



NEWSLETTER



December 2018



2018 was GREAT!...And it's time again to wish you ein wunderbar Fröhliche Weihnachten und glückliches Neues Jahr 2019!

Phyllis and I will look back at this year as our cruise year. One to the Caribbean with the kids and grandkids in June, and our 30th wedding anniversary cruise around the Hawaiian Islands in October. Not a great year for waistlines! Ho, ho!!

December 2017 found us losing a wonderful cuzzin in **Georgia Altstadt** of OK City to cancer. We had wonderful visits with **Bill** and **Georgia** on many of our trips east to visit friends and family over the years. In January 2018 we lost Jim Neel, husband of my "real life" cousin Marion Neel in Houston. Jim was a great cut-up and always had a smile. Both Georgia and Jim will be greatly missed.

On a much happier note...all of the grandkids and great grandkids passed into the next grade with mostly A's and B's (I don't think they took their grades from my side of the family). Geoffrey Allstott, our son's oldest boy, is now over midway through junior college and looking forward into transferring to a 4-year college in 2020. Granddaughter Emma tossed her mitre into the air on May 19th and is looking forward to majoring in photography in college as soon as her savings allow.

It has been our usual habit to have the kids and grandkids out to California every five years, but this time they said, "Dad, how



Proud Grandpa and Grangrace Allstott with 2018 Woodland Wildcat graduate (and granddaughter) Emma Vaughan, Euharlee, Georgia in May.

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Some ancient Altstadt research by one of our Canadian cuzzins...

My Altstadt Family Folklore by Elvira Wuschke Howe

Altentstädt and Allstedt were called "Alahstätt" in old high German by Ulfilas (c.311–383) he was a Goth of Cappadocian Greek descent who served as a bishop and missionary, translated the Bible, and participated in the Arian religious controversy. Alahstätt can mean a heathen temple but also a hallowed place of justice, a house of the king, a royal residence which was regarded as consecrated or set apart for the lord. Which is the meaning Ulfilas probably meant.

Across continental Europe the landscape is peppered with ancient hillforts. Though these hillforts first came to be when groups of people, including the Celts, banded together during the Urnfield period to fortify themselves against war and attacks, they eventually changed from protecting people to protecting commodities. As trade between tribes spread and local economies flourished, a rich elite class began to emerge. This new elite class quickly rose to power within their regions and the hillforts transitioned from communal estates to private estates owned by the dominate families. Many of these estates started to be given names, and many of them were named **Altstadt**, or something of similar spelling depending on the regional dialect. The word *altstadt* has its origins in the Celtic languages. In Brythonic Gaelic, the word "**allt**" means "**hill**" and the word "**stätt**" means "**estate**." As a result, it is logical to assume that these were, in fact, the original names of these hillfort estates. As the Celts spanned across most of Europe from Finland, Sweden and Norway down through Germany, France and Portugal, castles and towns by the name of "**Altstadt**" (or a variation of the name) can be found in most of these countries.

As the elite families became more affluent, they used these fortified hill estates to protect their riches; such as, iron, gold,

During the Bronze Age, salt became one of the most significant trade products of the era to the point where an entire culture developed from it. The Hallstatt culture, predominately Celtic in central and western Europe, is named after the town of Hallstatt, Austria, which is located beside one of the oldest and largest salt mines in Europe. The word Hallstatt finds its origins in the Greek word "**hals**" meaning "**salt**" and the Celtic word "**stätt**" meaning town, so it literally translates to "**salt town**." As salt was traded further outside of Austria, the language and culture also spread. The Hallstatt culture spread into Germany as salt deposits were discovered and excavated as far north as Lübeck and as far west as Hessen. This is evident at the location of one of the oldest and largest salt mines found near Halle on the Saale, where the town name of "**Halle**" is

derived from the Celtic word "**haltt**," which means "**salt**," which could indicate that the Celtic people assimilated language from as far as the Greek Empire while travelling for trade during the Bronze Age.

Note: by Elvira...When checking the histories of various large old cities in Hessen they each mentioned the Celtic beginnings of their city. However there does not seem to be anyone who has gathered the scattered Celtic history into a historical book or article. Since 1950 there have been a couple of major finds of massive Celtic settlements and that is now being documented and written about.

In my Altstadt Family there is a folklore that we were "**aristocratic vons**" (once upon a time) so I have been interested as to where we could have come from as that is unknown still to this day. I have been studying various "**von**" Altstadt / Altstadt names for many years, in the old days it could have been spelled many ways, now though Alt is used as a town name as in "**Alt**" stadt (old town or old city center) and "**Als**" tadt as the aristocrats use to differentiate themselves since the 16th century. I have also discovered that the

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Red Faced Goof Means a Page One Apology to Jacob!

I guess that I got a little too rushy in my proof reading of the 2017 newsletter...and of all things...on the **FRONT PAGE...OORRRRGHHH!!!**

The misque was related to **Hermann Altstadt's** finding of my latest cousin, **Ann Charlott Altstadt** and her son...whose ACTUAL first name is...**JACOB ALTSTADT**...and



not Jason...as related in the 2017 Newsletter **HEADLINE**.

Yep...when I make a goof, it's got to be in the **HEADLINE**!

So sorry (Så ledsen), Jacob and Ann Charlott...my page one goof, means a page one apology...**JA!!!!**
From your "**red in the face**" cousin Jerry.

Sports Update...Football

June 6, 2018

Quarterback Griffin Alstott has made his move to Western Michigan official

Griffin Alstott has changed his Twitter handle to "Quarterback at Western Michigan University."

The Purdue Rivals site (goldandblack.com) first reported Alstott's impending transfer earlier this spring. His leaving isn't a surprise when you look at the current quarterback depth chart and the arrival of Jack Plummer in the spring to Purdue.

