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This issue starts the fourth year of the Almy Family Newsletters. I have received many favorable comments on the Newsletters and I really appreciate the kind words and interest expressed. I have a lot of subjects that I want to include in the Newsletters but have not had the time to properly prepare the material. I retire from my Civil Service job at the end of February so maybe after that I will be able to devote more time to Newsletter items.

My wife and I want to thank all of you that sent Christmas cards and letters. We enjoy reading of the activities and experiences that you write us about.

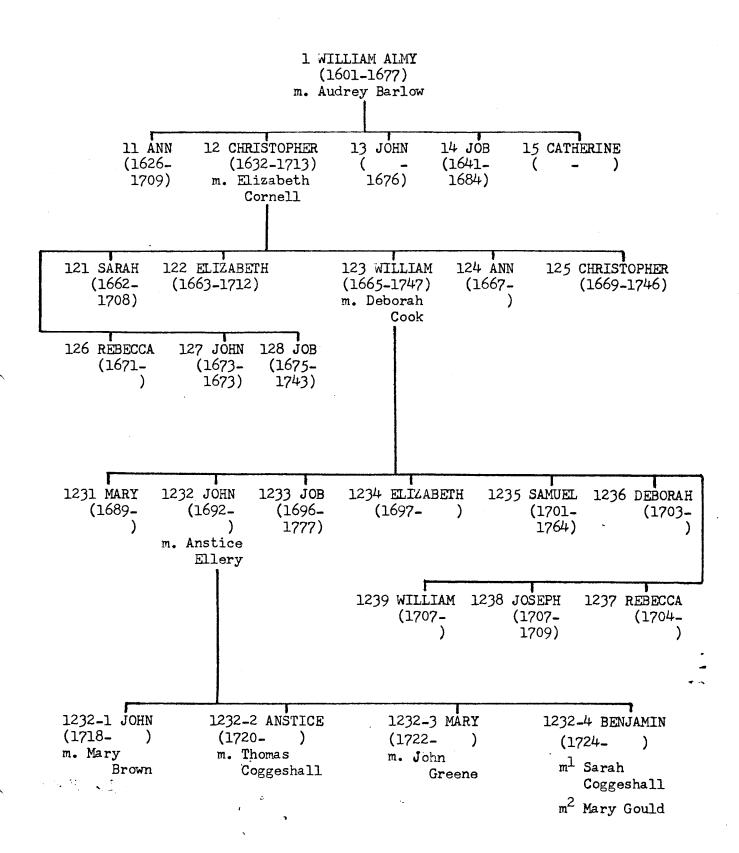
BRANCHES OF THE ALMY FAMILY TREE

HISTORY

GENEALOGY

FAMILY NEWS

This issue presents the fifth branch of the Almy Family Tree. It is the branch to John Almy, No. 1232. The five generation chart on the next page shows the line of descent from William Almy (No. 1) to John Almy (No. 1232) and his four children. Those individuals on the Almy Newsletter mailing list that descend from No. 1232 are listed on page 3.



DESCENDANTS OF NO. 1232, JOHN ALMY (1692-

Almy No.	llmy No. Name	
1232-1218-311	Glenn F. Almy	Ohio
1232-1218-3111	Richard D. Almy	Colo.
1232-1218-312	Lucille Almy Flowers	Fla.
1232-1218-322	Helen I. Beamer	Cal.
1232-1218-331	Fred H. Almy	Cal.
1232-1272-43w	Emma B. Almy	Mich.
1232-4139-15	Louis H. Almy	Okla.

ALMYS THAT HAVE MARRIED ALMYS

In preparing the Almy Family Tree charts I have, so far, come across fourteen cases where an Almy married an Almy. I find these cases interesting. The descendants of these marriages would have two different Almy numbers, but for the purposes of my charts and records, the male number in the marriage is used. The name and Almy numbers of these marriages are:

<u>Husband</u>	Almy No.	Wife	Almy No.
Christopher Almy	1282	Elizabeth Almy	1234
Samuel Almy	1235	Mary Almy	1403
Job Almy	1235-5	Ann Almy	1239-3
Arthur Judson Almy	1233-3252-B	Josephine Almy	Unknown
Peleg Almy	1233-81	Deborah Almy	1233-54
Edward C. Almy	1233-5147-2	Helen M. Almy	1233-5142-5
Andrew Almy	1235-571	Clarissa Almy	1407-10
William S. Almy	1407-1425	Hannah E. Almy	1235-5773-1
Frederick W. C. Almy	1407-1632	Louisa B. Almy	1235-5773-3
Ellery Almy	1239-2143	Elizabeth M. Almy	1239-105
Thomas Almy, Jr.	1239-2126	Hannah T. Almy	12 <i>5</i> 2 <i>-</i> 7713
Phillip W. Almy	1407-153	Mary Cook Almy	1407-175
Donald L. Almy	Unknown	Lorraine J. Almy	1407-CC74-41
James R. Almy	Unknown	Evelyn R. Almy	Unknown

In addition to the above, there are many other descendants of William Almy, No. 1, that have married each other, but one or both have been under names other than Almy.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Name	<u>State</u>	Almy No.
Richard R. Almy, Jr.	Ill.	1233-5143-2221
Frederic S. Almy	Ga.	1408-3822-111
Mrs. Elona M. Kundinger	Mich.	1252-7506-35
Cynthia A. Almy	Ill.	1252-7511-5131
Frances Wiseman .	Mass.	Unknown
Millie Almy	Cal.	Unknown
I thank the above for their	help in defraving	Newsletter costs.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES BY THE NAME OF ALMY

In the April 1977 Newsletter I listed a number of business firms with Almy as part of their name. Here are a couple of additional firms to add to the list.

