

NEWS OF THE PAST

The following news item was in the Boston "Post-Boy and Advertiser" of November 5, 1764.

"We hear from Newport on Rhode Island that a very valuable mineral of the Coal Kind is discovered within the Limits of that Town in Land belonging to Captain Benjamin Almy. Upon repeating Trials it is found to be very good Fuel Emitting an intense Heat and more durable than any of the Coal imported, and there is no doubt of its Answering many Valuable Purposes. The Inhabitants are well pleased with this Discovery at a Time when the Scarcity of Cash and Decline of Trade seems to be a Universal Complaint."

Captain Benjamin is Number 1232-4, who was born 16 December 1724 and died 20 February 1818. Although he had eleven children by two wives, I have no record of any of his descendants living today.

The above newspaper article is said to be the earliest public record of the discovery of coal in Newport, although coal was discovered in Portsmouth soon after Rhode Island was settled. In 1808, some specimens of Benjamin Almy's coal was offered to an expert who made the following report: "At the general conflagration of the universe the most secure place to be found would be the coal-mine at Portsmouth, Rhode Island." After this opinion the mine was not worked by the owners.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

Updated listings of Almy Family Tree members continue in this issue. The listing in this issue will be of those that descend from Job Almy, Number 1408. This is a revision of the list that appeared in the July 1977 issue (No. 11).

As explained in the January 1979 Newsletter, some Almy numbers in this listing have been revised. Those that have been revised from the July 1977 listing are noted with an asterisk (\*). Persons added to the mailing list since then are noted by a plus sign (+). Those that I have addresses for that are not on the mailing list are noted by an ampersand (&).

If you note omissions from this listing, please send me the persons name, relationship, and address.

DESCENDANTS OF NUMBER 1408, JOB ALMY (1722-1767)

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
& 1408-3132-21	Mrs. E. V. Babbitt	Massachusetts
& 1408-3132-22w	Mrs. Tilson B. Almy	Massachusetts
& 1408-3132-24	Edgar M. Almy	Tennessee
1408-3311-112	Merwin F. Almy	Virginia
1408-3311-1122	Thomas A. Almy	Oregon
1408-3311-1122-1	Christopher E. Almy	Oregon
1408-3311-13	Mrs. Hazel Almy Asmussen	Rhode Island
1408-3311-133	John Asmussen	Rhode Island
* 1408-3316-23	Kenneth R. Almy	Minnesota
* 1408-3316-231	Bruce Almy	Minnesota
1408-3398-212	Mrs. Frank Schmoller	New York
& 1408-3398-3w	Mrs. Cecil B. Almy	Massachusetts
& 1408-3398-31	George B. Almy	Massachusetts
1408-3398-321	Christopher R. Almy	New York
1408-3822-11w	Mrs. Raymond G. Johnson	Arizona
1408-3822-111	Frederic S. Almy	Georgia
1408-3822-112	Robert W. Almy	Florida
+ 1408-3832-41	Warren O. Almy	Massachusetts
& 1408-3832-412	Richard W. Almy	Massachusetts
+ 1408-3832-422	Gideon W. Almy	Virginia
& 1408-3832-44	Bryant L. Almy	New York
1408-3833-11	Kenneth B. Almy	Died March 1979
1408-3833-111	Arthur P. Almy	Maine
& 1408-3833-1112	Davis S. Almy	Maine
+ 1408-3833-112	Kenneth B. Almy	Maine
1408-3833-1121	Mrs. Janice Almy Hill	California
& 1408-3833-1124	Wayne R. Almy	Maine
1408-3833-113	Donald W. Almy	Maine
& 1408-6262-3	Ann C. Almy	Pennsylvania
& 1408-6262-4	William Ellery Almy	Pennsylvania
& 1408-6262-41	William Ellery Almy	Montana
& 1408-6262-411	William Ellery Almy	Montana
+ 1408-6262-42	Mrs. Gertrude Almy Slichter	Illinois
& 1408-6262-45	John Almy	California
* 1408-6262-46	Charles Almy	Virginia
& 1408-6262-47	R. Christopher Almy	Maine
& 1408-6504-21	Edwina C. Gill	Georgia
1408-6524-11	Rev. L. Wesley Almy	New Mexico
& 1408-6524-112	Richard J. Almy	California
* 1408-6527-21	William R. Almy	Indiana
& 1408-6612-11	George Almy	Florida
+ 1408-6612-12	Kenneth Almy	New Jersey
+ 1408-6612-121	John H. Almy	Connecticut

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I am sorry about the poor copies of the July 1979 issue of the Almy Family Newsletter. I bought a copying machine and I am still in the process of learning how to correct problems that arise. I hope that this and future issues will be satisfactory.

**NEUCROLOGY****PHILIP GIRARD ALMY (1233-3123-33)**

Philip G. Almy, born 29 May 1892, the son of Willey Henry and Jessie L. (Start) Almy, died 29 May 1979. His niece, Dorothy Almy Welch, sent me the article on his death from the Rochester, New York, newspaper. The following is from that article.

Philip G. Almy, a descendant of one of Rochester's first settlers, died May 29th in Genesee Hospital on his 87th birthday. He was injured in a fall when a strange dog startled him as he was walking down the back steps of his Gould Street home. A relative said he suffered a fractured shoulder and hip, hospitalizing him until his death.

