

MERWIN AND VEDA ALMY MOVE

Effective October 1, 1988, Merwin and Veda Almy's address will be:

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Tualatin, OR 97062

In May, Merwin, with Veda as navigator, drove one truck load of items to their new home and he plans to drive another truck with the rest of their household items sometime during the month of October. Although mail will be forwarded to Oregon after he leaves Virginia, it is best to use the new address after October 1. Do not expect an early reply to correspondence though.

1988 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

The 1988 Almy Family Reunion was held on Saturday and Sunday, 20 and 21 August 1988. The Saturday activities were at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, MA, and the Sunday activities started at the First Baptist Church in Tiverton, RI; then we had our luncheon at the Country Harvest Restaurant in Little Compton, RI. After the Reunion luncheon most of the group went to see the Almy exhibits arranged by Patricia Almy Forte at the Chase-Cory House in Tiverton.

I thank Patricia for arranging the Sunday activities which started off at the First Baptist Church, "The Old Stone Church" in Tiverton. This church is situated on land left to the church by Job Almy (No. 140) in his will. The church program for the day had the following announcement. "Today we welcome the relatives of Job Almy who have gathered for the Almy reunion. Colonel Job Almy was a prominent citizen in Tiverton who in 1750 gave this land (34 acres) for the building of the Free Will Baptist Church." Following the service we viewed a display of memorabilia in the recreation hall that honored the 300 year history of the church.

I have included on page 3, a listing of the 43 attendees to the Reunion indicating which days they attended. Based on comments made, everyone had a very enjoyable time. I know I did, although I was exhausted at the end of each day because of my continuous involvement from early morning until late evening. I wish I had had more time to visit with each person there.

Those who attended the Reunion had the pleasure of meeting Fred and Joyce Almey of Cardiff, Wales, and his grand-nephew Stephen Almey of Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England. The three of them were house guests of Veda and I from August 8 until September 1, and they were able to see the sights of Washington, DC; Shenandoah Mountains and Caverns of Luray, VA; Great Falls of the Potomac; trip to New England via the Staten Island Ferry for a view of the Statue of Liberty; the Almy country of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Plymouth, MA, including Mayflower II and Plimoth Plantation; and much of the country of our New England. We enjoyed having them here with us.

Fred Almey of Cardiff, Wales, gave the blessing for our Saturday evening dinner. Fred was born in Holbeach, Lincolnshire, England. After dinner, I gave a brief account of the research that has been done on the Almey lines in England. The Almeys farthest back in time (1400s and 1500s) were in Leicestershire and the lines that I have been able to chart started out in the following towns: Broughton-Astley in Leicestershire (1650), Earl Shilton in Leicestershire (1700), Dunton-Bassett in Leicestershire (1450), and Holbeach in Lincolnshire (1741). It is questionable whether these lines can be tied together on the records available today.

At the conclusion of the Saturday after dinner activities, Patricia Almy Forte read a citation from the Rhode Island Senate to the Almy Family recognizing the Almy family reunion day. A copy of this citation is included in this Newsletter as page 4.

Patricia Almy Forte also arranged a wonderful group of 37 exhibits of Almy related items on Sunday at the Chase-Cory House, headquarters of the Tiverton Historical Society. The exhibit included paintings, pictures, and many photocopies of documents and articles. One item was a small rug with the Almy coat-of-arms belonging to the Tiverton Historical Society. I have a color picture of this rug, but it will not copy for the Newsletter. Another exhibited item was an Almy chest of drawers donated to the Tiverton Historical Society by Alice Bateman Almy. The chest was built by an Almy prior to 1751 (possibly Job or his son John). It is made of pine and has two secret drawers. One drawer has the date June 18, 1751 and the message "2 dolers for milk" written on the back. It has hand made brass pulls on the top drawers and the bottom drawers had rope pulls which were replaced with brass pulls by Albert S. Almy.