Purdue coach Jeff Brohm will likely add another quarterback in the 2019 recruiting class, whether it's Clemson transfer Hunter Johnson from Brownsburg or one from the high school ranks. In fact, the Boilermakers are hosting a quarterback on an official visit this weekend - Paul Piferi from Villa Park in California. That's the same high school Nick Sipe attended.

Alstott isn't listed on WMU's roster yet but will probably show up when summer school starts. Alstott still remains on Purdue's roster - along



with another player who wears No. 5, safety T.J. Jallow - who won't return next season (academics).

The program is slow to update its roster - too slow in my opinion. Don't look for a new roster until right before



Griffin Alstott now on the squad for the Western Michigan Broncos



training camp, based on how last summer played out.

Tim Lester, who spent one season as Purdue's quarterbacks coach, is the head coach at Western Michigan University.

Jonathan Alstott, Knights get back on track

Kaneland senior RB goes for 217 yards in 50-14 win over Morris



Jonathan Alstott

and rolled past Morris 50-14 in Northern Big 12 play Friday night at Petersen Field. The victory puts the Knights at 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

Senior running back **Jonathan Alstott** rushed for 93 yards in the first half and finished with 217 yards and two touchdowns. "People really stepped it up tonight on the line, and that made a difference," said Alstott, a four-year starter. Alstott's 1-yard scamper moments after his 54-yard run gave the Knights an early 7-0 lead with 9:34 left in the first quarter.

"I think this senior class would like to go

MAPLE PARK, IL - Big plays in the first half Friday put Kaneland in control. The Knights scored on seven of their first eight possessions

out with a special year and I think we've done a good job of preparing for it. We've got some good talent coming up, too." While he'd like to go out with a bang, Alstott - entering his fourth season as a starter - is looking forward to the next level. "A lot of schools want to see how his senior year goes," Kaneland coach Pat Ryan said. "He's improved tremendously. He has a good pedigree. His father and the dad of former Joliet Catholic, Purdue and Tampa Bay Buccaneer running back Mike Alstott are cousins.

Kaneland has been to the playoffs twice in Alstott's three years on varsity, going 7-4, 4-5 and 7-4. Alstott rushed for 541 yards and six touchdowns and caught 17 passes for 159 yards and another TD his freshman year. He rushed for 582 and 762 yards in succeeding seasons, giving him a career total of 1,885 yards. He averages 5.1 yards per carry and has 21 career TDs. He's been the team leader in carries for his career but is hardly a workhorse in the Knights' spread offense.

At 5-foot-9, Alstott is not the biggest guy. And to prepare for this coming season, he got even smaller. "I lost 15 pounds this offseason and am down to 190," "I've improved my speed. I might not have 30 carries a game, but that's OK, as long as I make the most of the carries I get."

Rick Armstrong/The Beacon-News Nov. 14, 2018

Cuzzin Contact...

Hi Jerry,

I have found the link to Daniel Boone!

William H. Boone, 1724-1770 married Sarah Lincoln, William H. is brother to Squire Boone, Daniel's father. William's son George Boone 1759-1824 is father of Ann Boone, 1785-1861. Ann married Daniel A Bertolet, 1788-1837. Daniel is the son of John Bertolet and **Susanna Alstadt** 1757-1822.

Susanna is the daughter of **John Nicholas Alstott**, 1727-1784, born in Germany and died in Rockingham VA. Nicholas married Catherine Stoffel in Berks PA in 1754.

John Nicholas Alstott is the son of **Johann Martin Alstott**, 1699-1766, born in Germany and died in Exeter PA. He married Anna Judith Walter, 1703-1766.

Sorry I am not as eloquent as you are in these descriptions. I have my family's books of genealogy and otherwise have gone with what I have found on other ancestry websites.

Perhaps you will be able to follow the Anna Judith Walter line down to Ann Boone. It was an amazing find for us.

Blessings!

Steph Allen, pg. 312

Dear Jerry,

Wanted you to know that I was astonished when the results from my annual mammogram came back with a cancer diagnosis. Nest was my biopsy, then surgery. The surgeon got it all with no cancer in the lymph nodes...and no need for chemo! The Oncologist has me on cancer pills. I just want to let all the ladies know "Don't skip those mammograms!" POOF and out of nowhere!

Lona Wilson, Virginia Beach, VA, pg. 516,

Happy holidays from the Alstadts, Richard, Stephanie and Valerie returned home from Germany where they saw friends, relatives and the Christmas markets. Jason continues to play tennis whenever possible. He made it back to Penn State for football games this fall, though he can no longer sit in the student section since Valerie graduated. After Valerie graduated from Penn State with a PhD in Analytical Chemistry she is employed as a Post Doc with the US government at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Have a safe new year!

Richard, Stephanie, Jason and Valerie Alstadt, Pittsburgh, PA, pg. 34,

Dear cuzzin Jerry,

I know we have never met, but I bought a family history book from you back in about 2004. The more I look at it the more I find out about my family history. My grandmother, on my mother's side, was **Sarah Alstott**, pg. 376 - my grandpa was **Sarah Alstott's** second husband Ed Butler. I have a few pictures of **Sara** and **Iva Alstott**. I will have my son copy them for you. I am 90 years old and had 5 children. I am doing great for my age. I live in my home and take care of myself. Thank you for the newsletter you have been sending, but I don't know anyone in it so you don't need to send it to me anymore. I live 20 miles from Duluth, MN, and if you ever get up this way look me up - I'll try to stick around a little longer.

God Bless, Cuz Dixie Wood, pg. 376

We will surely miss...

