

Christmas Cheer and Welcome to 2024, a Year of Good Times! Weihnachtsfreude und Willkommen im Jahr 2024... einem Jahr voller guter Zeiten!

Isn't it nice to finally be past the Covid 19 crisis? Surely Covid 19 is still with us in its umpteenth variation, but it's not been the nightly news now for months...hurrah!!! But, sorry if you just caught it!

This month I wanted to add a little sirandipity to the AAA newsletter by looking back 20 years to the 2003 Germany Tour when our group of 32 cuzzins visited most of the hometowns of our Allstadt/Altstadt/Alstätt immigrant home towns. I hope you enjoy the look-back.

This year, we will miss two of our greatest suppliers of information for the 1994 AAA *History of the Clans*. They were Father Damian "Damo" Dietlein of the line of Heinrich Altstadt (c.1650), pg. 113 and Billy Joe "Bill" Altstatt, pg. 256. Damo not only traced his Altstadt and Dietlein ancestors from Germany to America, but followed them through to current lines and wrote two family history books on these folks. His report makes up the bulk of the Heinrich/Jacob Altstadt data in the AAAHC book.

On the other hand, Bill stayed in contact with his cousins in Arkansas, Oklahoma and California and supplied the section on Daniel Altstatt (grandson of Martin Altstatt (1699) with text and photos. This research was before computers, so everything had to be handled through the postal service. Many thanks to these family documentors!! I am really missing these super guys, who Phyllis and I knew personally from home visits and national reunions.

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Those in attendance at the family gathering in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee were: Top row: Tim Vaughan, Zachary and Andrew Allstott, Bottom row, left to right: Jerry and Phyllis Allstott, Cheryl Vaughan, Bella Tucker, Ann, Geoffrey, Ben and Roger Allstott. Taking the picture was Conner Tucker.

Discovery student wins Earth Stewardship Awards

by Katie Ellington Serrao and Lou Whitmire, Mansfield News Journal on September 12, 2023



Maverick Aldstadt class were hiking through the forest beside Discovery School in May after strong windstorms swept through the region.

Aldstadt and another student asked their teacher if they could replace the trees. Their urgency prompted the school to embark on a mass tree planting project. Students, parents, grandparents and teachers planted nearly 70 saplings in the

school's 20-acre woods.

Aldstadt's desk slowly transformed into a mini nursery. He covered it with cups, filled with soil and various seeds he found in the school woods. Nugent let him work at another table, freeing up his desk for propagating efforts.

"As Maverick got excited, my other kids got even more excited and it became a daily effort," Nugent said. "We were writing stories about trees every day, we were reading books about trees every day." "It challenged me as a teacher to come up with new books and new things."

Then he started growing trees at home, too. Friends gave him a sequoia tree kit. His family got seeds from the Arbor Day Foundation. Aldstadt planted them in pots and his backyard.

"He'd bring bags of pinecones, acorns, sweet gum tree pods home that he would find at school," said Aldstadt's mother Brooke.

Aldstadt was honored for his tree-planting efforts Friday during the 27th Anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration in downtown Mansfield. The 6-year-old won two awards — a second-place award in the neighborhood category as well as a Star Award.

"It's very special," Brooke Aldstadt said. "I'm very proud of him and I know he's proud too."

How Time Flies! Seems as if it was just yesterday that the 2003 Germany Tour took place...it happened 20 Years Ago!

For the 20th year anniversary of that tour, and for those who missed out, I want to again recall the background and highlights of our jaunt across the pond to visit AAA German Roots!

The Good Lord works in mysterious ways...yes!

My quest for where the Allstott families came from dates back to the 1960s. Back before computers, back before the internet or Wikipedia. No one had passed anything down from my grandfather, Arthur Allstott.

Arthur's dad died when he was 8-years old. A real deadend. In the Houston, TX public library I came across a book on Revolutionary War pensioners. One pensioner was John Allstott! He was born in Pennsylvania, where he had served in the



From Frankfurt airport to Frankfurt airport, we saw the heart of Germany

So, when vacation time rolled around, my wife

Pennsylvania Line. The book showed that he died in Indiana. I found no other traces of the name Allstott. The rabbit trail stopped!

In the middle 80s, I came across an advertisement on a publication by "Batrice Bailey". It was basically a how-to on genealogical research and a computer list of all the Allstotts who lived in the United States in the '80s.

I found Allstotts, who I had never heard of before, living in Oregon and Indiana.

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Alstott Sports Updates

Football, General, Pinellas, December 6, 2022

Football: Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer star Mike Alstott steps down as coach at Northside Christian after 11 seasons

During Alstott's tenure with the Mustangs, the program made the playoffs seven times, including a state semifinal appearance in 2016.



No timetable has been set for his replacement. Alstott is the second former Buccaneers player who stepped down from high school coaching in the past month, joining Michael Clayton, who decided to leave Plant City after one season.

Alstott, a six-time Pro Bowl selection during his 12-year career with the Bucs, was known for plowing through defenders on knock-down, drag-out runs. He won a Super Bowl with the team during the 2002 season and is in the Bucs' Ring of Honor.

In 2010, Alstott started coaching in the youth league at Seminole. The following year he moved to the high school ranks as a volunteer assistant at St. Petersburg Catholic, where he worked with Ryan Green, considered one of the nation's top running back recruits at the time.

In 2012, Northside Christian turned its attention to Alstott, who school administrators knew was certain to draw crowds at games by virtue of his name alone. Making a winner of the Mustangs was far less certain. After all, it was the first head coaching job for Alstott. He took over a program that had fewer than 20 players on varsity by the end of the 2011 season and no junior varsity team. Northside had not made the playoffs since 2006.

After going 0-10 his first season and 3-7 the following year, Alstott turned things around with consecutive 8-3 seasons and playoff appearances in 2014-15.

In 2016, the Mustangs made their first and only state semifinal appearance. They also have made the playoffs each of the past four seasons 2019-22.

Editor's note: The AAA newsletter has followed the career of Mike Alstott from his Purdue days, through his Tampa Bay Bucs days and his coaching days at Northside Christian. With his retirement, this Alstott Sports section will retire also and see what Alstott sports personality will come to the forefront.

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and I were off to Oregon.

We found that the Oregon Allstotts were not kin to our line, but their family historian, Pat Kennedy and I got our heads together and started digging. The flood gates opened. We soon discovered that John

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Gathering for this photo at Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee were: Top row, left to right: Roger, Zachary, Ben and Andrew Allstott, Conner Tucker and Geoffrey Allstott, Bottom row, left to right: Tim Vaughan, Bella Tucker, Melva Allstott, Cherilyn Vaughan, Anne, Phyllis and Jerry Allstott.

