

MARRIAGE OF GREGORY S. ALMY (1233-4668-1324)

Gregory Scott Almy, son of Harold D. and Norene E. (Trych) Almy was married in Kent, Washington on December 30, 1990 to Rossette Mary Doyle. Beth (Mrs. Harold D. Almy) wrote that she and Harold braved extremely cold weather and very icy stretches driving north on I-5, to attend the wedding. Congratulations to Scott and Rossette.

MARRIAGE OF H. RAYMOND ALMY (1252-9532-741)

Ray Almy has informed me that he married Elizabeth Jane Nesmith in Johnson City, NY, on February 24, 1990. It is her third marriage, the two previous husbands having died. Elizabeth (Betty) was born in Youngstown, Ohio. It is Ray's second marriage; his first wife, Regina, died May 15, 1989, at age 76 (Newsletter 61 (Jan 1990) page 3). We congratulate Ray and Betty on their new adventure and wish them many years of wedded bliss.

ALMYS ACROSS AMERICA

In the last newsletter I told how skeptical I was of the book by this title, but wrote that I would order one for review because it had a money back guarantee. I received the book and found that it has a smattering of genealogical research information, and at most, it could suggest avenues for further research. The listing of Almys was very poor as many in the listing were by one initial only and the listing was very incomplete, not even containing the names of known Almys in the larger metropolitan areas. After a quick review, I returned the book and have received my money back.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jonathan Atwood Martin (1407-1C71-1132) was born April 11, 1990 to Frederick Paul and Elizabeth (Cady) Martin. This is late reporting, but I just found out the news. Congratulations.

TRAVELS OF MERWIN & VEDA

Early on the morning of February 18, Veda and Merwin started their journey to Antarctica, flying first to Buenos Aires, Argentina. After a two day layover, they flew (with a tour group) to Ushuaia, at the southern tip of South America where they boarded a small ship for 9 days in Antarctica. What an awesome experience -- what magnificent scenery -- what an interesting and educational, even spiritual, experience travel to the Antarctic proved to be. They visited penguin rookeries and fur seals by going ashore on Zodiac landing crafts. They sailed amongst the icebergs and whales. An experience of a lifetime. Much more could be written, but this is not a travel magazine.

NEW JOB FOR MERWIN ALMY

Merwin Almy volunteered and has the job of Editor of the *Oregon Pilgrim*, new newsletter of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Oregon. The newsletter will be issued semi-annually, just before the two meetings of the Society each year.

When Merwin joined the Oregon Mayflower Society he immediately recognized the need for a newsletter publication for members of the Society. As Treasure, he was aware that many members were paying dues, but because of geography or health, did not or could not attend meetings and therefore had no way of knowing what the Society was doing.

IN MEMORIAM

NINA R. THURSTON
(1407-2C42-1W)

Nina Rogers Thurston, 82, of Portsmouth, RI, died December 5, 1990. She was the wife of the late George Almy Thurston who died April 4, 1990. Born in Newport, RI, she was the daughter of Marshall C. and Bertha (Anderson) Rogers. An avid swimmer, she swam across Narragansett Bay, between Jamestown and Newport, several times. She leaves a son, George Almy Thurston, Jr. of Portsmouth.

FRANCES S. ALMY
(1407-1C61-1W)

Frances Sisson Almy, 83, of Portsmouth, RI, died July 12, 1990. She had been an elementary school teacher for the Tiverton School Department for over 30 years before retiring in 1972. She was the widow of Rudolph W. Almy. Frances was born June 4, 1907, in Portsmouth, the daughter of Borden L. and Mabel R. (Peckham) Sisson.

JENNIFER SCHMOLLER
(1408-3398-212)

Christopher R. Almy (1408-3398-321) informed me that Jennifer Schmoller of Hicksville, NY, died on January 2, 1991. I have received no other word on this.

Jennifer was born March 14, 1936, in Mineola, NY, the daughter of Arthur L. and Barbara (Strout) Pattee, Jr. She married Frank X. Schmoller in Garden City, NY on May 3, 1958. They have two daughters, Linda and Catherine. I have corresponded with Jennifer for many years, she being the first of my close relatives that I found after starting my genealogical research.

EMMA ALMY KENT
(1407-1426-3)

Emma A. Kent, 85, of Providence, RI, died January 12, 1991. She was the widow of Warren D. Kent, having married him in Providence on June 7, 1930. Emma was born February 6, 1905, in Auburn, RI, the daughter of Valentine S. and Clara (Hull) Almy.

