

How time flies when you're having fun! Merry Christmas 2015 and Happy New Year 2016!

What happened to 2015? What a super year. Don't you wish everyone was retired?

Since retirement in 1998, we have tried to make it to our Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow Club National Meets each year...and we usually make it. This year it was in Bend, OR, in June, amongst the volcanos in the Cascade Range. We had hoped to drive our '37 Chrysler Airflow up from Ventura, but she developed an exhaust manifold problem and had to stay home. So we opted for our faithful "Elly" Hyundai Elantra and caravanned with four of the old vintage Airflows. It was a beautiful meet, if you are a car buff and like mountain vistas.

On the way home we stopped by to see fellow Allstott cousins, Pat and Marvin Kennedy in Medford, OR. We had a great gab session, getting caught up on the Oregon Allstotts and talking about last year's Alstott/Altstadt Reunion in Clearfield, PA before heading home.

At the end of September, we took our usual jaunt back east to visit family and

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We visited with Pat and Marvin Kennedy enroute home from our National Chrysler Airflow Club Meet in Bend, OR in June.



That's Mount Bachelor near Bend, OR, while a passenger in a '36 DeSoto Airflow

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Another busy year of genealogy for Hermann Altstadt, but he still finds time to relax in this Holiday Season

All the best and a healthy Year 2016!!!
There are some pictures attached - we enjoyed the snowy Christmas time very much!!!



Above: The Altstadt family room looking into backyard snow! Right: Matthias, Tobl, Alex, Gundi and Hermann



YEAHHH! - 2016 will be still a year with a lot of genealogical stuff, I guess! - I'll keep you always informed about my research results! It seems that the Nebraska clan is getting bigger - thanks for the new links to Johann Frederick's 14 children! (Below)

New things on the Protestant Internet platform. I was checking the Michelfeld church documents and found the death date for Bernhard Altstadt...But there is still the question - where was he born??

Johann (not Georg)* Bernhardt Altstadt (1730-81) descendants send in valued updates to their line

It is sorta funny that this year, within a space of 4 months I have been contacted, through e-mail, by three distinctly different descendants of **Georg* Bernhardt Altstadt** (1730)...all wanting to update their part of the Altstadt family charts on the <www.altstatt.org> website.

First was Jeri Altstadt Cuave (Donald Clair

Altstadt (1927) line). I was next contacted by Kelly Mercer (Friederike Susanne Altstadt, (1836) line). Then, lastly, by Gary and Sherill Altstadt (William Cedric Altstadt (1931).

Latest research by **Hermann Altstadt**, also a descendant of Bernhardt, has found documents that use Johann, rather than Georg*, as his first name. **Bernhardt Altstadt** was the name he used in life.

Below: documents from the Friederike Altstadt Funk Bible. Kelly Mercer wrote, "From what I can figure out, the Grand Duchy of Baden existed 1806-1918. It is in the south west part of Germany, east of the Rhine River. It was joined with Wurttemberg in 1952 to become an official state of Germany. Michelfeld is now part of Angelbach in Baden-Wurttemberg. My Altstadt line (Johann Bernhardt Altstadt) as well as my Funks come from that area."



The "A" Train Corner

Alstott joins Bucs' Ring of Honor

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It was a ceremony tastefully done. **Mike Alstott's** ex-teammates were joined on the field by Alstott's wife, Nicole, daughters Hannah and Lexie, and son Griffin. A video tribute was shown. Long-time Buc radio announcer Gene Deckerhoff said what was on the mind of every fan in attendance.

"We are proud to call you a Buccaneer." When Alstott's name was revealed, joining Derrick Brooks, Jimmie Giles, Paul Gruber, Warren Sapp and John McKay, he locked arms with his family.

"I kind of got lost for a second in my speech," he said later. "But I held it together better than I thought I would. It's just truly an honor and I just wanted to make sure everyone understood it's not about me, and that was so special about my time in Tampa. "I know my name is up there on that wall, but it's representative of what we all did."

Alstott rushed for 5,088 yards and 58 TDs in his 12-year Buc career. He caught 305 passes for 2,284 yards and 13 scores. Along with Warrick Dunn, he formed the team's Thunder and Lightning backfield duo. At 240 pounds, he sent countless defenders toppling backward. He returned to play following neck surgery.

Still, all this doesn't explain his standing as arguably the most popular Buc in franchise history. Alstott tried.

"Training camp, if it wasn't my day to sign, I still signed," he said. "Leaving the stadium on Sunday afternoon, making sure everyone got their autograph, spending time with them, talking with them.

"From Day 1, it was important to me to build that relationship, not just because I wanted to be a fan favorite. They deserve it. The fans deserve it."

Alstott keeps busy these days serving as head football coach at St. Pete's Northside Christian, where his son is the starting quarterback. He co-owns the Island Way Grill restaurant in Clearwater, and with his wife, operates the Mike Alstott Family Foundation. Sunday, the A-Train pulled into a station called the Ring of Honor. The stop is permanent. "I'm very blessed and thankful that I came to Tampa," Mike Alstott said. "I came with a group of guys that lifted the organization, made an elite ballclub and won a Super Bowl."

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Phyllis on the way to one of the arches in Arches National Park in Utah...our first stop



friends from Colorado to Pennsylvania to Georgia to Texas and home again.

