

The following two articles are from 1913 newspaper clippings.

### 1913 SHOWER FOR BRIDEGROOM

Colleagues of Hubert B. Cook of Providence, Rhode Island, who wed Miss Stella M. Almy (1407-5553), gave him a shower. The employees of the custom house had not had a chance to celebrate for a long while, and when Hubert B. Cook announced that he was going to be married, they were at first stunned and then hilarious. It gave them a chance to show what they thought of Hubertus, as he was known about the building, and they could hardly wait until he was out of sight before getting together on the matter.

Mr. Cook was one of the Providence inspectors of customs and had been a member of the force so long that only one inspector remembered when Hubert first appeared. It was supposed that he was firmly established in the ranks of the confirmed bachelors, but Miss Stella M. Almy of Tiverton rescued him when she consented to become his wife.

As soon as the news about the change in Hubert's life was made known, Deputy Collector Charles A. Hubbard was made master of ceremonies and it was decided to have a shower in imitation of the fair sex. To that end invitations were issued and the custom house "bunch" from the collector to the last man in, were told to meet at the Dreyfus Hotel at the specified date and time. When they arrived they found a dinner all ready for them and Deputy Collector Hubbard was installed at the

head of the table, as the toastmaster. After the dinner had been disposed of, the toastmaster proceeded to call on the various ones present for speeches, his introductions being all in rhyme, composed by the poet of the custom house.

As each man was called upon for his part of the program he was held back until the custom house trio, composed of Deputy Collector Thomas W. Hull and Customs Inspectors George Field and James B. O'Neil, sang a verse about the speaker. Then the real business of the night was announced and each of the men present came forward with his article for the shower. These were burlesque wedding presents, and as each package was opened, the diners were convulsed with laughter. At the end they gathered around and told Mr. Cook how glad they were that he was going to join the ranks of the benedicts.

### 1913 COOK-ALMY WEDDING

Miss Stella Louise Almy (1407-5553) becomes bride of Hubert B. Cook at pretty home wedding.

Hubert B. Cook and Stella L. Almy were married in the parlor of the bride's home by the Rev. Robert D. Frost, pastor of the Congregational church, the single ring service being used. About 30 guests witnessed the ceremony and they were principally relatives of the contracting parties. The bride was costumed in white. She was the only daughter of Samuel E. Almy of Puncatose Neck and Cynthia E. Delano. The bridegroom was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cook.

## ALMY GENEALOGY BOOK

A number of you have inquired about when my Almy genealogy book will be available. That time is getting closer, but a lot still has to be done and a lot of decisions made. In order to help me in producing the type of genealogy that the majority desires, within the constraints of time and cost, I would like to hear from those of you that are interested. Following is a status report.

Progress - Work on the book is progressing, but slowly. I continue to find and document new Almy families. A while back I bought a CD ROM drive for my computer and then bought CDs containing indexes of the censuses that I have not previously reviewed. I then reviewed the censuses for the Almy families identified and have added those families to the genealogy. I still have 200-300 Almys in census and other information that I have been unable to tie into the Family. They probably do not have descendants living today. Further research would be very costly and time consuming, so I will leave those individuals for future generations to solve.

Format - I have written the genealogy with the 3-ring binder type layout in mind. This way, it is easy to insert pages for pictures and documents as well as pages for future descendants. Each person will have to furnish their own binder. Libraries will be furnished bound books (probably 2 or 3 volumes), but the format will permit copying pages needed by researchers.

Index - I plan that the index will contain the names of all Almy descendants, but it will not include the names of the parents of the spouses, although the genealogy book will contain this information.

The names of Almy descendants will be indexed with their Almy descendant

number and the Family number that they are in. Pages will not be numbered which will permit easy revision and future expansion.

Costs - I have found that genealogies of limited quantity, such as this would be, cost a minimum of 7 cents per page. Including introduction, list of references, index, and a page for each of the 815+ Almy families, the book would be 1,200 pages costing \$84.00 for printing, plus an additional amount for packaging and shipping. I don't know how many of you would be interested in such an investment. I have therefor considered how the genealogy could be divided. Based on the number of families, and the pages for introduction, etc., descendants of No. 12 Christopher Almy would require about 800 pages; descendants of No. 123 William Almy would amount to about 660 pages; and descendants of No. 14 Job Almy would require about 410 pages.

Indexing is another problem. I will of course have an overall index, but I will explore compiling indexes for descendants of No. 12 only and No. 14 only.

Summary - I would like to hear from all those interested in buying the genealogy. What are your questions and comments. If not the complete genealogy, what part would you buy?

## NEWS NEEDED

Please send me your family news and any other items that you think would be of interest for other family members (or for posterity). I need items to put in future issues of the Almy Family Newsletters.

