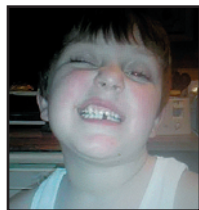


Merry Christmas 2014 and Happy New Year 2015 to all!



Amaya Papaya



Conner Tucker



Isabella Tucker



Avery Tucker

Wow! It's almost 2015, and Phyllis and I can't believe so much was packed into 2014. I think we were home on occasion, at least I still remember what the house looks like.

Before talking about our travels, I'll start off gabbing about our four great grandkids, courtesy of our oldest grandson, Eric Tucker, pg. 363. Amaya Papaya came into the family when Eric married her mother Reanna Reynoso in 2012. Age wise, Conner, Isabella "Bella" and Avery followed. Avery was born last March. All are doing well and live in Cartersville, GA.

Our first trek of the year was to our regional Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow Club meet in San Diego, CA at the end of February. This was followed in June by the Airflow Club National Meet in Springfield, MO. Yes, we flew, we didn't drive 77-year old "Betsy" to that one.

In July, we flew with church friends up to Green Lake, WI, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Adoniram Judson's Baptist missionary work in Burma (now Myanmar).

The last week of July found me again airborne to Germany, this time working at the Greater Europe Mission Conference in Willingen, Germany and enjoying Altstadt family genealogy research with

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2014 AAA Reunion Weekend held at Clearfield and Lanse, Pennsylvania was FUN!

The 6th National Altstadt/Alstott Reunion...What a great time of nostalgia and learning about our roots!



56 AAA clan members gather at the entrance to our Reunion building at the Clearfield Fairgrounds.

The descendants of **Royal Feaster Aldstadt** really showed what fun a reunion can be! It must be attributed to their experience of meeting yearly over the Labor Day weekends for around 100 years.

Around 30 of our cuzzins stayed at the Super 8 our host motel in Clearfield, PA, and were treated to a full breakfast

each morning. And...for those who live in the area, a filling continental breakfast was served at our Clearfield County Fair Grounds facility provided by hostesses Mary Homman and Jean Williams.

Sign-ins at the Motel began on Thursday, August 28, and were switched to the Fairgrounds on Friday. The

AAA Reunion...continued on page 2

Descendants of Caspar Altstadt (1673) can now trace the family back another 44 year to 1629!

On our latest jaunt to the protestant archives in Kassel, **Hermann Altstadt** and I were able to track the Altstadt/Altstatt family back another 50 years to the birth of Margaretha Altstadt, wife of **Hermann Altstadt** in 1629.

Yes, Altstadt - which seems to be the earliest spelling in this Altstadt line, by Raboldshausen church records - and the preferred spelling of **Martin Altstadt** when he immigrated to America in 1729.

Last year, the Kassel records listed Allenstadts, Altenstadts and Altstadts living in Allmershausen and Kolkobes around 1610 to 1635. These towns were only 15km east of Raboldshausen.

Were these spelling variations of one related family? See page 6.



This small church at Allmershausen, was where the Allenstadts worshiped in the 1620s.

The "A" Train Corner

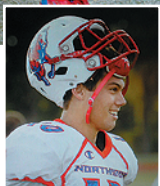
Purdue football legends Keyes, Alstott honored at banquet

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (WLFI) – Former Purdue football stars Leroy Keyes and Mike Alstott were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame alongside longtime Winamac head football coach Tim Roth.

In front of nearly 500 attendees and members of the National Football Foundation, Keyes, Alstott and Roth were recognized at the Purdue Memorial Ballroom for their contributions to football during their individual tenures in the state of Indiana.

Keyes, universally accepted as one of the top Purdue football players of all-time, had high praise for his fellow Boilermaker inductee.

"Mike, as far as I'm concerned, is the top running back that Purdue has ever had," Keyes said. Alstott said Keyes played a big role in his development as a football player and as a person. *Published: June 26, 2014*



Griffin Alstott

For Mike Alstott, football and family bring new rewards

Tom Jones, Tampa Bay Times Sports Columnist
November 12, 2014

In many households, the important conversations are saved for dinner time. And so, on this particular night, 11-year-old Griffin sat at the table and was about to have the big talk with Mom and Dad. "I want to play football," Griffin blurted out.

Griffin had never shown much interest in football. He was a baseball player. In football it's 90% practice, and at that age it's only an hour of game time. I said, "Do you really want to do that?" Griffin said "yes."

He went to his first practice and, as he put it, "fell in love with the sport."

At that moment, Griffin joined the family business. His dad, you see, is Bucs great Mike Alstott.

On Friday, four years after that talk over dinner, Griffin will quarterback St. Petersburg's Northside Christian School in the region playoffs. His dad and his coach could not be prouder. They happen to be the same guy: Mike Alstott.

What a grand 6th Reunion in Clearfield and Lanse, as we returned to Pennsylvania, halfway across the state from our first reunion in Reading, Pennsylvania in '89!

building at Fairgrounds could have housed all of the previous AAA Reunions - it was humungous with an ample kitchen area.