Our first stop was at **Arches National Park** in Utah, our first time there and it was beautiful.

From there we headed to Colorado and after time with family in Evergreen and Buena Vista, we visited with **Bob and Pat Altstadt** in Pueblo. We hadn't seen each other since the Evansville Reunion, so we had a lot to get caught up on.

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Bob and Pat Altstadt at home with Phyllis and their "snow balls."

Were You Confused or Amused by this E-mail last February?

"Greetings, how are doing today? I don't know if you're aware that am presently in Philippines was robbed of my cash, phones and credit cards last night but i thank God no lives were lost.

I need you lend me some money, about \$2800, or whatever you can afford. I need the money to settle bills here and get back home. I assure you that I'll refund the money immediately am home next tomorrow."

Yes! Someone (in the Philippines or Nigeria) got into my "mailing" lists (???) and sent out this startling e-mail. I got phone calls from all over the States plus Canada and Switzerland on this hoax.

Luckily no one fell for this old ploy. You could easily tell the "plea" wasn't from me cause I totally dislike nor care to visit the tropics on any continent!!

Cuz Jerry

Cuzzin Contact...

Hi Jerry,
I'm late again, as usual, but I hope to be able to beat the arrival of the Lenten Season which is just around the corner.

Oil Boom Reaches Richardton

There are presently 10,000 producing wells in the Bakken Basin. Halliburton is presently pounding in 50-foot "piles" (8 inch steel pipe capped at bottom) for a base for ten 200-foot high fracking sand silos southwest of Assumption Abbey. Another company is going to install 85 wind turbines 280 ft high with tip of upright blade reaching another 70 feet. Unfortunately none will be placed on our Abbey land because the town airport strip is on our land and small airplanes fly at about the height of those turbines. The FAA has to approve all wind towers because of their height.

End of An Era

This was my last year of teaching at St. Meinrad. My late summer course was finished the end of this August. It's hard for me to believe I'm now in my 47th year of teaching here at St. Meinrad. I began teaching here the fall of 1968 at the age of 36 and will end this career in 2015 at the age of 83.

Labor Day

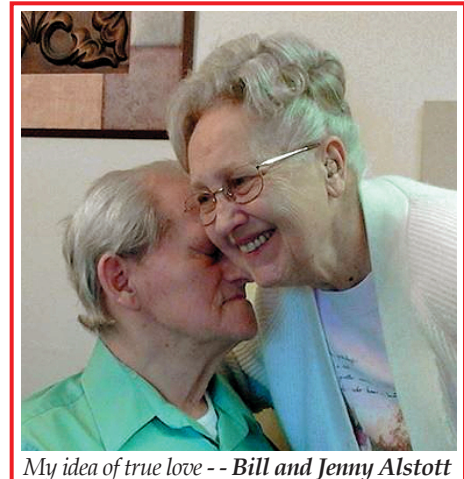
I moved back to Assumption Abbey, at Richardton, ND 58652 (P.O. Box A). Abbey Switchboard Tel 701-974-3315. May you enjoy many blessings.

Fa. Damian Dietlein, pg. 112

Hi Jerry,
I have some information for you to update on your site, see below. Hope you are doing Ok. Am still enjoying your magazines. I am working on the Altstadt sources in Hessen. A lot of them come from von lines like Von Solms who owned Altenburg from the 1100s until 1384 when it was destroyed but then he got it back in the 1600s. They used the name Von Altstadt and one of the women became queen of the Netherlands...have all that but not in my head. Ha ha

Altensadt or **Alstad** by 17 kms N. of Budingon

Altenberg = **Alsfeld**, owned by Solms
Altensadt 3 kms East of Budingon also called **Aldenstede** 831-981 and **Alahstadt** in



My idea of true love - - Bill and Jenny Alstott

Hermann Altstadt has now found solid research in the line of Johann Bernhardt Altstadt...European libraries are making research easier

1150 by??? Naumburg?? Weidelsburg??
Working on this one.

AltstadtWetterau in Thuringia
Alterstede = **Alterstädt** by Fulda
And more are possible..

As you can tell it is going to take time to
make sure I have the right info on these they
are easily mixed up..Will let you know when
I am done.

Take good care...Bye for now
Elvira Wuschke, pg. 541

Greetings,

I just came across your Altstadt website and
discovered I may be descended from **Georg
Bernhardt Altstadt** through his son **Johann
> Johann > Friederike Susanne Altstadt** who
married Johann Michael Funk. Friederike
came to the U.S. after her husband died. She
settled in Madison Nebraska along with
several of her children.

My question is: what sources were used
for the lineage of Georg's descendants?
Specifically Georg to Friederike. I would like
to add them to my line but would like to be
able to cite sources found.

Thank you for all the work you and your
partners have done on this.