Georgia Lee Altstatt, pg. 256



Georgia Altstatt

May 19, 1938 - Dec. 26, 2017.
OKLAHOMA CITY **Georgia Lee Altstatt** joined the angels in Heaven on Dec. 26, 2017. Georgia was born May 19, 1938, to George Priest & Goma (Lee) Wallace in Oklahoma City. Georgia was preceded in death by her beloved parents, John & Goma (Lee) Wallace; her brother, Jimmy; and loyal four-legged companion, Tootsie. Georgia is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 63 years, **Bill Altstatt**; sons, **Bobby Altstatt** (Karen), **Johnny Altstatt**, and **Billy Altstatt** (Ebony). Additionally, she leaves behind her brothers, John Wallace Jr. (Ilene) and Mike Wallace (Benita); her grandchildren, Sheri Davie (Brandon), **Brad Altstatt** (Laura), **Kristi Altstatt**, **Brooke Altstatt**, Zion Hyde, and Jackson Wolfe; and her great-grandchildren, Mike, Madeline Georgia, Ethan, and Gavin. Georgia retired from Lucent Technology after 33 years of service. In her tenure, she was selected as the first ever female section chief and awarded too many accolades to name. Georgia enjoyed traveling with her husband, baking, genealogy, watching her sons play softball, playing games with her grandchildren and bragging about her great-grandchildren. She put her faith in Jesus and gave her heart to her family. She loved fully, helped those in need and cheered religiously for her Sooners on Saturdays.

Her family misses her immensely, but puts their faith in Jesus and knows that we will see her again one day. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at Candlewood Chapel in Midwest City, OK. Burial followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Published in *The Oklahoman* on Dec. 29, 2017

Warren Lafayette Altstatt, pg. 283

age 89, of Oceanside, California passed away on Monday June 25, 2018. Warren was born June 10, 1929 in Oklahoma. A Funeral Mass for Warren was held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 12 PM at Mission San Luis Rey Chapel, 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA.

Kim Ann Altstatt, pg. 246

Kim Ann Whitlock Altstatt, of Englewood, TN passed away following a long illness Sunday night, January 29. She was 53 years old. Kim was born on July 16, 1963 in Sweetwater and long time resident of McMinn County.

She was preceded in death by her brother Greg Whitlock, maternal grandparents Pete and Arvena Jackson, paternal grandparents Hobart and Versie Whitlock.

Kim was a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church. She dedicated 30 years of service to Tri County Center, most recently as the Associated Director.

Kim is survived by her husband, **Robert**

(**Bob**) **Altstatt**, son and future daughter-in-law, **Michael Altstatt** and Anna Nation of Englewood, and Danielle Welch. Parents, Ray and Barbara Jackson Whitlock of Athens; nieces, Laura Kate Whitlock and Emily Ann Whitlock; aunt, Sharon Whitlock Young; sister-in-law, Lisa Dorr Whitlock, also of Athens. Father and mother-in-law, **Eugene** and **Viola Altstatt** of Berryville, Arkansas; Larry and Clara Jean Cozens, Jennifer Clara Cozens, Victor and Jennifer Lauren Cozens, Andrew and Tasha Cozens; **Tommy Altstatt**, **Rusty** and **Lynn Altstatt**, **Anthony Altstatt**, Curtis and Judi Allen, and many other special nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and close friends. A service was conducted Saturday, February 4, 2017. Interment was at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were be Derek Slack, Jon Southerland, Wade Gossett, Victor Cozens, Andrew Cozens, **Rusty Altstatt**, **Anthony Altstatt**, Samuel Miller and Isaac Miller.

Dr. Edward K. Alstat, pg. 49



Ed Alstat

his sister, Karen.

Feb. 2, 1946 - Jan. 26, 2018
Beloved naturopath, herbal pioneer and organic farmer **Dr. Ed Alstat** died Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at age 71. Ed is survived by his beloved wife, **Christine Alstat**; his children, **Edwin**, **Katy**, **Nick** and **Bobby Alstat**; and

Ed was a naturopathic physician and pharmacist. He graduated from the St. Louis School of Pharmacy in 1969 and the National School of Naturopathic Medicine (now the National University of Natural Medicine) in 1981. He was awarded a Presidential Citation from AANP "for outstanding leadership in providing substantial and ongoing contributions to the profession, the AANP, and the naturopathic medical colleges." Ed was also presented with five NUNM President's Medallion awards for contributions to the school and the profession, and was inducted into the NUNM Hall of Fame for his role in the advancement of natural medicine's reputation.

While working as a pharmacist in California in the 1970s, Ed developed an interest in the promotion of health and healing through nature, and then trekked to Oregon to study naturopathic medicine, eventually founding the Eclectic Institute in NUNM's on-campus medinary in 1982.

Ed's Eclectic Institute herbal products were popular with naturopaths and herb enthusiasts and the enterprise quickly outgrew the space at NUNM. Ed moved the Eclectic Institute toward Mt. Hood, eventually buying a large organic farm and rural campus in Sandy. Each summer Ed set up teepees, wood-burning hot tubs, ice baths and mud soaks for groups to enjoy while relishing the natural beauty and tranquility of the Eclectic herb farm and experiencing the healing power of nature.

Ed was born in Illinois. Ed's roots in farming and love of plants and herbs grew out

of the time he spent on his grandparents' Illinois farm. He spent his last years on a gorgeous farm in Sandy with a view of Mt. Hood and regular visits by local wildlife.

A private family ceremony and a celebration of life for him on the grounds of Eclectic Institute was held in June.

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Tommy Earnest Altstatt, pg. 248



Tommy Altstatt

of Berryville, AK was born June 03, 1957 in San Antonio, Texas, son of **Eugene** and **Viola** (Wolfshohl) **Altstatt**. He departed this life Monday, January 15, 2018 in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 60 years.