KENNETH B. ALMY III
(1408-3833-1122)

Kenneth B. Almy III, 46, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on December 10, 1990. He was born in Brunswick, Maine, February 1, 1943, the son of Kenneth B. and Rose (Allen) Almy, Jr. Kenneth had served in the U.S. Army in communications. At the time of his death he was employed as a cook at the Lemon Peel Restaurant in Detroit, Michigan.

STAFFORD ALMY, JR.
(1233-518A-521)

Stafford "Spike" Almy, Jr., 46, of Underhill, Vermont, died November 13, 1990, of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Fairfax, Vermont. He was the husband of Linda Hagstrand, a member of the Vermont legislature. Stafford was a psychiatric social worker at the Vermont State Hospital for the last 13 years. He also conducted a private practice in family therapy in St. Albans.

Stafford was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on June 20, 1944, the son of Stafford and Sara (Morton) Almy. He had lived in Barrington, Rhode Island, 20 years before moving to Vermont. Stafford received bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Boston University. He was a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and the National Association of Social Workers.

NEWS FROM CHRISTOPHER R. ALMY (1408-3398-321)

Christopher wrote that his three children are all in college this year and in the same city:

Christopher 1408-3398-3211
at Worcester Polytechnic
Institute (WPI), class of 1991
BS in Mechanical Engineering

Jennifer 1408-3398-3212
at WPI, class of 1993
BS in Mechanical Engineering

Katherine 1408-3398-3213
at Clark University (in Worcester), class of 1994
BA in Foreign Languages

That's not all --

Leonard B. Almy 1408-3398-32
WPI 1934 BA in Mechanical Engr.

Christopher 1408-3398-321
WPI 1964 BS in Mechanical Engr.
WPI 1967 MS in Materials Engr.

Marjorie N. Almy 1408-3398-321W
Sec. to Dir. of Placement,
WPI, 1962-1968

That's quite a record.

Several months ago Chris was looking for a computer software program so he could use his Word Perfect computer word processing program with his old Epson FX-80 printer. His son Chris, Jr. put a notice on his computer bulletin board (in Mass.) and my son Tom here in Oregon saw it and supplied the necessary printer program. Interesting times we live in.



ALMY DESCENDANT NUMBERS

It has been quite some time since I put an explanation of the Almy numbering system in the Newsletters. Since I have had some inquiries on the subject, I am including the explanation again in this Newsletter.

The Almy numbering system I use in the Newsletter is the same system I use in identifying and keeping track of the over 9,000 descendants (including spouses) of William Almy¹ that I have identified so far. I do know of other Almys in the United States, but as yet I have not tied them into the system.

Under the system, persons are identified by their ancestry. Each Almy descendant has a number which indicates their father, and their other Almy ancestors back to the immigrant, order of birth in each generation, and his or her generation in America (on their Almy line).

Under the numbering system, each immigrant family head has a number. Our William is No. 1; the only immigrant Almy family head ancestor to America that I have yet identified. (There is another Almy line in Canada that I have tied into the England charts of Almeys.) The children of an Almy have the parent's number plus an additional digit of their own assigned in the order of their birth in the family: 1 through 9, 0 for 10th child, A for 11th, B for 12th, C for 13th, etc. For example, William (No. 1) married Audrey Barlow and had:

11. Anne Almy (1626-1709)
12. Christopher Almy (1632-1713)
13. John Almy (-1676)
14. Job Almy (1641-1684)
15. Catherine Almy

Job, above, was the 4th child of William, No. 1. Therefore, his number is 14. Job, No. 14, married Mary Unthank and had:

141. William Almy (1664-1664)
142. Christopher Almy (1664-1664)
143. William (1665-1666)

- 144. Susanna Almy (1667-)
- 145. Audrey Almy (1669-)
- 146. Deborah Almy (1671-)
- 147. Katherine Almy (1674-)
- 148. John Almy (1676-)
- 149. Mary Almy (1678-)
- 140. Job Almy (1681-1767)
- 14A. Anthony Almy (1682-1711)

Job above was the tenth child of Job, No. 14. Therefore, his number is 140.

In this numbering system a 3 digit number means third generation; a 10 digit number means 10th generation. Spouses of an Almy descendant are identified with a W suffix. If an Almy descendant has more than one marriage, the spouses are identified in order of marriage as W1, W2, W3, etc.

