

START OF THE NEWSLETTER'S SIXTH YEAR

This issue starts the sixth year of the Almy Family Newsletters and I want to wish each and everyone a

HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

It seems funny to be writing the above when I have Christmas shopping ahead of me. You see, I am writing this newsletter in early December and it will not be printed and mailed until around mid-January.

I am receiving beautiful Christmas cards and interesting letters from my Almy cousins in each day's mail. I thank you all. I enjoy reading about your exciting travels and activities and the news of family members.

BOOK: THE OLD BAY LINE 1840-1940

A friend mentioned that a local department store had the above book on sale and that the name Almy was in it. So I went out and bought a copy. The book, by Alexander Crosby Brown, tells the history of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, now familiarly known as the Old Bay Line, which for a century ran steamers up and down the Chesapeake Bay.

Although the book only has a few brief mentions of Almy, it does contain a picture of Captain W. C. Almy and states that one of the most celebrated Chesapeake Bay mariners was the late William C. Almy. Further, "Captain Almy gained his initial seagoing experience as an officer on the Cape Bay Line as master of the Carolina and for 44 years thereafter he commanded successively all the boats which were added to the Line, bringing out the new Florida in 1907, the new State of Maryland in 1923, and the President Warfield five years later. He retired in 1932, estimating that during his active career he had covered two and a half million miles in running up and down the Chesapeake."

The Captain Almy in the book is William Caldwell Almy, born 18 May 1859 in Portsmouth, Virginia, the son of Holder and Frances (Baker) Almy. His Almy Number is 1239-2165-1. His Almy line is William<sup>1</sup>, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Holder<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, Holder<sup>8</sup>.

I have visited his son Willard<sup>10</sup> and grandson William<sup>11</sup> and family who live near Annapolis, Maryland. Other descendants of Captain William<sup>9</sup> include William's<sup>11</sup> brother Thomas<sup>11</sup> and Richard<sup>11</sup> and William's<sup>11</sup> children David<sup>12</sup>, William<sup>12</sup>, and Anne<sup>12</sup>.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

I will continue in this issue with the updated listings of the Almy Family Tree members. The listing in this issue will be of those who descend from John Almy, Number 1232. This is a revision of the list that appeared in the January 1978 issue (No. 13).

As explained in the January 1979 Newsletter, some Almy numbers in this listing have been revised. Those that have been revised from the January 1978 listing are noted with an asterisk (\*). Persons added to the mailing list since then are noted by a plus sign (+). Those that I have addresses for that are not on the mailing list are noted by an ampersand (&). The "w" after an Almy Number stands for wife, but in this listing it also stands for widow. I have included in the listings the widows of Almy descendants who are on the mailing list to receive Almy Family Newsletters.

If you note omissions from this listing, please send me the persons name, relationship, and address. I do not include children in the listing if they are still in their parents household, but only when they have their own mailing address.