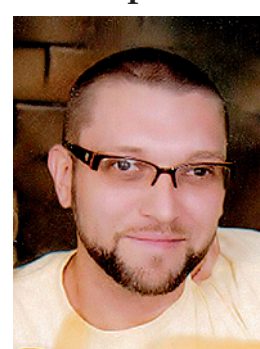
Tommy proudly served his country in the United States

Air Force. He was a retired law enforcement Lieutenant where he served for over twenty years between Carroll and Madison County. After retirement he started his own business where he developed nutritional formula feed for animals. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and was member of the Ashley #66 Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his four children, daughter, **Isabella Grace Altstatt** of Willard, Missouri; daughter, Crystal Vance of Green Forest; son, **Rusty Altstatt** and wife, Virginia of Huntsville; son, **Anthony Altstatt** and wife, Katie of Eureka Springs; mother, **Viola Altstatt** of Berryville; sister, Judi Allen and husband, Curtis of McKinney, Texas; sister, Jeanie Cozens and husband, Larry of Gentry, AR; brother, **Bobby Altstatt** of Athens, TN; four grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his father, **Eugene Altstatt** and son, **Kelley Altstatt**.

Christopher Neil Alstott, pg. 213



Chris Alstott

1978 - 2018
Christopher Neil Alstott, 39, of Indianapolis, passed away January 14, 2018. He was born on January 26, 1978 in Indianapolis as the son of **Gregory** and **Cynthia** (Thompson) **Alstott**. He graduated from Arsenal Technical High School.

Chris loved anything horror-related, lowrider cars and spending time with his friends and family.

Chris is survived by his mother, **Cindy Alstott**; children, Christopher, Tyler, Ethan, Rain, Aysia and Ashlynn; and aunts and uncles, Dennis (Val) Thompson, Joe (Linda) Thompson, Richard (Annette) Thompson, **Alan Alstott**,

Joseph Alstott and Sharon Cole. Chris was preceded in death by his father, **Gregory Alstott**.

Ruby "Bernice" Allstot, pg. 382



Ruby Allstot

Bernice passed away peacefully at home on March 31, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born to Carl and Judy Brandt in Oklahoma City on December 19, 1938. She was the oldest of three kids. She grew up with her sister Clea and brother Frank. The family moved to Washington in 1941. Growing up Bernice enjoyed the water and spent time at Lake Chelan. Bernice graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1957. She married the love of her life, **Lyle Allstot** on December 21, 1957 at the Wenatchee Methodist Church.

Lyle and Bernice welcomed their son Kenneth in 1958. Their son Keith was born in 1960 with a daughter Kathy following in 1961. The family first resided in Grand Coulee, Washington where Bernice worked at Security Bank as a teller. In 1973 the family moved to East Wenatchee, WA..

Bernice and Lyle enjoyed spending time at the casino, traveling and being with their granddaughters. They spent most winters in Arizona as Bernice loved the warm weather. She will be remembered for her contagious laughter, quick wit and love of her family.

Bernice was preceded in death by her father Carl Brandt and brother Frank Brandt. She is survived by her mother Judy Brandt, sister Clea Jeffrey, husband **Lyle Allstot**, son **Kenneth Allstot** (Billie), **Keith Allstot**, daughter **Kathy Allstot** (Norm), granddaughters **Rachel**, **Ashlee** and **Breanna Allstot**, Brandee Gilstrap (Alex), Jayme Manning (Josh), and Lacey Weller (James), as well as 8 great-grandchildren.

Willis "Whitey" H. Alstadt, pg. 63



Whitey Alstadt

63, age 94, of Millcreek Township, PA passed into the arms of his Savior on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Pleasant Ridge Manor. He was born in Erie, PA on December 17, 1923, the son of the late **Ernest** and **Minnie Friedrich Alstadt**.

He graduated from East High School and was hired at the Hammermill Paper Co. in 1942. Later that year, Willis joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as a radar scope operator with the 435th Fighter Control Squad in Italy and was honorable discharged on November 9, 1945. Willis resumed employment at Hammermill and retired after 47 years of service.

On December 13, 1975, Willis married Elizabeth Carlucci. They were the best of friends

and sweethearts until Elizabeth passed away on February 1, 2015.

Willis was a member of Grace Church and served as an usher until he acquired a physical disability.

In addition to his parents and Elizabeth, Willis was preceded in death by his loving aunt, Katherine Friedrich and his former spouse, **Norma Alstadt**.

Willis is survived by his sons, **Lynn Alstadt** (Nancy), **Randy Alstadt** (Barbara), his grandchildren, **Jeffrey**, **Andrew** (Ashley), **Jacob** (Sarah), and **Courtney Alstadt** and his great-grandchildren, Bentley and Chance.

The Alstadt and Carlucci families wish to thank the Pleasant Ridge Manor staff and are deeply grateful for their loving and above and beyond care for Willis during his stay. We also extend special thanks to Marvin and Joanne Holst and Pastor Dick Page of Grace Church for their faithful visits to Willis over the years.

Service was on June 14, 2018. Private interment was at Erie Cemetery.

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Gerald Lee Alstott, pg. 439

May 26, 1936 - March 10, 2018
age 81, of Indianapolis, IN passed away on Saturday March 10th, 2018 at the St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers in IN. He was born in Liberty, KY on May 26th, 1936 a son of the late **Daniel Christopher Alstott** and **Lola Pearl Murphy Alstott**.

Gerald was a former employee of Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include: Three Daughters: Debra and (Terry) Stogsdill and Patricia and (Jerry) Carter both of Indianapolis, IN and Terry Ryan of Galveston, TX, Two Sons: **Ricky Alstott** of Indianapolis, IN and **Timothy Alstott** of Galveston, TX, Three Step Children: Gregory and (Tina) Tye of Greenwood, IN, Gail and (Larry) Ross of Greenwood, IN and Art and (Karen) Tye of Daytona Beach FL, Several Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren, One Brother: **Raymond** and (**Valta**) **Alstott** of Liberty and One Sister: Judy Little of Liberty.