This system has many advantages. Newly discovered Almy descendants can be assigned an Almy number without having to change any previously assigned numbers. In this way it allows for unlimited expansion. Also, the relationship between two Almy descendants can be readily determined by comparing the two numbers -- reading the numbers from left to right, the first different number indicates siblings, then the number of different digits after that indicates the cousin relationship.

FRUIT HILL FLASHBACKS

By Richard R. Almy, Sr.
(1233-5143-242)
of Front Royal, Virginia

(This is a continuation of the article on pages 4 and 5 of the last issue.) "Fruit Hill Flashbacks" will be printed in the Newsletters as space permits.

Instead of canoeing on fresh water ponds, I kept my canoe in the basement there and could now have a choice between the salt pond in the rear of the cottage or the ocean in front. Most of the time the waves in front were a little too high to get the canoe through the breakers without swamping, but occasionally on a very calm day it was quite easy and it was an entirely different experience from fresh water boating as there were always some swells to make the ride interesting.

One of the problems with the ocean was that after going out in the calm of a morning, a sea breeze would come up, and along with it the breakers, which could be too big to avoid a swamping of the canoe on the return to shore. On such days, one had to survey the waves coming in so as to pick the smallest of a series and then make a run for the beach before more large ones arrived. This strategy was useless after the waves reached a certain size, however. At that point the strength of the waves would somehow turn the canoe sideways as you hit the beach and there seemed no way to avoid a dunking and a canoe full of water.

The salt water ponds in the rear of the beach did not present this difficulty and we did a lot of lazy paddling around in the shallow waters of Green Hill Pond.

The Almy cottage was around 8 or 10 feet above low water mark on the beach and this was more than adequate protection against average storm waves which did not have enough strength to reach the top of the sand dune along the coast.

I remember a strange happening one summer day. There was little or no wind from the ocean, but that morning there were fairly large waves coming in from ocean swells. As the morning wore on they got slowly larger and made quite a commotion and noise beating on the beach. Still there was no wind. By mid afternoon the swells were still getting bigger and the waves breaking on the beach were around 8 or 10 feet high. All of us were beginning to get concerned about the situation. Finally the waves came up to the front porch and Dad and Mother decided it was time to leave because if the waves came over the dunes and flooded the road in back of the house there would be no way to drive the car out. Apparently, the waves came no higher than when we left and speculation was that a hurricane at sea was responsible. We returned to Green Hill the next day and found no damage to the cottage.

Green Hill Pond behind our place connected with Charlestown Pond on the South and this in turn connected with Ninegret Pond. Altogether these salt water ponds were about 10 miles long. After having saved some money from my first job, I bought a 16

foot motor boat and a 15 horse power Johnson outboard motor which I kept in an old boathouse on Green Hill Pond. This permitted exploration of many of the more distant coves and inlets.

Most of these ponds were rather shallow in places and one could easily run aground (which I did rather frequently). The Johnson motor had a shear pin near the propeller which was designed to shear off and protect the motor from mechanical damage if the propeller suddenly hit submerged objects or bottom. I carried spare shear pins for replacement as needed.

On one trip to Ninegret Pond we hit a sand bar and the pin sheared as it was designed to do. A small problem immediately developed due to the discovery that I had no shear pins left! There was just no way to use the motor for the return to the cottage which was some six miles away. I did have a canoe paddle in the boat and the only solution to this predicament was to paddle the heavy boat and motor the entire 6 miles. I took turns with my passenger on this laborious voyage, which proceeded at the rate of about 2 miles per hour. Future excursions included a whole bagful of shear pins.

(To be continued.)

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>
Marian (Durbin) Bower	1233-4668-123	North Dakota
Harold D. Almy	1233-4668-132	Washington
Vernon L. Almy	1233-4668-134	Washington
Nancy Almy Lundgren	1235-5773-93	Rhode Island
Donald C. Almy	1239-2145-2312	Maine
Philip W. Almy	1407-1532-1	Rhode Island
Lois B. Almy	1407-1532-3	Rhode Island
Thomas B. Almy	1407-2512-21	Massachusetts
Paul Almy Martin	1407-1C71-11	New York
Gene H. Almy	1407-1C73-41	Texas
Christopher R. Almy	1408-3398-321	New York
Mrs. L. Wesley Almy	1408-6524-11W	New Mexico
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