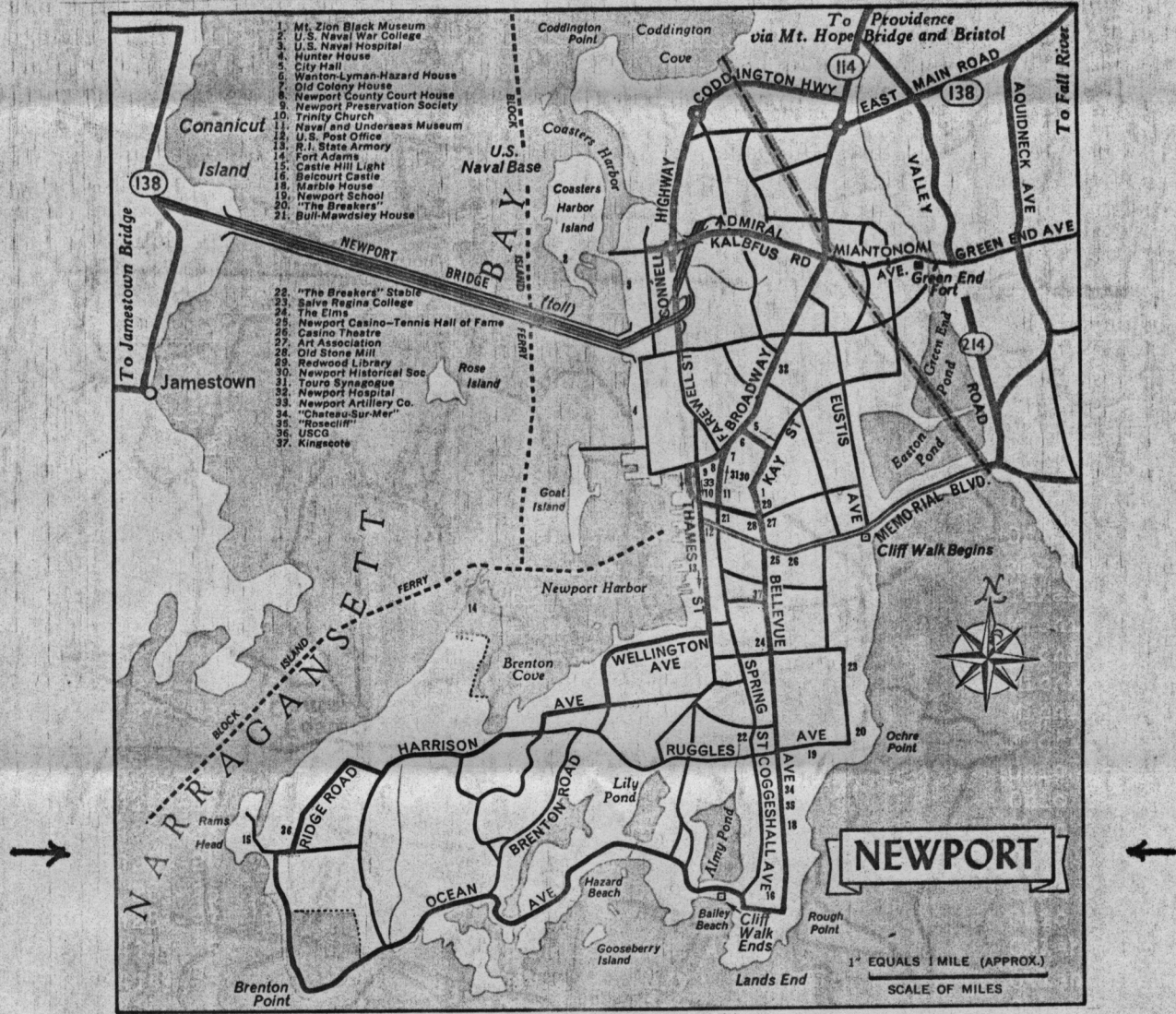
DESCENDANTS OF NUMBER 1232 JOHN ALMY (1692- )

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1232-1218-311	Glenn F. Almy	Ohio
1232-1218-3111	Richard D. Almy	Colorado
1232-1218-312	Lucille Almy Flowers	Florida
1232-1218-322	Helen I. Beamer	California
1232-1218-331	Fred H. Almy	California
+ 1232-1218-411	Frances Almy Culler	Ohio
+ 1232-1218-412w	Mrs. Eugene H. Almy	Ohio
+ 1232-1218-4122	Thomas B. Almy	Maryland
+ 1232-1272-4111	James W. Almy	Texas
+ 1232-1272-4111-1	James W. Almy, Jr.	Michigan
1232-1272-43w	Emma B. Almy	Michigan 1/
& 1232-1272-431	Robert S. Almy	Michigan
& 1232-1272-4311	Robert I. Almy	Michigan
& 1232-1274-211	Richard B. Almy	Florida
+ 1232-1283-22	Vern Almy	Ohio
& 1232-1283-221	Gary Almy	Ohio
& 1232-1283-23	George Almy	Ohio
& 1232-1283-24	Paul Almy	Ohio
& 1232-1283-25	Bertley Almy	Ohio
+ 1232-1283-27	Earl Almy	Ohio
* 1232-4149-15w	Mrs. Louis H. Almy	Oklahoma
& 1232-4149-151	David H. Almy	Oklahoma
& 1232-4149-1512	David M. Almy	Oklahoma
& 1232-4149-164	Amil Almy	Oklahoma
& 1232-4149-1721	Kevin Almy	Oklahoma
& 1232-4149-1731	Kenneth Almy	Oklahoma
+ 1232-4149-416	Herbert A. Sissom	Mississippi
& 1232-4149-43	Frederick J. Almy	Oklahoma
+ 1232-4149-4321	Gregory Dawson	Arkansas

1/ Newsletters returned. Would like information on present whereabouts.

**ALMY POND IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

This past summer on a trip to Maine, my wife and I spent a few hours in Newport, Rhode Island and vicinity. I knew there was an Almy Pond there and wanted to take a picture of it for the Newsletter. I took some pictures, but nothing suitable for including here. Richard R. Almy (1233-5143-242) wrote me this Fall after a visit to Newport. "As you know, Almy Pond is behind Bailey's Beach. I noted that a street named Almy's Court branches off Coggeshall Avenue towards Almy Pond. There is another street named Almy in north Newport running between Bliss Road and County Street." For the benefit of those who haven't visited Newport, I have included a map which shows at the intersection of my arrows, Almy Pond.