## IN MEMORY OF

**MARJORIE ALMY BRIGHTMAN**  
(1407-1632-2)

Marjorie Howland Almy Brightman, 91, of Providence, Rhode Island, died March 10, 1995, at the Bethany Home of Rhode Island. She was the widow of William T. Brightman, Jr., who died February 25, 1994. (*Newsletter 78, page 5.*)

Marjorie was born in Little Compton on May 23, 1903, the daughter of Frederick W. C. and Louisa Balkom (Almy) Almy. Her father was the son of Oliver Humphrey Almy and her mother was the daughter of Horace L. Almy. Marjorie spent her childhood on the Red Feather Farm in Little Compton, which was famous for raising "Rhode Island Reds." (See article about her father and the Rhode Island Red chickens in *Newsletter 80.*)

Marjorie was a 1924 graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College. She leaves a son, William T. Brightman III of Middletown; a daughter, Barbara B. Northrop of Barrington; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**JAMES RAYMOND ALMY**  
(1252-9532-7411)

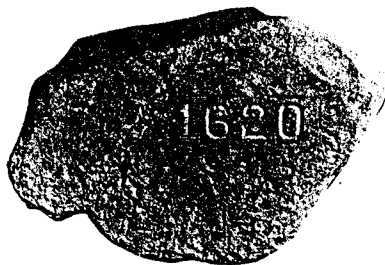
H. Raymond Almy informed me that his eldest son, James Raymond Almy, who lived in Maui, Hawaii, died Sunday, December 18, 1994. James was born in Binghamton, New York, on 11 April 1936. James had not married. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

## PLYMOUTH ROCK AREA TO GET NEW LOOK

In 1637, our ancestor William Almy was one of ten men from Saugus, Massachusetts, who founded Sandwich on Cape Cod, Massachusetts (*Newsletter 35, page 3.*) Sandwich is less than 20 miles from Plymouth and William must have passed through there on his way from Saugus to Sandwich, which was in Plymouth Colony back then. Also, William probably went to Plymouth a number of times on business and saw the large boulder there which is now known as Plymouth Rock. Therefore the following information should be of interest to you.

The state of Massachusetts plans to restore the area around Plymouth Rock to more closely resemble the landscape at the time the Pilgrims stepped ashore in 1620. For many decades the rock has been sheltered by an overwhelming and totally irrelevant white Grecian portico which has been the source of frequent disgust and disappointment among visitors. Now this

portico will be removed and the area around the rock will be restored as a natural salt marsh.



Whether or not any of the Pilgrims actually set foot on Plymouth Rock cannot be proven one way or the other. In any event, no other boulder of the same composition and size has ever been found in the area. It is believed that a southeasterly moving glacier 30,000 years ago broke off this fragment from its now hidden parent ledge many miles away, depositing it upon the shore of the harbor. At the time of the Pilgrims' arrival the rock must have been an easily discernible object on the flat, curved shoreline. So it is safe to assume that every single one of the Mayflower passengers, at one time or another, must have cast eyes upon this unique and lonely glacial castaway - perhaps even remarking about its prominence. Thus, in a true sense, the rock is at least symbolic of the arrival of our forefathers.

PROTECTION CERTIFICATES

Protection certificates were issued to American sailors during and after the War of 1812 as the British tried to impress sailors into their service. Here is the Protection Certificate (reduced to 78%) issued to John Simmons Almy (1407-142) in 1839.

PROTECTION.

No. 900.



United States of America.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DISTRICT OF NEW-BEDFORD.

I, Mr. H. Taylor Deputy Collector of the District  
aforesaid, do hereby Certify, That John S. Almy  
an American Seaman, aged 24 years, or thereabouts, of the  
height of 5 feet, 7 inches, light complexion, brun hair,  
blue eyes, born at Little Compton  
D. Island

has this day produced to me proof in the manner directed in the Act entitled "An Act  
for the relief and protection of American Seamen, and pursuant to the said Act, I do  
hereby Certify, That the said John S. Almy is a  
Citizen of the United States of America.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and  
Seal of Office, this 10 day of  
October in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty nine,  
Wm. Taylor Collector.

## WARNING

The Bath, Ohio people are still trying to deceive people. They are offering "The World Book of Almys" and their return envelope is addressed to Family Book Offer. H. Raymond Almy (1252-9532-741) of Vestal, New York sent me the advertisement they sent to him. He commented "it's a good bet they use your research."

Their book is not a genealogy although they would like you to believe it is. It will be a listing of Almys with their addresses (like a phone book), obtained from government and utility records. Past experience with these type offers has been that many names are not complete (initials only) and addresses are way out of date. It will not tie any individuals together as a genealogy would. They did not use my research or any other genealogical research of the Almy Family. They have had trouble with Postal Inspectors in the past and have revised their advertising statements, but they are still misleading the public into believing the book offered has genealogical value.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins who have sent in contributions, since the last issue of the 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>
Jimmie I. Almy	1232-4149-173	Oklahoma
Marian Bower	1233-4668-123	North Dakota
Robert L. Almy	1233-4671-12	New York
Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett	1233-5143-421W	Texas
Jocelyn Almy	1239-2145-2032-2	Massachusetts
David J. Almy	1252-9531-617	New York
H. Raymond Almy	1252-9532-741	New York
Donald W. Martin	1407-1C71-12	California
Thomas B. Almy	1407-2512-21	Massachusetts

Your Cousin (1408-3312-112),



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