Services were held Thursday March 15th, 2018 at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Steve Scott officiating. Burial was in the Alstott Family Cemetery.

Lena A. Altstadt, pg. 64



Lena Altstadt

February 6, 1914 - August 31, 2018
Lena A. ALTSTADT was born on February 6, 1914 and passed away on August 31, 2018 in San Jose, CA at the age of 104 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Frederick Alstadt** and Son, **Frederick Martin (Shirley) Alstadt**. She leaves a son, **David Paul** (Helen) Altstadt of

San Jose, CA.
lin, North Carolina.

James H. Neel, Sr., pg. 354



Jim Neel

August 16, 1931 - January 17, 2018
James H. (Jim) Neel, Sr., age 86, died peacefully at his Houston home on January 17, 2018. He was buried January 27, 2018, in Palestine, TX. He was a devoted beloved husband of wife **Marion Sowell Neel** for 60 years.

Jim graduated from Timpson High in 1949 as Salutatorian, class President, and participated in basketball and choir. He was prom king and champion roller skate dancer. He graduated in 1960 from the University of Texas in mechanical engineering. Jim served in the Texas National guard as a sergeant in the Air Force Korea Strategic Air Command (SAC) Select Crew with 210 missions.

He worked at Boeing in Seattle and Cape Canaveral as plane inspector. As an engineer for 46 years, he designed oil/gas platforms worldwide. Jim was licensed as a real estate broker, scout leader, basketball coach, whistler, ukulele player, Cadillac buff, canoeist, pilot and Mr. Fixit to 10s of family and friends.

He was a member of Bellaire and Bethany Christian Churches. He is survived by his wife Marion, son Harold, grandsons and granddaughters.

Gregory Lee Alstott, pg. 213

67, of Indianapolis, passed away October 8, 2017. He was born on October 28, 1949 in Indianapolis as the son of **Joseph** and **Doris Alstott**.

Evelyn Frances Alstat, pg. 45

93 of Traverse City, MI, died Tuesday, April 3, 2018. She is the mother of **Kathy Twardowski** and **Dale Alstat**. Evelyn was a resident of North Carolina at the time of passing. Private burial took place Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Frank

Mary Allison Carlson, pg. 391



Mary Carlson

December 10, 1946 - March 21, 2018
LAKE MILLS, IA - **Mary A. Carlson**, 71 died Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Muse Norris Hospice Unit in Mason City, IA.

Memorial Celebration service was March 25, 2018 at Church of Christ, 3493 Eagle Avenue, Fertile, IA with Pastor Rob Perry officiating.

Inturnment took place at Sunnyside

Cemetery in Lake Mills, IA.

Mary Allison Carlson was the daughter of **Francis and Elene (Raak) Alstott** of Laurens, IA. She was born December 10, 1946. Mary was educated in the Laurens Community School and participated in music, sports, and speech. She was very involved with 4-H and supported that organization and youth throughout her life.

Mary moved to Lake Mills, IA, to pursue her career as a business teacher. When she graduated from Wayne State College, Wayne, NE, with a degree in Business Education and was recognized as the Outstanding Business Student at the ceremony. She taught school for 36 years at the Lake Mills Community

Mary promoted and demonstrated the Lake Mills Community School's outcomes of being a lifelong learner, effective communicator, responsible citizen, critical/creative thinker, and healthy contributor. Mary was the first recipient of the Lake Mills Friends of the School award given to her in 2008.

Mary was married on June 13, 1970, to John Carlson of Lake Mills, IA. She was an active member of the Church of Christ; Daughters of the American Revolution; the Order of the Eastern Star; the Lake Mills Area Historical Society; and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Mary is survived by her husband John of Lake Mills, IA; son Larry (April) Carlson and their two children, Simon and Sophia, all of Van Horne, IA; sisters Judy (Craig) Brent of KS and Gail (Allen) Hartman of Sioux Falls, SD; one brother **David (Carolyn) Alstott** of Laurens, IA; along with other relatives and friends.

Congratulations George and Ruth Altstatt on your 66th Anniversary!



Back row: Georgia, Carrie, Nancy and son, Jeffrey...front row: George and Ruth Altstatt

Congratulations come a little late, as this photo was taken on their 65th anniversary on March 22, 2017, but better late than never...right! Congratulations again!

The family charts on the www.altstatt.org website are currently being revised and will hopefully be ready for viewing by the end of this year...**MANY THANKS** to John Altstatt, our webmaster!

Elvira Howe, continued from page 1

aristocratic "von people" could use the name of any town that they owned or married into. That law has been changed recently as well.

Since about 1600, only aristocratic families were allowed to use the "von" prefix in Germany. So if someone was a baron of a village, his family name would be "von" and the village name. In older names, though, "von" sometimes merely indicated that a person was from an area: Lukas von Albrecht may have been Lukas from Albrecht. German immigrants to North America who used the "von" prefix almost never had used it previously in their native country.

And so I will probably never know if I am a Aristocratic von or just a person who comes from an Altstatt town somewhere.

Some old and new interesting finds so far.

1. **Amalia von Altstadt** from the Hesse Solms-Braunfel family became the Queen of the Netherlands. I found where she used the Alstadt name in her travels and her brother as well. However due to the sands of time that info is no longer on the internet. (See information below*)

2. In 1674 Duke Bernhard II of Saxe-Jena used the Alstädt name when he had a daughter by Marie Elisabeth von Kospoth. Their Daughter was named Emilie Eleonore von Kospoth, legitimized in 1676 as **Countess von Alstädt** and given a crest that only her family could use. She married Otto Wilhelm von Tumpling. Their descendants kept the name **von Alstädt**.

