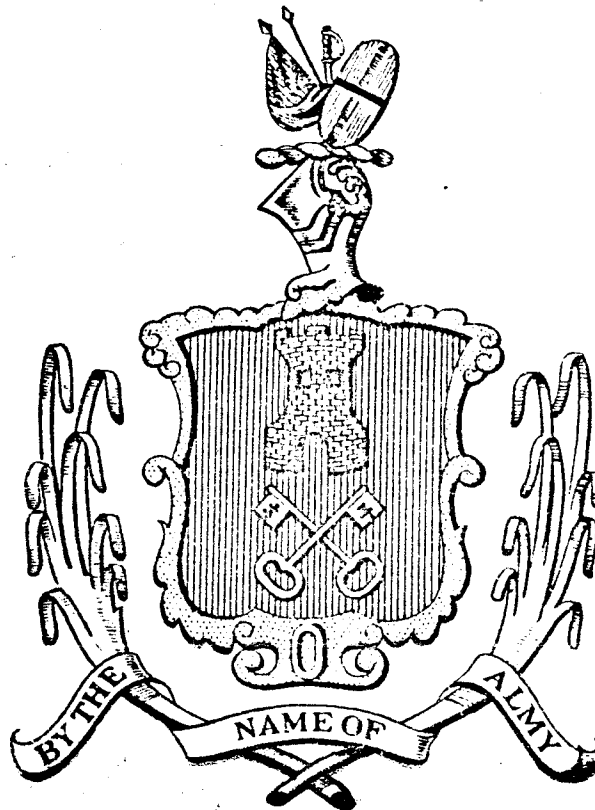


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CHRISTMAS CARDS

I want to thank all of you that sent Christmas Cards. I couldn't acknowledge them in the January Newsletter because I had it written, copied, and ready for mailing early in December.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The following have sent contributions to help defray costs since I prepared the list for the last Newsletter. Many thanks to each of you.

Mrs Helen Beamer	Cal.	Unknown
Richard D. Almy	Colo.	Unknown
E. Grinnell Almy	Del.	1407-1C74-3
John G. Almy	Ga.	1233-5143-2134
Richard R. Almy, Jr.	Ill.	1233-5143-2221
Mrs. Israel T. Almy	Mass.	1407-2512-2
Thomas B. Almy	Mass.	1407-2512-21
Mrs. David L. Anderson	Mass.	1235-4131-1113
Henry C. Almy	N.Y.	Unknown
Mrs. Constance M. Price	Ohio	1235-4131-1111
Lois B. Almy	R.I.	1407-1532-3
Philip W. Almy	R.I.	1407-1532-1
Mrs. Everett E. Weaver	Tex.	1252-1581-111
Richard R. Almy	Va.	1233-5143-222
Mrs. George Nichols	Va.	1233-5147-233

I realize that contributions and correspondence frequently is from both husband and wife. However, for simplicity in my listings, I list only the Almy descendant, except in the case of widows.

ALMY COAT-OF-ARMS

There is much research that I wanted to do on the Almy coat-of-arms before I wrote anything on the subject. However, because of the numerous inquiries and information received on the subject, I have decided to include coat-of-arms information in this issue. Following are some that have furnished me information.

E. Grinnell Almy (1407-1C74-3) wrote: "I have been interested to note variations in the Almy coat of arms that have come to my attention. It might be interesting to try to trace them back to their origins. The large plate mentioned in the first paragraph of your October Newsletter (letter from Gene Almy) was one of a very limited number made in the late 1920's or early 1930's by a ceramist whose daughter is the widow of Emory F. Almy (1407-1C73-1). I think the distribution was limited to the children and siblings of Emory's father, Horace M. (1407-1C73). I have in my possession the one that was given to my father Billings G. (1407-1C74) and prize it highly.

"The design of the plate was based on a photograph, taken in Rhode Island in the late 1800's, which reportedly was the picture of the coat of arms on the door of an old carriage belonging to someone in the family. The only copy of the photograph of which I have knowledge was lost in an unfortunate accident but before it was lost I had a printing plate made from it and have used prints from it as book plates.

