

1982 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

Seventy-Six Almy cousins and their spouses met in Seekonk, Massachusetts (near Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Little Compton, Rhode Island) on August 13-25, 1982, and had a super wonderful time. Mrs. Eileen Darling, of Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, provided the Runnin Board Room in her restaurant for our exclusive use on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is a separate meeting room, in the cars of yesteryear motif, that was excellent for our purposes.

When Veda and I checked in at the motel on Thursday, we had a very pleasant surprise. A letter was waiting for us from Mr. and Mrs. Brian Almey of Saffron Walden, England. The Reunion was off to a great start. Quite a few cousins checked in at the Reunion on Friday. Mid way through the afternoon, about 12 who were there decided to make reservations for dinner in the restaurant. The reservation number kept increasing even after we went in to eat, so that around 24 of us were grouped together for dinner. It was delightful.

On Saturday afternoon we had our first scheduled event -- slides of the Postsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton area and places of Almy interest taken by and put together as a slide show by Mrs. Edna Snell. The show was narrated by John Berg, President of the Tiverton Historical Society. I thought the program was excellent and judging by the discussion and comments afterwards, I know that it was enjoyed by all those present.

On Saturday evening we had our dinner. Although some could not stay for the meal, there were 70 of us who sat down to a delicious meal. After the dinner, the microphone was passed around to all the cousins present to introduce themselves and their spouses and tell anything of interest they wanted to. We also had a lively question and answer period. At the end of the program, I was given an envelope. Later when I had time to open it I found that a cash collection had been made for me. It was most unexpected and appreciated. I want to thank all the contributors. Following the dinner program, I showed my slide pictures of the 1980 Reunion and those I took of the Almeys in England this Spring.

Without a doubt, the most enjoyable and best liked activity at the Reunion was meeting and talking with the other attendees. Some present had never met another Almy. Others met cousins they had not seen in years. I, myself, enjoyed spending the time I was able to with many of my cousins. My one regret is that I didn't have the opportunity to really visit with all those who attended. I hope I can spend more time with those at the next Reunion.

It was a wonderful Reunion and enjoyed by all. So that posterity and all present Almy Family members will know who attended the Reunion, there follows a complete listing of the Almy Family attendees.

ATTENDEES AT THE 1982 ALMY FAMILY REUNION
SEEKONK, MASSACHUSETTS, 13-15 AUGUST 1982

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
11A3-3111-242	Marian B. Hayes	Providence, RI
1222-3763-243	Gordon M. Connelly Catherine Connelly	Garrett Park, MD
1232-1218-411	Frances (Almy) Culler George W. Culler	Mansfield, OH
1233-4671-12	Robert L. Almy Helen B. Almy	Scarsdale, NY
1233-5144-75	Marion D. Almy	Providence, RI
1233-5147-233	Sylvia L. Nichols	Charlottesville, VA
1233-5147-234	Betsey Miller Joe Miller	Ithaca, NY
1233-5147-511	Harold E. Almy Barbara L. Almy	Halifax, MA
1233-5147-53W	Mildred (Mrs. Robert T.) Almy	Middletown, RI
1233-5180-33	Edith (Almy) Atwell Everett C. Atwell	Greensboro, NC
1233-518A-52	Stafford Almy	Little Compton, RI
1235-5773-52	Katherine M. Kalbfleisch William Kalbfleisch	S. Yarmouth, MA
1235-5773-72	Stuart Almy Manchester E. Gladys Manchester	Cranston, RI
1235-5773-81	Frederic A. Almy Dorothy L. Almy	Tiverton, RI
1235-5773-93	Nancy (Almy) Lundgren Raymond G. Lundgren, Jr.	Tiverton, RI
1235-5792-21	Louisa (Almy) Barclay Melvin G. Barclay	Montague, MA
1252-9532-741	Ray Almy	Vestal, NY
1252-9532-7422	Michael T. Almy Judith K. Almy	Exton, PA
1252-9532-7422-1	Gretchen S. Almy	
1252-9532-744W	Margaret Almy	Binghamton, NY
1252-9773-32	Frank W. Knowlton, Jr.	Sarasota, FL

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<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1407-1426-121	Stephen J. Almy Barbara Almy	Portsmouth, RI
1407-1426-122	Patricia (Almy) Forte Michael Forte	Little Compton, RI
1407-1426-123	Rosemary Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1426-13	Ruth (Almy) Brower Leon W. Brower	Tiverton, RI
1407-1426-133	Elizabeth Almy Brower	
1407-1426-134	Meredith Almy Brower	
1407-1426-132	Suzanne Brower Matusak Mark R. Matusak	Barrington, RI
1407-1532-1	Philip W. Almy Dorothy Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1532-2	Charles B. Almy Marion E. Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1532-22	Charles B. Almy, Jr.	Randolph, MA
1407-1532-221	Charles B. Almy, III	
1407-1532-3	Lois B. Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1632-2	Marjorie (Almy) Brightman William Brightman	Providence, RI
1407-1632-31	Robert M. Scott, Jr. Darcy G. Scott	Barrington, RI
1407-1632-311	Stacy Scott	
1407-1632-312	Randy Scott	
1407-1C74-31	Donald G. Almy Louise S. Almy	Huntington Beach, CA
1407-1C74-32	Alison Kenworthy	Simsbury, CT
1407-2512-2W	Amy W. Almy	Somerset, MA
1407-2512-21	Thomas B. Almy Kathryn A. Almy	Somerset, MA
1407-2512-211	Steven Thomas Almy	
1407-2512-212	Susan Elizabeth Almy	
1407-2C23-21	Margaret Chatigny Mark Chatigny	San Lorenzo, CA
1407-5561-22	Charles S. Gifford Joan D. Gifford	Norfolk, VA
1408-3312-112	Merwin F. Almy Veda H. Almy	Springfield, VA
1408-3398-212	Jennifer Schmoller Frank Schmoller	Hicksville, NY