3. Recently I found a **Wilhelm Moritz von Altstadt** who married Elisabeth Juliane Augusta von Carnitz from Dresdan in Stargard, Prussia (now in Poland) His actual name turns out Isenburg, he was a Dutch General serving in Prussia at the time. They moved to Maastricht, Netherlands and died there. (Elvira has the documents for that saved.)

The Solms family from Hessen intermarried with many famous families in Germany and other countries and is one of the largest von families in Germany I think. Here is a link to their complete family tree <<http://www.solms-delta.co.za/about/solms-family/family-tree/complete-solms-family-tree/>>

**Story Of Amalia of Solms-Braunfels who became Queen of Holland/Netherlands*

Amalia of Solms-Braunfels spent her childhood at the parental castle at Braunfels. She became one of the personal assistants of Elizabeth, wife of Frederick V, Elector Palatine, the "Winter King" of Bohemia.

After imperial forces defeated Frederick V, she fled with the pregnant queen to the west. Shelter was denied to them because the emperor forbade it. Elizabeth went into labour during their flight and Amalia helped her with her delivery.

The end of their journey was The Hague, where stadtholder Maurice von Nassau, cousin of the elector gave them asylum in 1621. They often appeared at his court, where Maurice's younger half-brother Frederick Henry became infatuated with Amalia in 1622. She refused to become his lover and held out for marriage.

When Maurice von Nassau died, he made

Hermann Sez...

Here is the update/correction of my **Bernhard Altstadt** (1730) line – now **Henrich Altstett** line. I am using the "original" spelling of the church book documents. ...**Hermann Altstadt**

Henrich Altstett (Altstetten), c. ? - c. 1691

+ Anna Martha ? - ?

2 **Philipp Christoff Altstetten**, 1677 – Mar. 5, 1715

+ Maria Elisabeth Asterod

3 Maria Elisabeth Altstetten, Sep. 27, 1702 - ?

3 **Johann Eccart Altstetten**, Jan. 5, 1705 – Apr. 28, 1774

+ Anna Catharina Stolzenbach

4 **Georg Bernhard Alstatt**, Mar. 4, 1730 – Nov. 19, 1781

+ Margretha Groß

(Living descendants in Germany and the USA)

3 **Johannes Altstetten**, Jun. 5, 1707 - ?

3 Catharina Elisabeth Altstetten, Oct. 24, 1709 - ?

3 **Johann Henrich Altstetten**, May 5, 1712 - ?

2 NN (female) Altstetten, ? – Jul. 22, 1681

2 Elisabeth Altstetten, 1683 - ?

2 Georg Altstetten, Jul. 25, 1687 – Dec. 12, 1687

Henrich Altstett (Altstetten) came as a soldier to Treysa, Hessen and married Anna Martha, she was a soap boiler.

Georg Bernhard Alstatt was a strumpfstricker or stocking maker (knitter) who lived in Michelfeld, Baden. He married Margaretha Groß, (Gross) on February 22, 1756.

Bernhard's son, **Johann (Bernhard) Alstatt** was a town bürger and a bäckmeister (master baker). Thus a line of master bakers was born. Bernhard's son **Heinrich Alstatt**, also a baker, fathered the US line of Altstadts (pg. 84).

This Alstatt line is one of three* known descendant lines living in Germany and the United States. (* **Georg Bernhard Alstatt** (Michelfeld-Erlangen, Germany) US line immigrated to New York in 1850s-70s...then later...Nebraska area; **Johann Georg Alstatt** (Allstadt) (Grossenbach-Cambria, PA-Munich, Germany) US lines immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1851...then later...Minnesota; **Johann Martin Alstatt** (Altstadt) (Dreieichenhain-Freinsheim-Hamburg, Germany-Sweden) line immigrated to PA in 1729...then spread westward after the Revolutionary War.)

Ewald Alstatt set up an Alstatt/Alstott forum for all our clans on FACEBOOK...have you checked it out recently?

his half-brother Frederick Henry promise to wed.

Frederick married Amalia on 4 April 1625. Their marriage produced five children who lived to adulthood, and four who died young:

- Stadtholder William II (1626–1650), married Mary of England *Note: Amalia was the prime mover of several royal marriages, including that of her son William II to Mary, Princess Royal of England and Scotland (daughter of King Charles I of England and their son established the Hanover-Stewart line of England.*

- Luise Henriette of Nassau (1627–1667), married Frederick William, Elector of Brandenburg

- Albertine Agnes of Nassau (1634–1696), married William Frederick, Count of Nassau-Dietz

- Henriette Catherine of Nassau (1637–1708), married John George II, Prince of Anhalt-Dessau

- Maria of Nassau (1642–1688), married Louis Henry Maurice, son of Louis Philip of Palatine-Simmern-Kaiserslautern.

Amalia had a large influence upon policy; she acted as the political advisor of Frederick, and after he became sick in 1640, she openly participated in politics and received foreign diplomats. Her influence is regarded to have contributed to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648. As a recognition, King Philip IV of Spain granted her the area around Turnhout in 1649.

All in all having a name like **Altstadt/Altenstadt/Altenberg** etc can be very hard to trace back to one particular family but if you are an Altstadt of any various spelling....you too may be related to a "von" family.

Elvira Howe, pg. 541

On the lighter side...

Adrien Altstadt found this gem in a restaurant menu...

Blitzen

Santa's loss is your gain. Reindeer sausage & 2 eggs, home fried potatoes & white, wheat or sourdough toast. \$14

For those less adventurous choose ham, bacon or patty sausage.

Tim Vaughan added this jewel...

"Not Too Swift Edition"

A woman goes to the vet with her goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy" she tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me."

The woman says, "Well wait – I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet!"

This year marks the 23rd printing of the Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt family newsletter...thanks to all my cuzzins for their input to make this yearly newsletter possible!