The 6th National Reunion was called to order at 9:30 am on Saturday, August 30 by host, Jeff Williams, an Aldstadt descendant. Jerry Allstott took a couple of hours to introduce all the clans in attendance. Most of the folks attending were descendants of Martin Altstatt (1699), but others also in attendance were from the line of Heinrich Altstadt



1694. The rest of the afternoon was spent gabbing and getting caught up with what's been happening since the last reunion. A very filling pizza dinner followed at 6 at the Fairgrounds.

Sunday began with a worship service led by Jeff Williams who used an illustration of a bickering couple and a police officer mixed with scripture from James 3...It was an amusing message.



(1792), Georg Bernhardt Altstadt (1730) and Joseph George Alstadt (1856). Jerry asked for those who had been to previous reunions to stand and around 2/3rds of the participants had been to at least one other reunion, with five folks who had been to all six reunions. Paul and Delight



Engleman and William Alstott who had good stories to tell of each of the six reunions.

At noon, we broke for a provided hot dog lunch, Pennsylvania style with coffee, tea and all the watermelon you wanted to eat.

After lunch, Hermann Altstadt presented a Powerpoint update of the latest Altstadt German research, including a handout of the confirmation page of Margaretha Altstatt in



After the service and during a blinding rain storm, we all headed over to Lanse, PA, for a grand





Altstadt Labor Day Potluck Picnic.

In all we had 56 cuzzins at the Clearfield Fairgrounds and 106 folks for the Potluck Picnic at Lanse. We all enjoyed lots of good food and gabbing and looking forward to our next time together!



Handing off the Reunion legacy to the next generation!

I've had great pleasure in being the lead man for six wonderful reunions...in 4 states across the USA. I have now asked Jeff Williams of Morristown, PA, to take over the reigns of the next reunions. Please help Jeff by your future attendance.

Cuzzin Contact...

Kevin Alstott on guitar, Mark Alstott, bass



Kevin Alstott: I write the "Hey Annie" songs alone, with just an acoustic. Then all my brothers show up, and with no more than a sentence to each, a new Hey Annie song is born. Just the way I heard it in my head. Feeling blessed today.

Watch the music flow on U-Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBy8pFOEjH0&feature=youtu.be>

Lieber Jerry, danke für Deine ausführliche E-Mail mit der Beschreibung der Familien-Reisen in USA und 2015 in Deutschland. Leider können wir an beiden nicht teilnehmen. Hermann, mein Mann, ist jetzt 81 Jahre alt und es geht ihm nicht immer gut mit seinem Herzen. Die Reise wäre zu anstrengend für ihn. Wir freuen uns aber immer, wenn Nachrichten von Dir kommen und danken Dir für Deine Arbeit.

Wir wünschen allen die mitmachen eine schöne Reise mit guten Gesprächen und Erkenntnissen über die Familie Altstadt. Mit vielen lieben Grüßen aus Deutschland Edelgard und Hermann Pütz

Dear Jerry, Thank you for your 2013 newsletter with the description of family travel in the USA and 2015 in Germany. Unfortunately, we can not participate in both. Hermann, my husband, is now 81 years old and it's not always good in his heart. The journey would be too strenuous for him. However, we are always pleased when news of you comes and thank you for your great work.

We wish all who participate a nice trip with good exchanges and insights about the old family.

With lots of love Regards from Germany Edelgard and Hermann Pütz

Editor's note: Unfortunately the 2015 Germany Tour had to be cancelled due to "light" response.

Dear cuzzin Jerry, Thank you so much for the photos of **Lucy Greenwood Altstadt**. I really appreciate so taking time out of your busy schedule to send them to me. Best of luck with the church musical. I love the stories of the Old Testament, especially Noah. I taught kindergarten Summer Bible School at our old church and never had so much fun. Kids are so cute at that age. Thanks again!

Cuzzin Shirley Altstadt Ferguson, pg. 252

Dear Jerry, Could you make this correction for Richard Weir, Grandson of Jim and Tonna Weir. Looking at page 216 (Red Book) I penciled in our Grandson's name, Alex Tomoya Weir. Shortly after his birth his name was actually recorded as Tomo Weir.

Now for an addition to the clan: Brooklyn Kaylee Bake, born June 12, 2014, Portland OR...daughter of Romney and Laura Hutchinson Bake...granddaughter of Kevin and Wendy Weir Hutchinson...great granddaughter of Jim and Tonna Weir. Blessings, Tonna Weir, pg. 216

Hi Jerry, Today -- Feb 6, 2014, is my mom's, **Lena Altstadt's**, 100th Birthday !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fred and Shirley Altstadt, pg. 64 **Happy 100th birthday cuzzin Lena!**

Hi Jerry, This is a late notice of Aunt **June (Allstott) Meek's** 100th birthday on the 26th of May, 2014.