Business Name	Almy Founder or Co-Found	der Almy No.
Almy Bros. Inc. Binghamton, N.Y. (Wholesaler for candy, cigar, cigarettes, tobacco, and sundries)	H. Raymond Almy (1911-)	1252-7513-741
Almy & Thomas Corning, N.Y. (cut glass)	Charles Henry Almy (1854-1953)	1233-3252-4

The Almy & Thomas glass factory listed above existed in Corning, N.Y., in 1907-1909. The company belonged to Charles Henry Almy (1233-3252-4) and Giles Edwin Thomas, husband of Ella Celeste Almy (1233-3252-6). For those of you who admire or collect cut glass, Almy & Thomas produced lovely pieces of cut glass ware of the brilliant period. Their hallmark was:



The Almy & Thomas cut glass has been pictured and written about in books on cut glass and today is quite a collectors item. (The above information on Almy & Thomas cut glass was furnished by Mrs. Arthur B. Harris, No. 1233-3252-431). If any of you come across pieces of Almy & Thomas cut glass in antique shops, I suggest you consider acquiring it as an item of Almy memorablia. I know I will be looking for pieces.

Charles Henry Almy not only was in the cut glass business with his brother-in-law, but with his brother Adrian Adelbert Almy, he founded the town of Almy, Tennessee. I wrote about this in the October 1976 Newsletter.

The April 1977 Newsletter listed the firm now known as Almys which was founded by James Fergus Almy (1408-3392). I was recently furnished a newspaper clipping concerning the opening of a new Almy store in Stoneham, Mass. The following is from the news account.

"Three years before the first shot of the Civil War was fired at Fort Sumter; in 1858, James Fergus Almy, a Salem, Massachusetts businessman started a new store. The same business, now grown to thirteen Almys' stores, and a part of a 30 department store group, is still flourishing today.

"In 1859, Walter K. Bigelow, who had been associated with the business since its inception, became a partner. In 1908, when the firm observed its Golden Anniversary, it was Bigelow who headed the organization -- by that time the foremost business house in Salem.

"In the interim, Calvin Washburn also had become a partner and the firm took on today's apellation of Almy, Bigelow and Washburn, and is popularly known as "Almys" in each of the areas where its located -- Salem, Beverly, Danvers, Revere, Burlington, Methuen, Brockton, Hanover, Hadley, Walpole, Gardner, Nashua, N.H. and now Stoneham."

GERALD M. ALMY, NO. 1407-1C74-2

Professor Gerald Marks Almy, 73, retired head of the University of Illinois physics department, died November 29, 1977, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, Illinois.

Professor Almy was born April 24, 1904, at Ord, Nebraska, a son of Billings G. and Ada Marks Almy. He married Ruth Virtue in July 1930 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cynthia Landauer of Summit, N.J., and Mrs. Catherine Hineline of Philadelphia, Pa.: two grandchildren; two brothers, Loren and Grinnell, both of Nebraska; and a sister, Minion Almy of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Professor Almy earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1924, and a master's degree from the same institution two years later. He received a Ph. D. degree from the Harvard University in 1930, and joined the University of Illinois faculty that same year.

Professor Almy was credited with important contributions in physics research, including helping develop practical uses for the betatron during the early 1940s. By the end of World War II, a number of 25-million volt betatrons were in use as high-energy X-ray sources for both defense and civilian uses. Professor Almy also did extensive research on the spectroscopy and flourescence of molecules.

In 1951 he was named acting head of the physics department, and the following year he became associate department head, a post he held until 1964 when he became department head. He retired in 1970. Professor Almy also served the university in another capacity, chairing a study on the University of Illinois future from 1957 to 1962. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, and a fellow in the American Physical Society.

NEED INFORMATION

I have sent out quite a few letters over the past couple of years to some of you requesting additional information on relatives, but I have not received replies. I would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to supply me the requested information. It could be very important in completing the Almy Family Tree.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY. ALMYS

My records contain three lines of Almys whose ancestors were in Hopkinsville, Ky., but I have not been able to tie these lines together. One line goes back to an Andrew Almy. I found this Andrew in the 1880 census for Hopkinsville. He was born about 1848 someplace in Louisiana. The 1880 census also indicates that his mother and father were born in France. If this is true, we have a second Almy immigrant identified. Furthermore, the family name may have been ALMAY in France; remember, it was ALMEY in England.

I hope to have this Andrew Almy's ancestry and descendants figured out by the next newsletter. I have written to those in the above lines for additional information in hopes that I can tie them all together. If any of you readers have any reference to an Almy in Louisiana any time in the past; please let me know, giving the location and the approximate year(s) involved. I need locations so I'll know where to look. Reviewing records of the entire state is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

WHERE ARE THESE ALMYS?

Following is a list of Almys that have apparently moved and not furnished me their new address. Newsletters mailed to them during the past year have been returned by the Postal Service. If any of you know the current address of any of them, would you please send it to me.

Name	Almy No.	Last Address
Robert B. Almy, III Thomas M. Almy Andrew A. Almy Mrs. Emma B. Almy George E. Almy Anne S. Almy Charles Almy	1233-8618-1321 Unknown Unknown 1232-1272-43w Unknown Unknown Unknown	Bellingham, Wash. Stamford, Conn. Georgetown, Ky. Wyoming, Mich. Newport, R.I. Portland, Me. Wayzota, Minn.

NEXT ISSUE

The listing of unsolved Almy ancestral lines promised last time for this issue will be in the next issue. The next issue will also contain the Samuel Almy (No. 1235) branch of the Almy Family Tree through the first five generations and a listing of his descendants on the Newsletter mailing list.

Love and blessings from your cousin (1408-3311-112).

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