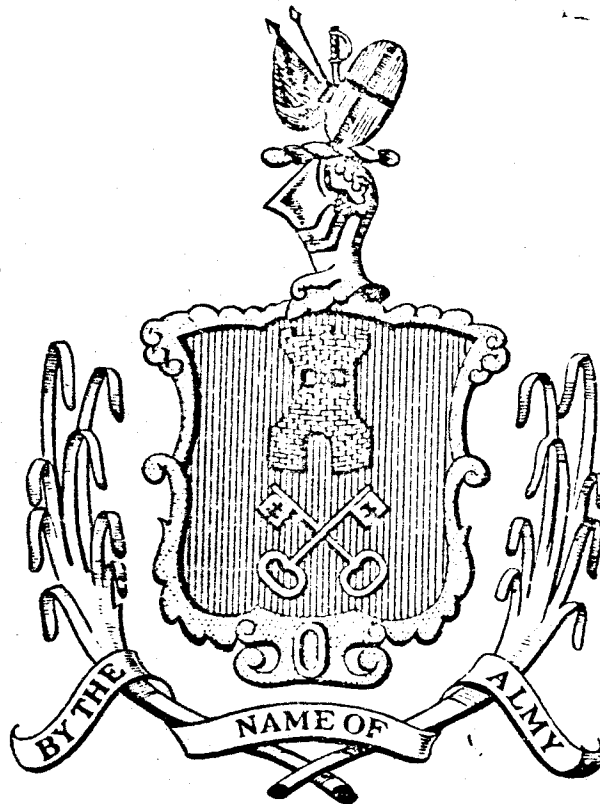


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#### SEASONS GREETINGS

I know that this is rather early, but the next Newsletter will not come out until after the Christmas Holiday Season is over.

My wife and I wish each and every one of you a joyous Christmas and peace, happiness, and good health in the New Year.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Be sure to send me address changes when they occur. The Postal Service will only forward mail for a short period of time and I find in each mailing of the Newsletter that I get one or two returned. The last Newsletter I sent to Stephen Almy of Stone Mtn., Ga. was returned marked "Wrong Address" by the post office. If anyone knows his current address, please let me know.

#### TOWNS BY THE NAME OF ALMY

So far, I have information on two towns in the United States by the name of Almy. Although the information is limited, I think you will find what I have interesting.

ALMY, WYOMING

Back in 1962, my wife, son, and I (Merwin Almy) took a vacation trip to the West coast. Leaving Ogden, Utah on our return we noted that there was a town by the name of Almy on the map just 4 miles North of Evanston, Wyoming which we would be passing through shortly. We decided it would be nice to write post cards to friends and have them postmarked "Almy, Wyoming," so we took the little road to Almy. After we had gone at least the 4 miles out in the country, we still hadn't seen a town. We saw a car parked between the road and the parallel railroad tracks with an official looking emblem and the initials U.P. on the side. We thought we had travelled back into Utah and it was a Utah Police car (the road did go back into Utah and we were only 3 miles from the Utah border). Needing directions, we decided to ask the man in the car.

We found that the man was from the Union Pacific (U.P.) Railroad. When we asked where Almy was he laughed and said "you're in it." He said it was an old mining town; originally gold, but later owned by the Union Pacific and mined for coal for use on the railroad.

My wife, son, and I looked around and located an old cemetery. We looked at the gravestones and noticed that a lot were of Welsh miners that had been killed in "Almy Mine No. 5," etc. We found no Almy graves. No town or post office, either.

A few years ago I stopped to visit with Richard Almy (1233-5143-222) in Front Royal, Virginia (about 75 miles from the Washington, D.C. area where I live). In our discussions I found that Almy, Wyoming was named after his great uncle Thomas Jefferson Almy (1233-5143-3). Richard subsequently wrote me the following information on what he knew of the town.

"On one of our trips West we stopped at the Evanston, Wyoming Court House to look up Almy records. It seems that records of Almy could only be found at Cheyenne, Wyoming as Evanston did not keep records when Wyoming was a Territory. They referred us to a local "Historian", one Lyman Brown, a man then in his 70's who was quite a character. He lives, or lived, near the Almy cemetery (no Almys buried there) and stated that the place got it's name from a James T. Almy who was a "clerk" in the coal mining company in 1868. This did not square with my records as I have numerous notes signed by Thomas Jefferson Almy when he borrowed large sums of money from his brother Benjamin F. Almy for use in the coal mines in 1868 and 1869."

"It seems that the coal mining people at that time were unfamiliar with coal gas and the necessity of ventilation of the mines. As a result there were many explosions which killed many miners and caused severe damage to the mines. There is a whole string of abandoned mines along the ridge at Almy. Lyman Brown had some old newspaper clippings showing the damage from explosions. Also, they had labor troubles. They imported a lot of Chinese because of low labor costs. This resulted in much unrest among the U.S. miners."

Merwin Almy note; Richard wrote that he thought Lyman Brown had his names mixed up. I reviewed my information and agree that Lyman was confused and mixed up the name James T. (J.T.) with Thomas J. (T.J.). Richard continued:

"Anyway, the mines couldn't continue operation and the company folded up and no physical evidence remains except the mine tailings on the hillsides and an iron archway over the cemetery. Lyman Brown says he doesn't know what became of Mr. Almy. I think I know. In my grandfather's strong box with the notes and other legal papers is a letter from Thomas Jefferson Almy dated June 1, 1882 from Salt Lake City, Territory of Utah. The last correspondence from him was from Salt Lake City, August 18th, 1894 when he and Walter Almy sent a power of attorney to my grandfather, Benjamin F. Almy, conveying Power of Attorney concerning the Almy lot at Swan Point Cemetery in Providence, R.I."