I am sending what I have regarding my
Altstadt line. The family all settled around
Madison Nebraska, which is about 115-120
miles west of Omaha NE. Still lots of family
around. Otto Emrich, at the very bottom of

I am sending you a copy of a photo
Friederika Altstadt Funk in a separate e-mail.
It is one taken for her passport when she went
back to Germany to visit.
Kelly Mercer, Stanton, NE, pg. 84

*Editor's note: Altstadt American research was done
by Fred Altstadt of California, who is deceased.
Hermann Altstadt of Erlangen, Germany
researches this line in Germany today. John Altstadt
has updated this Altstadt line on the
<www.altstadt.org> web site. Check it out!*



*Friederika Altstadt Funk from a passport
photo taken in 1918*

Dear Jerry and Phyllis,

.....we sure enjoyed your visit...wherever
your journey is taking you, hope you are
experiencing great weather and super visits!
Love, **Bob** and **Pat Altstadt**, Pueblo, CO,
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Merry 'Aloha' DeSpain, pg. 298

Heppner, Oregon
Aug. 18, 1928 - June 3, 2015
Merry "Aloha" DeSpain, 86, of Heppner
died Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Portland.
She was born Aug. 18, 1928, in The Dalles.

I had a message from Chris DeSpain
and a phone call from another person, telling
me that our dear sweet Cousin Aloha has
passed. I know nothing other than that and
will keep you posted if any information
comes my way. If you have one of their
little wooden crosses, time to touch those
and remember her.

Sorry to bring you this sad message,
Cuz Pat Kennedy, Medford, OR, pg. 295

Pauline M. Allstott, pg. 322

age 93, of French Lick, Indiana passed away
on July 7th, 2015 at Springs Valley Meadows
in French Lick, Indiana.

Pauline was born on October 11th, 1921 in



Pauline Allstott

Mark Allstott, (3) Brothers – Merle, Bill and
Richard Gasaway and (2) Sisters – Helen
Richardson and Margaret Nicholson.

Pauline was a homemaker, a member of the
Springs Valley Senior Citizens and also Our
Lady of the Springs Catholic Church.

She is survived by: (1) Son **Kevin
Allstott** (Kathy) West Baden Springs,
Indiana, (3) Daughters Shannon McCracken
(John) West Baden Springs, Indiana
Mary McDonald (Chet) West Baden Springs,
Indiana, Rita Holiday (Tom) Paoli, Indiana,
(1) Sister Evelyn Gromer Paoli, Indiana, (15)
Grandchildren (16) Great-Grandchildren (6)
Great-Great-Grandchildren

Funeral Mass was conducted by Fr.
Peter Marshall at Our Lady of the Springs
Catholic Church in French Lick, Indiana.

Howard Gene Barker, Sr.

April 18, 1934 - November 22, 2014

Howard, pg. 251, is survived by his
wife, Nancy Barker. Sons: Gene Barker, Jr.
and his wife, Danielle and Lon Barker.
Daughters: Vivian "Peanut" and Elaine
Bailey along with fifteen grandchildren, ten
great grandchildren, seven brothers and
sisters along with numerous nieces and
nephews.

Howard was the oldest son of Beulah
Boatman (Barker, Reed). My dad's (Earl
Eugene Altstadt's) older sister. Howard was
my favorite cuddie. He taught my brother,
Bob Altstadt, to play the guitar one winter
when he lived with us. He worked for me
when I had my trucking company.

Okie connection,
Bill Altstadt, pg. 256

Mary E. Clipp, pg. 206



Mary E. Clipp

92, passed away
Wednesday July
22, 2015 at the
Bennett Place in
New Albany, IN.
She was the
former Mary E.
Cuzzort, born in
Louisville, KY. and
was the former
Executive Officer
for the Southern
Indiana Realtors
Association. Mary
was a member of
the Friends of
Fairview, the
Daughters of the American Revolution
(DAR), the American Legion Ladies
Auxiliary and DePauw Memorial United
Methodist Church. She was preceded in
death by her husband: Richard E. Clipp Sr.,
her parents: C.C. and Irene Cuzzort, and her
sister: Bette Zimmerman.

Survivors include: Her son: Richard E.
Clipp Jr. (Karen), Her daughter: Cathleen
May (Gary Fraser), Her sister: Jeannine
Cuzzort, 5 Grandchildren: **Rev. Tony Alstott**
(Rhonda), Christine Attwood, Gena Beard
(Kevin), Meredith Clipp Rodriguez (Josh)
and Michael Clipp, 10 great grandchildren,
1 great great grandchild and her niece: Mimi
Murphy.

A funeral service celebrating Mary's life
was held at the Oak Street Chapel of
Seabrook Memorial Contributions may be
given to DePauw Memorial United
Methodist Church.

Darlene Elizabeth Watson, pg. 225

Born Nov 7, 1939 in Drumheller, Alberta.
Passed away on Oct 9, 2015 in Kelowna, B.C.
from complication's from C.O.P.D.

She is now with her Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

She was predeceased by her father Jack
Litster, her mother **Gladys Alstott**, her
favorite aunt and uncle Kay and Reg
Moulding, her brother in law Lorne Watson,
her half sister Valerie Blair, and her oldest
grandchild Logan Riley Hall. Left to fondly
remember this wonderful lady who
answered to many different names,
such as Mom, Grandma (her favorite), and
sweetheart, to her husband of 56 years
Myron Watson. Her son Brian Watson and
daughter in law Janice, and grandson's
Bradley Watson and Craig Watson. Her
daughter Cheryl Hall, and grandson Lance
Hall, and granddaughter Larissa Hall. Sister
in law and brother in law Beverly and
Helmut Diesenger and nephew Mark. Sister
in law Jackie Judd and nephew Darren and
niece Jody. Brother, **John Alstott**.