Now on to Phyllis and my activities in 2023. Yes, we spent time with the kids in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Every five years, we do something SPECIAL. Rather than just jumping on a plane and visiting the kids at their homes in Lake Jackson, TX and Euaharlee, GA. We "pulled" everyone together and in 2023, we all elected to go to "Dollywood." (That came in first ahead of Branson, MO.)

We sent out word in the early part of 2022, and sat back to see who would be able to come. We had 26 positive responses. WOW! So we rented a cabin in Pigeon Forge for the bunch. Anne Allstott and Cherilyn Vaughan said that they would buy the grub locally and cook. Tim Vaughan cooked

the pulled pork and Zachary Allstott baked cookies.

The cabin and transportation costs to get there were the responsibility of Grandpa and GranGrace.

Unfortunately, grandson Eric's family had a son who had appendix surgery, so that family of 7 wasn't able to make it...and grandson Nicholas' wife Kodi just started a new career, so 4 more folks were out...and granddaughter Emma started a new job, 2 more were out...but we still had two greatgrandkids coming! From the original 26, 13 were not able to attend. The 13 who attended had a wonderful time. Since food was bought before the cancellations...a lot of "fresh" leftovers went home with everyone.

Dollywood was great...the musicals were great...the rides were fun...especially the soaking that I took on a water ride. The wave hit me just right!

In addition, Phyllis and I did our regular yearly jaunt to our Chrysler/DeSoto Airflow Club 58th National Meet in Cambria, CA. Phyllis is the Western Regional Director for the club. We drove our Elantra as we had already packed "Betsy," our '37 Chrysler Airflow, off to Cherilyn and Tim's home in Georgia in 2022. They are having a really good time drawing stares when taking "Betsy" out to car shows and other places.

Outside of that, we have been homebodies this year. My biggest project, since September 2022 has been six 2'x4' acrylic paintings (see later in the AAANL) done for a long hallway at our church.

I finished the last one in September 2023. Taking around 2-months apiece to paint, I haven't had much time for anything away from my drawing board.

I guess that's it. Have a safe and happy 2023!!!!

Allstott had settled in Pennsylvania from Germany and that Allstott was not the only spelling of the family name. Soon we were finding Allstotts, Alstots, Allstots, etc. and eventually came across the Atstatt spelling. Pat came across Judy Castle Stubbs and the USA and Canada opened up not only John Allstotts (Altstatts) line back to his grandfather Martin Altstatt, our original Altstatt immigrant. In 1986, I wrote and published a genealogy on the descendants of Hans Merten Altstatt.

1989 was the 260th anniversary year of when Martin and Judith Altstatt traveled from Germany to settle in America. "The bee was in my bonnet." Wouldn't it be super to have a get-together of all the folks who sent in their family data for the '86 Altstatt history book? So, invitations were sent out for a grand picnic on the lawn of the Jacob Allstatt farm in Charles Town, West Virginia. This farm was owned in 1859 by John Hall Allstatt, a hostage of John Brown in 1859 at Harpers Ferry West Virginia (formerly Virginia). The picnic was hosted by Forrest Hoffmaster, of the John Hall Allstatt clan. After the picnic, we would all drive up to Berks County, Pennsylvania, the county were Martin and Judith settled and have a grave side service at the recently found gravesite of Judith Altstatt. 90 invitations went out and 180 cuzzins showed up! That was the start of the AAA Reunions which lasted every five years from 1989 to 2017.

At that reunion, John and Susan Altstatt, along with their two daughters attended. I found that John, who had been invited by Everett Aldstatt, was not of the line of Martin Altstatt, but of the line of Valentine Altstatt. Another bunny trail was shaping up.

In addition to helping John Altstatt with researching his line, I came across other Altstatts, in fact over 20 other immigrant Altstatt/Altstatts. That being the case, I compiled another book on all the descendants of as many Allstatt/Altstatt/

Altstatt spellings as I could find in the census records at the Los Angeles LDS Genealogy Library...writing to other immigrant lines...even spending time on the phone talking to Ewald Wuschke (Canadian Altstatt line) in Alberta.

German phonebooks were available at the library, so I wrote to all the lines of Altstatts in Germany in those phone books to see if they would send me information on their family trees...and many did.

Aided by 61 cuzzins in the states and incoming letters from Germany, I began compiling a book on as many Altstatts/Altstatts/Altstatts as I could find and took two years to complete the History of the Clans, which was published in 1994.

Upon retirement in 1998, I thought it might be great for Phyllis and I to visit Caspar Altstatt's town of Dreieichenhain, Germany. Johann Martin Altstatt being his oldest son was born in Dreieichenhain and immigrated to the British Colonies in 1729.

Phyllis and me enjoyed the trip so much that I started brainstorming ways we could escort a group of American cuzzins to see their immigrant home towns. Forrest Hoffmaster had a friend, Charlie Otstot, who had booked genealogical tours to Europe and gave me his tour information.

It was still a dream in 2000 when I received an e-mail from Hermann Altstatt of Erlangen, Germany, who had somehow found that I had written a genealogical book on Altstatts. He had American cousins living in Nebraska and wanted to see the connection. Hermann and I became good friends (eventually unofficial brothers) over the internet and I told him of my desire to bring cuzzins over to Germany to see their AAA root home towns.

So...in 2001, Hermann and I met at the Frankfurt Airport and took a week together to visit the towns in Hessen, Germany where our immigrant ancestors grew up. I had compiled a map. Hermann, an engineer for Siemens, spoke both fluent German and fluent English. What could be better.

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Cuzzin Contacts...

Dear Jerry,
Sending a belated thanks for the 2022 annual newsletter. I especially enjoyed the story about visualizing the Rev War Allstots in the back rowboats, in the famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware. I will have to drag my own progeny to pose by that painting!

My husband Cameron White is descended from **Jacob Allstott** (1786- 1830??) and wife Anna Barnaby, through their daughter **Lucinda Allstot**, wife of David Allen Apple.

Lucinda is described in the family website as their one known daughter - but I recently discovered a second daughter **Mary Allstott**. I've traced her descendants as much as I can and added them to my mother-in-law's public tree on ancestry.com, "Eunice Irene Davis aka Irene Miller (b 1930 Seminole OK)," and wondering if you want to add her line to the family website. I'll send an invite to you and John, who I am cc'ing since I saw him listed in the newsletter as well for updates to the website.

This all happened because I subscribed to newspapers.com, and was tracing newspaper mentions of Lucinda and the entire David Allen Apple family. Lucinda and husband ended up being early settlers in Barry County, Missouri, where their sons were successful businessmen. Lucinda lived a long life, and is referred to a few times in the local paper as "Grandma Apple." Then I came across a blurb in the local newspaper in 1900, after Lucinda is widowed, about her sister "Mrs. Charles from Joplin" visiting, that says the two sisters have not seen each other for 20 years!!! I remembered how the **Allstot** website always had Lucinda as the "only known daughter" and dove into the records to find the mystery sister.

