oklahoma court display of Ten Commandments is going to trial



Protesters say monument is akin to government endorsing religion

By Kelly Kurt

The Associated Press

STIGLER -- The 8-foot granite slab planted in the Haskell County courthouse lawn makes the Ten Commandments easy to read and hard to miss from the state highway that doubles as this town's main thoroughfare.

The monument, erected with private money in 2004 with the county's approval, doesn't stop traffic, and courthouse visitors on a recent morning

barely gave it a glance.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," said 73-year-old Launa Medlock. "Wete got to have religion, too."

Still, it has drawn national attention, and county officials have been preparing to defend it in a trial that begins Monday in federal court.

Public support for the monument is strong in this town of 2,700, sitting 90 miles southeast of Tulsa. There's a church for roughly every 125 men, women and children, and two signs advertising places of worship flank the courthouse lawn.

John Altstatt, a 42-year-old contractor who does business with the county, said some people might see the marker as 'church pushed down their throat.' But he expressed ambivalence.

"I don't have to look at it if I don't want to," he said.

The lawsuit challenging the marker's location comes amid national debate over displays of Ten Commandments on public property. Court challenges have yielded mixed results.

Article from the Ventura Co. CA Star, April 30, 2006

VENTURA, CA

Fire Causes \$2,500 in damage at new store

Ventura firefighters quickly doused a small fire over the weekend inside a soon-to-open clothing store at Pacific View Mall, authorities said Monday.

Firefighters found a plastic roller cart on fire about 3:40 am. Saturday inside the planned Hollister retail store.

The blaze, contained to a small storage room, was put out in minutes, officials said. No one was injured.

Four neighboring businesses sustained minor flooding when the new store's sprinkler system activated, but no goods were damaged, Ventura Battalion Chief Vernon Alstot (pg. 369) said Monday.

Damages to the under construction Hollister store were estimated at less than \$2,500, Alstot said.

Article from the Ventura Co. CA Star, April 18, 2006

Hello Jerry,
I found your Allstadt-info in the internet
My name is Norbert Koch and I am living in Langen very near to Dreieichenhain.

I am a descendant of Martin Mayer and Rosalie Coma from Mainz.

Frederike called **Ricka Allstadt** was also a descendant of theirs.

Frederike (Ricka) Allstadt geb. Mayer married Heinrich Allstadt (pg. 18), born April 30, 1829, on June 4, 1864 in Mainz Kreuznach. Ricka was born May 18, 1839 and died December 27, 1911, in Mannheim, Germany.

Their family all lived in Mannheim. The children of Heinrich and Ricka were: Rosa Allstadt, born May 4, 1865; Martin Allstadt, born March 29, 1866; Karl Allstadt, born May 20, 1867; Clara Allstadt, born June 22, 1868; Helene Allstadt, born October 15, 1869; Ernestine Allstadt, born January 7, 1871; Paula Allstadt, July 13, 1872, and Albert Allstadt, May 30, 1877.

My grandfather Georg Koch died in 1933 with cancer. My father, my aunt and my granmother emigrated to London. My father in 1945 came back to Germany as a civil employee of the U.S. Army.

About the Jews in Kreuznach there is a book from Dr. Andrea Fink: "Jüdische Familien in Kreuznach". In this book might be some informations about the Allstadt family. I try to get a copy of it, but its difficult because it is not in the public library of Langen and you cannot buy it in a bookshop.

Regards,
Norbert Koch, Langen, Germany
Our thanks to Norbert for updating part of our only know Allstadt line of Jewish background. According to Henry F. Allstadt, who immigrated from Germany in 1938 and escaped the Halocaust -

Martin Allstadt (above), had three sons, Harry, Herbert and Henry who immigrated to America in the 1930s.

Dear Jerry,
Thanks so much for all the info on Marburg, where David Allstadt was born in 1866.

Jack and I were in Marburg about 25 years ago. We were only there for a day and toured the church (Elisabeth) and walked around town. Will try the church for info and think I'll stop by the library too. We are flying into Amsterdam and then will activate our Eurail pass. Will let you know if I find anything in Marburg.

We were there in late May early June

before and it was very comfortable. Hope it is the same this time.

Thanks again, Jeanette Hillend, (pg.551)

Dear Jerry and Phyllis,
Another year has passed and I celebrated my 88th birthday over the weekend with friends and family. Ate at a restaurant on Sunday and had my children and grandchildren at home here for cake and ice cream.

Mildred and I have been fairly healthy this year but have visited daily doctor, dentist, Mildred (hearing aid Dr.) The visits were mostly for check-ups and for aches and pains due to old age. Two weeks ago I had poison ivy on both hands due to wearing an old pair of gloves that still had the ivy in them after being washed.

We have taken very few trips this year, except for day trips. We visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, spent a week in Nags Head, NC and 4 days in Ocean City, MD. Our niece, Gloria, Charles's daughter has been driving us on trips. Mildred does not like to drive on Big Roads anymore, we only drive around town.

We attended Mildred's High School reunion in Charles Town and my Harpers Ferry reunion, staying overnight in Charles Town.

Mildred and I still volunteer at the Historic Benson- Hammond House. There were four people in attendance at the Open House X-mas party. The local paper had a picture of me and my son, Paul in costume at the House.

We enjoy reading the Newsletter about

the Allstadt Clans an all the trips that are available.