I am sorry that I am late in asking all the family to send cards to Aunt June with a special message. She is quite sharp at remembering things, if they are old family stories, special words, those Allstott sayings. Cordially, Bob and Jan Benson, pg. 297 **Happy Birthday Aunt June!**

Jerry - take a look at this... How to Heat Your Room for 15 Cents a Day at <http://www.whydontyoutrythis.com/2013/11/how-to-easily-heat-your-home-using-flower-pots-and-tea-lights.html>. if you want to cut costs on the energy bill, especially now that temperatures are dropping for the season? Economics may be one reason to seek more sustainable energy sources, but this inventive way to heat the house is also



ABOVE: That's **Allen Alstott** all suited up and ready for Halloween...or is he ready to join **Kevin and Jim Alstott** on stage!

purely fascinating.

The heater uses tea lights that are placed inside a bread tin and covered with two ceramic flowerpots. This creative system uses the scientific principles of convection heat transfer and can heat his home for around 8 hours a day.

Jim Allstot, pg. 408

Hi cousins Jerry and Phyllis, Been thinking about you guys. Wondering how you are. All is well. Very busy plumbing. Way behind on emails. Have 21 cattle, 2 donkeys, 3 horses and 2 dogs to keep us busy after work.

Our kids, Darrell, Rana and Aidan are anticipating a new baby boy Dec 15. They are at the USMC base in Louisiana for 1-2 more years and then will be relocated to a new base. Usually every 3 years.

Gotta get to work. Hugs to you guys and the cousins. We work 10 hour days so I get a little behind on emails but love y'all and Darrell and I talk about y'all.

Hugs from LeAnn & Darrell Monger, pg. 361

Found this interesting piece the other day,
Eight Reasons You Should Use Apple Cider Vinegar

1) Clean and Deodorize Rooms, Cars, and More - *Spray a mixture of one part vinegar to one part water on a hard surface and wipe off.*

2) Relieve Jellyfish Stings - *Cut the sting caused by jellyfish venom by applying apple cider vinegar to the skin*

3) Stop Dandruff and Itchy Scalps - *Mix with water, massage into your scalp, let it sit for at least 10 minutes, then rinse as usual.*

4) Lower Blood Sugar - *people with insulin resistance who drank ACV before meals had lowered blood sugar levels after the meal.*

5) Soothe a Sore Throat - *Mix it with a bit of warm water and gargle every few hours.*

6) Kill Weeds - *Undiluted ACV will take care of weeds without damaging the soil.*

7) Get Rid of Foot Odor - *ACV can also help athlete's foot and toe fungus.*

8) Battle Bad Breath - *gargle as a daily mouthwash to kiss halitosis goodbye.*

Funny what you can find on the internet!
Love ya, Mary Cooper, pg. 363

Hi Jerry,
My name is Jeri Altstadt Butler. I am **Don Altstadt's** daughter. I was asked by my cousin Dianne Casterline if I could fill in my family information on the Altstadt website. What do I need to do? Any help or info my e-mail is: ejcuave@aol.com. Also, are you and me related, and how?

Thanks, Jeri Butler, pg. 88

Editor's note: Hi Jeri, just go to the page on <www.altstatt.org> and copy off the information. Make your update and e-mail me the changes at <jandpallstott@yahoo.com> Anyone else who would like to update their information, please e-mail me or John Altstadt at <jea@altstatt.org>.

Hi Jerry,

Thanks for keeping me in the loop. It sounds as if your recent genealogical findings are

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promising. I'm having to save my playing with the ancestors until winter or the occasional time (like today!) that the heat and humidity keep me inside and away from the garden.

Pat Kennedy, pg. 300

Evelyn HoldwayAllstadt,



Evelyn Allstadt

pg. 496, 93, passed away peacefully Monday, December 23rd, 2013, at her home in Dallas Texas. She was born on February 16th, 1920, in Newport, Tennessee.

She is preceded by her husband, **Ira C. Allstadt Jr.** and her six siblings. Evelyn moved to Memphis where she met her husband Ira, and they relocated to Dallas Texas in 1947. An accomplished restaurateur and avid stock market investor, she owned the well-known Hungry Jockey Restaurant. After that, she and her daughter-in-law, Claire Allstadt, owned Café Oclair in Plano.

Survivors include her sons, **Ira C. Allstadt III, John Holdway Allstadt**, daughter Merri Evelyn Chester and husband Mark Chester, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mom will be missed greatly by all.

Kathryn T. Altstadt, pg. 77



Katie Altstadt

76, of Evansville, passed away at home on February 15, 2014, surrounded by her family. She was born on April 18, 1937, to George and Anna E. (Matz) Weber. Kathryn retired from American General Finance in 2001. She was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, where she spent many hours volunteering, and was inducted into the Simon Brute Society.