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about something different...we've seen the Los Angeles and San Diego areas." We brainstormed and "A Caribbean Cruise" topped the list. Both our Allstott and Vaughan kids had been on cruises and they looked forward to dad footing the bill for this one! Ho, ho!!

SOOO...after flying to Georgia and visiting with daughter Cherilyn and hubby Tim Vaughan's family, we attended granddaughter Emma Vaughan's high school graduation in Euahlee, GA. After the visit we all boarded Southwest Airlines flights (*no luggage fees...I love it!*)...and flew to the Houston area for a visit with our son's family, **Roger, Anne, Geoffrey, Bentley, Andrew and Zachary Allstott.**

From their home in Lake Jackson, TX, we all drove over to Galveston where we boarded the *Carnival Freedom* for a week's voyage to the Western Caribbean. The Caribbean in June... I didn't look forward to the heat and humidity, but off we sailed!

To my great surprise, the temperature never got above 85°, with low humidity and NO mosquitoes in sight. *Unbelievable!*

We enjoyed watching chocolate being made at the Mayan Cocoa Company in Cozumel (*along with samples*), climbing a Mayan pyramid in Belize and taking a glass bottom boat ride in Roatan, Honduras, among other interesting things too numerous to mention here...and loads of fun was had by all!! Also...I won't mention the size of the lavish buffets or sit-down dinners served...OR the soft serve ice cream machines that ran all day long! (Dieting is

what you do at home...right?)

On returning from our Caribbean cruise, we spent a few days with my sister, Mary Cooper, in Columbia Lakes, TX, before heading home to California.

As soon as we hit home, it was time to pack for our motor trip to Chico, CA and the 55th Annual Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow National Meet. We've gone to all but a few of the meets since retiring in 1998. This year we left "Betsy" (our 1937 Chrysler C-17) in the garage and headed north in our "modern" car. I checked the Chico temperatures on the internet before we left



Ready to climb aboard the Carnival Freedom for our family cruise. Left to right: back, Cherilyn and Tim Vaughan; Roger and Anne Allstott; Emma Vaughan; Phyllis and Jerry Allstott; front, Zachary, Andrew, Geoffrey and Ben Allstott

and the forecast was in the low 100's all the time we would be gone, and "Betsy" is NOT air-conditioned. I'm no dummy when it comes to driving in hot weather. Enough of that. When my sister and I were kids, we were chauffeured by mom and dad in their non-air-conditioned '50 Cheve on car trips - those hot rides are lasting memories.

I did take my toy "Airflow" collection with us, packed in the trunk, and received a first place award in the "Toy Category." Not too shabby. I also got some great video of 24

The Iowa Women's Foundation honored this year's Fort Dodge area Ovation award honorees Iowa Women's Foundation honors five in Fort Dodge, IA



From left to right, Amy Bruno, Jane Curtis, Karen Alstott, Lisa Shimkat and Sheila Hansen

This year's Ovation honorees from the Fort Dodge area were recognized Wednesday evening during a presentation at *Olde Boston's Restaurant & Pub* in downtown Fort Dodge. They are, from left, Amy Bruno, Jane Curtis, **Karen Alstott**, Lisa Shimkat and Sheila Hansen.

Amy Bruno, is program coordinator with the Fort Dodge Community Foundation and

United Way

Jane Curtis, editor of *The Messenger*, was introduced by the newspaper's publisher, Terry Christensen.

Karen Alstott, president and co-owner of C & S Products Co. Inc., was recognized by her daughter, Wendi Fredregill, of West Des Moines. "I'm very proud of my mom," Fredregill said. "She supports the community. An Alstott saying... 'A strong woman stands up, a stronger woman helps others stand,' describes her well."

Lisa Shimkat, is state director of the Iowa Small Business Development Center, and a membership on the Fort Dodge Community School District Board.

The final honoree, Sheila Hansen, was introduced by Elizabeth Stanek, executive director of Linking Families and Communities workforce.

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Hans Madsen, Reporter/photographer*

super looking Airflows! Especially nice was Frank Daly's '35 Chrysler CW. Back in 1935 this car sold for \$5,500 brand new. You can imagine what it's worth today. He had just had it restored, what a gorgeous car!

Eventhough our wedding anniversary is in August...we decided on this 30th year celebration to do like we did on our Hawaiian honeymoon and make our celebration in October when the flowers and greenery are at their peak.

So on Friday, October 12th we flew to Honolulu and spent a day enjoying the Waikiki



Whose ready to hula?

sites. Every Friday night, the Hilton sponsors a fireworks display...what a great way to start a celebration!

On Saturday morning we dined lavishly at the neighborhood Denny's and visited the FREE Army Museum across the street from Trump Tower (*you're right, we didn't bunk there*). From our Outrigger Reef Hotel (*across the street from Trump Tower*), we taxied to the dock and boarded the Norwegian "*Pride of America*" for eight days on the "high seas." We sailed from Honolulu to Kahului, Maui, Hilo and Kona on the Big Island and finished up at Nawiliwili, Kauai.

Excursions took us to a working plantation, rain forests, a botanical garden, an aquarium, a breath taking canyon, many water falls, a river boat ride with live music and through fields of uncut sugar cane (*the sugar industry couldn't compete with labor costs on the world market so fields stand unharvested*). The selling price of a low end house in Hawaii starts at a million dollars...and that's just for a "regular sized" 3-bedroom, 2-bath home.

Hawaii weather was pleasant... attractions were fantastic...did I mention the soft serve ice cream?...and we didn't go to Walmart even once! (*You can find Walmart on all the islands, after all Hawaii is still a state in the US of A.*)

Back home again, California is burning...but we are not in any fires way (Praise the Good Lord). I've caught up on the yard and garden chores. We had a plentiful crop of Roma tomatoes this year, and the Anna apple tree's winter harvest (*summer and winter crops on this tree*) is ready to pick. "Betsy" is up and running us to church every Sunday. *All's right with the world!*

Phyllis and I hope you have had an eventful 2018 and that you have a very happy and healthy 2019!

