

ALMY

Following is the Will of William Almy, our immigrant ancestor. Patricia Almy Forte (1407-1426-122) made this copy from Will in Deeds Book, page 133, Portsmouth, RI, Town Records. Try to read it first, then go to the typed version on next page.

all my

Of William Almy being in health and perfectt memory doe make my last will and testyment first I bequeath my soule to almighty god 144 that gaurd it me and my body to be buryed by my sonn John if I die here upon my farms and for my worldly goods if my wife out live me shee shall have all during her naturall life and after her death Christopher shall have halfe my farms that is to say that halfe which is next to the land whi I gave to my sonn John Almy and for my malt house these shares it falls into they shall have Equall shares of it not to divide it but to have it for a malt house for every season and the other halfe of my farms I give it to my sonn Job Almy with my dwelling house and two orchards and the are to make the fences betwixt them one make one half and the other the other halfe and for my tithes and the annuall what is remaining at our deaths I give to my daughter an and my daughter Catharon one of them two parts and to my sonn Christopher Almy and my sonn Job Almy one of them one part and to my grant child Bartholomew west I give twenty pound silver money to be payd him when he comes to age and if he die before he comes to age I bind my two sonn Christopher and Job to pay the money to him the one ten pound and the other to pay ten pound and I make my two sonn Christopher Almy and Job Almy my Executors to performe this my will in witness hereof I have sett to my hand this last of february 1676. signed and sealed

in presence of us witness
 Robert Hodgson
 James Barter Senior

William Almy

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Portsmouth, R.I.

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Towne Clerke

Joshua Coggeshall Assistant
Wm Cadman Assist
John Sanford
Samuel Wilbore
John Heath
Francis p Braiton
his mark

TYPED COPY OF WILLIAM ALMY'S WILL

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To this
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James Barker seanor

s/ William Almy

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CONNELLY'S CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Connelly (1222-3763-243), of Garrett Park, Maryland, observed their golden wedding anniversary on July 6, 1989, at the home of their son, Timothy D. W. Connelly, and his wife Dale, in Silver Spring, Maryland, with 35 relatives and friends.

Gordon and the former Catherine E. Berger were married in Denver, Colorado, on July 6, 1939, as they prepared to leave for New York City, where he would seek newspaper work. Catherine was an elementary teacher from Gresham, Oregon.

REGINA ALMY (1252-9532-741W)

Regina Camilla (Schoonover) Almy, 76, wife of H. Raymond Almy of Vestal, New York, died May 15, 1989. She was born January 6, 1913, in Towanda, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Raymond Francis and Etta (Swanaker) Schoonover. She and Ray were married May 2, 1935 in Johnson City, New York. They had four children. Our condolences go to Ray and their children. I know she will be missed by family and friends.

JEAN (BOBBITT) ALMY (1407-1C74-4W)

The Christmas card I received from Donald G. Almy (1407-1C74-31) and wife Louise gave me the sad news that his aunt, Mrs. Loren Billings Almy had passed away on December 7, 1989. I had just been up to see Jean and Loren in their very beautiful retirement home in November.

Jean was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on 19 April 1912, the daughter of Charles Everett and Ruby (Simmons) Bobbitt, and sister of Ruth Simmons Bobbitt who married Loren's brother Ernest Grinnell Almy. Jean and Loren were married in Lincoln on 14 April 1934. They had two children: Lorraine Jean who married Donald Leroy Almy (1233-4668-151) and Gerald Bobbitt Almy who married Helen Manning. Our heart-felt prayers go out to Jean's family and many friends.

DIANN (GIFFORD) JORDAN (1407-5561-223)

Diann Gifford Jordan, 39, daughter of Charles S. and Joan D. (Callender) Gifford, died August 27, 1989, after a long battle with cancer. Diann was an associate broker with Gifford Realty, where she worked with her mother, the firm's president, and her brother, Thomas C. Gifford. She and her husband Kenneth R. Jordan, an Ocean View, Virginia builder, lived almost directly across the street from her mother and father. She was a member of the Tidewater Board of Realtors, past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and a member of the Dogwood Garden Club. She was also a counselor with Lee's Friends, a support organization for cancer victims and their families. Diann will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

**MARRIAGE OF CYNTHIA S. ALMY
(1239-2145-2311-3)**

Cynthia S. Almy, daughter of Richard T. and Phyllis (Izzo) Almy of Cranston, Rhode Island, was married in Cranston on 28 October 1989 to Frank R. Rosa, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank F. Rosa of Little Compton, Rhode Island. Sandra Cooley, sister of the bride, and Gregory Rosa, brother of the bridegroom, were honor attendants. The flower girl was Jennifer Coutu. Bridesmaids included Judith Almy-Coutu, sister of the bride, and Sara Almy, the bride's first cousin. The bride and bride groom are graduates of the University of Rhode Island. They will live in Cranston.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

I received many Christmas cards and letters this year and I want to thank each and everyone of you for sending them. I appreciate your greetings and the family news contained in the letters. I am unable to send cards to each of you in return, so the Newsletters will have to serve as my greetings to you. Thank you.