She is survived by husband of 56 years, **James A. Altstadt**, daughters, Karen Sue Miller (Scott) of Lee's Summit, MO, Cheryl Lynn Steele (Scott), Joan M. Duggan (Kent) both of Evansville, and Beth A. Barnett (Sean) of Brownsburg, IN, brothers, Clement, Clarence, Robert and Eugene Weber, all of Evansville, sister-in-law Katherine Weber, sisters, Mary Seib of Evansville and Betty Kamuf of Cincinnati, OH, 12 grandchildren, Tony and Matt Gumbel, Nicole Reed, Dan and Emily Miller, Andy and Kelli Duggan, Ellie and Avery Barnett, Austin, Amber and Ashley Steele, and great grandchildren, Ayden Callow and Joscelyn Gumbel.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 11:00 at at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with Father Paul Ferguson officiating.

Edward Arthur Allstot, page 217 passed away on March 27, 2014, in

Wenatchee, WA. (Ed was the son of Luther "Bill" and Dorothy Allstot)

James Archie Weir, page 216, Born August 31, 1935, went to be with our Lord, March 21, 2014. Newberg OR. (Jim was the son of Walter and Joyce Allstot Weir)

Grover William "Bill" Langford

pg. 363, Jan. 8, 1930 April 13, 2014 He was born in Avon Park, Fla., and married Billye Jean Langford, of Houston, TX, in 1951. After living in Texas, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Washington and Missouri, he relocated to Portland, OR, in 1991. Bill was active in church, a sportsman and family man. His career included military service, law and fire service and interstate logistics. On retiring, he worked at Providence Hospital for seven years. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Baker; and granddaughter, Breanna Baker of Clackamas. An honor service and resting place will be in Willamette National Cemetery.

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Richard Allstot 'Dick' James



Dick James

pg. 407, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, at his home. Funeral services were at First Congregational Church in Rapid City. Burial with military honors was at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD.

He was born March 5, 1934, in Brookings to Max and Bernice, and later moved to Omaha, Neb., and then Custer, where he graduated high school. He earned his undergraduate degree from South Dakota State College in 1959 followed by a master's degree. He held the distinction of coaching South Dakota high school athletics in five different decades. He began his coaching career at Custer in 1956 before serving a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He spent nine years in Clear Lake, where he turned around a Clear Lake football program that was winless the year before he arrived to one that posted five consecutive winning seasons. His wrestling squad also claimed a Northeast Conference championship. In 1968, he moved on to Clark. Clark claimed back-to-back Northeast Conference championships in 1971 and 1972, with only one loss between the two seasons. James spent the 1973-74 school year at Andes Central High School, where he was head wrestling coach and assistant coach for an undefeated football team that gave up points in only one game.

He returned to the Black Hills in 1974, beginning a 25-year career at Rapid City Stevens High School. He served as defensive coordinator on a Stevens team that ended the 1974 season ranked No. 1. He later became the Rapid City Junior High athletics director. He coached six football seasons at

the collegiate level at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, serving the 2000 and 2001 seasons as associate head coach.

In 2007, he received the Rapid City Officials Club Sports Hall of Fame Contributor Award. In 2009 was awarded the Ralph Ginn Award.

Survivors include his wife, Donna James of Rapid City; a son, Dr. Matthew R. James of Brookings; a sister, Maxine Peterson of Sioux Falls; a brother, Robert James of Rapid City; stepsons Rande and Rodney of Rapid City and Roger Robinson of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; stepdaughters, Candyce Havenstrite of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Vicki McLain, Rapid City; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Cornelia Altstadt



Cornelia Altstadt

Pg. 77, 107 years and 10 months, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away May 23, 2014.

Cornelia was a homemaker and a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

She was born on July 23, 1906 in Evansville, Indiana to Mary (Knapp) and George Wesley Johann. She lived most of her life in Evansville attending Assumption School and Central High School.

After her marriage to **Clarence Altstadt**, they moved to the Westside where they started their family. Cornelia was very active in many school and church activities at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Until the age of 97 when she fell and broke her hip. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Huntingburg where she lived with her son, Gerald and daughter-in-law, Lora. Following another fall, she was admitted to Northwood Good Samaritan Retirement Center in Jasper. She was noted for her friendliness and her familiar greeting, "Hi kid."

Her husband, **Clarence J. Altstadt, Sr.** preceded her in death.

She is survived her sons, **C.J. "Lefty" (Charlene) Altstadt, Jr.**, of Evansville, **Dr. Gerald (Lora) Altstadt** of Huntingburg, **Ronald J. (Carolyn) Altstadt** of Santa Clause, grandchildren: **Connie (Larry) Woehler**, **Mark (Brenda) Altstadt**, **David (Cindy) Altstadt** and **Cynthia (Danny) Kollker** all of Evansville; **Timothy (Jenny) Altstadt** of Fairway, Kansas, **Dale (Karen) Altstadt** and **Larry (Penny) Altstadt** of Huntingburg, **Steve (Tammy) Altstadt** of Boonville, **Don (Lynn) Altstadt** of Vincennes, **Jan (Ted) O'Bryan**, Huntingburg, **Scott Joseph (Sabine) Altstadt** of Baar, Switzerland, **Mary (Kevin) Ratliff**, Friendswood, Texas and **Dr. Thomas (Amanda) Altstadt** of Louisville; thirty eight great grandchildren and fifteen great great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Kenneth Herr officiating. Burial followed in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Frederick D. "Butch" Altstadt



"Butch" Altstadt

Pg. 88, Funeral services for Frederick "Butch" D. Altstadt, 68, of Norfolk, NE were on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Home for Funerals. Burial was in the New Lutheran Cemetery and included military rites by American Legion Post 16, VFW Post 1644, U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Mr. Altstadt died Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Golden Living Center.