Am enclosing a check for \$3.00 to help with some of your costs to publish the newsletter.

Your cuzzins,
Forrest and Mildred Hoffmaster (pg.499)

Altstadt Reunion was held on September 10th in Evansville, Indiana

Fifty descendants of Heinrich Altstadt (pg.84) converged on "Der Hund Haus" (at the home of **Wayne** and **Diane Altstadt**) for their annual get-together and pot luck spread.

24 participated in this year's Washer Toss Tournament. Winners were the team of **Vicky Schneider** and **Tim Wagner** over **Cheryl Tepool** and **Jim Altstadt** in the finals.

Other festivities included horseshoes, croquet, and fishing at the back of the Altstadt property.

Alstott Reunion Held in Corydon, Indiana

This years Alstott reunion was held in Corydon at the United Methodist Church where **Gary Pope** attends. He and Teresa have been in charge of it the last 2 years.

There were between 30 - 35 family members in attendance. Entertainment included Gary playing two pieces on the huge organ in the church. Our family also sang. We also had the blind auction again this year, which my nephew, Jacob McDonald, totally LOVES! He got several things and then ended up selling them to family afterwards!

Submitted by Beverlie Alstott (pg. 204)

Historic Home Hosts Open House



Docent Forrest Hoffmaster (pg. 499) pulls out a large knife to display in the house while Paul Hoffmaster stands at the Benson-Hammond House dressed in the uniform similar to the one worn by soldiers of the 5th Maryland Regiment during the War of 1812. The Ann Arrundell County Historical Society will host its 20th annual open house at the historic Linthicum home, located on Aviation Boulevard at Andover Road in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Holland...at least just over the border will be a probable side trip on the 2007 tour...read on...

Hi Jerry, I just had a better read of your news letter "NO Alstede" connection to the Netherlands. The Van Alstede family of Enschede will be sorry to hear that they have lived there for hundreds of years and still do.

Just put in Van Alstede into the Google search engine and they will pop right up. It is Van not Von, unless you consider them as part of the German clan.

Enschede is not to far from Ahaus. If my memory hasn't totally left me one of that family is the source of the original Alstede crest (seal) picture (see page 1) I sent you. The site was done by a young girl and then if went off and just became a private no access site in less than a month. So I couldn't contact her.

Just thought you would like to know.
Elvira Howe, pg 541



In Evansville, Indiana...the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds will be the place reserved for our 2009 wingding!

Jim, Katie, Wayne and Diane Altstadt are looking forward to showing us a memorable time in 2009. They took Phyllis and me on a tour of the 4-H Center at the Vanderburgh Fairgrounds, in order to show us all the things available to our Clan Reunion. The 4-H Center at the Fairgrounds can easily support the 300+ cuzzins we are expecting to join us at this festive Germanfest time of the year.

The tree shaded RV area at the Fairgrounds is top notch. All RV sites have electricity and there is a pond nearby...and the sites are just across from the 4-H Center.

See next year's newsletter for all the activities planned by the Reunion Team...you'll be glad that you put Evansville and the AAA Clan Reunion on your calendar for the first weekend in August 2009!



Come for the fun, food and Washer Tossin Championships!



Above: Phyllis, Wayne, Diane, Jerry, Jim and Katie in front of the 4-H Center; above left: Katie, Diane and Phyllis inside the 4-H Center; above: the pond in front of the RV facilities at the fairgrounds



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 Altstadt/Alstott Reunion
The reunion will be the first weekend of August 2009 during Germanfest in Evansville, Indiana. The 2008 newsletter will include all the schedules and festivities!

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like to take part in the 2007 Fall tour. So that brings us back up to 12...and growing!

Hermann's 2005 research into old records found extensive "Alstede" holdings in northwestern Germany that extended over into eastern Holland near Enschede, Holland. In fact, Hermann and I visited the castle that controlled that ancient domain in 2005. Land holdings controlled from that castle covered territory from 15 miles west of Münster to 10 miles into Dutch territory. See the tour itinerary on page 3...get excited...and join us for Fall Color, ancient ruins, and touring in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE...sign up today!!

What is there to see on the way to Evansville?

Everybody knows that "half the fun is in the getting there!"

Along the way, from out west, stop by St. Louis and see the "Arch" - or, hopefully, a "World Champion" Cards baseball game.

Right next door...St. Meinrad sports the *Holiday World Amusement Park* with lots of roller coasters.

Stop by one of the casino boats on the Ohio River and...

Evansville sports a top flight zoo as well as "Germanfest" that will be going on during our Reunion Weekend!

IMPORTANT: Write out a check and send in your \$1,000.00 reservation deposit for the 2007 Germany/Austria/Switzerland Tour right now! Don't delay... Our cutoff date for accepting reservations for the tour is February 1, 2007

All the AAA History Books now have homes! If you waited too long to order a "History of the Clans" which was published in 1994...and the last copy was finally sold last year - please make copies of your pages from our website charts online at <www.altstatt.org>. AND...a great big THANKYOU to John Altstatt of Los Altos Hills, California, for keeping the Altstadt website in operation!

Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the newsletter

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-Clans" Newsletter with your wonderful articles and your annual (\$2.00) monetary support.

...Again...THANK YOU ALL and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Start Making Your Plans Now for August 2009 in Evansville, Indiana...We'll keep the light on for ya!