It took me some digging but eventually I figured out the elusive "Mrs Charles." She was Lucinda's older sister, first married to a Samuel Danforth, with two children. Either they divorced or he died (there are multiple Samuel Danforths in the records). But in any case Mary then married a much older gentleman named Azor Charles. She was with him briefly until his death, but can be traced thanks to living with her Danforth children, then her grandchildren, on the census records. In 1900 Mary Charles appears in Joplin, and I found her Find-A-Grave memorial in Kansas.

In a gruesome separate newspaper blurb, Mary's son died when struck by lightning while riding his horse. (the horse survived). Mary outlived her daughter Eliza Danforth too, but the daughter did marry a Dixon and leave children. So there may be other descendants researching someday, who will find your website as helpful as I did, for this branch.

Let me know if you agree with my research and want to add **Mary Allstott** (18 Aug 1825 Indiana - 25 Nov 1907 KS) and her descendants to your website. <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/19432628/person/402319622770/facts>

Lori Domel, pg 315
Friendswood, TX

Dear Jerry,
Perhaps you could take a picture of your paintings on the *Jubilee Wall* and send me a picture. I admire talent like that. Bakersfield, CA has "Chalk Art" once a year every October. Students from the Art Institute go to a shopping center and make chalk pictures on the parking lot. Some are extremely amazing. We have seen 3 dimensional pictures as well. It's sad that at the end of the weekend, cars are allowed to park over the chalk pictures. I think they also hose off the parking lot as well.

It's so nice to keep in touch. I look forward to our **Allstott** newsletter soon. Amazing how Christmas is right around the corner.

May God keep you both safe & well. We have been blessed with good health, through the pandemic and also old age. Jean & I are slowing down now that we've hit our mid 80's. So many of our friends have passed already and some were younger than us.

Lvnhugs,
Dee Talor & Jean Schwynoch, pg 399

Editor's note: Thanks Cuzzin Dee...and here are the Parable Paintings I did for one of our Jubilee church hallways. Each painting is 2' x4', acrylic on canvas. It took a little over a year to finish all. But what joy!



The Lost Sheep - Matthew 13:12



The Sower - Luke 8: 5



The Prodigal Son - Luke 15: 11



The Good Samaritan - Luke 10: 30



The Lost Coin - Luke 15: 8



The Wise Virgins - Matthew 25: 1

Hi Jerry -

I hope all is well with you and your family. I had emailed you quite a while back with regard to our perusing membership to the Sons/ Daughters of the American Revolution and it seems I recall you had replied, but can't find that email anywhere.

You may recall that our great grandmother was **Emma B. Alstott** (page 220 in your book). She is the daughter of civil war **John Alstott**, who is the son of Daniel, who is the son of Revolutionary War **John Alstott**.

It seems like Daniel and his connection to his father and his son, was what was hard for the organization to prove.

I was also curious about any records (pension, etc.) for Revolutionary John. Do you know how we can get copies of these.

Anyway, thanks again for your time and help. We love your book and think you did such a great job on it.

Cuzzin Doug Wright, pg 220

Dear cuzzin Doug,

I looked back in my records and couldn't find our last correspondence either. So let me send what I know about the **John Alstott** (Alstott) (1755) - **Daniel Alstott** (1791) connection.

Since you are familiar with the AAA Family History Book - You will see the initial chart on **Johann Martin Alstatt** (our immigrant ancestor) on page 139. Listed there is Martin's son Nicholas (1727) - Nicholas' son, **John Alstatt** (Alstott) (1755) and John's son - **Daniel Alstott** (your ancestor) (1791).

Now go to page 170/171 and you will find the application of **John Alstatt** for his Revolutionary War pension in his own handwriting. Next go to page 172/173 and see his second pension application request (the pension was approved). Lastly go to page 176/177 and see **William Alstot's** request for the children of **John Alstatt** (John and his wife Margaret had already passed away). This request also included a paper (probably from the family bible) which showed the children of **John** and **Margaret Alstatt** in John's handwriting.

All of this original paperwork is on file in the Archives in Washington DC. And were copied by me on one of my trips to DC before I wrote the 1994 AAA book. The records for Daniels family and future generations continue on page 220 - 225. These records are taken from census data and from input from others in your **Daniel Alstott** line as I prepared the book. My sources (Canadian side) have since passed away.

Good Luck!!!! And let me know if you are successful. Others in the family could really profit from your experience on this!!!

Cuzzin Jerry

We will surely miss...

William Joseph Alststadt Jr.

October 11, 1932 - May 2, 2023



Jay Alststadt, jr.

William Joseph Alststadt Jr., 90, passed away May 2, 2023. Beloved husband of 68 years to **Dana Jo Alststadt**. Loving father of Carleen Sinclair, Sandy Jorgensen (Fred), Judy Bosl (Bill), **AnneAlststadt**, Mary LeGasse, Tricia Carpenter (Bryan), Kathy Dirksen (Wessel),

William Joseph III "Jay" Altstadt (Kelly). Son of the late **William Altstadt Sr** and **Della Altstadt**. Brother of the late **James Anthony Altstadt**. Dear grandfather of 26 and great grandfather of 36. Burial was at St. John Neumann Church, Strongsville, OH.

Fr. Damian Dietlein pg. 113

June 16, 1932 — December 30, 2022



"Damo"

Richardton, North Dakota
Reverend Father Damian (Leo) Dietlein passed away at Assumption Abbey in the early hours of December 30, 2022, attended by members of the monastic community. He was ninety years old, in his seventieth year of monastic profession, and his sixty-fifth year as a priest.

Born on June 16, 1932, to Peter and Regina (Heembrock) Dietlein, in Emmons County, ND,

Leo Edward attended a one-room schoolhouse nearby, then spent four years in high school at Assumption Abbey. He followed his older brother Francis (Father Raymond) into the Benedictine community, receiving the habit and the name Damian on June 25, 1951.

He was sent to St. John's College, Collegeville, MN, where he earned a double major in philosophy and English literature in 1954. He made simple vows in 1952 and solemn vows in 1955. That same year he was sent off to Rome, where all classes were in Latin. In 1957 he received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) from Sant' Anselmo. He was also ordained to the priesthood. From the Biblicum he received a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (SSL) in 1961. Returning to Assumption Abbey, he taught Latin and Greek in the high school and junior college, and Scripture and Dogma in the Abbey's seminary. He was appointed prior in 1967.

