

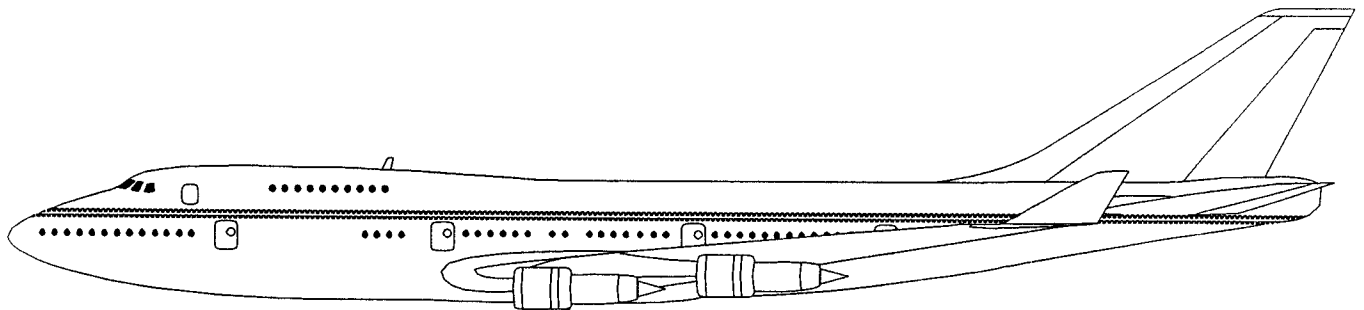
## MERWIN ALMY'S TOUR TO ENGLAND, ISLE OF MAN, AND WALES

On Sunday, April 16, 1995, Veda and I flew to London, England. This was three days before the other 33 tour members arrived for the Pilgrim John Howland Society tour. We did this to get used to the eight hour difference in time between our West Coast home and England.

From London we went to Cambridge for three nights. The first day we went to the nearby hamlet of Henlow where Elizabeth Tilley (Mrs. John Howland) of the *Mayflower* and her parents lived. After a luncheon, speeches, and other festivities at the parish church, tour members (in groups of two or three) were invited by church members to go back to their homes for

Howland was baptized. After church service, a similar program was had with the parish members. Tour members went to their homes for luncheon and good old fashioned visiting. It is very interesting to discuss the similarities and differences between the English and American cultures.

The next day, while still in Cambridge, Jane Almey Gregson and her husband came to the hotel from their home in Clacton On Sea for dinner. Before dinner we went to the St. John's College Memorial Grove at Cambridge University to see the Almey Crab Apple Tree that had been planted there in memory of their son Mark



afternoon tea and whatever other activity was decided upon. Fred Almey, of Cardiff, Wales, and his wife Joyce, joined the tour group at Henlow for the activities, so we had a good time visiting with their English cousins. Those of you who attended the Almy Family Reunion in 1988 in Seekonk, Massachusetts, met Fred and Joyce. (See Newsletter No. 56.)

The next day we went to Fenstanton, another small nearby village, where John

Stephen Gregson who was a graduate of St. John's College. Jane has the same computer genealogy program as I do and we will continue to exchange information on the English Almeys. The tour group went to Cardiff, Wales, where we had a Welsh Banquet at Cardiff Castle. At the banquet, Fred Almey and his wife Joyce were the honored guests of the tour for his many contributions and kindnesses to members of the Pilgrim John Howland Society.

**DR. MAX ALONZO ALMY**  
(1233-3252-43)

Max Alonzo Almy was born May 24, 1887, in Scio, Allegheny County, New York. He was the son of Charles Henry and Anjeanette Duke (Crownier) Almy. He died January 22, 1962, in Dunedin, Florida, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Rochester, New York. Max married October 16, 1913, Ellen Lawton and they had four children: Olaline Luella, Robert Lawton, Grace Ellen, and Maxine.

Max attended Corning Free Academy in Corning, New York, graduating in 1906. While there he captained the baseball team and also played basketball and football. He was the Manager of the 1906 Year Book. From 1906 to 1908 he attended Brown University as a Pre-Medical student. He then went to Albany Medical College, Union University, in Albany, New York, graduating in 1912. He interned at the Albany Medical City Hospital, majoring in surgery. He then established his practice of medicine in Rochester, New York, which covered the years 1913-1945.

During his long and illustrious career Max served as surgeon in the Compiegne (France) Hospital with the British Army Expeditionary Forces in 1915-1916. For this he received The British Military Cross. After his return to the United States, he was called to active duty, May 30, 1917, and was one of the organizers of Base Hospital 19 from Rochester, New York, and he joined the Hospital 19 in Vichy, France, until his discharge in June 1919. In the early twenties he specialized in Radiology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and served as Chief of Radiology in hospitals in Rochester and Batavia, New York.