Darlene attended post secondary school
at S.A.I.T. (Southern Alberta Institute of
Technology) and obtained her Nursing Aid
Certificate, and worked at the General
Hospital in Calgary until our son Brian was
born, and at that time we decided she would

stay home with our children and she was the best homemaker, mother, grandmother, wife that a family could have, and has left so many wonderful memories to last forever, Darlene, you will always be loved and truly missed.

Editor's note: Yes, Darlene will be missed. I first met Darlene when she and her brother, John Alstott, attended the 1989 AAA Reunion in Charles Town, WVA. Over the years she has been in almost monthly e-mail contact. As she lived in Kelowna, BC, when winter hit Canada, I was assured of great keeper "Forwards" she had found on the internet. Her last "Forward" was sent to me a few days before her untimely passing.

Dennis L. Alstott, pg. 204
55, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015 at home surrounded by his family.

The son of the late **James Alstott** and Audrey Juanita Allen Terry, Dennis was born August 28, 1959 in Jefferson County, Kentucky. He was a 1977 graduate of New Albany High School and veteran of the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife, **Anne T. (Schmitt) Alstott**; daughter and son-in-law, Katrina Dawn and Trey Vandemark; grandson, Richard Ethan Vandemark.

His funeral service was in the Kraft Charlestown Road Chapel, New Albany, IN.

David G. Alstott, pg. 440



April 10, 1970 - October 26, 2015
David G. Alstott, age 45 of Joliet, IL, at rest Monday, October 26, 2015 at his home.

Born April 10, 1970 in Joliet, IL, the loving son of **Jean Marie** and the late **David Alstott**.

Cherished brother of Dorinna (Christopher) Wren and Daniel (Amber) Alstott,

dear uncle of Colin and Jacklyn Wren and **Scarlett Alstott**.

Catherine Freckelton, pg. 443



Catherine M. Freckelton (nee Haller) Age 97, passed away Friday, October 9, 2015 at Lakewood Care Center, Plainfield, IL. Born May 30, 1918 in Rock Island, IL she was the daughter of the late Walter and Catherine (Bollig) Haller. She was a graduate of St. John Grade School, Joliet Township High School and Joliet Junior College.

Catherine was a former member of St.

Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield, where she was an active member and past officer in the Mothers' Club and the Altar and Rosary Society. In recent years, she attended St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Crest Hill, where she was a member of the Council of Catholic Women. She was also a former Den Mother for the Cub Scouts. Surviving are her four children, **Mary Jean (Roger) Alstott** of Shorewood, Peggy (Lou) Budler of Villa Hills, KY, James (Lori) Freckelton of Joliet, and John (Toni) Freckelton of Joliet; nine grandchildren, **Jim Alstott**, **Jean Alstott**, **Michael Alstott**, Nancy (Mark) Budler, Cathy Budler, Dan Freckelton, Katie (Frank) Miner, Stefanie (Mike) Medina, and Patti (Nick) Freckelton-Vasiliades; 11 great-grandchildren, **Cole** and **Cate Alstott**, Liam, Isobel, Lydia and Charlie Budler, Emily Miner, Troy and Shea Freckelton, Emilie Medina, and James Vasiliades; one sister-in-law, Bea Haller; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her husband, Donald J. Freckelton (2004).

Funeral services were at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, Joliet, IL.

Alberta Hoffman Allstott,

pg. 308, February 2, 1924 - May 30, 2015
Alberta Allstott, 91, an Athena resident, was born in Kane, Wyoming, to Amanda Jane Bradley and Fredrick Hoffman. At age eight her mother passed away and she was adopted by Martha Slafter and grew up in Harrisville, N.Y. She graduated from Harrisville Central High School and got on a train, in the day when young women didn't travel alone, and rode all the way to Heppner, Ore., where her father was working.

She met and fell in love with Everett Barlow and they were married November 27, 1943. They had three children, Everett C. (Pete), Marthetta (who was stillborn) and Mary. After the death of her husband she found another love in **R.D. Allstott**; they were married in 1983, and gained another daughter, Cindy.

Alberta was a stay-at-home mom, raising her two children. She was an excellent seamstress and sewed intricate western shirts for her son and poofy dresses for her little girl. She made her daughter's wedding dress and her stepdaughter's wedding dress. She loved all crafts and knitted hats and gloves for the Athena school children who were without.

Alberta never met an animal she didn't love. When her son was allergic to cow's milk, she bought a nanny goat and milked it daily. She raised chickens, rabbits, lambs and cows and always had a pet cat or dog. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and participated in fundraisers for the club. She was a member of the Athena Christian Church and attended Sunday services rain or shine.

She is survived by her son Everett Barlow (Ruth); daughters Mary Earley (Allen) and Cindy Wheeler (Harley); grandchildren David Barlow (Rebecca), Julie Armstrong (Sean Moore), Tamara Pahl (Robert), Heather Earley, Brianna Earley, Rachael Tiffany (Mike), and JaiLeigh Bondurant; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; brother Harold

Hoffman of Anchorage, Alaska; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her service was held at the Athena Christian Church, Heppner, OR.