(Merwin Almy note: the Walter Almy referred to was Thomas J.'s brother, No. 1233-5143-7)

"I wonder if any of the Almys in Utah would be in a position to check the records in Salt Lake City to see if any refer to Thomas J. Almy. I had hoped to go back to Cheyenne, Wyoming to see what might be in the court house or other repository of old records there, but it is doubtful that I will. I do not have the name of the coal mining Co. and forgot to ask Lyman Brown if he knew. Perhaps other Almys may have found what it was."

I (Merwin) recently visited the National Archives and looked through the 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses for any Almys in Uinta County, Wyoming. In the 1870 census I found a number of coal mine communities with a post office address of Evanston, but no Almys listed. In 1880, the census had "Inhabitants in Almy in the County of Uinta, Wyoming Territory, 1st day of June 1880." However, no Almys were listed there or in Evanston. The 1900 census for Salt Lake City, Utah listed Thomas J. Almy, born April 1836 in R.I. and his wife Mary E. Almy, born April 1841 in R.I.

Rev. Wes Almy (1408-4523-11) of New Mexico wrote me that he has visited Almy, Wyoming and that he has a photo of the sign "Almy" that is on a post in front of the only home left. He says that he is standing in front of the gate, with sign overhead.

If anyone has or is able to obtain additional information about Almy, Wyoming, please send it to me and I'll include it in a future Newsletter.

#### ALMY, TENNESSEE

In Almy Newsletter No. 4, October 1975, Paul Almy (1252-7511-513) of Illinois told of driving through Almy, Tennessee while on vacation. I asked if anyone knew the history of this town. In reply, Adrian Lee Almy of New Mexico wrote me the following information.

"My grandfather Almy (Adrian A. Almy, 1850-1915) operated a coal mine at Almy, Tennessee about 1890. The operation was short-lived and they moved back to Kentucky. I can remember as a small boy my parents and grandparents speaking of Almy, Tenn. I don't know as they said exactly where it was. My grandmother Almy (Mary Darrow Almy, 1852-1945) was the postmistress during their stay there."

Adrian Lee also wrote that "since the name Almy has come into national prominence at our household, we have received several interesting presents. We have received a flowering crab apple tree by the name of Almey; a vest sweater with a brand name Almy; a bottle of bath oil -- brand name Almy; and an electric blanket -- brand name Almy. They are all good products too. These gifts came from New York State."

I do not have an Almy No. as yet for Adrian so cannot identify his branch in the Almy Family Tree. His grandfather Adrian Adelbert Almy was the son of Samuel Willett Almy (1821-1899).

I hope to find a Tennessee history book some day that will shed more light on the founding and history of this town.

If anyone finds other towns by the name of Almy, please send me the information. Also, let me know about other geographic locations by the name of Almy such as streets, mountains, lakes, etc. (I think there is an Almy Pond in Rhode Island).

#### ARTHUR C. ALMY

My father, Arthur Cook Almy who is now 103, was born in N. Smithfield, Rhode Island. In reviewing Rhode Island vital statistics, I was surprised to find that there were three Arthur C. Almys born in Rhode Island during the ten year period 1870-1880 that I have been able to identify. They were

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Almy No.</u>	<u>Son of</u>
Arthur Comstock Almy	26 Apr 1870	1235-4131-11	William Comstock Almy
Arthur Cook Almy	21 Jul 1873	1408-3311-11	Irwin Holder Almy
Arthur Chester Almy	23 Aug 1880	1407-2522-3	Frank Ellery Almy

Some day I'll compile an index of all Almys -- it will be a big job as I already have around 1800 on my charts.

#### STAMPS ON THIS MAILING

This year for the Bicentennial the U.S. Postal Service issued a series of 50 stamps containing the state flag of each of the 50 states. For each of you in this mailing I have used the state flag stamp of your state. I hope you find the stamp of interest.

COPIES OF NEWSLETTERS

This is a reminder that you should retain your copies of the Newsletter for future reference. I will occasionally refer to information that has been in prior issues and it may be necessary to go back to that issue to get a complete understanding. So far, persons added to my list to receive Newsletters have received a complete set of the Newsletters.

I have provided a wide left margin for those who wish to file the Newsletters in a 3-ring binder. Others may just want to keep them in a folder or clipped together.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last Newsletter, the following have sent contributions to help defray the printing and mailing costs. Many thanks to each of you. I appreciate your help.

	<u>State</u>	<u>Almy No.</u>
Rev. L. Wesley Almy	N.M.	1408-4523-11
Mrs. Floyd Almy	N.Y.	Unknown
Mr. Robert L. Almy	N.Y.	Unknown
Mrs. Frank Schmoller	N.Y.	1408-3398-212
Mr. John J. Almy, Sr.	N.Y.	Unknown
Mrs. O. C. Nerad	Ohio	Unknown

NEXT ISSUE

Starting with the next issue of the Newsletter I plan to list the Almy descendants that I am in contact with. This will be done according to the part of the Almy Family Tree that they are in. I will chart the first few generations and then list the descendants of those of the last generation charted. Because of the number of persons involved, this will be done over a number of issues.

These charts and listings will permit you to see which of your close and distant relatives receive the Newsletter. Also, from the Almy numbers you can determine your relationship to each of the others listed or to be listed in the future.

I think you all will enjoy this feature.

Love and blessings

Your cousin,

*Merwin*

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