Cuz Jerry

Interest in the 1994 Alstott/Altstadt Book Revived in 2017

In 2018, I received e-mails from three of our AAA cuzzins wishing to have their copy of the 1994 Family History Book. Because of that I sent a letter to Erik Anundsen. Even though the book is copyrighted, I have always given my approval to Erik to reprint the book to whoever requests a copy. Last year, I told of Lisa Wilcox, one of our Oregon cuzzins, who missed out on ordering an original copy. She wound up ordering many extra copies for her family. Due to reprinting her letter (*included in last years newsletter*), I had three cuzzins request reprints this year...so I am including this note, in case you are still thinking about ordering a copy also.

cuz Jerry Allstott

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Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 3:32:55 PM PDT

Subject: 1994 Alstott/Altstatt/Alstadt Book Reprints

Hello again Erik,

Glad to talk to you again today and let you know that there is more interest from some of my "*cousins*" about having copies of the Altstadt Book.

As you may remember, I ordered 500 of the books back in 1994. 250 of those books had already been paid for before they were delivered to my "*cousins*." I placed around 15 copies of the book in different genealogical libraries -- including copies at the historical museum in Dreieichenhain, Germany, where our immigrant

ancestor **Johann Martin Altstatt** was born and at the Siemens Genealogy Library in Erlangen, Germany. It took another 10 years for the rest if the books to sell -- that was 2004. Over the years, some folks felt sad that they had not ordered a book in time, but Lisa Wilcox took the "bull by the horns" in 2015 and had me contact you and see if it was possible that you would reproduce a few copies for her. She was overjoyed with the outcome. Because of that, I have placed a little article in our yearly newsletters that Anundsen would be more than happy to print copies of the book for anyone who wished.

I have not talked book pricing with any of the "*cousins*" who have requested the book -- I leave that to you.

I have recently had three requests for reprints of the book. The first person has been in contact with you -- Peggy Auberry - <peggyauberry@yahoo.com>, I think she would like at least two copies of your 2-set spiral bound edition. Next would be: Sandra Blackmore - <sandrablackmore@live.com> -- she may just want one book(?). Another person who asked if reprints were possible was Jack Burchard - <pbandjburchard@gmail.com>. I am sure that he would like to purchase a copy.

If you are interested, Anundsen Publishing will be glad to receive your order too!

YES! It's Important!!

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

Each year around 5 cuzzins forget to inform me of a change and are taken off the mailing rolls. So...*please don't let that happen to YOU!*

Answers to questions you may never ask...

1. What do you mean by "pg.201"?

For those who purchased the 1994 AAA Family History Book, they can find the person mentioned in this newsletter on their page in the AAA book.

2. Can I still get a AAA Family History Book?

All AAA Books were sold out by 2004, but you can get a 2-volume reprint by contacting Anundsen Publishing Co. for a cost of around \$40.00. (*See above*)

Contact Anundsen at: (563)382-4295 and let them know that you are interested in a reprint of the book:

Altstadt/Altstadt/Altstatt "A History of the Clans."

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

Many Thanks to all the Snail-mail Update Responders!

In 2019...1-oz. postage will be **55 cents a letter (OUCH!)**...in last year's AAA newsletter, I asked for response to those "snailmailers" who may wish to switch to "e-mail" newsletters. That would cut mailing costs by switching to e-mail and the e-mail newsletter is in **COLOR**.

The results of my poll were: 7 folks switched to e-mail, 12 folks stayed on the snail-mail list, 3 folks declined further newsletters and 26 folks didn't reply. For those 26 folks who didn't communicate their preference, I have included another notice for their wishes. Without a response, I will understand you do not wish to receive another AAA newsletter.

Fill out your reservation form and mail it to Jerry Allstott TODAY!!! Don't miss out on the FUN!!!

**The NEXT AAA Reunion is in August 2019!...
Jeff and Julia Williams have lots in store for all
of us...so get your tonsils ready for our next
"GAB" sessions!**



*The line of Martin Altstatt (1699)
through Royal Feaster Aldstatt (1878)
invite all the AAA Clans members to...*

The 7th National Altstatt/Alstott Reunion

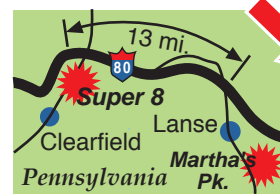
**Labor Day Weekend - August 30 - September 1, 2019
at Martha's Park in Lanse, Pennsylvania**

*Start making your plans now to attend! Lanse...it's right in
the heartland of the great state of Pennsylvania.*



**In August 2019 we will be celebrating
our 7th National Reunion at
Martha's Park in Lanse, Pennsylvania.**

- Loads of free parking at Martha's Park
- Continental Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday at Martha's Park
- Plan on seeing the Elk County Visitor Center in Benezette, PA, on Saturday afternoon...home of the largest Elk herd in the northeastern United States! The Visitor center features a 4-D theater presentation you won't want to miss!
- Hot Dog Lunch and Pizza Dinner on Saturday
- Abundant Pot-luck (provided by you) on Sunday
- **For RVers...**full hook-ups for \$17 per night at the Clearfield Fairgrounds or \$10 per night (*dry camping*) at Martha's Park in Lanse.
- Our host hotel is the **Super 8** Hotel in Clearfield, PA...the same hotel we stayed at during the 2014 AAA Reunion...and comes with a full breakfast included! Call **Super 8** at 877-361-2508 or go to **Bookings.com** for room reservations.



Jeff and Julia Williams and the entire Pennsylvania Aldstatt families will be looking for you!