Butch was born July 3, 1945 in Omaha and raised by his Aunt Kathryn Reeves of Norfolk. She was blessed with him when he was six weeks old. She was the only mother he ever knew.

He served in the U.S. Navy and received his GED while serving in the Navy.

Butch is survived by his mother, Kathryn Reeves of Norfolk, one son **Kenneth Altstadt** of Omaha, two daughters Dawn Kaut of Omaha and Shelly (Shawn) Conway of Alton, KS, one brother Clyde of Council Bluffs, IA, sisters, Gloria (Bob) Gulla of PA, and Pat Roberts of AZ, 8 grandchildren, and many other relatives including Ken and Phyllis of Norfolk.

He was preceded in death by his son **Scott David Altstadt** and his wife Cynthia.

Joseph "Howard" Altstadt, Jr.



Howard Altstadt

Pg. 474, 84, of Hot Springs Village passed away July 18, 2014. He was born May 22, 1930 in Summerset County, Pennsylvania, to Joseph Howard and Elizabeth Altstadt.

Howard was a history buff and loved to read about the wars America fought. He enjoyed music and had the talent to whistle any tune he heard to perfection. Ice cream and cherished family memories always seemed to go together and life was good as long as his beloved wife. "Gretel" was close by. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is predeceased by his parents and 2 brothers.

Loving survivors include his wife, **Gretel Altstadt**, of Hot Springs Village; son, **Keefe Altstadt**, of Texas; sons, **Jeff Altstadt** and **Bret Altstadt**, of California; daughters, **Kimberly Felix (Kelly) and Jody Altstadt**, of California; step-son, **Robert Hurley**, of Hot Springs Village; step-daughter, **Denise Mattingly** of Arizona; step-daughter, **Christina Hurley-Davison (Todd)**, of Arizona; step-son, **Timothy Hurley**, of Oregon; his first wife, **Kathy Altstadt**; 2 sisters, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Charles "Ray" Raymond Paul

November 1, 1921 - April 20, 2014

Page 461, age 92 passed away early Easter Sunday morning. Ray is preceded in death

by his parents, three sisters, one brother, and a son. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances and their son John (Cassandra) Paul, granddaughter Tracy (Brent) Downs, two great-grandsons Brennan and John. Ray was a United States Navy veteran of WWII; a long time Christian service worker and Bible teacher.

Rosalie E. Altstadt



Rosalie Altstadt

93, of Brooklyn Center, passed away Oct. 3, 2014. Preceded in death by husband, Albert. Survived by children, Joanne (Quinton) Stout, **Ken (Candy) Altstadt**, Mary (Doug) Holt and **Gary (DeeDee) Altstadt**;

grandchildren, Brandon (Stephanie), **Brian Altstadt**, Anna (Kellan) Zietz, Rachel (Nicholas) Goursky, Jordan Holt, **Jeannie Altstadt** and **Alex Altstadt**; great-granddaughters, Jenna, Daisy Rose and Margo. Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, Oct. 10 at the Church of Our Lady of Victory in Brooklyn Center.

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Lt. Col. Ronald S. Liss M.D.

pg. 50, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at Morristown (NJ) Medical Center.

Dr. Liss was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and had resided in Wantage Township since 1972.

Dr. Liss was an orthopedic surgeon and maintained a practice in Vernon, NJ, for 35 years, retiring in 2006. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, having served in both the Vietnam Era and the Gulf War. He was also a very proud farmer.

Dr. Liss is survived by his wife, Lyn Liss; children, Steven Liss, of Frankford, and Sherrie Swafford, of Bakersfield, Calif.; grandson, Brandon; and three sisters and a brother. Interment will be at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown.

Jean Francis Alstott

90, died Feb. 12, 2014 at the Justin T. Rogers Hospice in Fairlawn.

Mrs. Alstott was born in Chicago to Samuel and Phyllis Gaylord on June 11, 1923. She attended Hudson Schools and Park College in Maryland.

She lived in Hudson for more than 80 years and was known by many as "The Bicycle Lady." The people of Hudson were very kind to her and she loved living there, according to a family member.

Mrs. Alstott was preceded in death by her husband John Alstott. She is survived by her daughter Jacqueline (William) Edwards, her son Jeffrey, her brothers John, Samuel, and Richard Gaylord, and her sister Phyllis. She is also survived by three grandsons David, Jonathon and Kyle and her four great granddaughters Hannah, Madison, Sophia, and Samantha.