I have copies of many of the exhibited items and I will use them for future articles in the Newsletters. Many of the attendees at the Reunion also brought their biographical sketches. These sketches will be presented in future Newsletters. Following is one of these sketches.

PHILIP W. ALMY

Taken from HISTORY OF NEWPORT COUNTY, RHODE ISLAND. Published by L. E. Preston & Co., New York, in 1888.

"William Almy, the progenitor of the Almy family in America, emigrated from England. His son, Job, born in 1640, died in 1684. A second Job, son of the former, was the father of John, the great-grandfather of Philip W. His son, Sanford, born August 28th, 1759, was married March 15, 1763, to Lydia Gray. Their children were fourteen in number, of whom Sanford, the father of Philip W., was born September 20, 1788, in Little Compton, and married Lydia B., daughter of John Brown. She was born March 15, 1797. Their children are: Andrew J., deceased; Mary B., deceased, married to Theodore Lawton, and Philip W.

"The last named and only surviving son was born April 17, 1823, in Little Compton, the home of many representatives of the family who are among its foremost citizens. His early experiences were not unlike those of most of the youth of the day, the farm engrossing his attention during the summer months, while the rudimentary branches were mastered in winter at the neighboring school. His father claimed his services for a period, after which the farm was managed in his own interest. The death of Sanford Almy occurred on the 6th of February, 1881, in his ninety-third year, after which his son, as the only surviving child, inherited the estate.

"He was married on the 1st of January, 1868, to Mary C., daughter of Pardon Almy. Their children are a daughter, Mary Lois, and a son, Philip W., Jr. Mr. Almy has given his allegiance to the democratic party, but has not permitted the fascinations of political life to divert him from his legitimate pursuits. He has avoided office, for which he has no inclination, the only exception being his service as a member of the town council. He worships with and aids in the support of the Congregational church at Little Compton."

This Philip W. Almy is my grandfather and Philip W. Jr. is my father. The farm inherited from Sanford is still owned and inhabited by the present generation of Almys, Philip W., Charles B. and Lois B.

Philip W. Almy 3rd

ATTENDEES - 1988 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>ALMY NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
X		1232-1218-411	Frances Almy Culler	Mansfield, OH
X		1232-1218-411W	George W. Culler	
X	X	1235-4131-1111	Connie Price	Bratenahl, OH
X	X	1235-4131-1114	Phyllis Stearns	Winchester, MA
X	X	1235-4131-1114W	Thornton Stearns	
X		1235-5773-52	Kitty Kalbfleisch	South Yarmouth, MA
X		1235-5773-52W	Bill Kalbfleisch	
X	X	1235-5773-72	Stuart Manchester	Warwick, RI
X	X	1235-5773-72W	Gladys Manchester	
X		1235-5773-83	Horace A. Almy	Columbus, OH
X		1235-5773-83W	Diana W. Almy	
	X	1235-5773-911	Lucinda Peckham	
	X	1235-5773-922	Penelope Neville	
X	X	1235-5773-93	Nancy Almy Lundgren	Tiverton, RI
X	X	1235-5773-93W	Raymond Lundgren	
	X	1235-5773-931	Blair (Lundgren) Merriman	
X	X	1235-5792-112	Dean J. Almy, Jr.	Bath, ME
X	X	1235-5792-112W	Barbara A. Almy	
X	X	1481-2385-235	Paul S. Onthank, Sr.	Centre Harbor, NH
X	X	1481-2385-235W	Lillian F. Onthank	
X	X	1407-1426-11	Rogers H. Almy	Tiverton, RI
	X	1407-1426-12W	Edith E. Almy	Little Compton, RI
X	X	1407-1426-122	Patricia Almy Forte	Little Compton, RI
X	X	1407-1426-122W	Michael B. Forte	
	X	1407-1426-1221	Michael B. Forte, Jr.	
	X	1407-1426-123	Rosemary Almy Snyder	Little Compton, RI
X	X	1407-1426-13	Ruth Almy Brower	Tiverton, RI
X	X	1407-1426-13W	Leon W. Brower, Jr.	
	X	1407-1426-132	Suzanne R. Matusak	Tiverton, RI
	X	1407-1426-132W	Mark R. Matusak	
X	X	1407-1532-1	Philip W. Almy	Little Compton, RI
X		1407-1532-2	Charles B. Almy	Little Compton, RI
X		1407-1532-2W	Marion E. Almy	
X	X	1407-1532-3	Lois B. Almy	Little Compton, RI
X	X	1407-1C71-11	Paul Almy Martin	East Aurora, NY
	X	1407-1C71-112	Deborah Minns	Arlington, MA
X	X	1407-1C74-3W	Ruth Bobbitt Almy	Wilmington, DE
X	X	1407-1C74-31	Donald G. Almy	Huntington Beach, CA
X	X	1408-3312-112	Merwin F. Almy	Springfield, VA
X	X	1408-3312-112W	Veda H. Almy	
X	X	England	Fred Alan Almey	Cardiff, Wales
X	X	England	Edith Joyce Almey	
X	X	England	Stephen Almey	Kings Lynn, England



