

## 1986 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

The 1986 Almy Family Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 28 and 29 June 1986. The Saturday activities were at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Massachusetts, and the Sunday activities were at the Wilbor House and the Country Harvest Restaurant in Little Compton, Rhode Island. After the Reunion Luncheon on Sunday many of the group went to the Cory-Almy Day open house of the Tiverton Historical Society at the Chase-Cory House in Tiverton, Rhode Island.

I thank Pat Forte for arranging the Sunday activities. Pat arranged an extensive and super display of Almy memorabilia at the Tabor House and the luncheon at the Country Harvest Restaurant was delightful.

I have included on the next page a listing of the 45 attendees to the Reunion indicating whether they attended on Saturday, Sunday, or both.

I think everyone had an interesting and enjoyable time. I know I did not have enough time to talk to the extent I wanted to with all of those in attendance. I found I was exhausted at the end of each day due to my continuous activity from early morning.

Fred Almey of Cardiff, Wales, sent a postcard greeting to the Reunion, which was waiting for me when I checked into the motel. We started the Saturday evening meal with the following blessing written for the Reunion by Fred. "Merciful God, I'd like to invoke blessing, not only upon all Almy cousins present, but all the World over. May the Reunion be a success, happiness and joy, also memories to cherish in the future. Bless you all."

Fred Almey's ancestry goes back to Broughton-Astley in Leicestershire, England. In attendance at the Reunion was J. Robert Almey, now of Winnipeg, Canada, who was born in Broughton-Astley in 1895 and whose ancestry is there. We have not been able to tie these two lines together as yet. Broughton-Astley is just a few miles down the road from Dunton-Basset where William Almey, the immigrant to America was born. I am sure in my own mind that we all have a common Almey ancestor, probably John Almey who was born in Dunton-Basset around the year 1500.

Another interesting side-light is that Dr. Rogers H. Almy has an Almey Crab Apple Tree outside his dental office which his patients marvel at when it is in bloom. This is the same tree which was named after the above J. Robert Almey and can be found in many parts of the world.

The Almy Family Reunion consisted of a number of smaller family reunions. Note on the listing of attendees that there were 14 descendants of 1232-4013-4 (George Leonard and Sylvia E. (Hathaway) Almy) at the Reunion, some of which had not seen each other for about 40 years. These groupings are evident on the listing as I have everyone listed in Almy number order.

One of the items discussed at the Reunion was when the next reunion should be. Two years?, three years?, five years? The consensus was that it should be every two years. I have found that June is a poor month for us to meet because it conflicts with too many weddings, anniversaries, and graduations. Therefore, I am tentatively planning for a 1988 Almy Family Reunion on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 1988. If you are a long range planner, set aside that weekend for the Almy get-together.

| <u>ATTENDEES - 1986 ALMY FAMILY REUNION</u> |            |                                 |                            |                    |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>SAT</u>                                  | <u>SUN</u> | <u>ALMY NUMBER</u>              | <u>NAME</u>                | <u>RESIDENCE</u>   |
| X   |            | Desc. of Anne <sup>2</sup> Almy | Robert Allen Greene        | E. Greenwich, RI   |
| X   | X          | 1232-4151-3111                  | Joan Cheney                | Fall River, MA     |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-421                   | George L. Burgess          | Havelock, NC       |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-421W                  | Annette M. Burgess         |                    |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-4212                  | Thomas L. Burgess          |                    |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-4213                  | Sharlene G. Burgess        |                    |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-4211-1                | Bridgette Burgess          |                    |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-461W                  | Eugenia Almy               | Providence, RI     |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-462                   | Iris Almy Bachand          | Providence, RI     |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-4623                  | Daniel Nunes               |                    |
| X   |            |                                 | Barbara Phillips           |                    |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-4625                  | Georganne Isom             |                    |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-471                   | Doris Almy Russo           | Cranston, RI       |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-474                   | Ruth Almy Silva            | Pittsburg, CA      |
| X   |            | 1232-4013-474W                  | Thomas P. Silva            |                    |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-482                   | John F. Hayes              | Rochester, MA      |
| X   | X          | 1232-4013-482W                  | Eunice M. Hayes            |                    |
|   | X          | 1407-1426-11                    | Rogers H. Almy             | Tiverton, RI       |
|   | X          | 1407-1426-12W                   | Edith E. Almy              | Little Compton, RI |
|   | X          | 1407-1426-122                   | Patricia Almy Forte        | Little Compton, RI |
| X   | X          | 1407-1532-1                     | Philip Almy                | Little Compton, RI |
| X   | X          | 1407-1532-1W                    | Dorothy Almy               |                    |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-2                     | Charles B. Almy            | Little Compton, RI |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-2W                    | Marion E. Almy             |                    |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-21                    | Marcia L. Pratt            | Rockland, MA       |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-21W                   | Charles C. Pratt           |                    |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-211                   | Stephen Pratt              | Carver, MA         |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-211W                  | Debi Pratt                 |                    |
| X   |            | 1407-1532-214                   | Laurie Pratt               | Rockland, MA       |
| X   | X          | 1407-1532-3                     | Lois Almy                  | Little Compton, RI |
|   | X          | 1407-1632-2                     | Marjorie Brightman         | Providence, RI     |
|   | X          | 1407-1632-2W                    | William T. Brightman, Jr.  |                    |
|   | X          | 1407-1632-21                    | William T. Brightman, III  | Middletown, RI     |
|   | X          | 1407-1632-21W                   | Martha T. Brightman        |                    |
|   | X          | 1407-1632-22                    | Barbara Brightman Northrop | Barrington, RI     |
| X   |            | 1407-1C74-32                    | Alison A. Kenworthy        | Simsbury, CT       |
| X   |            | 1407-1C74-32W                   | R. James Kenworthy         |                    |
|   | X          | 1407-2B31-11                    | Nancy Peirce Lantz         | Portsmouth, RI     |
|   | X          | 1407-2B31-12                    | Rebecca Peirce             |                    |
| X   | X          | 1408-3312-112                   | Merwin F. Almy             | Springfield, VA    |
| X   | X          | 1408-3312-112W                  | Veda H. Almy               |                    |
| X   | X          |                                 | James Robert Almey         | Winnipeg, Canada   |
| X   | X          |                                 | Olive M. Almey             |                    |
| X   | X          |                                 | Patricia (Almey) Woodward  |                    |
| X   | X          |                                 | Charles Woodward           |                    |