At the time of his retirement in the early 1950's, a "This is Your Life" program was an emotional experience for him, his

family, friends, and associates. His interests were many involving community and home. He established the Rotary Club Camp for Crippled Children in Batavia, New York. His life was in service to others in time of war and deep economic depression. Many came to his door for help and help was given. His memory lives on.

Submitted, with Love, by his daughter, Lee Almy Harris (1233-3252-431).

**LIZZIE BORDEN CONNECTION**

Reverend Donald S. Mathison (1232-4151-382) wrote me a while back stating that the article on Jacob Almy in the July 1994 Almy Family Newsletter was especially interesting. He also stated that "on page 5 you refer to the trial of Lizzie Borden. Wasn't Lizzie related to Mary Borden, mother of Deborah Cook, who married William Almy, born 27 Oct 1665?"

I have been trying to find information on the above connection to the Almy Family, but so far without success. The William Almy above is No. 123, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Cornell) Almy. Can anyone supply this information to me for a future issue of the Newsletter?

**THE ALMY BOOK**  
by Merwin F. Almy

On the next page is a copy of one of the pages from my book. Note: (1) There is one family to a page, which includes family head(an Almy), wife, or wives, and children. (2) The Almy Descendant No. is in the upper right of the page. (3) The paragraph number is given where information on the children's family is covered. (4) Information is given about the family. And (5) The source of the information is indicated..

Almy Descendant No. 1408-312

163. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> ALMY (George Brownell<sup>6</sup>, Holder<sup>5</sup>, Job<sup>4-3-2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. Dartmouth, MA, 25 Nov 1799; d. Dec 1876.

He m. Dartmouth, 5 Sep 1822, ANNA E. MORTON, b. Dartmouth, 13 Oct 1799; d. 31 Jan 1866; dau of George and Mary (Eddy) Morton.

Children, born Dartmouth:

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|-----|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | i    | MARY MORTON <sup>8</sup> , b. 14 Jul 1823; d. Dartmouth, 22 Apr 1829.                                                                                                             |
| 293 | ii   | JAMES TUCKER, b. 24 Dec 1824; d. 12 Jan 1895; m. New Bedford, MA, 12 Mar 1849, MARY ANN CARLES REYNARD, b. New Bedford, 24 Jun 1825; d. New Bedford, 1911.                        |
| 294 | iii  | JOHN EDDY, b. 31 Jul 1826; d. 8 Nov 1871; m. MARY E. PURINGTON, b. New Bedford, 24 Sep 1830; d. 21 Sep 1900.                                                                      |
|     | iv   | GEORGE B., b. 5 Sep 1828; d. New Bedford, 19 Sep 1893; m. New Bedford, 4 Jul 1852, ALMIRA B. JENNEY, b. 16 Jul 1832; d. 16 Jul 1900; dau of Edward A. and Deborah (Baker) Jenney. |
|     | v    | MARY ELIZABETH, b. 1 Mar 1830; m. BENJAMIN SMITH.                                                                                                                                 |
|     | vi   | CHARLES, b. Providence, RI, 17 Dec 1831; d. 17 Oct 1833.                                                                                                                          |
|     | vii  | THOMAS, b. 13 Jan 1834; d. 19 May 1862.                                                                                                                                           |
|     | viii | ANNA, b. 17 Dec 1835; d. 17 Dec 1835.                                                                                                                                             |
|     | ix   | CHARLES THOMAS, b. 2 Oct 1839; d. 29 Dec 1864.                                                                                                                                    |
| 295 | x    | WILLIAM TUCKER, b. 26 Mar 1841; d. Taunton, MA, 18 Jan 1914; m. 2 Jul 1867, ELIZA E. BRIGGS, b. New Bedford, 14 Oct 1848; d. 27 Mar 1891; dau of Sheffield and Eliza Briggs.      |

George Almy was a farmer in Dartmouth.

Following are the George Almy households in the Federal censuses for Dartmouth, MA.

1850: George 50; Anna E. 50; Mary E. 20; Thomas 16; Anna 14; Charles T. 10; William T. 9; and Mary Morton 79.

1860: George 60; Anna E. 60; Mary E. 30; Thomas 26; Anna 24, Charles T. 20; and William T. 19.

1870: George 70; and Mary E. 40.

Son James T. Almy is living with his wife, Mary A., in New Bedford in 1850.

Sons John C. and George B. are shown in the 1850 census for New Bedford living together as boarders. In 1860 and 1870 they are shown married with their wives in their own New Bedford residences.

References: EDDY GEN p. 264; FAMILY RECORDS; FEDERAL CENSUSES; LAWTON pp. 46-57; MAVR, Dartmouth, New Bedford; RIVR, Friends (Vol. 7).

### JOHN JAY ALMY (1408-626)

The following is from the *Dictionary of American Biography*.