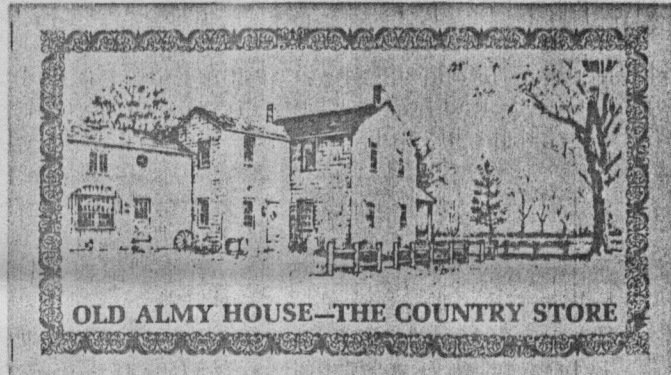


In the limited time I had available, I could not find out when or by whom Almy Pond was named. Also, I do not know the Almy ancestor for whom it was named -- a number of Almys have been prominent in Newport's history. I think Almy Pond is now used as a water supply reservoir for the town of Newport. If anyone has further information about Almy Pond, I would appreciate receiving it.

### OLD ALMY HOUSE - THE COUNTRY STORE

When we left Newport, we traveled North on Route 138 toward Portsmouth. On the way, we stopped at the Old Almy House - the Country Store. Here is their card.

Although Almys are not connected with the store today, my wife and I highly recommend the store. The historic Old Almy House (circa 1750) has been restored to display elegant gifts and decorative accessories from all over the world. All the items for sale appeared to be of the best quality. I agree with their ad that it is a browser's paradise, loaded with treasure.



The operator of the store did not know the history, but she knew that it was once owned by a Levi Almy whose picture was in the store. She gave me the name and phone number of the present owner. On returning home, I called the owner who suggested that I call a daughter of the prior Almy owner. She furnished me her name (Laura) and address. From this name I knew I had the former Almy owner on my charts. I called Laura to ask about the history of the Old Almy House and also about who her brothers and sisters were (see next article).

Laura said she remembers her father finding an old shingle at the house that was dated around 1750, but she didn't know who built the house or the prior owners. The house was bought by her father, Gideon Wilcox Almy, (1408-3832-4) born October 1885, who had a grocery store business.

I recommend that you stop in and see the Old Almy House if you are in that area.

### IDENTITY CRISIS

A number of months ago I had called an R. E. Almy in Arizona to find out their name and ancestry. She identified herself as Rydia E. Almy, daughter of Gideon Almy. She said her father had a sister Laura, and brothers Tucker and Bryant.

After the phone call I had no trouble finding her father on my charts. However, my charts showed that he had a brother Warren O., but no brother by the name of Tucker. I thought I had missed one of his brothers, so when I called Laura (above article) I asked her about it. She laughed and said that when Warren was a toddler, he would go around the house sticking his finger through the cane chairs and say "tucker." So he became known by all as Tucker Almy.

NOTE FROM WARREN O. ALMY (1408-3832-41)

I recently received a letter from Warren O. Almy in which he mentions his parents and the forerunner of the Almy Country Store. He said that his parents "built a large grocery store and meat market and served the people of three towns with horse and wagons because people did not have cars. Henry Ford put us out of business. The house we lived in was an old inn that was on the road to Newport. My father bought it, cut it in half and moved it about a half mile, and put it on my grandfather's land."

Warren also wrote about the coal mine I had on page one of the last issue. He said that "it is a small place called Bristol Ferry and is mostly slate and will burn if you soak it in oil." He said he had been there many times.

1980 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

Let's plan for an Almy Family Reunion on September 6 and 7, 1980 here in the Washington, D.C. area. So mark your calendars now. These dates for the reunion meetings are on Saturday and Sunday, thereby giving attendees the prior and/or following week for sightseeing in the Washington, D.C. area or South in Colonial Virginia.

At this time I am planning to hold the Reunion at the Charter House Motor Hotel which is on I 395 at State Route 648 (Edsall Road) which is 1 mile North of the intersection of I 95 and I 495 on the Southwest side of Washington, D.C. This is convenient to Washington, D.C., but far enough out for reasonable rates. The rates, though high on a national average, are around the most reasonable in this area. The motel has a restaurant and meeting rooms can be rented for our use. This will mean a small registration fee to pay for use of a meeting room.

It is too early yet to get room rates and other information, so I will have more information in the next two Newsletters. For those who camp, the Prince William Forest Park is available and is only about 22 miles South on I 95.

Remember, mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

CONTRIBUTORS

I have run out of space in this issue, so I will combine this issue's list of contributors with those for the next issue. I thank each of you.

LOVE AND BLESSINGS

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