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## ALMY FAMILY REUNION ?

I would like to hear from Almy Family members whether they would be interested in an Almy Family reunion of about three days in July or August of 1980. I need that lead time to inquire about facilities and to make necessary plans.

Reunion activities could include picnics, discussions about our early ancestors, review of my Almy Family charts, discussion of the problems of the unsolved Almy lines, the westward migration of Almys from Rhode Island, and many others.

It could be held near me, which is in the Washington, D.C. area. There are many sightseeing spots in Washington and Colonial Virginia which could be incorporated into your vacation plans.

A reunion could also be held in Rhode Island near the area where our ancestors lived. This would require someone in that area to inquire about facilities and do the major part of the planning.

Let me know if you are interested and where you would attend -- in the Washington, D.C. area, the Rhode Island area, or in either or neither. It is important that you let me know. Without the assurance that an appreciable number will attend, plans cannot go forward.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR ALMY FAMILY NAME ALBUM

I know many of you received an advertisement in the mail in February from a New Jersey company selling an "Almy Family Name Album". Some of you called by phone and a number of others wrote me about the ad.

It appears that the company has compiled a list of Almys from city directories and/or telephone books and are counting on the people contacted to provide enough information to paste into a stock format and then run off enough copies to fill orders. I doubt if any more information will be furnished in their book than what I have or will include in the Newsletters, together with what is readily available in a city public library. In all probability the book will contain far less.

I do not recommend acceptance of this offer, but if any of you have ordered the book I would appreciate hearing from you concerning its contents.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

In this issue I will continue with the updated listings of Almy Family Tree members that are now or have been on the Newsletter mailing list. Also included in the listing are those that I have contacted in the compilation of the Almy Family Tree, who for one reason or another do not wish to be on the mailing list.

The listing in this issue will be of those that descend from William Almy, No. 1252. As explained in the last issue, many Almy Numbers in this listing have been revised. These are noted in the listing by a "\*". Persons added to the listing since it was published in the October 1977 (No. 12) issue are noted by a "+".

DESCENDANTS OF NO. 1252, WILLIAM ALMY (1699-1740)

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
* 1252-1581-111	Mrs. Everett E. Weaver	Texas
* 1252-9144-631	Clifford H. Almy	California
* 1252-9531-223	Willard P. Almy	Tennessee
* 1252-9531-61w	Mrs. Arnold W. Almy	New York
* 1252-9531-613	Paul B. Almy	Illinois
* 1252-9531-6131	Cynthia Ann Almy	Illinois
* 1252-9531-711	Donald R. Almy	Arizona
* 1252-9532-741	H. Raymond Almy	New York
* 1252-9532-742	John J. Almy	New York
* 1252-9532-7421	John J. Almy, Jr.	New York
+ 1252-9532-7422	Michael T. Almy	Pennsylvania
+ 1252-9532-751	Thelma Almy Wise	New York
* 1252-9564-731	Mrs. Harold J. Quick	Arizona
+ 1252-95A3-21	Irven C. Almy	Michigan
+ 1252-95A3-45	Elona M. Kundinger	Michigan
+ 1252-95A3-71	Clifford G. Almy	Michigan
+ 1252-95A3-711	William H. Almy	Michigan
+ 1252-95A3-721	Jack H. Almy	Michigan
+ 1252-95A6-7	George H. Almy	Deceased
+ 1252-9943-21	Robert J. Almy	Pennsylvania
* 1252-9943-211	Stephen J. Almy	Georgia

\* Revised number

+ Added since October 1977 listing

VISIT BY CONSTANCE PRICE (1235-4131-1111)

In January of this year Connie Price, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited my wife and I while she was attending some functions in Washington, D.C. We spent a very interesting afternoon and evening going over the family charts, discussing family history, and talking about various other subjects. My wife and I really enjoy the visits by our cousins. Thank you, Connie, for your visit.

NEUCROLOGYHENRY DuHAMEL

Robert Almy DuHamel (1407-2522-D4) wrote me that his father, Henry DuHamel, had died in the Fall of 1978. He said that in June 1978 his mother (Edith G. Almy) and father celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary with a family gathering of 41 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. We know that he will be greatly missed and our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

WILLIAM ALMY, JR. (1233-8618-11)

William "Bunny" Almy, Jr. died in Miami, Florida, on Sunday, 7 January 1979, at the age of 78. At the time of his death he was steward at the Calder Race Track in Miami. His year-round home was Quansett Farm in South Westport, Massachusetts.

Bunny was a rider of note in the early days of steeplechase and hunt clubs throughout the country. For more than 40 years, he bred, trained and owned thoroughbreds sired by champions like Man O' War at his Quansett farm estate in South Westport, Massachusetts, which has been in his family since 1742. The farm adjoins Horseneck Beach, and he often could be seen galloping his steeds along the sand.

When horse racing with parimutuel betting came to New England, Mr. Almy was the first native of this area to turn to officiating, and he acquired a reputation for professionalism with management, riders, and horsemen. In the 1950s, the New England division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association honored him for his "exemplary character and distinction as a gentleman, sportsman, and racing official".