In July of 1968 he took up teaching at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, later becoming a professional member of the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Catholic Biblical Association. He never stopped being a strapping farm boy, however, and returned to Richardton every summer to cut and bale hay on the Abbey farm.

In 1971, St. John's University asked him to be on their team for designing a deacon program for married men. In 1975 he became chairman of the Personnel and Curriculum Committee at St. Meinrad. He became a member of the CBA Task Force on Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics in 1989. Proof of his interest can be seen in the nearly three hundred feminist books he brought home to the Abbey library. Through the CBA he attended sessions all over the country. At St. Meinrad, he was, time and again, elected faculty moderator and served on many committees. He developed a course on women in the Old Testament, another on women leadership roles in early Christianity, and mentored female students in the school.

In all, he taught forty-seven years at St. Meinrad. He began teaching there at the age of thirty-six and retired in 2015 at the age of eighty-three.

Father Damian always maintained a keen interest in his own family and did much research on Dietlein and Altstadt history. He remained connected with nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

In September of 2022, a CT scan showed a mass in his chest. Because he had become a member of the 90 Club—only the 10th person among all our Abbey

history to become a nonagenarian. He continued to attend Mass and the Divine Office up until three days before his death. His last hours were brave, full of hope for what lies beyond.

Damian was preceded in death by his parents, his four siblings and their spouses.

Susan Altstadt, pg. 483

March 23, 1957 - May 9, 2023



Susan Altstadt

After a long illness, Sue passed away in home hospice care with her lovingly husband by her side. Predeceased by her Mother, Constance Davis; Father, Charles Davis; Father in law, **Roy Altstadt**; Brother in law, **David Altstadt**; Sue will be Lovingly missed and remembered by Husband, **Timothy**

Altstadt; Mother-in-law, **Caroline Altstadt**;

Brother, **Jeffrey Davis**; Sister in law, **Donna Davis**; Sister, **Lori Linde**; Brother in law, **Mark Linde**; Sister in law, **Kay Altstadt**; Brother in law, **Jared Altstadt**; Sister in law, **Chica Altstadt**; Sister in law, **Lori Altstadt**; Sister in law, **Janice Altstadt**; many nieces and nephews.

Sue enjoyed her country home in East Concord where she loved spending time in her flower gardens. Her home was surrounded by the love of her flowers and bird feeders. Sue enjoyed playing games with her family and friends.

Elizabeth Theresa Altstadt, pg. 566

White Bear Lake, Minn. December 27, 1953 - September 22, 2023

Elizabeth T. Altstadt was the youngest child of **Raymond Charles** and **Frances (neeShaw) Altstadt**. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. No obituary was available.

Dale Anthony Altstadt, pg. 544

November 23, 1958 ~ July 18, 2023



Dale Altstadt

With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved Dad, **Dale Anthony Altstadt**, surrounded by the love of his family at home in the early hours of Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Left to cherish his memory are his three daughters, **Amanda (Ryan)**, **Allison (Sam)**, **Alanah (Michael)**; and his beautiful granddaughter

Haylee. His siblings, **Shelley (Perry) Stewner**, **Dayna MacDermid**, and **Stephen (Sheila)**. His Sisters-in-law, **Christine (Al) Karlenzig** and **Sandra Hewitt**; and brothers-in-law, **Tim**, **Allan**, and **George Hewitt**; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

He was pre-deceased by his wife of 41 years, **Deborah Wendy (nee Hewitt)** on April 26, 2021; his parents **W. Dennis Altstadt** and **Donna R. Duncan**; and a stillborn brother.

Dale was born on November 23, 1958, at the Women's Pavilion in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1976, he met his soulmate **Debbie** at A&W, where she

worked as a carhop. They married in 1979 and embarked on their adventure together. During this time they grew their family, raising three beautiful daughters that they were incredibly proud of.

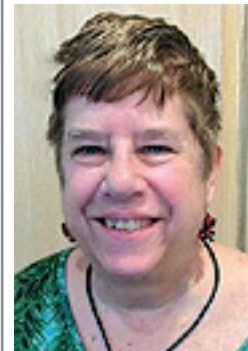
He graduated from Keewatin Community College as a Journeyman Millwright. He was Senior Mechanical/Operating Technician at Jenpeg Generating Station when he retired from Manitoba Hydro after 40 years of service.

At a young age, he built go-karts with his dad and then by himself. As a child, he would build and paint model cars and balsa wood airplanes. This is where his love of speed and all things on wheels began. He had a passion for quarter-mile drag racing since the time he could borrow his parents' stock 1964 Plymouth Fury and sneak it to Bison Dragways where he made his racing debut. Over his lifetime, many lined up against him at the drag strip and he was always happy to show them his tail lights.

Dad, thank you for being the best father us girls could have asked for. Your love for pranks and rock and roll provided our home with much joy and happiness. We will forever cherish every memory we have. We are very grateful we are blessed to be your daughters.

Nancy Ann (Welz) Altstadt, pg. 564

January 28, 1952 ~ June 30, 2023



Nancy Altstadt

Nancy Ann (Welz) Altstadt, age 71, a Moon Township resident since 1978, suffered a massive stroke and passed away peacefully at Allegheny General Hospital, with her husband by her side on Friday, June 30, 2023.

Born in Erie, PA on January 28, 1952, Nancy was one of two daughters born to the late **Frederick T. and Dorothy (Hermann) Welz**. Nancy grew up in

Erie and graduated from St. Benedict Academy. She also met her husband, **Lynn J. Altstadt**, in Erie. They married on April 16, 1977. In addition to her beloved husband **Lynn**, Nancy is survived by her two loving sons **Jeffrey T. Altstadt** of Chicago, IL and **Andrew T. Altstadt** of Orlando, FL, her cherished grandson **Bentley T. Altstadt**, and her sister **Karen Franklin** of Pittsburgh.

Nancy obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from Gannon University and her master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. She was employed as a librarian at B.F. Goodrich, Mobay Corporation, Miles Corporation, Bayer Corporation and Bayer Material Science. She retired on June 30, 2009, as Senior Librarian. During her tenure at Bayer

Nancy became a Master Gardener through Penn State University. She was a member and Past President of the Moon Township Garden Club. Her personal garden was on a Moon Township Garden Club Tour. Nancy supported the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden and was proud to be one of their tour guides. As a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, because of her plant expertise, Nancy selected the flowers for their beautiful memorial garden along

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Reprints of the **1994 Altstadt/Altstadt/Altstadt Book** can still be ordered through Anundsen Press. E-mail Jerry.Allstadt@anundsenpress.com at <jlandpgallstott@yahoo.com> if you are interested.

Hermann Altstadt Sez...

