

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Veda and I thank all of you that sent Christmas cards and Christmas letters to us this year. We appreciate your greetings and reading the family news contained in the letters. There are just too many for us to reciprocate; the Newsletters will have to serve as our greetings to you all. We thank and bless each and everyone of you.

BIRTH OF CHESTER ALMY MARTIN (1407-1C71-1231)

Chester Almy Martin was born on September 6, 1990 in Walnut Creek, California, to Christopher Allen and Corinne (Carpenter) Martin. With Almy as a middle name, he is sure to have a bright future.

SALE OF COLONEL JOB ALMY CHEST-ON-CHEST

Richard R. Almy (1233-5143-242) of Front Royal, Virginia, wrote me that in reading the latest *Antiques Magazine* for December 1990 he came across an advertisement on page 10 which may be of interest to some members of the Almy family. He wrote that "the ad is a full page picture of a chippendale chest-on-chest 91¾ inches tall, 44½ inches wide and 21½ inches deep. It is described as the Colonel Job Almy chest-on-chest made in Newport, Rhode Island circa 1760. According to family tradition this chest stood in Vernon House, General Rochambeau's headquarters during the Revolution, and was referred to as being made by John Goddard." Anyone interested should get a copy of the magazine and call the telephone numbers given in the ad.

PARDON ALMY (1407-176)

For her biographical sketch for the 1988 Almy Family Reunion, Lois B. Almy (1407-1532-3) submitted an article taken from the Harvard Memorial Biographies about Pardon Almy, Second Lieutenant, 16th Massachusetts Volunteers (Infantry), killed August 30, 1862 at Bull Run, Virginia. The following is from Pardon's autobiography given in the Class-Book.

"I was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island, at nine o'clock, P.M., on Monday, July 4, 1836. I am the son of Mary and Pardon, son of Sanford, son of John, son of Job, son of Job, son of William, who came from England and settled in the southern part of Tiverton, Rhode Island. There, and in the northern part of the adjoining town of Little Compton, the line of his descendants from whom I come have ever since resided, and have all been farmers. The old homestead is still in the Almy family.

"My mother's maiden name was Mary Cook....The first sixteen years of my life were spent on a farm. I began to go to school when five years old, attending only the summer term for the first two years, then for three years both the summer and winter terms; then, until I was sixteen, only the winter term, working on the farm in the summer. In September, 1852, I went to Pierce Academy, Middleborough, Massachusetts, where I stayed three terms, until May, 1853. During the summer I worked on the farm. In September I went back to school, and stayed one term. In the winter 1853-54 I taught school in the southeastern part of my native town. The summer was again spent on the farm; and in September I again went back to school, and remained two terms until February, 1855. I then went into the office of Dr. M. B. Roche, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. With him I studied medicine a little, but was not very attentive to my studies, as I had no fancy for being a Physician, having gone there at the solicitation of my brother rather than from any wish of my own.

"I was there about seven months. Then I was for a time out of employ, quite undecided what to do next. I had an excellent offer to go into business, if I would wait until the next March, which I probably should have accepted if it had been immediate. I had for some time desired to go to college, but had not the means. I consulted my father, and was promised such assistance as he could render. In December, 1855, I again went back to Pierce Academy, and began the study of Latin and Greek under the tuition of C. C. Burnett. In September, 1857, I was admitted into Harvard College. I have been a member of the Institute of 1770, and of the O.K. Where I shall go, or what I shall do, immediately after leaving college, is quite uncertain.

"Pardon Almy was the second of the class to die, - he was the first to die on the field of battle....Almy's regiment was joined to General Pope's army, and fought in the battle of Manassas, August 29 and 30, 1862. From the first day's fight Almy came out unharmed, but upon the second day he was killed. While retreating, Almy was heard to exclaim, "God! they'll annihilate us!" and the words had scarcely been spoken when a bullet struck him in the head and instantly killed him. The field was left in possession of the enemy; hence his body was not recovered. At the time of his death he was twenty-six years and two months."

CLASSMATE OF MRS. FROTHINGHAM

Phyllis Mather Stearns (1235-4131-1114) wrote me that she was interested to learn that the Mrs. Theodore Frothingham I was looking for was a classmate of hers, Libby Butler. Phyllis went on to say that she had not been in touch with her for a long time, but had learned that she had died. She is sorry she never knew she was a cousin when they could have enjoyed their family tie.

Another example of the "small world" we live in.

EARLE SUMNER DAY
(1407-2551-1)

Earle S. Day, 93, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, died November 27, 1990. Earle was born February 14, 1897, in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of William A. and Lottie C. (Farrington) Day. He was married to Mildred Pollock and they had a son, William P. Day, and a daughter, Priscilla D. Garrison, both of East Greenwich. The information written here was furnished by his brother, Richmond Almy Day of Tucson, Arizona.

Earle was the former vice president, general manager and director of the former Collyer Insulated Wire Company of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for more than 40 years, retiring in 1961. Earle attended Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. During World War I, he was a pilot in the Army Signal Corps.