Bunny was presiding steward at the Suffolk Downs racetrack from its 1935 opening until 1974. He also had served as steward at Lincoln Downs, Tropical Park, Randall Park, Pocono Downs, Thistledown, Green Mountain, Rockingham, Agawam Park, and Cranwood. He rode steeplechase horses at Aqueduct and Belmont, and in the 1920s arranged fox hunts at his farm for Boston society figures. Bunny was a past president of the Masters of Fox Hounds of America.

Bunny was born 30 November 1900, in Brookline, Massachusetts, the son of William and Elsie H. (Pierce) Almy. He attended Noble Greenough School, and was a lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps of Canada in World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Letitia M. Almy of South Westport; a son, William Almy, 3rd, of New York; two daughters, Mrs. Susan Yacubian of South Westport and Mrs. Sylvia Wright of Santa Barbara, California; and five grandchildren.

I greatly enjoyed my correspondence with Bunny and I regret that I did not get the opportunity to meet him. I know that he will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

ALMEYS IN CANADA

In the Fall of 1976 I sent inquiries to a number of Almeys in Canada. In November 1978 I received a reply from the daughter-in-law of one of them who furnished me her husband's family tree to the extent known. Her husband descends from an Ernest Almey who was born in Leicestershire, England, in 1879 and immigrated to Canada in 1920.

I have a chart of England Almeys that gives up to seven generations of descendants of a James Almey born in 1741. In the fifth generation there is an Ernest Almey. I wrote to Mrs. Gregson in England (who furnished me the information on the chart) to see if she had this Ernest's birth date and place. She replied that she had neither birth nor marriage information -- only that his father was born and died in Lincolnshire.

Although these Ernests are probably not the same person, further inquiries in England may locate the ancestors of the Canadian Ernest Almey and the descendants of the Lincolnshire Ernest Almey. I would like to spend some time in the General Register Office in London, England, and maybe one of these years I will.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last newsletter, the following have sent contributions to help defray printing and mailing costs. I thank each of you.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>
Mrs. Raymond G. Johnson	Arizona	1408-3822-11
Millie Almy	California	Unknown
Mrs. Israel T. Almy	Massachusetts	1407-2512-2w
Mrs. David L. Anderson	Ohio	1235-4131-1113
Mrs. Henry DuHamel	Massachusetts	1407-2522-D
Mrs. Elona M. Kundinger	Michigan	1252-95A3-45
Mrs. Katherine Cheatum	New Jersey	Unknown
Rev. L. Wesley Almy	New Mexico	1408-6524-11
Floyd Almy	New York	Unknown
Phillip W. Almy	Rhode Island	1407-1532-1
Lois B. Almy	Rhode Island	1407-1532-3
Mrs. George Nichols	Virginia	1233-5147-233
Mrs. Thelma Wise	New York	1252-9532-751
Robert J. Almy	Pennsylvania	1252-9943-21
Eugene Almy	Florida	Unknown

Besides those of you who have sent checks as contributions, I want to thank all of you that have contributed items of interest over the past years. These have included books, pictures and colored slides, and newspaper and magazine articles. In this regard, the neucrology write-ups are generally from obituaries printed in local newspapers that have been sent to me, and these are frequently from other than close relatives.

I appreciate all these interesting items. Please keep them coming.

DR. THOMAS P. ALMY

This past February my wife and I flew to Boston on American Airlines. In the airlines' magazine American Way there was an article on stomach ulcers which was based in part on an interview with Dr. Thomas P. Almy of Dartmouth Medical School.

My wife, son Thomas, and I first heard about Dr. Tom Almy when we attended a Cornell orientation meeting for students planning to attend Cornell University in the Fall of 1967. A number of people asked my son then, and also during his four years at Cornell, whether he was the son of Dr. Thomas Almy.

Subsequent research disclosed that Dr. Almy graduated from the Cornell University Medical College in 1939 and that he specializes in gastroenterology. Dr. Almy's wife, Katherine, wrote me a year ago saying that her husband was too busy for genealogy, being a professor in medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. He is also very active in the National Institute of Health and other national affairs concerning gastroenterological disorders. Dr. Almy is a past president of the National Gastroenterological Association.

Although I have Dr. Almy's ancestry back a couple of generations further than his records, I am still not able to tie his ancestral line into the Almy Family Tree charts and assign him an Almy Number. However, I am close to a breakthrough in tying his line into the charts.

YANKEE MAGAZINE ADVERTISEMENT

While at the Mayflower Congress in Plymouth last September, a number of Mayflower members told me about a genealogical inquiry in the current Yankee magazine about an Almy. So I bought a copy of the magazine. The name of the inquirer seemed familiar and when I arrived home I found my record where I had already answered this inquiry for him. Apparently, shortly after he placed the Yankee ad he found my name in a Genealogical Helper and had written to me.

I want to thank all of you that wrote informing me of the ad in the Yankee magazine. I cannot monitor all publications and it is comforting to know that I have your eyes and ears assisting me.

Have a beautiful Spring. Love and Blessings,

Your cousin,



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