Carol J. Altstadt

Born to eternal peace after a brief, brave battle with lymphoma on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the age of 71. Loving mother of Diana (Greg), Andy, and Terry (Tim) Van Norman. Beloved grandma of Adam, Becca and Nick Van Norman. Sister of Donna Johnson and Allen Bohl. Preceded in death by her siblings Barbara, Dottie, Rosie, Shirley and Wayne.

Further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Carol was a pillar of the Catholic Church. She was also an active volunteer in the church, the community and the blood center. Mass of Christian Burial at Church of Gesu, Milwaukee, WI. A celebration of Carol's life to follow.

Henry W. Altstadt, pg. 545



Henry Altstadt

Passed away peacefully Thursday, April 30, 2015, with family present at the age of 96. Preceded in death by his wife Jeanne. Survived by daughters Avis Davidson, Betty (late Tom) DeRidder and

Carol (Scott) Grunsted. Loved Grandpa of Aaron (Jennifer) Davidson, Andrea (Scott) Gudal, Amy Davidson, Austin Davidson, Darrell (Tami) DeRidder, Dallas (Rick) Kennedy, Brandon (Wyanna) Grunsted, Vanessa (Josh) Ashenbrenner. Great-grandpa of Savannah, Annabel and Emme Kate, Janae, Talitha, Aria, Edward, Mariska, Darian, Jackson, Zac, Samantha, Nathan, Ivy, Ian, Caleb, Nykirian and Great-great-grandpa of Declan.

Former husband of **Marge Altstadt**. Preceded in death by his siblings Emma, Helen, Elsie, Fred and Rose.

He served in the Army in the 32nd Red Arrow Division and was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in New Guinea.

Henry attended MATC to get his high school diploma and graduated as valedictorian out of 2,000 GI's. He then continued on and graduated from Carroll College in 1951.

Henry became a student of ballroom dancing in 1936 when he and his brother attended dancing lessons at the YMCA and by 1939 he was teaching there. In Henry's career as a dance instructor, he taught at the YMCA, Walter Reed Hospital and the YWCA. At a high point in the 50's he had 1,700 students a week. He enjoyed all the people he met, the great students and the wonderful staff. Henry opened "Henry's Ballroom Dancing Studio" in Milwaukee in 1963. In 1984 he closed the studio and continued to teach out of his home.

In 1974-1975 Henry was elected Chairman of the Board for the National

Board League for the Betterment of Dance Education. The last 5 years Henry lived at the VA Home in Union Grove, WI.

Charlene Altstadt, pg. 551



WASHINGTON - **Charlene Altstadt**, 84, of Washington, passed away at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at Washington Christian Village.

Charlene was born on Feb. 8, 1931, in Pontiac, Ill., to Charles and Cora (Houborg) Anderson. She married **Dave Altstadt** in

Charlene Altstadt

Illinois. He passed away in 1982.

Among those surviving are her two children, Mary (Dennis) Ruebush of East Peoria and **Fred (Sandy) Altstadt** of Mesa, Ariz.; three grandchildren, David, Dylan and Michelle; and a great-granddaughter, Katjana. She also was preceded in death by one brother. Charlene last managed Glass Blowers of Manitou Springs, Colo., for many years. Prior to that she had been self-employed, owning various businesses over the years. At Charlene's request, there will be no services.

Mary Louise Altstadt, pg. 132

84, Feb. 20, 1931 May 02, 2015 Mary Louise Austin was born Feb. 20, 1931, in Hood River. Her parents, Louise Leonard and Paul H. Austin, moved to Portland when she and her younger sister, Pauline, were quite small. Mary Louise attended Vernon grammar school, Jefferson High School, Oregon State College and the University of Oregon. She was married to **John B. Altstadt**. They were later divorced. Through the years, she enjoyed volunteer activity nourished by the Portland Junior League. She also served on their board and the boards of the Portland Civic Theater, the Perry Center, Albertina Kerr and various civic organizations. She was part of the vestry before Trinity Episcopal Church became the Cathedral.

Mary Louise has two children, Louise Helen (Garth) Hallman and **John "Jack" Austin (Julie) Altstadt**; and grandchildren, John Austin Hallman and Hadlee Irene Hallman. Peter Labadie was a most attentive godson.

She enjoyed seeing her neighborhood playmates and other special people of the past at an annual beach reunion and was with a jovial group of former high school classmates at the monthly meeting of "The Good Friends' Club." Memberships included the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Town Club.

Beyond all, her sustaining alliances were with books, writing, travel, laughter and of course, Louise, Jack and their families. Our thanks to her friends who have always been supportive and were an important part of her

life. Mary Louise had been employed by Esco and then in various management positions at the Racquet Club. She died May 2, 2015. A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. *Published in The Oregonian from May 6 to May 10, 2015.*

Doris L. Eckenrode, pg. 80



Doris Eckenrode

in Ohio Health MedCentral Hospital surrounded by family, due to complications from the flu. She was 81.

She was born March 22, 1933 to parents Clifford & Kathleen (Shaffer) Donelson in Johnsville.

Doris, a longtime area resident, truly enjoyed spending time at the historical Central Park square in downtown Mansfield. While a resident at Crystal Care Center in Mansfield she looked forward to weekly vocal programs, as well as Sunday morning worship service.