RUTH LARKIN ALMY (1408-6612-1242)

Ruth Larkin Almy arrived in this world on 29 November 1989, the daughter of Kenneth James and Anne (Kryder) Almy and sister of Mark Christian Almy, age 2. We congratulate Ruth on selecting such fine parents.

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS

DOROTHY HORNUS (1407-1C57-61) wrote saying that she and her husband Louis are finally resettled in Tampa, Florida -- that this should be their retirement place with no more big moves. She is currently Secretary to the William Bradford Colony (Tampa/St. Pete/Clearwater area) -- the largest colony in the Florida Mayflower Society.

MERWIN F. ALMY (1408-3312-112) was elected Treasurer of the Oregon Mayflower Society at their November 1989 meeting. He is also national treasurer of the Pilgrim John Howland Society. He keeps the membership mailing addresses, dues records, and financial accounting for both organizations on his computer.

CONSTANCE M. PRICE (1235-4131-1111) writes that her daughter Madeline was divorced in the fall and is now living near her in the Cleveland suburb of Willoughby Hills. She is delighted that she is back close to home. Her other daughter, Diane, will be married this coming September.

CHRISTINE ALMY BACHRACH (1233-4657-113) writes that she still does not know how she fits into the family tree. She would like me to explain the numbering system again. I will do this in a future issue.

KENNETH G. FULLER (1239-2127-561) wrote to say that he "would like to see a chart of one Almy line in every Newsletter. It's been a long time since

the last one." I am going to study this idea and will try to start a new series of charts in the near future. My Almy charts have over 8,000 descendants (including spouses) of William Almy, the immigrant. So it is a question of just what part of these would be practical and meaningful to include in the Newsletters.

DONALD G. ALMY (1407-1c74-31) sent me a copy of the cover and a page of a C.M. Almy & Son, Inc. catalog. This company in Greenwich, Connecticut, manufactures and sells clerical clothing. Sylvia Nichols (1233-5147-233) wrote me back in 1977 that she wrote to this company when she was ordering vestments for her church and asked what Almy was connected with the firm. They could not or would not give any information. If anyone has the answer as to who this Almy is or was, please write and tell me.

ELVA LAWTON (1252-9831-12). In the June 1987 issue of RI Roots, published by the RI Genealogical Society, reference is made to "the work of Elva Lawton (of Seattle, Wash., now deceased),***". Just recently I received a letter which referred to Elva Lawton, deceased. I send Elva the Newsletters and they have not been returned by the P.O., so I wrote to Elva and asked her for details of her demise. She wrote me that she may not be as peppy as she used to be, but she was still amongst the living. She has written genealogies on the Lawtons and Almys, but she says she is not really doing anything in genealogy or anything else now.

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. This help is most appreciated. I thank each and everyone of you.

Name	Almy Number	Residence
Mrs. Arnold L. Hayes	11A3-3111-242	Rhode Island
Fred H. Almy	1232-1218-331	California
Frances (Almy) Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
Pauline Bondade	1232-4013-424	California
Mary Almy Merrell	1233-3252-3111	Virginia
Constance (Almy) Danielson	1233-3252-412	New York
Hazel V. Almy	1233-4655-11W	South Carolina
Thomas P. Almy	1233-4657-11	New Hampshire
Christine Bachrach	1233-4657-113	Maryland
Marjorie Wade	1233-4668-121	Florida
Robert L. Almy	1233-4671-12	New York
Richard R. Almy	1233-5143-242	Virginia
Richard R. Almy, Jr.	1233-5143-2421	Illinois
Sylvia Nichols	1233-5147-233	Virginia
Robert B. Almy, Jr.	1233-8618-132	Massachusetts
Constance M. Price	1235-4131-1111	Ohio
Kenneth G. Fuller	1239-2127-561	California
Paul B. Almy	1252-9531-613	Colorado
Robert R. Newman	1252-9532-412	Virginia
H. Raymond Almy	1252-9532-741	New York
Ronald Wenzel	1252-95A3-323	Michigan
Jane (Almy) Scott	1407-1426-21	Pennsylvania
William Seabury	1407-1C55-3	Rhode Island
Dorothy Hornus	1407-1C57-61	Florida
Cynthia A. Josephs	1407-1C74-21	Illinois
Mrs. Israel T. Almy	1407-2512-2W	Massachusetts
Charles S. Gifford	1407-5561-22	Virginia
Dorothy Johnson	1408-3822-11W	Arizona
Alfred H. Almy	Unknown	Arizona
Robert L. Almy	Unknown	Indiana
Brian Almey	England	Saffron Walden
John Berg	Friend of Almys	Rhode Island

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),



Merwin F. Almy
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Tualatin, OR 97062

My wife and I wish all of you happiness in the new year,
a healthy year filled with JOY, LOVE, AND PEACE !!