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Fulda Archive records show the early Valentine Altstadt was an Altstadt, which also provided a link between the Grossenlüder clan and the Grossenbach clans roots in Hunfeld, Germany

Glader. Die vierzigste teile Novemberis natus et baptizatus Martinus illegitimus Annee Catharina Altstadt, calida ex glader. Patrem suum Martinum Gottfriedum Linder. Sibi, Dominum Martinum ex glader.

Anna Altstadt was a daughter of Valentine Altstadt (1750), and produced two illegitimate children, one being Martin Gottfried Altstadt (1813), above. The other was Margareta Sabina Altstadt (1820)

Glader. Die sechste Junii natus et baptizatus est Georgius filius legitimus Valentini Altstadt et Annae Margaretha nata post conjugium in glader. Patrem suum Johannem Georgium Linder. Sibi, Dominum Martinum ex glader. Die sechste Junii natus et baptizatus est Georgius filius legitimus Valentini Altstadt et Annae Margaretha nata post conjugium in glader. Patrem suum Johannem Georgium Linder. Sibi, Dominum Martinum ex glader.

Georg Altstadt (Altstatt) was the first son of Valentine Altstadt (1795), and Margareta Yost. The couple was married on August 18, 1813 at Grossenlüder. Valentine was born at Hunfeld.

Glader. Die zwanzigste Decembris natus et baptizatus est Franciscus filius legitimus Valentini Altstadt et Annae Margaretha nata post conjugium in glader. Patrem suum Johannem Georgium Linder. Sibi, Dominum Martinum ex glader. Die zwanzigste Decembris natus et baptizatus est Franciscus filius legitimus Valentini Altstadt et Annae Margaretha nata post conjugium in glader. Patrem suum Johannem Georgium Linder. Sibi, Dominum Martinum ex glader.

Francis Altstadt (Altstatt) was the second son of Valentine Altstadt (1795), and Margareta Yost.

These Altstadt (Altstatt) records at Fulda were on very poor microfiche and barely legible. A few years ago we were able to see the original church books at Grossenlüder, but were unable to copy the pages.

Kassel Archives records show the early Caspar Altstadt was an Altstadt, which also provided a link between the Raboldshausen clan and the Dreieichenhain clans roots in Hessen, Germany

Abelso Jaisum, Burgal, 14. & Januarij Mar. gretta, Hermann Altstadt, Seel: nageleisch, in Witten, 10. & weym und 3. tag an, im waidwundt Jannidur grolgm, als für die 12. into Abt. Zwifsm 7 und 8 grolm, am, all LXXII Jahr.

Death notice for Margretha Altstadt in 1701

TRANSLATION:
Raboldshausen in 1701: baptismal, burial and marriage notice:
January 14, Margretha, Hermann Altstadt's widow was buried, died Jan. 12, between 7 am - 8 p.m, 72 (LXXII) years old.

Note: (Thus she was born in 1629! - maybe in Raboldshausen? Allmershausen? Kolkobes! - who knows??)

Ho. 16. 9. 4. Confirmirte Kinder folgen Herrn
Anna Dorothea Preißell, 10. 12. 1694
Anna Elisabeth Blumenfeld, 11. 12. 1694
Eva Reich, 12. 12. 1694
Margaretha Altstadt, 13. 12. 1694
Catharina Diefelster, 14. 12. 1694

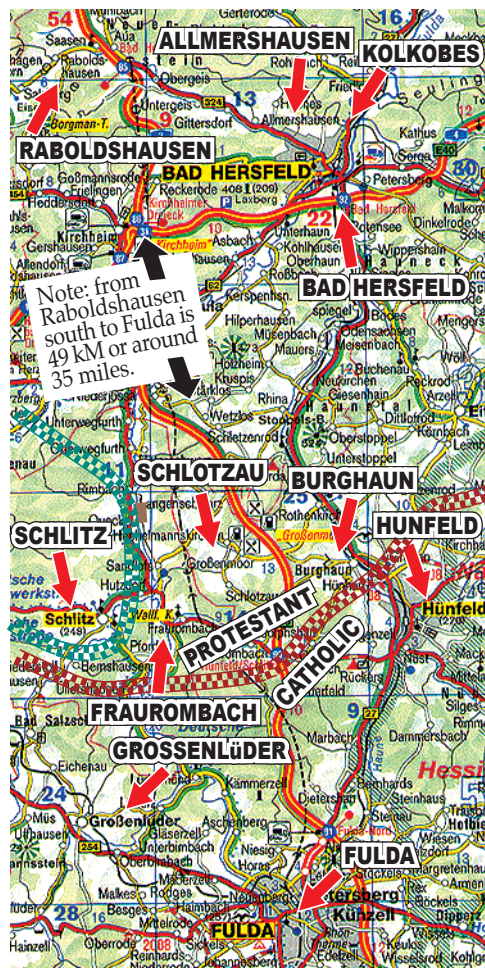
Confirmation for Margaretha AltStadt who was 14 years old in 1694.