In spare time, she took pleasure in playing bingo and collecting angels. But above all, Doris cherished spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her children **Terri (Jeff) Altstadt**, Tony Eckenrode, Dana (Clark) Page, and Bill Eckenrode; grandchildren **Michael (Stephanie) Altstadt**, Becky Eckenrode, Ashley Williams, **Christopher Altstadt**, Nadya Page and **Sarah Altstadt**; great grandchildren Alyssa Cottreil, Javien Daniel Baith, and **Emma Altstadt**, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in Wesleyan Holiness Church, Mansfield, OH.

Frederick Martin Altstadt, pg. 64

Born: November 13, 1940 Died: November 16, 2015.

Fred and Shirley Altstadt have been the greatest of friends. I worked with Fred in putting together his families portion of the tree charts back in the early '90s. He has always been a fan of family history and he and Shirley were on board for the 2003 tour of Germany. Fred had a great New York accent and boisterousness. Phyllis and I visited them in their home in San Jose, CA.

Every once in a while, Fred would send tidbits of something or another. In February he sent me a photo of his mom on her 101st birthday! Fred, you will always be remembered for your outgoing personality.

Jerry Altstadt

Geneva Altstadt Dobbs, pg. 254 Geneva Altstadt Dobbs, 86, passed away on Monday, May 18th, 2015 at Corn Heritage Village. She was born on January 2, 1929 in Oklahoma City, OK to George and Janie (Bishop) Presson. She lived in this area most of her life. She married **Cecil Altstadt**, he preceded her in death. She later married Samson Dobbs, he preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and loved animals, especially her dog, Chico.

She is survived by: 4 sons: **Larry Altstadt** and his wife, Linda, of Anadarko, OK, **George Altstadt** and his wife, Angie, of Cement, OK, **Gary Altstadt** and his wife, Terrie, of Texas, **Kenneth Altstadt** of Wilson, OK, 2 daughters: Janie Piearcy and her husband, James, Binger, OK, Catherine Lee of Bridgeport, OK, 1 brother: Lloyd Wayne Presson, Eureka, CA, Numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two daughters: Faye Marrow and **Donna Altstadt**. One son, **Ronnie Lee Altstadt**.

Funeral Services were at Smith Funeral Home Chapel, Anadarko, OK
Burial: Binger Cemetery, Binger, OK

Alpha Pearl Altstadt, pg. 274

Posted on April 2, 2015

Funeral services were held Friday, April 3 for Alpha Pearl Altstadt at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Wetumka with Rev. Tim Turner officiating.

Alpha was born June 15, 1931 in San Jon, New Mexico to Charles Emmett Mott and Violet Mitchell Mott and died March 30, 2015 in Shawnee at the age of 83.

As an infant, she traveled with her family in a covered wagon from New Mexico to Oklahoma and settled near the town of Dustin.

She first attended I-32 (now Graham School) and later Dustin School, where she graduated in about 1948.

On June 17, 1951 she married **Melbourn Altstadt** at the Dustin Assembly of God Church. They made their home in the Dustin area all of their life together where they farmed and raised cattle. He preceded her in death in 2006. Following his passing she relocated to Eufaula to be near family.

In addition to her husband she was also preceded in death by a grandson Jeffrey Scott Chisum, a son-in-law Marshall Lee Earls, four brothers, and three sisters.

She enjoyed crocheting and quilting and also made dolls, doll clothes and various other arts and crafts.

Survivors include her four daughters, Marilyn Earls of Texas, Alpha Darlene Douthit and husband Steven of Bowlegs, Kathy Jo McDonald and husband Martin of Meeker and Paula Chisum and John West of Eufaula; a brother, Jack Mott of California; three sisters, Dortha Clayton of Arkansas, Wanda Flanagan of California and Doris Storts of Henryetta; 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; along with several nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. Pallbearers will be Melbourn Ray Allen, Jonathan David Allen, Jacob Kee, Steven Douthit, Rudell Fernandez and Chris Hale.

Betty Johnson, pg. 252

77, of Oklahoma City
Sunrise, March 2, 1938
Sunset, March 10, 2015

Betty went to be with her Lord. She is preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Annie Hudlow, one sister, Laverne Denker and a granddaughter, Tonya Hayes. Betty is survived by her 4 daughters, Charlotte Mowles and her husband, Wesley, Terry Snow, Felita Lamson, and Tammy Gamble all of OKC, and one son, (her baby) **Stephen Altstatt**, also of OKC. Betty has 14 grandkids, 23 great-grand babies and 2 great-great-grand babies, all of whom loved her as "Their Granny." She has several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who loved her and will miss her dearly.

Betty was the heart and soul of her family and the glue that held us together. Betty loved her country music but more so her chocolate. If Betty were here with us today I'm sure she would tell us all "Don't cry for me, I'm Home, I'm fine and I walk with God." To my family "I'm watching you all." Love Mom.

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Cuz Jerry,

Ruth and I are doing fair. She spent 25 days in the hospital last January for pneumonia. I'm still having trouble with my balance. I have nerve problems in my feet and legs. Having daughter write the letter because my writing looks like chicken scratching.

Sister Peggy has Alzheimers, but still lives at home.

Ruth's and my family are getting bigger all the time. We have 69 members right now with 3 more on the way. We have 5 living generations.