Earle was an expert in Navy and commercial shipboard cable. His professional associations include the American Society of Naval Engineers, Registered Professional Engineers and a life member of the Providence Engineering Society. He was a former national president of the National Metal Trade Association and past president of its Rhode Island branch. In 1961 he received a national award for outstanding achievement in industrial relations. He was a former member of the Institute of Management and a founder of the Industrial Management Club of Blackstone Valley.

EDITH ALMY ATWELL
(1233-5180-33)

Edith M. (Almy) Atwell, 88, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died December 3, 1990. She was born October 14, 1902, in Fall River, Massachusetts; the daughter of Theodore Benjamin and Phaniel B. (Sanford) Almy. Edith married Everett C. Atwell on October 11, 1928 in Fall River, and they had two children: Alan G. Atwell of Greensboro, and Phyllis (Atwell) Groseclose of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Edith was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church for over 40 years; a Past Matron of Chapter 191, Order of the Eastern Star in Fall River, Massachusetts; and active in many church related organizations and activities. She was a graduate of Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Beaver College Alumni Association. I have corresponded with Edith for over 15 years and I know that she will be missed by her family and many friends.

RALPH J. ALMY
(1252-9532-752)

Thelma (Almy) Wise wrote to inform me that her brother, Ralph J. Almy, Jr. passed away on October 12, 1990. Ralph was born January 13, 1925, in Hornell, New York, the son of Ralph J. and Martha I. (Van Scoter) Almy. Ralph married in Jamestown, New York, on September 7, 1946, Margaret Weatherly. They had three children; Sue, Michael, and James.

ALMYS ACROSS AMERICA

In November, I received an advertisement in the mail for a book titled *Almys Across America*. Many looking at the ad would think it was on Almy genealogy, but from a careful reading of notes that no claims for genealogy are stated. The book is to contain the history of American origins, the development of family crests, the origin of family names, and information on the recording and documenting of family heritage. This information which is applicable to all family names is readily available from books in the public library. However, the book is supposed to contain a listing of the names and addresses of Almys in America obtained from National and State government and utility records. Because of the later information, I have ordered a copy of the book to check against my records and possibly obtain the names and addresses of additional descendants of William¹ Almy. If the book does not meet expectations, there is a money back guarantee. I will let you all know the results of my review. I do not recommend that any of you purchase this book as the Almy Family Newsletters contain the Almy history and genealogy, and probably the names of far more descendants than this book.

FRUIT HILL FLASHBACKS

By Richard R. Almy, Sr.
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of Front Royal, Virginia

(This is a continuation of the article on pages 3 and 4 of the last issue.) "Fruit Hill Flashbacks" will be printed in the Newsletters as space permits.

On the whole my four years at Brown were enjoyable. Some learning did probably rub off on me due to the efforts of excellent professors and instructors, as well as from association with my roommate Andrews who was without doubt the brightest member of the 1929 engineering class.

One of the professors was somewhat different from most in his procedures. This was Professor Hill, head of Civil Engineering. He did not bother to learn the names of any of his students. In oral exams, for example, he questioned the students alphabetically, starting with "First man" (who happened to be me), the "next man", and continuing with "next man" to the last alphabetical name. He must not have paid much, if any, attention to who said what, as there was no way he could connect a student to certain answers, as he took no notes. I also observed that he kept his eyes closed most of the time. As I was "First man", I knew that I should be well prepared in order to avoid as much embarrassment as possible.

Two of my favorite subjects were Astronomy and Geology which had the twin advantages of being both interesting and easy. All of us were required to major in either Civil, Electrical, or Mechanical Engineering. At first, I thought I would major in Civil, but my junior year, I found Mechanical to be my major interest. Some of my roommate's knowledge must have rubbed off on me, as I was named a Francis Wayland Scholar and elected to membership in Sigma Xi, an honorary Scientific Society, during my senior year.

About this time my father and mother had become interested in having a beach cottage. They bought a lot on the ocean front at Green Hill Beach and built a small cottage there on the sand dune, which was then typical of most of Rhode Island's south shore beaches. This cottage was then used for summer vacations and good weekends in the Spring and Fall.

(To be continued.)

MARRIAGE OF DIANA PRICE

(1235-4131-1111-2)

Diana Ellen Price, daughter of Constance (Mather) and John Price was married on her birthday, September 15, 1990, to Pat Dooley of Melbourne, Australia. Connie, her mother, wrote "they have been living in London, England, where his company had sent him on business, but now they are calling him back." Connie is now planning a trip to Australia in 1991. Best wishes to Diana and Pat on their new married life down under.

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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Frances (Almy) Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
Thomas W. Almy	1232-1272-4212	Michigan
Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett	1233-5143-421W	Texas
Everett C. Atwell	1233-5180-33W	North Carolina
Constance Price	1235-4131-1111	Ohio
Madeleine Anderson	1235-4131-1113	Ohio
H. Raymond Almy	1252-9532-741	New York
Thelma (Almy) Wise	1252-9532-751	New York
Ronald Wenzel	1252-95A3-323	Michigan
Stephen B. Brown	1481-2385-2331	Kentucky
Donald W. Martin	1407-1C71-12	California
Loren B. Almy	1407-1C74-4	Washington
George B. Almy	1408-3398-31	Massachusetts
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