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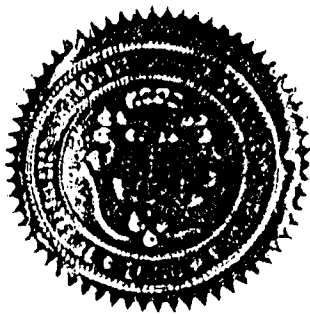
Be it hereby known to all that:
The Rhode Island Senate
hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:

THE ALMY FAMILY

in recognition of

the Almy family reunion day

The entire membership extends its very best
wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses
the hope for continued good fortune.



by *William Enos*
Secretary of State

Given this 20th day of August 1988

at the State House
Providence, Rhode Island

by *Richard A. Riehl*

Lieutenant Governor

by *John C. Revens, Jr.*

Senate Majority Leader

Proposed by: Senator William Enos *W. Enos*

JAMES ROBERT ALMEY OF CANADA

J. Robert Almy, 93, of Winnipeg, Canada, died on 17 July 1988. He was the developer of the Almy Crab Apple Tree (see Newsletter No. 12, page 3, of October 1977) and attended the Almy Family Reunion in 1986. Bob was born in Broughton-Astley, Leicestershire, England in 1895 and emigrated to Canada as a young man. Other specifics of his life are in my files in Oregon so I cannot include that information here. I was informed of his death by his wife Olive, who also attended the 1986 Reunion. His daughter and her husband, Charles Woodward, also attended that Reunion.

HAZEL GERTRUDE (ALMY) ASMUSSEN (1408-3312-13)

Hazel G. Asmussen, my 94 year old aunt (my father's younger sister), died 9 July 1988 at the Lakeview Health Center, Pascoag, RI. Hazel was born 13 May 1894 in North Smithfield, RI, the daughter of Irwin Holder and Emma Minnie (Cook) Almy. On 25 December 1913 she married John Asmussen, who was born in Denmark. They had four children: Doris, Helen, John, and Robert. She will be greatly missed by her many family members and friends.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins 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>
Iris M. Bachand	1232-4013-462	Rhode Island
Jo Ann Almy Pass	1233-3252-3221	Maryland
Mrs. Hazel V. Almy	1233-4655-11W	South Carolina
Marian D. Bower	1233-4668-123	North Dakota
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Ernestine Almy Benson	1233-5147-531	Puerto Rico
Susan Almy Yacubian	1233-8618-113	Massachusetts
Phyllis Stearns	1235-4131-1114	Massachusetts
Nancy Almy Lundgren	1235-5773-93	Rhode Island
Ruth Almy Brower	1407-1426-13	Rhode Island
Paul Almy Martin	1407-1C71-11	New York
Mrs. L. Wesley Almy	1408-6524-11W	New Mexico
Fred Alan Almy	England	Wales
Brian Almy	England	England

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING !

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

Merwin

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