Altstadt research at Lubeck, Germany

I have a compilation of **Altstadts/Alstedts, Alstedes...** of Lübeck from around 1400 to 1775. They were citizens of Lübeck or boarded the ship in Lübeck.

According to my previous research, they were merchants and craftsmen who settled primarily in East Prussia, in the Königsberg area, Gdansk, Reval (Tallinn)/Estonia, Riga/Latvia. The City of Königsberg has been a member of the Hanseatic League since 1340.

1399 - **Everhard van der Alstede** (from Lübeck or Westphalia) - Stayed in Gdansk for some time. Mentioned in "Hansische Geschichtsblätter" (*The Hanseatic History Review is the scientific journal of the Hansischen History Association*)
1428 - **Hans Alstede** - (from Lübeck or Westphalia) Merchant in Tallinn or Gdansk
1447 - **Johann van der Alstede** (from Lübeck or Westphalia) - Merchant in Tallinn
1467 - **Hermen Alstede** - Citizen of Lübeck, Merchant in Hamburg
1570 - **Herman or/and Hermann Werner Alstedt/Alstedt or Alstede** - Citizen of Lübeck
1611 - **Joachim Werner Alstedt**, Citizen of Lübeck - Court brewer in Stockholm/Sweden
1621 - **Hans Altstadt** - A merchant from Westphalia - Becomes a Citizen of Königsberg/East Prussia
1641 - **Catharina Alstede** (from Lübeck or Westphalia) married Peter von Cöllen, Merchant. They married in Lübeck Cathedral on May 16, 1641
1644 - **Christoph Altstadt** from Lübeck - Became a Citizen of Königsberg/East Prussia in 1644

There are some Church book records from Christoph and other **Altstadts** in Königsberg/East Prussia on Archion-Porta.

- Baptism record of Christoph's children:

Alt Stadt - the spelling of this surname is very special - same spelling as in early Raboldshausen records!!!

1650 - Reinhold
1651 - Barbara
1653 - Friedrich
1654 - Daniel
1659 - Egidia
1669 - Georg Friedrich
1672 - Georg Friedrich

- Further Lubeck records of Altstadts....

Burial records

1645 - **Martin Altstadt**
1715 - **Christoph Altenstadt**

Wedding records

1720 - **Bartel Altstadt** m. Maria Präuer

1725 - **Martin Altstadt** m.

Dorothea Seibe

Burial records

1726 - **Friedrich Altstadt**

1735 - **Christoph Altstadt**

Wedding records

1746 - **Martin Altstadt** m.

Eleonora Schultz

1748 - **Martin Altstadt** m.

Anna Maria

Burial records

1757 - **Christof Altstadt**

1758 - **Martin Altstadt**

1759 - **Martin Altstadt**

1765 - **Dorothea Altstadt**

1766 - **Georg Altstadt**

1767 - **Maria Altstadt**

1772 - **Catharina Altstadt**

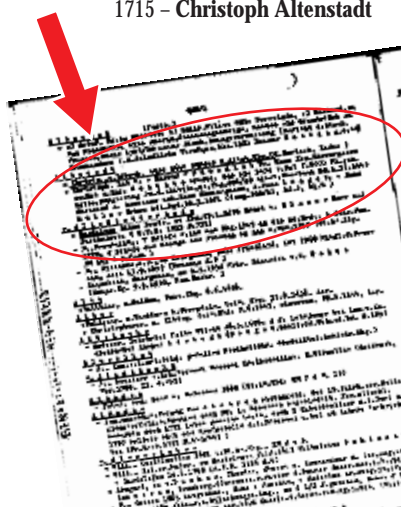
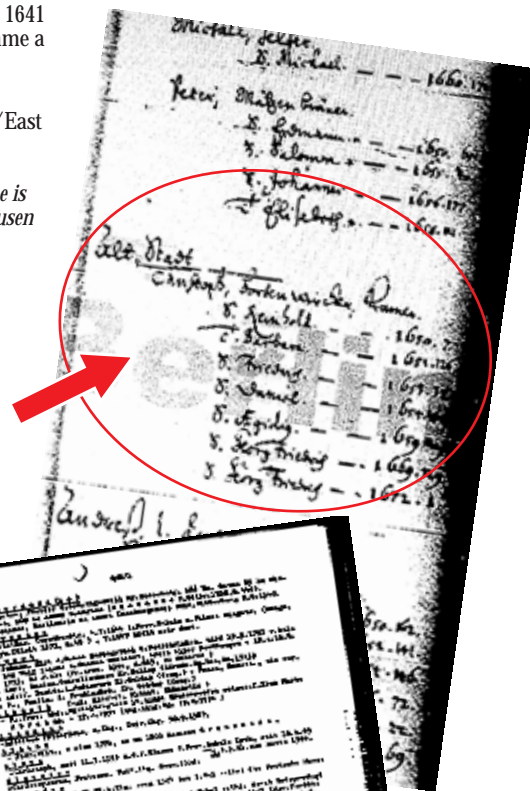
1772 - **Helmut Altstadt**

1775 - **Gottfried Altstadt**

I had a phone call with **Uwe Altstadt** from Burghaam about the early **Altstadts** from Bruges in Flanders. Uwe told me that he had been interested in family history from a young age.

He talked of a family book, which said that two **Altenstett** brothers moved to Hesse during the Counter Reformation in Flanders. One of the brothers was **Paul (von or van) Altenstett** and was a captain, maybe of the Hanseatic League who originally came from Lubeck? More on that later.

That's it for now....Hermann



We will miss...continued from page 4

with maintaining other flower beds at her church. A Memorial Service took place at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Moon Township, PA.

Lora Faye Altstadt, pg. 78

October 2, 1937 - July 27, 2023



Lora Altstadt

Lora Mattocks Altstadt passed from this life to complete peace in the arms of Jesus Christ her Lord and Savior on July 27, 2023 in Evansville, Indiana. She was born October 2, 1937, in Parr, Indiana.

She graduated from Fair Oaks High School, Indiana State University Evansville with a B.S.,

and Trinity Theological College with a M.S. in Education. It was in 1955 that she met the love of her life, **Jerry Altstadt**. The couple sealed this relationship with marriage in St. Augustine in Rensselaer, Indiana.

Lora's early life was centered on Scripture and serving people. This was instilled in her character by her mother, Millie McCurtain Mattocks, and her father, Elwyn Mattocks.

Lora loved to provide a welcoming experience to the people who participated at the many events held at the **Altstadt** home and pole barn in Perry County. Included in this were events held for the Serra Club of Dubois County, the Alumni of St. Meinrad Seminary also the Seminarians in the school at St. Meinrad, Indiana.

Lora and family also provided Thanksgiving Dinners at the St. Mary's School Cafeteria at no cost to the guests and served by the **Altstadt** children.