John Jay Almy (Apr.24, 1815-May 16, 1895), naval officer, the son of Samuel Almy, was born in Newport, R.I. Losing his parents at an early age, he was allowed by his guardian, an elder brother, to follow his boyish bent, which led him while still a child into the navy.

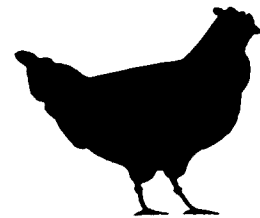
Warranted midshipman at fourteen, he served his apprenticeship in the *Concord* on the Mediterranean Station (1830-32), and in the next twenty years cruised over half the globe in ships of the old sailing navy. He served as lieutenant on the *Ohio* during the Mexican War, and commanded the *Fulton* off Nicaragua in 1857, when the filibuster, General Walker, surrendered to Admiral Paulding. That officer in his report said: "Lieutenant Commander Almy performed his part of the work exceedingly well, and is an officer who can be relied upon at all times."

Though denied the honor of participating in notable engagements during the Civil War, he was assigned the equally important, arduous, and exacting service of maintaining the blockade of Confederate ports. He not only performed this service with high efficiency but wrote of it in fresh, incisive language. In his official reports and in a narrative of later years, the sea-worn life of the blockading cruisers is vividly described.

That the months of hardship off the gale-swept coasts were lightened by hours of thrilling triumph is also shown by John Jay Almy's record. While commanding the *Connecticut* in 1864, he captured four noted blockade-runners and destroyed four others. The captured vessels were adjudged worth \$1,063,352.49, or more than four per cent of the adjudicated value of the prizes taken during the war. In his career following the conflict, John Jay personally substantiated the claim that naval officers are the real diplomats of the State Department. Serving on distant stations, in the

successive grades of captain, commodore, and rear admiral, he cultivated and won by tactful services and courtesies the friendship of the rulers and peoples of Brazil and Hawaii. While commanding the Pacific Squadron in 1873, he landed a body of seamen in Panama during a violent revolution, maintained order, and kept the railroad across the isthmus running until the end of hostilities. For these services he was thanked by the business men and the corps of foreign consuls of Panama.

Retiring in 1877, he set the record of the longest sea service, twenty-seven years and ten months, of any officer since the founding of the navy. He passed the years of his retirement and died in Washington, D.C. A typical seaman in appearance, he was a gentleman of the finest tact and courtesy.



### MORE ON RHODE ISLAND REDS

Nancy Lundgren (1235-5773-93) wrote that she enjoyed the story about Frederick W. C. Almy and the Rhode Island Reds. (Newsletter No. 80). Nancy wrote "Rhode Island Reds are hard to find these days and we happen to have 3 of them. Our son Todd used to have a flock of 54 and when Hughes Rudd of ABC was doing a story on the states and their different promos, he was referred to us by the University of Rhode Island.

He sat in the chicken yard and held one and spoke of Rhode Island and its' Rhode Island Reds. Todd sold eggs in the neighborhood and after the chickens were on national TV, he thought he should increase the price of the eggs because they came from "famous chickens." Incidentally, he came out ahead only because Mom & Dad bought the grain. So much for our idea of teaching economics with a hands-on method!"

IN MEMORY OF PAUL E. ALMY  
(1232-1283-24)

Paul Eugene Almy, 78, of North Kingsville, Ohio, died December 17, 1994, at the Inn-Conneaut Health Center in Conneaut, Ohio. Paul was born February 1, 1916, in Auburn, Ohio, the son of Charles D. and Edith (Buckwald) Almy. He lived in Harpersfield Township for 20 years, moved to Andover in 1985, and again, to North Kingsville, in July 1994.

Paul married Elnora Gertrude Kirk on February 23, 1944, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They had six children: Sheryl, Julia, Paul, Elouise, Andrew, and Alice. Paul was employed in the maintenance department of Lubrizol Corporation in Painesville, Ohio, for 20 years. He retired in 1980. He was a member of the Harpersfield Volunteer Fire Department and served with the U.S. Army during World War II. In his leisure time he enjoyed gardening. Paul will be greatly missed by his wife, family, and many friends.

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>
Gordon Connelly	1222-3763-243	Maryland
Paul E. Almy	1232-1283-24	Ohio
Olive B. Hoffman	1233-3221-6221	California
Lee Almy Harris	1233-3252-431	Florida
Anne S. Almy	1233-4657-112	Maryland
Sally Woods	1233-8618-122	Massachusetts
Nancy Almy Lundgren	1235-5773-93	Rhode Island
Mrs. E. Grinnell Almy	1407-1C74-3W	California
Donald G. Almy	1407-1C74-31	California
Richmond Almy Day	1407-2551-2	Arizona
Stephen B. Brown	1481-2385-2331	Kentucky
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