Confirmirte Kinder
Eva Christina Altstadt, 13. 12. 1696
Anna Elisabeth Diefelster, 14. 12. 1696
Anna Maria Diefelster, 15. 12. 1696
Anna Elisabeth Diefelster, 16. 12. 1696

Confirmation for Eva Christina Altstatt in 1696 when she was 13 years old

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Cuzzin Jeff Williams has taken over the great task of future AAA Reunions...more on the AAA 2019 Reunion next issue!



In the 16th Century, German Dukes either followed Roman Catholic edicts or Martin Luther's new protestant dictates. The demarcation line at that time between the two differing Christian views in Hessen was at Burghaun and stretched westward. North of the redish-brown boundary (above) was Protestant Hessen - below was Catholic Hessen.

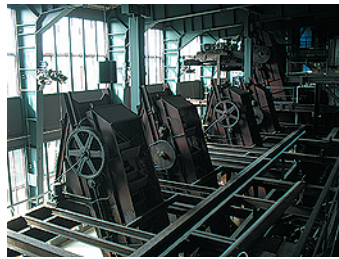
In former Catholic times, all the above area was overseen by the Fulda Diocese. Most of the early Catholic records we have found were at Hunfeld. From Hunfeld the Altstadts spread out to Grossenbach, Fulda, and westward to Grossenlüder.

Early 17th century Protestant records have been found at Kolkobes and Allmershausen, small villages near Bad Hersfeld, before spreading out to Raboldshausen, Burghaun and Fraurombach.

Records for the area around Schlitz (green line), Protestant habitation for Altstadts, is in the archive at Darmstadt and will have to wait for another trip.

Our 2014 Genealogy search was centered around the Bad Hersfeld areas of Kolkobes, Allmershausen, Raboldshausen, along with Fulda, Grossenlüder and Schlotzau for the spellings, Allenstadt, Altenstadt, Altstadt and Altstatt.

Genealogy wasn't the only fun thing we accomplished in 2014...Hermann and I had some great family visitations too!



July 30th, 2014 found me back across the pond with another stint at the Greater Europe Mission's Conference in Willingen, Germany.

Willingen is only 20 kilometers west of Kassel...which is home to the Protestant church records for the state of Hessen. So, on each Germany trip, I am able to mix "business" with "pleasure" - as Hermann and I are on a first name basis with the librarian there. *PS...her hobby is parachuting!! We don't mess with her!!*

On this trip, **Hermann Altstadt** picked me up at the hotel in Willingen on August 8, and we headed west to Gilsen-Kirchen, to visit with **Burkhardt Altstadt**, a cousin of Hermann's. While there we had a really good visit and toured



Above: A great day in Gilsen-Kirchen with Burkhardt and Hermann Altstadt and myself. First, being treated to lunch then a tour of one of the old coal mines in the Ruhr area and finally a look at Burkhardt's shoe shop. Right: On a genealogy day in Kassel - transmission problems almost spoiled one day!



the Ruhr Valley Gilsen-Kirchen Coal Mine Museum. Later in the day, we visited Burkhardt's shoe shop, where for the mere price of 1,000 euros, he will make you a pair of custom footware! I was impressed with the shop and the shoes, but the prices were a little out of my *Big 5 Sporting Goods* range.

After our visit with Burkhardt, we headed south to the Fulda area and visits with **Karl and Maggie Altstadt's** family in Burghaun. **Manfred and Bernadette Altstadt** were also



Above left: A wornout old house near the church in Burghaun, very photogenic! Next top: Around the table at Karl and Maggie Altstadt's home with Manfred and Bernadette; Above: in the home of Hans and Karen Altstadt with daughter-in-law, Anne and Sophie; Above right: Marco and Anne with Sophie.

at home and we enjoyed coffee cake and refreshments and a little gabbing on their patio.

The next day, we drove up to Kassel and spent a few days searching out the Altstadt families who lived around the Bad Hersfeld area in the early 17th century. And "viola," we came across old Raboldshausen church records from the late



1680s. **And, YES, there were Altstats living in the area at that time!...we were elated!** Our results are documented on page 6. I don't think I need to repeat any further!

Heading back to Fulda, we spent a couple of days in the Catholic Archives there and found records of Altstadt families in Hunfeld, Fulda, Grossenluder and Schlotzau.

This time we were able to copy entries for **Anna, Georg and Francis Altstadt...** the spelling in 1813, 1816 and 1819 was actually Altstadt.

Because of these findings, we have been able to put together Altstadt Grossenluder ancestors from the area Hunfeld. We already knew that Grossenbach Altstats had come from the same area. (*Hunfeld is only 13 km from Grossenbach*). So, we feel that these findings place those who descend from the Grossenbach and Grossenluder clans in the

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Below: It's our farewell dinner at Norbert Polster's restaurant with Hermann, Gundi, Mattias and his girlfriend Pia, Alex and Tobi



L. Michael Alstott



Michael Alstott

67, of Anderson, IN, passed away on July 27, 2014, at his residence. He was born on March 31, 1947, in Jeffersonville, and resided most of his life in Indiana.