A distant cousin, Howard Barker, of Hatton, AL, passed away in the summer of 2014. I understand that his mother was an Altstatt somewhere along the line.

I talked to **Gene Altstatt** and his wife, Vi, of Berryville, AR, is having health problems and their oldest son, Tommy, is still fighting cancer.

We hate to see you retire from organizing the reunions. Ruth and I are just about unable to go anywhere, because we are both on walkers.

Have a good day, Cousin **George and Ruth Altstatt**, pg. 262

Dear Jerry,

Not able to go to distant reunions anymore -

I'll be celebrating 86 years of life later this month (January 2015). I don't have a car anymore and my girls are very good to me. They are busy with their lives and are not into reunions with folks they never met.

Nancy does my weekly laundry. Pattie takes me to church and Ruth is adamant about my letting her know if I need anything. So, I'm more than blessed.

Thanks for the Altstatt newsletter, I look forward to it every Christmas season. Serously, stop by sometime when you are in the neighborhood

Joyce Risley, Bethany, IL, pg. 406

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Hi Jerry,

August 22 - - - 45 years ago, today!

----- Our wedding photo



Thomas and Lona Wilson, pg. 460

What a way to end the day - thought I would make some pancakes and sausage for dinner. Got one of those Bisquick "shake" things. I've used them many times in the past - so I opened it, added the water, and put the lid back on. Started shaking and BOOM! ALL OVER the kitchen - on the floor, on the cabinets, the ceiling, the window, the countertop and stove. All the "stuff" on the counters was covered. So were the nice clean hand towels I had put down in the morning. AND, it didn't leave me "unshot" either. Next 45 minutes was spent on my knees, and a ladder. Guess I didn't QUITE tighten the lid enough! Trust me, that will never happen again! Glad I had a "spare" in the pantry! Dinner was late!

Cuzzin Lona Wilson

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From Colorado we headed east to Oklahoma and a visit with Bill and Georgia Altstatt in Oklahoma City...again enjoying a great gabbing time. Phyllis is a big Ben Carson supporter, so she and Bill got into some heavy duty political discussions.

From Oklahoma City we headed east to visit my niece's family in Pittsburgh. Charles and Alice Janz have their three kids up to their ears in soccer, and we had an enjoyable time at their practices and games for two days.

After enjoying antiquing in the Pittsburgh area we headed over to Morrisdale, PA, to visit with Jeff and Julia Williams. You will remember that Jeff was the host at the 2014 AAA Reunion in Clearfield. Jeff had volunteered to continue the Altstatt/Altstadt Reunions when I



Julia Williams g-g-grandfather built this home back in 1849. What nostalgia. Left: Jerry and Jeff Williams

stepped down from organizing the meets after the 2014 Reunion.

We were thrilled that Jeff and Julia provided a bedroom for us for an evening in their home built in 1849 by Julia's great-great-grandfather. Wow!

From Morrisdale, we were off to visit Phyllis' niece's family in New Jersey for a few days. We headed south from New Jersey to do some antiquing in Pennsylvania at Adamstown and along Interstate 81 in Virginia.

We eventually landed at our daughter's home in Cartersville, GA. As a side job, Cherilyn is the owner of "Jest Desserts" - - making VERY artistic cakes for various events, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, etc.. This time she let me do a little "playing" with making up small fish that fit on a "Nemo" style cake

for a small child's birthday. The cake got rave reviews from the parents...it should, as the cake cost \$250.00! Good thing we aren't in a recession!



That's not a cake, it's a work of art!

Our grand daughter, Emma (now 15) will be in the annual **Nutcracker Ballet** and has three parts to fill. That should keep her on her "toes!"

Maybe I should interject here that when we left California, the gas was right at \$3.29 a gallon...\$2.49 in Colorado...\$2.02 in Oklahoma...\$2.39 in Pennsylvania...\$2.14

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

Altstadt returns to sidelines at Boonville more than two months after stroke



Steve Altstadt, pg. 78

By Gordon Engelhardt, Evansville, IN Courier & Press, Feb. 9, 2015

Boonville High School boys' basketball coach **Steve Altstadt** didn't necessarily notice anything different when he returned to the sidelines.

"I tried not to get as excited," Altstadt said. "For us coaches that's sometimes difficult to do. As far as planning the game and coaching, it was pretty much the same."

Altstadt, 52, suffered a stroke on Dec. 3. His wife, Tammy, found him lying on the floor at their home. He lost feeling in his right side and did not regain his speech for two days.

Altstadt still has some problems with his right hand when he's at the keyboard or detailing a game plan on the chalkboard.

"My penmanship is a little shaky," said Altstadt, whose first game back was Jan. 27 at Jasper. "I lost the feeling in my right hand. When I had a stroke, it went into the entire right side of my body."

Pioneers assistant coach Mark Meier took over as interim head coach in Altstadt's absence, with assistance from Dane Russell. "We are extremely excited that coach is healthy," said Boonville athletic director Kevin Davis. "He and his family went through a difficult situation. We couldn't be happier that he is back in the classroom as well as on the sidelines."

"Coach Mark Meier and Dane Russell did a tremendous job handling the team and the program for the last two months. We cannot thank them enough for their commitment to our school and student athletes. We look forward to putting all the pieces together and finishing the season strong."