One of the highlights of Lora's life was a trip with Jerry to Germany, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland. Special experiences included an audience with Pope John Paul II, the film sights of the movie "The Sound of Music", the Nazi prison camp Dachau, the Alps, and many others.

Lora is survived by her husband, Gerald "Jerry"; six children, Tim (Jennie) Sun City, AZ, Dale (Karen) Huntingburg, Larry (Penny) Huntingburg, Steve (Tammy) Boonville, Don (Lynn) Vincennes, Jan O'Bryan (Ted) Huntingburg, twenty grandchildren, Andrea, Aaron, Justin, Jordan, Rachelle, Preston, Brad, Loran, Sarah, Jaclyn, Aubree, Natalie, Chad, Kristina, Cameron, Derek, Dustin, Anna, and Landon; two sisters, Elizabeth and Frances; by fifteen great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elwyn and Millie Mattocks; brothers, Kenneth, Raymond and Gail; and sister, Evelyn.

A funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntingburg, IN.

Robert Wayne Altstadt, pg. 92

May 4, 1936 - May 27, 2023



Bob Altstadt

Robert Wayne Altstadt, age 87, of Pueblo, Colorado passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Bob was born in Omaha, Nebraska on May 4, 1936 to **Theodore Roosevelt** and **Brunhilde Altstadt**.

He married his wife Pat on March 4, 1964, in Montgomery, Alabama. The **Altstadts** had two

children, Kyle and Sheri. Bob was a soil conservation agent and loved his work in the Pueblo, Colorado area.

Bob's friends loved his quick wit and friendly personality. "We will carry you in our hearts forever and cherish every memory."

Juanita M. Alstat, pg. 46 1939 - 2023



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Juanita M. Alstat** of Du Quoin, Illinois, born in Carbondale, Illinois, who passed away on February 20, 2023, at the age of 84, leaving to mourn family and friends.

She was predeceased by: her parents, Robert Matthew and Thelma Horn (Grant); her former husband Ralph Glotfelty; her husband **Harold Alstat**; and her siblings, Robert, James, David, Gerald, Donald and Rosemary Woolard.

Juanita Alstat

She is survived by: her siblings, Paul Horn of Cobden, Gene Horn of Cobden and Sharon Austin of Wetumpka, AL. She is also survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Richard "Dick" Altstatt, pg. 564

September 2, 1934 — May 24, 2023
Richard "Dick" Altstatt, 88, a loving husband, father, and respected member of his community, passed away on May 24th, 2023. He was born on September 2nd, 1934, in Breckenridge, MN to his parents **Orval** and **Irene** (Egge) **Altstatt**. Dick graduated from Breckenridge High School in 1952 after which he attended



Dick Altstatt

NDSU where he received his B.S. Degree in Pharmacy in 1957.

As a youth, he worked for many years as a stock boy at his father's drug store, and enjoyed it so much he entered college and enrolled in Pharmacy. In 1958, Dick was called to serve his country in the US Army and served for two years stationed at the Panama Canal Zone. Upon returning home from his military service in 1960, Dick embarked upon his professional career as a pharmacist starting out working in Crookston, MN followed by working at **Altstatt Drug** in Breckenridge which was later purchased from his father. He owned and operated the store until retiring in 1989.

On August 10, 1962, he married the love of his life, Shirley Fleenor, in Fairmount, North Dakota. The couple was blessed with three children, Chad, Ann, and Amy. The family made their home in Breckenridge. Dick and Shirley enjoyed spending time at their home in Sun City West, Arizona, and their lake home on Ottertail Lake, which he affectionately called "a little bit of heaven."

It was impossible to know if Dick was ever having a bad day. He loved having a good time and had a great sense of humor. His friends and family would affectionately call him "Dickie, Boom Boom, or Pooper."

Outside of work, Dick loved fishing, golfing, hiking, and tending to his flower garden which brought him great joy.

Dick is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, **Chad Altstatt** from Fargo ND; daughter, Ann (Howard) Andari from Prescott Valley, AZ along with their son Lee; daughter, **Amy Altstatt** from Sioux Falls SD and her children Ginger, Georgia, and Joseph Wardlow; his sister, Gayle Scheiterlein from Victoria MN, her daughter Tana Erickson; and sister-in-law, Harriet Fleenor from Wahpeton ND.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Orval and Irene, and brothers-in-law, Jerry Scheiterlein and Claude Fleenor.

Jane Ann Alstott, pg. 206



Jane Ann Alstott

February 28, 1942 - September 6, 2023
Jane Ann Alstott, 81, passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at Baptist Health Floyd Hospital in New Albany. She was born in New Albany, Indiana to the late Vincent Floyd and Claryce (Burgess) Floyd.

Jane was the former secretary for the Shelby County Co-Op and worked as the entertainment director at the old Robert E. Lee Retirement Home. She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Floyds Knobs, Indiana.

Survivors include her husband **Dallas Leon Alstott**; step-sons, **Kenneth Alstott** and **Kelly Alstott**; her daughter Donna Weisbach; step-daughter Kim Hoffman. Twelve grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son Richard Weisbach, daughter Carol Davis and her brother Vincent Floyd.

A celebration of her life was held in the Market Street Chapel New Albany, Indiana.

Billy "Bill" Joe Altstatt, pg. 256



Bill Altstatt joined the angels in heaven on Jan 3, 2023. Bill was born Aug 2, 1936 to **Earl "Gene"** and **Claudia Altstatt** in Yukon, Oklahoma. Bill is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Georgia; parents Gene and Claudia; and brother Bobby.

Bill is survived by his three sons Bobby and wife Karen, Johnny, and Billy Jr. and wife Ebony; Additionally, he leaves behind many grandkids, great grandkids, and family who loved him dearly.

Following marrying his high school sweetheart in 1954, Bill joined the U.S. Navy as a photographer on the U.S.S. Piedmont during the Korean War.

After being honorably discharged, Bill joined the trucking industry as a Teamsters sales driver for 25+ years and culminating, into an ownership of Watkins Trucking Franchise. Some of Bill's many loves included genealogy, fishing with his sons,

domino games, and good 'ol homemade breakfast. With his John Wayne stare and toolbox by his side, he was the first person the family would call for fixin' flats to reroofing and painting houses. Just as Bill would lay the foundation for a house, he also laid his foundation on the Lord Jesus Christ. While we mourn here on earth, we know Bill is celebrating with Jesus in Heaven. Funeral service was held at Candlewood Chapel in Midwest City. Burial followed at the Resurrection Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Martha "Marty" Alstott, pg 432

Martha "Marty" Alstott, age 94. November 24, 1928 to January 20, 2023. Beloved wife of the late



Marty Alstott

Kenneth Alstott. Treasured mother to **Ted (Marcy) Alstott** and **Pegge (Ed) Szych**. Loving grandmother of **Beau (Kathy) Szych**, **Amber (Nick) Hartley**, **Kenny Alstott**, **Elizabeth Alstott**, and **David Alstott**. Great grandmother of Hayli, Kayci, Cole, Jacek, Nathan, and Lucas.