"I was struck by how exactly the shield and helmet portions of the enclosed coat of arms and the one you have used in the Newsletter coincide. Not only are the several elements identical, but their relative placements and proportions are so alike that one could almost have been a tracing of the other. They must have a common origin.

"But what accounts for the difference in treatment of the crest? Most of the elements are the same, i.e., they both have a shield with cross, a sword and a spear or lance, but the shape and arrangement are quite different. In addition one of them has a flag which is missing from the other. Do you happen to know the historical background of the one you have been using?"

Merwin F. Almy comment. You are correct that the coat of arms I used was basically a tracing of your bookplate. Your daughter-in-law, Louise, sent me the bookplate a little over a year ago and suggested the newsletter be named "By the Name of Almy" the same as on the coat of arms. (See Newsletter No. 2) I wanted to use a crest in the heading and because I liked "By the Name of Almy" I used your bookplate, except I used the shield, etc. from my coat of arms, which is very similar. So that other readers may see, I have used your bookplate in its entirety this time.

I appreciate the information you furnished on the history of this coat of arms and I'm sure others will find it interesting. I'll look up the reference you furnished and include the information in a future Newsletter.

Alice B. Almy (1407-5022) wrote: "I wonder how many coats of arms there are 'By the Name of Almy.' The one we have was given to my great-grandfather Cook Almy (No. 1407-5, born 24 Sept 1765 in Tiverton, R.I., died 25 Feb 1861. MFA) son of John, by some relative in Fall River or New Bedford, Mass." Alice stated that the coat of arms in the Newsletter was more like hers than others she has seen, except for the top. She sent a rough sketch of the top and it is like E. Grinnell Almy's.

Rev. L. Wesley Almy (1408-4523-11). Wes sent me copies of six different Almy coat of arms that he had collected over the years. One was identical to E. Grinnell Almy's and was used in the letterhead of the C. M. Almy & Son, Inc., Outfitters to the Church and Clergy, in New York city. Does anyone know who the Almys are that founded this company. Apparently there are no Almys connected with the firm now.

Wes' wife Ruth has offered to paint coats of arms for those who would like them, once a decision is made on an authentic crest. She would want to be reimbursed for cost of duplicating, supplies used, and mailing. Those interested under these terms should send me their order.

Sylvia Nichols (1233-5147-233) uses the same crest as that used by the C. M. Almy and Sons and E. Grinnell Almy on her stationery. She wrote "I had this letter paper done by the Indirect Mailing & Printing Service in N.Y. who used the Almy stamp which Almy & Co., makers of clerical vestments, uses on their letter head. I wrote and asked permission from Almy & Co. and they gave it at once but were very foggy about where it came from or by whom it came to the Almy Co. I was interested because this is the same as a copy my mother had had for many years."

VISIT FROM MARK ALMY (1233-5147-5113)

In January, Mark Almy of Halifax, Mass., his sister and brother-in-law (Karin and Kenneth J. Braun) and their two small sons visited me. He was visiting his sister, who lives in Baltimore, Maryland, before going into the Air Force. He is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. We had a very lovely visit comparing ancestral information.

LOUISE S. ALMY (MRS. DONALD G. ALMY) 1407-1C74-31

Louise asked me if I have found out where the chain of department stores in Mass. named Almy's fits in the family tree. Also the Dewey and Almy Chemical Co. I don't believe I have the information in my files on the Almys in either of these firms. Maybe someone can furnish this information and I'll put it in the next Newsletter. Louise, I had already written to the names you furnished. Thanks for checking it out with me.

STEPHEN J. ALMY (Unknown)

Steve has suggested the formation of an Almy Club, with nominal dues, and with elected regional officers who could help research information in various parts of the country. Steve also expressed interest in a National Family Reunion. Glad to have your suggestions Steve and I will keep your organizational ideas for future reference. I hope we can organize a reunion, if not this year, maybe next year.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

I thought I should tell what I am doing in regard to an Almy Family Tree. My ultimate objective is to identify and present in a logical manner as many as possible of the descendants of William Almy, the immigrant to America. I plan to compile the Almy Family Tree in loose leaf, 3 ring binder form, having one sheet for each family. The family sheet will list the husband and wife and all children of the marriage. Pertinent data would be shown such as dates and places of birth, marriage, death, who the children married, etc. This 3 ring binder style permits expansion as new family groups are identified. The Almy index Nos. would be used instead of page numbers for filing the family groups in a logical sequence.