He served his country in the Marines in 1967 during Vietnam.

Mike retired from Kentucky Fried Chicken as a supervisor, and he was a big supporter of the United States military, especially the Marine Corps. He also enjoyed being with his family, and friends.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Joyce (Hall) Alstott of Anderson; daughter, Jennifer (David) Sweet of McCordsville; son, **Michael Alstott** of Anderson; sister, Barbara McCosh of Manhattan, Kansas; and his grandchildren, Taylor, Nicholas, Emma, Ethan, and Jonathan.

Dorothy May Allstot



Dorothy Allstot

Pg. 408, 82, Sioux Falls, SD, died Saturday, June 21, 2014. Memorial services were held on July 12, 2014, at 11:00 am at Central Baptist Church, Oakwood Chapel, Sioux Falls.

Dorothy May Waldref was born on May 20, 1932 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to David and Luverne Waldref (Brewer).

On June 25, 1956, she was united in marriage with Cecil (Buck) J Allstot in Sioux Falls, SD.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, **Gene (Paula) Allstot** of Vermillion, SD, Susan Peterson of Sioux Falls, SD, **Michael Allstot** of Sioux Falls, SD, Patty (Garry) Peterson of Sioux Falls, SD, **Thomas Allstot** of Sioux Falls, SD, and Tammy Myott of Centerville, SD; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; her brother David Waldref of Chico, CA and her sister Ellen Leris of Sioux Falls, SD.

Richard "Rick" E. Altstatt, Sr.



Rick Altstatt

Pg. 245, Aug. 24, 1953 - Oct. 10, 2014

Resident of Campbell. CA Loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. May he rest in peace.

A graveside service was held on October 18, at Irvington Memorial Cemetery, Fremont, CA 94538.

Joseph Allen Talhelm



Joe Talhelm

Pg. 461, 1956 - August 3, 2014 Eldon was pastor at Ebenezer Church of the Nazarene in Crowley, LA. With great sadness the Talhelm family announces the passing of Joseph Allen Talhelm, 57, from this world to God's Kingdom. He died of cancer.



For Gage, it's a Pear four-peat Phoenix High School alum cruises to her fourth title in as many attempts

By TIM TROWER

Posted Apr. 13, 2014

Marci Klimek Gage, pg. 300, served as an ambassador of sorts for the Pear Blossom Run, and it nearly jeopardized her winning streak.

Gage encouraged Lauren Johnson, who lives in Portland and is on the Bowerman Athletic Club team, to give it a go, and Johnson did just that Saturday, pressuring the defending champion throughout the 38th annual 10-mile road race.

"She was always about the same distance behind me the whole time," said Gage. "She was right there. I was hoping the wheels didn't fall off too bad because I'm pretty sure she would have eaten me up."

Gage avoided being the main course, holding steady for her fourth straight victory. The former Phoenix High standout and Linfield College All-American lowered her personal best in the race three seconds, to 58 minutes flat.

Gage has won the race each time she's entered and is now second on the all-time victory list by herself. Saturday's win broke a tie of three wins with Rosa Gutierrez.

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Hermann Altstadt, along with visiting in the homes of Altstadt families.

Labor Day Weekend was spent with other Alstott / Aldstadt families at the 6th National Altstadt / Altstadt / Alstott Reunion in Clearfield and Lanse, PA.

Lastly, from September 26 to November 26 we enjoyed 9,700+ miles of driving cross-country to visit cuzzins, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews along with our own kids, grandkids and great grandkids from Colorado to New Jersey to Georgia to Florida to Texas and home!

For side trips this year we enjoyed visiting President's John and John Quincy Adams homes in Quincy, MA, and President Eisenhower's farm in Gettesburg, PA and Saguaro National Park in Arizona.

Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the "snail-mail" newsletter!

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-Clans" Snail-mail Newsletter for all our senior citizens who pass on that new fangled gadget called a computer... and your annual (\$3.00) monetary support... and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

YES! It's Important!!

Please remember to send me your new address when you move, or your E-mail when you switch suppliers or E-mail addresses, so that you can continue to receive your yearly AAA "All Clans" Newsletter!

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same "family." "Wow!"

After our Fulda research, we visited with **Hans and Karen Altstadt's** family in Fraurombach. And...I got to hold dear little Sophie! What a cutie!!! Marco and Alex came home from work later in the day and we had a really good visit and meal before Hermann and I headed back to his home in Erlangen.

Are we caught up with research? For goodness sakes **NO!** We still have more Allenstadts and Altenstadts in Allmershausen and Kalkobes to fit in with the Raboldshausen Altstadts between 1615 and 1635 at the Kassel archive. And...we found that records of the early Altstadts who lived in the Schlitz area are stored in the Darmstadt Genealogical Library! So, another time, another archive.



Submitted by **Ewald Altstadt**: This will have to be the next card game challenge at the 2015 ice fishing tournament!