Nancy Allstott-Blanchet's



Old Fashioned Recipe **1-2-3 Cake**

For this recipe you need two boxes of cake mix. One can be any flavor you prefer, but the other MUST be Angel Food cake mix.

Mix them together (shake them in a big bowl). Then simply store the mixture in an airtight container until you get the urge for dessert.

Then just put three Tbsp. of the dry mixture in a big coffee mug and stir in 2 Tbsp of water. Microwave it for one minute and you will have a single serving of cake!

Top with fruit, ice cream, whipped cream or whatever! Awesome for those of us who want something sweet every now and then without making an entire cake!

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

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Jerry and Hermann met Karen Altstadt at her home in Fraurombach, Germany in 2001

We jumped into his Volkswagen Bus and off we went. The route we took was to be mostly followed in the fall of 2003.

Hermann and Jerry met Karl, Maggie, Manfred and Uwe Altstadt at their home in Burghaun, Germany in 2001



On returning home from this initial sorte, I called Charlie Otstot and he set up the tour with Kuoni Travel of Switzerland. (Kuoni specializes in genealogical tours). You tell the tour director where you want to go, and settle back while they take you there. Isn't God good!!!!

So, in the fall of 2003, 32 cuzzins set a whirlwind pace circling the heart of Germany in the space of 12 days! During that time we visited the ancestral hometowns of 20 of the 27 Allstadt/Altstadt immigrants to America and walked in their footsteps.

Our group of cuzzins left Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. on September 13, 2003, at 9:30 pm on United Airlines arriving in Frankfurt at around 11:30 am on Sunday, September 14.

That's where we initially met Elisabeth "Mrs. Doubtfire" Lutz, of Switzerland's Kuoni Travel, our tour director, in the baggage area of the airport.

Following Elisabeth outside the terminal...we boarded our coach. Driver, Roel Koppmans, then headed north to the Hessenpark for lunch at the "Zum Adler" with Fritz and Gisela Allstädt, their daughter, of Bad Homburg, and their son Hansjörg Allstädt, introducing his daughter. Fritz's grandfather had immigrated to Indiana in the late 19th century, but his wife became homesick and they returned to Germany.

After lunch we return to the Autobahn and drove to Marburg. (Ancestral home of David Altstadt). At Marburg we checked into our hotel and met our city tourguide for a walking tour of the Elisabeth Kirche and the Altstadt (oldest part of town). When we turned in for the night...we slept like babies from such a long day.

On September 15, we drove through scenic wooded areas to the base of Weidelsburg Castle ruins (Alahstad Castle in the 9th century)... the oldest known Altstadt site in Germany. We skipped the walk to the top of the hill as it was too strenuous for most of the group, but got a good view of the ruins from the road. We drove to Paderborn (ancestral home of Heinrich Altstadt).

In Paderborn we visited the 13th Century Cathedral, the unique Paderquelle Springs (200 springs flow into Paderborn - then disappear - no river flows there), the City Hall and the monastery church...fantastic!

That afternoon we left Paderborn and drove to our overnight stop, Bad Hersfeld, via the Autobahn. At our evening dinner, we had formal introductions of all our tour members and whose ancestors were represented by each cuzzin.



The Paderborn Dom



The Catholic church at Grossenbach

After breakfast on September 16, we left Bad Hersfeld for Grossenbach (Ancestral home of Georg Altstadt) for a special Mass. Father Bernard Merz then gave us a tour of the church, in English, and brought out an old church book which recorded the

christening of Johann Georg Altstadt in 1831! This was one of the high points of the tour. Just ask Cuzz Fuzz Hammers!

Next we visited Weisenfeld (ancestral home of Otto Altstadt) for a brief stop and then headed past "Checkpoint Alpha" into "old" East Germany on our way to Fulda. At Fulda we saw the huge Cathedral, St. Michael's Church, and the City Palace.



American and German Altstadts/Allstäds met for the first time at the Hessenpark near Bad Homburg for lunch.

Manfred Altstadt, one of our German cousins from Burghaun...but who works in Fulda. Manfred met the group on our way to the Palace. After the Palace tour he directed us to the "fast food" spots in the Altstadt of Fulda for lunch.

From Fulda we headed west to Grossenluder (ancestral home of George and Francis Altstadt). We visited the Catholic Church where the Altstadt's worshipped.

We then headed north to Fraurombach. There we stopped for a coffee/tea break in the huge backyard of Hans and Karen Altstadt.

Meeting us there was Hermann Altstadt and other Altstadt German "cuzzins" from Gelsenkirchen...in former East Germany. Karen had spent two days baking coffee cakes and they were scrumptious! We were invited to see a restored 16th Century country home just down the block from the Altstadts. Many of the furnishings for the home were from Hans and Karen's attic.



The village at Grossenluder, Germany



American and German cuzzins pose at the home of the Altstadts in Fraurombach

Around 6:00 p.m. we left Fraurombach for Burghaun and our main course "wild boar" banquet. We followed Manfred Altstadt from Hans and Karen's home to the Burghaunerhoff Restaurant for dinner. There we met the family of Karl and Maggie Altstadt along with 15 more German "cuzzins" for a sumptuous buffet banquet. Afterward we were treated to a "Powerpoint" Altstadt/Altstadt history presentation update by Hermann Altstadt. After the presentation we return to Bad Hersfeld for our evening slumber.

Following a very filling breakfast on September 17, we departed Bad Hersfeld and traveled east toward Allstedt Castle (ancestral home of Johann Jakob Altstadt). Down the road, we stopped at Querfurt for souvenir shopping, and to clean up and get dressed for the Allstedt Castle banquet. Upon arrival at Allstedt, we met more Allstädt and Altstadt cuzzins and had our own personalized tour of the medieval castle, museum, and grounds by a guide in medieval costume. That evening we enjoyed a festive Medieval Banquet with ancient music along with German humor.

Cherilyn Vaughan showed us how to smear pork fat on brown bread loaves...how tasty! German cuzzins, Hartmut and Ellen Allstädt made arrangements for this festive 5-hour time. We returned to Querfurt for rest and sharing medieval banquet memories.

On September 18, we traveled through Bavaria (ancestral state of Nicholas and George Allstadt) to Bayreuth. There, we saw the Markgräfliches Opera Haus, the Wagner Museum, and the Neues Schloss (fantastic - words cannot describe it!) with our tour director.