Altstadt, whose team is 1-16, began watching practice from the top of the gym the second week of January as he gradually worked his way back down to courtside and coaching full time.

"As time goes on, I'm getting better," he said. "I'm just tired. I wear out (quickly). I've talked to other people who've had strokes and they feel worn out all the time."

He said he's in bed by 10 o'clock every night. Before his stroke, Altstadt would often stay up until 11 p.m. or midnight or even later.

"I realize to have good health, you've got to have seven or eight hours of sleep," he said.

Altstadt was gratified to receive so many cards and letters during his recovery. He heard from several coaches and even from players he coached at South Spencer many years ago.

"It kind of humbled you quite a bit," Altstadt said.

While basketball is meant to be taken seriously, it shouldn't mean everything, he said.

"I tell the kids they're going to do some things that are a heck of a lot more fun when they get older," Altstadt said. "Some parents think their kids are a whole lot better than they are and that's not just on my team. They want to live through their kids. You have to let the kids play and have fun."

Don't forget to let me know when you have a change of address!

Grandson, **Geoffrey Allstott**, below, (far left back row) with his 6-man football squad and cheerleaders from Brazosport Christian School



Editor's column from page 6

in New Jersey...\$1.99 in Virginia... \$1.73 in Georgia...\$1.72 in Alabama...\$1.73 in Texas...\$1.78 in New Mexico and \$1.92 in Arizona. Our whole trip averaged under \$2.00 a gallon...our cheapest tour in 6 years! And gas was even down to \$2.89 as we crossed into California. Oh well, one of the states has to be the highest...right!

We had mostly good weather for the whole trip. Most of the rain fell at night when we were tucked away in bed...except for the *Tornado Alert* in Pennsylvania.

We finally landed in Texas and a visit with my sister, Mary, in Columbia Lakes. Mary and Phyllis enjoy thrift and antique shopping, so that kept us active and walking during our visit.

The first weekend we were at our son's home in Lake Jackson, our oldest grandson, **Geoffrey Allstott**, was playing in his next-to-last football game of the year. So of course, grandpa couldn't wait to get to the stands. Rain couldn't wait to get the stands either...so for the first half of the game we were fighting a driving rainstorm and trying to keep our umbrellas open! Oh Yes! The Brazosport Christian High School Eagles won the game...**yeah!** Geoffrey said that they always played better in the rain. They only won two of their games this year. Not enough rain.

At 6-ft-3in. 17-year old Geoffrey still has a little bit of growing to do. On the other hand his 15-year old brother, Ben, is now eye level to grandpa and on his way up.

Grandson, Ben, has chosen golf as his high school sport. So we went out one afternoon to a nearby golf course and hit a couple of baskets of balls on the driving range. Needless to say that ol' rusty grandpa hasn't been out for a round of golf in around 20 years...but I can still beat him on the tennis court. Ho, ho.

We enjoyed the movies with grandsons, Andrew and Zach...baseball isn't in season yet.

Let me take another break here to let you know that you have never tasted seafood till you taste Texas Gulf Coast seafood. You won't find shrimp or catfish that can match up...maybe come a distant close, but *absolutely* not match up.

Isn't it great being around grandkids! Makes me look forward to our visits in Georgia and Texas.

Sooner or later, you have to head home. On the way, we stopped by and visited my 95 year old aunt in LaGrange, TX. She's still chugging along...but needs her daughter and son-in-law to "put out the pills," etc., now.

After a brief visit with Phyllis' aunt in Fountain Hills, AZ, we headed back to the *land of high gasoline prices* and our familiar ol' bed with loads of memories to last till next year!



Lena Altstadt turned 101

On February 6, 2015, Lena Altstadt, pg. 64, of Campbell, CA, turned 101 years young.

Keep those birthdays going Lena! Thanks to her son, Fred Altstadt for sending us the photo of the occasion.

We love to celebrate birthdays, weddings and anniversaries in the AAA newsletter...do you have any to share?

With my "Texas" roots...I just couldn't help but add this Texas Triviana this year! Try it out!



Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the "snail-mail" newsletter... Your response has been so GREAT over the last year that we are NOT having to ask for contributions this year for either printing or postage! Hurrah and Season's Cheer!

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!

Lisa Wilcox said,
"There's just gotta be a way!"

In August this year, I received a request from cuzzin Lisa Wilcox for the *Altstott/Altstadt History Book* that I published in 1994. I told Lisa that I had printed 500 of the books. 250 had been spoken for before I received the printed books. Another 16 books found their way to genealogy libraries. The remaining books took me 10 years find "homes." **BUT**...she wanted the BOOK as a Christmas present for her husband this year!

With my blessing, she contacted *Anundsen Publishing Company* and they said that they still had the book negatives and would be glad to supply her with a spiral bound set of the 1994 publication, with my approval. NO problem!

Since I sold out of the books in 2004, I have had many requests for the "**History of the Altstadt/Altstadt/Altstätt Clans**" book. If you still wish to own a 2-volume set of the book, please e-mail me at <jandpallstott@yahoo.com> and I will let you know how to purchase a set or sets of this out-of-print book...which *Anundsen Publishing* will gladly reprint. The book that was printed for Lisa was two books in-a- set (spiral bound) and cost around \$40.00 plus shipping, payable to Anundsen Publishing Company. Are you interested?

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