A SIMMONSVILLE SAGA BY RICHARD R. ALMY, SR.

I hope to have the first installment of Richard's story in the next issue of the Almy Newsletter.

LOUISE MATILDA AISTON CHAMBERLAIN (DESCENDANT OF ANNE<sup>2</sup>ALMY)

Louise Matilda Aiston Chamberlain, 85, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, died 28 April 1986. She was formerly of Stuart, Florida, but had moved to her daughter's home in the past year. Louise was born 4 September 1900, the daughter of Ernest and Anna (Gunn) Aiston. She married 12 September 1925, Grant Chamberlain. They had two daughters: Shirley Louise and Claire Jean.

It was her daughter Claire Jean Bryant who informed me of her mother's death. Louise had been active in many organizations; the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida, for one, and I know she will be missed by her many friends and relatives.

LUCRETIA (ALMY) LYMAN (1239-2127-62)

Lucretia Almy Lyman, 68, of Sacramento, CA, died of cardiac arrest on 16 May 1986. Lucretia was born 24 February 1918, in San Rafael, CA, the daughter of Charles Allen and Anna Marie (Carlisle) Almy. She married De Witt Henry Lyman on 30 January 1948 in Portland, OR. They had two children: Jildo Allen Lyman and Madeline Ann Lyman.

I know that Lucretia will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

I tell of the search for Lucretia and what Lucretia later wrote me about her father on page 2 of Newsletter No. 34 (April 1983).

MILTON PARDON ALMY (1239-2120-52)

Milton Pardon Almy, 61, of Tiverton, RI, died in Somerset, MA, 25 April 1986. He was born 28 June 1924 in Fall River, MA, the son of Pardon Arnold and Edith Stella (Carter) Almy. He married in 1945, Doris Mary (Higgins) Almy, widow of his half brother, Merton Reed Almy. He and Doris had no children of their own, but he helped raise the two children of Doris and his half brother after the latter's death. Milton was a utility and maintenance man for the Montaup Electric Company in Somerset, but he resided in Tiverton. Milton was a Navy veteran.

Surviving relatives include a stepson, Robert C. Almy in Connecticut; a stepdaughter, Phyllis Almy in California; a brother, Albert Almy in Tiverton; a sister, Mrs. Janet Pennington; and two half brothers and three half sisters by his mother's first marriage. The Almy Family sends their condolences.

HARRIET MAE (ALMY) BERNIER (1408-6504-1)

Harriet Mae Bernier, 90, of New Bedford, MA, died 24 October 1985. She was born 21 September 1895 in New Bedford, the daughter of Louis H. and Mary (Collins) Almy. She married in 1918, John Edward Bernier in Dayton, OH. They had two sons: John Edward, Jr. and Robert Carlton. Her husband John died 12 July 1974 in Hamilton, Bermuda.

I know that Harriet will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

John Bernier, Jr., who attended the 1984 Almy Family Reunion, informed me of his mother's death. John couldn't attend this year's reunion as he was expecting to be a grandparent in California at the time.