GEORGE J. ALMY (1408-6612-11)

George James Almy, of Winter Park, Florida, died on Monday, 8 March 1982 at the age of 64. He was born 18 April 1917 in San Francisco, California, the son of John Hale and Ruth (Cornyn) Almy. George married Dorothy K. Bunker at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, on 27 June 1944. They had two children: Albert, born 1946, died 1971; and Mrs. Elizabeth Almy Hazel, now living in Georgia. George is survived by his daughter Elizabeth, and his brother Kenneth J. Almy.

George, known as "Budd", obtained his early education in Palo Alto and Santa Clara, California, and attended Stanford University for two years. His family moved to New York in 1937 and Budd completed his college education at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the DKE fraternity while there. After college, in the summer of 1939, Budd began working for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a career extending to his retirement in 1978. His business career was interrupted by World War II in which he served as an officer with honor and distinction. Budd was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany on or about 27 February 1945. He was also awarded a Certificate of Merit and a Purple Heart.

Budd spent his retirement years in or near Winter Park, Florida. An avid sportsman, he participated in hunting expeditions and helped establish a very good hunter-safety course in his area. Much of the above information was furnished by his brother, Kenneth J. Almy (1408-6612-12).

AZALEA ALMY (1239-2127-61)

Miss Azalea Almy, of Oakland, California, died on Saturday, 11 September 1982, eight days short of her 87th birthday. She was born 19 September 1895 in California, the daughter of Charles Allen and Mary (O'Toole) Almy. She was a long time resident of Oakland and retired from the Berkeley school system in 1961 after 44 years of teaching which began in 1917. Her father, Charles Allen Almy, was a guard at San Quentin Prison for many years.

Azalea's Grandfather, Joseph Almy, was a prominent resident of Marin County. He was a native of Tiverton, Rhode Island, and sailed to San Francisco in 1849 as a whaler. He moved to Marin County in 1850 and built a schooner, the H.C. ALMY, which he captained, and transported cargo and passengers between San Francisco and Bolinas. He followed the sea most of his life. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in Bolinas in 1852 and served for eight years. He was then appointed County Judge in 1865 by Governor Low. He was elected in 1867 to the Judgeship in which he served until 1880. In 1886, he was elected and served two terms in the State Assembly.

Azalea had a half sister, Lucretia Almy Lyman, by her father's second marriage to a Anna Marie Carlisle. The second Mrs. Almy died in Portland where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Lyman, in 1949. Attempts to locate Mrs. Lyman have been futile.

Azalea's death was reported to me by Kenneth G. Fuller (1239-2127-361), who located her two years ago while researching his ancestry. He found that she was living alone and in rather poor health. He subsequently made frequent visits to her house, accompanied on occasions by a nurse and/or a doctor. Azalea had many problems, but she has now found the peace she was searching for.

RICHARD J. ALMY (1252-9532-744)

Richard J. Almy, of Binghamton, New York, died on Tuesday, 1 June 1982, at the age of 56. He was born on 17 May 1926 in Binghamton, the son of Harry Erskine and Catherine Elizabeth (Gahan) Almy. Richard married Margaret Smolinsky on 29 August 1953. They had three sons; Lawrence, Robert, and Richard, who have all died of muscular dystrophy. Richard was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Army. He was a member of the Binghamton Optimist Club. Richard is survived by his wife Margaret; three brothers, Raymond, John, and Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard, with his wife Margaret, attended the 1980 Almy Family Reunion in Northern Virginia and is fondly remembered by those that met him first at that time. Richard and Margaret were looking forward to attending the 1982 Reunion. Although he did not physically attend the Reunion, he was with us in spirit, and those at the Reunion were very pleased that Margaret was there to represent the two of them.

NEW ARRIVAL

John J. Jr. (1252-9532-7421) and Marie Almy of Binghamton, New York, are the proud parents of Catherine Elizabeth Almy, born 20 February 1982. Congratulations to Catherine on her choice of parents.

CONTRIBUTIONS

I have received contributions to help defray rising printing and mailing costs from the following cousins since the last Newsletter was issued.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Hulda Freda	1233-4668-11	North Dakota
Kenneth L. Wickett	1233-5143-421	Texas
John Almy Rumsey	1233-5147-222	California
Betsey Miller	1233-5147-234	New York
Harold E. Almy	1233-5147-511	Massachusetts
Edith Almy Atwell	1233-5180-33	North Carolina
Katherine M. Kalbfleisch	1235-5773-52	Massachusetts
Stuart Almy Manchester	1235-5773-72	Rhode Island
Louisa Almy Barclay	1235-5792-21	Massachusetts
Kenneth G. Fuller	1239-2127-361	California
Raymond Almy	1252-9532-741	New York
Ruth Almy Brower	1407-1426-13	Rhode Island
E. Grinnell Almy	1407-1C74-3	Delaware
Brian Almey		England

Many thanks to all of the above. I appreciate your assistance.

Please excuse me if I have overlooked a news item reported to me. I try to put such items in the file for the next Newsletter, but this has been a hectic year for my correspondence.

Love and Blessings from
Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

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