The churches at Burghaun

*Thanks again for your many e-mails offering news and stories about your AAA kin or family related historical sites...it makes it **YOUR NEWSLETTER!***

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



Group photo taken at Allstedt Castle in Allstedt, Germany

We continued to Erlangen for the evening and were treated that night to an "Octoberfest" style dinner at the "Kosbach Stadl"...with old time German "umpa" music! Again...more German **Allstadt/Altstadt** cuzzins to greet us at this banquet in an old converted 16th century barn. Fried carp and roasted duck were features on the menu, prepared by Norbert and Hans Polster, **Gundi Altstadt's** brothers. What a feast ...and the dessert - *unbelievable!*

On September 19, we enjoyed a full day of sightseeing in Nürnberg. There we visited the Germanisches National Museum and the Albrecht Durer Haus.

AltstadtFest, with its stalls of food and the merchandise, was happening in the Fraukirche square. That evening our superb dinner was planned at the "Brav Bavarian" Norbert Polster's restaurant in downtown Erlangen. But we didn't pass up the pork shoulder or poulard breast and the top rated German beers. (We also found out that **Wayne** and **Jim Altstadt** were beer experts). **Gundi Altstadt** was the life of the party, going from table to table and really getting to know her husband's American cuzzins.

September 20...after breakfast, we were off on the Autobahn to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber. There we visited the Medieval Crime Museum with all its torture apparatus, and many took advantage of the wonderful stocked Christmas shops in town. We bedded down for the night in Heidelberg.

The next morning, September 21, we traveled up to Heppenheim (ancestral home of brother's **Adam** and **Rhinehart Altstadt**) for a self-guided tour of the **Altstadt**. Later in the morning we spent most of the day in beautiful Heidelberg. There we visited the Castle and saw the Great Barrel and Pharmaceutical Museum in the Castle along with a great view of Heidelberg from the Castle walls.

Later that afternoon we traveled down to Michelfeld

(ancestral home of **Heinrich Altstadt**, the baker). Upon arrival at Michelfeld we met Heinz and Gerhart Weigel and **Hermann Altstadt**, who showed us **Heinrich** "the Baker" **Altstadt's** establishment and the old village cemetery. We walked to our last banquet with German **Altstadt** cuzzins at the Michelfeld Schloss. After dinner that evening, Heinz brought out two versions of his "new" wine for our palates. This was accompanied by "fresh onion cake" which is only served with new

wine. Most unusual to say the least...but very good!

On September 22, we traveled across the Rhine River and through the Pfalz wine country to Freinsheim. We took a quick "break" and made a short tour of the walled "**Altstadt**." Ancestor **Martin Altstadt** was the town blacksmith there before he immigrated to America in 1729.

After a quick paced run through Freinsheim,



Group photo shoot at the Lutheran church in Michelfeld, Germany

we headed up the Autobahn to Bad Kreuznach (ancestral home of **Joseph Altstadt**) and drove toward St. Goar, where we boarded our Rhine Cruise ship. Diane Valdes noticed some familiar towns from her Derst line family research. (**Peter Altstadt** married Sarah Derst in 1764). Bacharach, on the Rhine, was one of our stops along our cruise route and a part of **Altstadt**/Derst ancestry. Six of the tour group were descended from this **Altstadt**/Derst blood line.

That evening we stayed in Wiesbaden... Our early arrival at the hotel gave all who wished plenty of time to do more shopping. The next morning we headed to Darmstadt (ancestral home of **Christian Altstadt**). At Darmstadt we visited the Hessisches Landesmuseum and shopped in the downtown area. Some took a brisk walk to see the Prinz Georg Palais Gardens, gorgeous in the French style. Elisabeth and I headed to the genealogy library, located beside the Landesmuseum, to hunt for further **Altstadts** and we found a few in the files.

In the afternoon, we left Darmstadt and traveled

18 miles up to Dreieichenhain (home of **Caspar Altstadt/Altstatt** and birthplace of **Martin Altstadt**) for a brief orientation before driving up to Frankfurt for our lodging and dining that evening. The next morning, September 24, after a hot American style breakfast, we were treated to a 2-hour guided tour of the Dreieichenhain **Altstadt** and Castle. A memorial service was then held in the old Castle Church where **Caspar Altstadt's** family worshipped. After the service we had a guided tour of the historical museum by the museum director.

Around noon, we drove to central Frankfurt and had lunch in the Römer. Then, Elisabeth took us on a tour of the Goethe Haus and Museum. Later, some of us visited the Holocaust Museum while others finished up their last minute shopping.

We returned later that afternoon to the Hotel Arabella for our farewell dinner and packing for the trip home. We shared memories of the tour at the dinner tables and gave Elisabeth and Roel very generous tips and many thanks for the great time they showed us on the tour.

On September 25, we were transported back to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight home to the U.S. I wish to thank Charlie Otstot, Cecil Potttieger, **Fritz Allstädt**, **Hermann Altstadt** and Elisabeth Lutz. Without all their help, this tour would not have been possible.

For the cuzzins who enjoyed this tour, I hope you enjoyed remembering the people and places we visited.

Our cuzzin tour group included: Mary Dalton*, Natalie Hill, Cheryl Vaughan, Mark Alstalt, Ron* and Lyn Liss, Mary



Group photo shoot at the castle ruins in Dreieichenhain, Germany. Elisabeth Lutz, our tour guide, is at the front right next to Jerry Allstott

Cooper, Alan* and Donna* Westphalen, **John Allstott**, Lana Jo Weiss, **Fred*** and **Shirley Altstadt**, Diane Valdes, Cheryl Francis, Jean Williams, **Jim*** and **Kathryn* Altstadt**, **Wayne*** and **Diane Altstadt**, Glenna Kingsley, Elaine Bell, Lauraine McGregor, **Carolyn Altstadt**, Diane DiRosa, Mary Homman, Florence "Fuzz" Hammers, Karen Hammers, Lois Larson*, and **Jerry** and **Phyllis Allstott**.

German **Altstadt** cuzzins visited were **Hermann, Gundi, Matthias, Toby** and **Alex Altstadt**, **Fritz*** and **Hansjörg Allstädt**, **Hans, Karen, Alex** and **Marco Altstadt**, **Karl, Maggie, Manfred, Bernadette, Christian, Anna, Christian, Uwe, Tatjana, Marcus, Sophia, Ranier** and **Maximian Altstadt**, **Burkhardt Altstadt***, **Tobi Allstadt**, **Hartmut** and **Ellen* Allstädt**, **Heinz*** and **Gerhart Weigel**, Annemarie Muller, and Käthe Harmatzy...Hope I didn't leave anyone out!

**Touring cuzzins who have passed into the next life.*