The 130 Almy descendants currently on my mailing list consist of the following:

Descendants of Christopher ² (No. 12)	27
Descendants of Job ² (No. 14)	40
Unknown - descent through N.Y. State	35
Unknown - Other	28
	<u>130</u>

Part of my current effort is to identify as many additional descendants of Christopher² and Job² as possible. These would be the descendants of the brothers and sisters of the ancestors identified by those of you that have Almy numbers.

My efforts concerning those listed under unknown above are more complex. As I find time, I go through census records, books, and any other data I can find trying to identify these individuals' ancestors and tie them into my charts. My charts are fairly complete through the first five generations of Almys and a lot of the lines for the unknowns above start in the sixth, seventh, and eighth generations. So it means bridging the gap of 1, 2, or 3 generations to tie in these lines. Following are some of these oldest known ancestors and the number of that persons descendants that I have information on.

	<u>Known descendants</u>
Robert Kirby Almy (1782-1864)	46
Chauncey C. Almy (b. ca. 1820)	16
Almon Almy (b. ca. 1805)	78
Phillip Almy (b. prob. 1760-1780)	8
Seneca Almy (b. 1790-1800)	13
Joseph Almy (b. 1822 Tiverton, R.I.)	16
Fredrick Chancy Almy (1841-1914)	18

If any of you come across information that you think will help identify the ancestors of the above individuals, please send it to me. I plan to include in future Newsletters any breakthroughs in identifying the above.

I hope to contact more persons having a knowledge and interest in Almy genealogy. For this purpose, I have listed the Almy Family Association in the May 1976 issue of the Genealogical Helper. A formal Association does not exist, but I hope this listing will reach persons interested in the Almy Family Tree.

REPLIES NEEDED

I have written to many of you requesting additional information -- which in many cases may furnish the clue needed to find the missing link referred to in the Family Tree write-up. Following is a list of those persons to whom, according to my records (and they could have errors), I have written requesting information (usually with Almy Family Tree Work Charts to complete) and from whom I have not received replies. As these letters were written many months ago, I am wondering whether my letter or the reply may have been lost. If your name is here and you know nothing about the matter, please let me know.

Lena Almy	Ala.
Thomas M. Almy	Conn.
James A. Almy	Fla.
Richard E. Almy	Fla.
Graydon B. Almy	Fla.
Stephen Almy	Ga.
Barbara Kohlhouse	Ind.
Andrew A. Almy	Ky.
Donald C. Almy	Maine
Emma B. Almy	Mich.
Clifford G. Almy	Mich.
Mrs. Jack H. Almy	Mich.
Ronald Wenzel	Mich.
Thomas P. Almy	N.H.
Douglas F. Almy	R.I.
Robert S. Almy	R.I.
Gideon W. Almy	Va.
Richard E. Almy	W. Va.

Many of the persons listed above could have an Almy number if I had the information requested in the letters.

JANE ALMY (Unknown)

I received the following letter awhile back.

"Dear Mr. Almy, My name is Jane Almy. I'm Sam Almy's daughter. I'm 15, and I'm very interested in our ancestry. We get your newsletter. It's really neat. My dad wrote his mother to find out more about his dad and our ancestry. My grandmother is only an Almy by marriage, so she wasn't really interested. *** Please write back. I might be able to get some information." signed/ Jane Almy (Loyal Almy)

Jane, I enjoyed reading your letter very much. However, you did not put your address on the letter or envelope and the cancellation on the envelope was just bars without city name. I do not have a Samuel on my mailing list. I do have an S.M. Almy in Florida, but I cannot be sure that this is your father. Please write again and include identification.

This is a longer Newsletter than I had planned. I hope you all find it informative and interesting.

Your cousin,

Merwin