"What I found was a wonderful new friend. Astrid is a knowledgeable researcher. She speaks English fluently and specializes in helping descendants learn about their German roots.

At her suggestion, I was soon walking the streets of Stadtlengsfeld and visiting with the town historian, Mr. Leimbach.

Several years later, I visited Stadtlengsfeld again. I will never forget the visits to my great-grandfather's homeland. I gained insights into the history of my family, which I chronicled in my book. Thanks to Astrid, I was even able to illustrate my book with authentic photographs of Stadtlengsfeld.

Perhaps in the future I will visit Tiefenort and Stadtlengsfeld for a third time. I would be pleased to present the history of my family, with all of its ups and downs, in the town where everything once began."

Susan Wise O'Hearn