ALICE B. ALMY SURVIVORS

Clara J. Almy (1407-5041-1) wrote me about my statement in the last Newsletter, in the obituary about Alice Bateman Almy (1407-5023) in which I stated that Alice's only survivor is a cousin Charlotte A. Young. She pointed out that she and Catherine Almy Del Vecchio (1407-5042-1) were the same relationship to Alice as Charlotte (1407-5012-2). She said all three were first cousins once removed.

Clara was absolutely correct. I wrote the notice partly from the obituary in the Providence Journal which stated that Alice's "only survivor is a cousin, Charlotte A. Young of Bristol." I failed to check that statement to my records.

Clara's comment did raise the question in my mind as to the use of the term survivor in obituaries. It is really a misnomer as we are all survivors, whether the degree of relationship can be determined or not. I do not know the definition of the word survivor as used in obituaries. Does the term include those relatives through first cousins?, third cousins?, tenth cousins, or what?

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

I received the following invitation to a United States Navy Change of Command Ceremony from Commander John H. Almy, II (1408-6612-121).



*The Commanding Officer, USS TINOSA (SSN 606)  
requests the pleasure of your company at the  
Change of Command Ceremony at which  
Captain Darrell P. Snyder, United States Navy  
will be relieved by  
Commander John H. Almy II, United States Navy  
on Friday, the twenty-fifth of April  
at eleven o'clock  
on board USS TINOSA (SSN 606)  
Berth 2 State Pier  
New London, Connecticut*

*R.S.V.P  
Card enclosed*

*Participants - Full Dress Blue  
Military Guests - Service Dress Blue*

This is the second invitation my wife and I have received from John to attend Change of Command Ceremonies and again the date conflicted with other commitments we had. As my wife and I drove through New London, CT, on our way to the Almy Reunion, we remarked again how sorry we were that we could not attend this ceremony earlier this year. We know that it was a most interesting and beautiful ceremony and would loved to have been there.

ROGER CHESTER ALMY (1239-2145-231)

Roger C. Almy, 81, of Groton, CT, Seminole, FL, and Warwick, RI, died on 23 April 1986 in New London, CT. Roger was born 27 January 1905 in Adamsville, RI, the son of Arthur Chester and Sarah (Palmer) Almy. He married first, in 1929, Irene Thurston Thompson who died in March 1957. He married second, Martha Mc Clay who died in 1961. He then married third, in 1962, Pauline Chalifour who died 15 January 1986. Roger and Irene had two sons who survive them: Richard T. Almy of Cranston, RI, and Donald C. Almy of Orrs Island, Maine. He also leaves 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roger was employed as a welder for the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Co. in Providence, RI, for 30 years. After retirement, he lived in Seminole, Florida for 10 years. Roger was a member of the Odd Fellows in Little Compton, RI.

Roger had been in good health and was originally admitted into the hospital for a hip operation, but complications led to more surgery and he ultimately died of infection. Roger had planned on attending the Almy Family Reunion this year and was anxious to have the hip surgery as soon as possible so he would be better able to travel. He was looking forward to meeting all the Almy cousins.

I know that Roger will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins and friends who have sent in contributions, since the last issue of the Almy Family Newsletter, to help defray the costs of printing and mailing these Newsletters. This help is most appreciated. Many thanks to you all.

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>Almy Number</u>              | <u>Residence</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Robert Allen Greene  | Desc. of Anne <sup>2</sup> Almy | Rhode Island     |
| Emma B. Almy         | 1232-1272-43W                   | Arizona          |
| Joan Cheney          | 1232-4151-3111                  | Massachusetts    |
| George Burgess       | 1232-4013-421                   | North Carolina   |
| Iris Bachand         | 1232-4013-462                   | Rhode Island     |
| John F. Hayes        | 1232-4013-482                   | Massachusetts    |
| Hulda (Almy) Freda   | 1233-4668-11                    | North Dakota     |
| Betsey Miller        | 1233-5147-234                   | New York         |
| Thornton Stearns     | 1235-4131-1114                  | Massachusetts    |
| Janice Chace         | 1235-5773-23                    | Maryland         |
| Kenneth G. Fuller    | 1239-2127-361                   | California       |
| Sandra J. Almy       | 1239-2145-2311-2                | Rhode Island     |
| Elona M. Kunding     | 1252-95A6-45                    | Michigan         |
| L. Wesley Almy       | 1408-6524-11                    | New Mexico       |
| John E. Bernier, Jr. | 1408-6504-11                    | Massachusetts    |
| J. Robert Almy       |                                 | Canada           |

HAVE A PLEASANT SUMMER!

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

*Merwin*

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