Philip Almy's great-great-grandfather, Nehemiah Osborn, came to Rochester in 1820 and built his home at what is now Broad Street and South Avenue. An inn of sorts, it was known as the Osborn house and later as the Mills Hotel. Philip was born at the Osborn home at 1 East Avenue, now the site of the Security Trust Company tower. He attended schools in Rochester and graduated from Rochester Business Institute in 1910. A veteran of World War I, Philip was stationed in Virginia and served with the Coast Artillery.

Philip and three brothers, now dead, operated the Almy Brothers service station at 1800 East Avenue from about 1911 until 1948, when he began working for the city's Public Safety Department. He and his wife lived at the Gould Street home more than sixty years.

In addition to his wife, the former Marcella Ludwig, Philip is survived by three nieces; Dorothy Almy Welch, Helen Almy Kinsella and Rita Almy, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

**RAYMOND JOSEPH ALMY**

Raymond J. Almy was born in March 1899 and died 12 July 1979. I have been unable, to date, to tie his ancestry into the Almy Family Tree and assign Almy numbers. His grandniece, Mrs. Linda Almy Brown, in writing me of his passing sent the following information.

Raymond was born and educated in Greenwich, New York, and was a graduate of Albany Business College. He was Comptroller for the Albany Medical Center Hospital and Vice President, Treasurer, and Comptroller of the Albany Medical College until he retired in 1964. He was also associated with the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont in the Albany office.

Raymond's first wife was Alice Wrigley who died 15 October 1960 in Albany. His second wife is Philomena Ciabotti. Raymond died at Queens Convalescent Home Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. He had been quite ill for a long time. He lived at 95 Grove Avenue, Albany, New York. He was buried in the Greenwich Village Cemetary in Greenwich, New York, beside his first wife.

KENNETH BEMIS ALMY (1408-3833-11)

Kenneth B. Almy, born 8 October 1892 in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, died 20 March 1979. According to my records, he is survived by his wife, the former Marie Rosanna Gelinis, and three sons: Arthur, Kenneth Jr., and Donald; ten grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Kenneth and Marie were residents of Brunswick, Maine.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the above Almys. I know that each of them will be greatly missed.

NEED CURRENT ADDRESSES

Newsletters sent to the following have been returned by the Postal Service because the addressee has moved. If any of you have the current address, please send it to me.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Address</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>
John D. Almy	Fallbrook, California	1407-1194-11
James A. Almy	Aurora, Colorado	Unknown
Thomas M. Almy	Stamford, Connecticut	Unknown
Andrew A. Almy	Georgetown, Kentucky	Unknown
Emma B. Almy	Wyoming, Michigan	1232-1272-43w
Mrs. Clark Murdough	Wakefield, Rhode Island	1239-2145-281
Fred W. Almy	Spring, Texas	1233-3252-3112
Richard A. Almy	Salem, Missouri	Unknown

ANOTHER ADOPTS THE NAME OF ALMY

On 30 June, 1979, I called Clyde C. Almy in Smyrna, Georgia, to find out how he fit into the Almy Family Tree. Clyde said that his father, Lee, immigrated to the United States from Portugal when twelve years old. His father changed his name from Almeida to Almy. Clyde has a brother, Lee Adriad Almy, who goes by the nickname of Andy. Clyde's uncles have retained their Almeida name.

In case you travel through Georgia and look in the telephone books for Almys like I do, Clyde's father lives in Eatonton, Georgia, and his brother lives in Carrollton, Georgia.

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLHOUSE

A month after the July 1979 issue of the Almy Family Newsletter was written, the "Washington Star", one of my local newspapers, carried the Associated Press article and picture on the Portsmouth Schoolhouse. The picture was reduced to 1/3 the size used in other newspapers.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last newsletter went to press, the following cousins have sent in contributions to help defray printing and mailing costs. I appreciate the help. Many thanks.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>
Donald C. Almy	Maine	1239-2145-2312
Mrs. Lowell Burnham	Minnesota	-
Sylvia Nichols	Virginia	1233-5147-233
Betty G. Richmond	Washington	1141-1435-2154
Lucy C. Jenkins	Rhode Island	1407-2622-42
Iris E. Almy	Maine	1233-3252-52

FUTURE ISSUES

I usually get to the last page of the newsletter and I do not have enough material already written to fill the page. This is the case with this issue. I have a lot of things in mind to write about, but they all take time to research and write a meaningful article.

I plan to include in future issues articles on our Almy ancestors. There are many interesting stories to tell. In my research I come across information, such as the 1764 newspaper article on coal on the first page, which I believe would be of interest to other Almys. I also want to write about the unsolved Almy Family lines and about those that have been tied into the Family Tree. The latter are complex articles to write and I have not had the time to write them. I would like to reproduce in the Newsletter the various types of Almy coats-of-arms that I have found illustrated in books. Information on the origin and authenticity of the various coats-of-arms is hard to find. I have some clues, but have not been able to follow them up.

If any of you have questions about the Almy Family, or genealogy in general, that you would like answered, please send them to me. Also, send any suggestions you may have as to what you would like to see in these Newsletters.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall season.

Your cousin (1408-3311-112),

*Merwin*

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