

REUNION NEWS

Reservations are coming in nicely and we should have a good gathering of Almy descendants for our September Almy Family Reunion. To those that are attending; I would like to request at this time, that they bring to the reunion, items of memorabilia which they would be willing to show and tell about. I will have my genealogical charts and other information. Of course, the main reunion activity will be meeting and talking with new found Almy relatives as well as talking over remembrances of the past with others.

I have included as the wrapper for this Newsletter another reservation form. I would appreciate receiving reservations from those who plan to attend but haven't sent theirs in. I would like to receive these as early as possible so that motel and meeting rooms can be reserved. My wife and I will be in Europe from August 9 to August 25, so I will have to make the bulk of the arrangements by early August. This is not to discourage anyone from making last minute arrangements to attend. However, I would like to have all those that can do so, make their reservations now.

UNSOLVED ALMY FAMILY LINES

In Newsletters No. 6 and 14, I listed those Almy lines that could not be tied into the Almy Family Tree, at least at that time. Since then, some have been tied in; some are still unsolved; and others I have put into the Almy Family Tree on circumstantial evidence. These latter lines I want to write up for future issues of the Newsletter so that the assumptions will be known and future research can either prove or disprove the lineages. Future Newsletters will also update the list of unsolved lines.

One of the unsolved lines listed in the April 1978 Newsletter (No. 14) was that of Andrew Almy who was born in 1848 in Louisiana and later resided in Kentucky. One of his descendants, Eugene Almy of Florida, recently wrote that he found a Leon R. Almy in the New Orleans census of 1840, whom he believes is Andrew's father. Eugene says that Andrew spoke French and the 1880 census indicates that Andrew's mother and father were born in France (see Newsletter 13, page 6).

Further research may show that Leon Almy was an immigrant from France. Of course, census information is frequently incorrect, and it may be that Leon was from New England (in the Merchant Marine) and married a French girl in or around the port of New Orleans. This would account for their son Andrew speaking French.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

In this issue I will continue with the updated listings of the Almy Family Tree members. The listing in this issue will be of those who descend from Samuel Almy, Number 1235. This is a revision of the list that appeared in the April 1978 issue (No. 14).

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 (&). If you note omissions from the listing, please send me the person's name, relationship, and address.

DESCENDANTS OF NUMBER 1235, SAMUEL ALMY (1701-1764)

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1235-4131-1111	Constance (Mather) Price	Ohio
1235-4131-1113	Madeleine (Mather) Anderson	Massachusetts
+ 1235-4131-121	Earle Vaughn Almy	Died 1977
& 1235-4131-1213	Earle Vaughn Almy, Jr.	Texas
1235-4131-122w	Mrs. William F. Almy	Virginia
& 1235-4131-123	Donald Comstock Almy	Jogging U.S.A.
1235-5773-81	Frederic A. Almy, Jr.	Rhode Island
& 1235-5773-811	Frederic A. Almy, III	Rhode Island
1235-5773-83	Horace A. Almy	Ohio
1235-5792-112	Dean J. Almy, Jr.	New York
& 1235-5792-113	Stephen O. Almy	California
1235-5792-114	David O. Almy	Maryland
1235-5792-12	Charles E. Almy	Died 1979
+ 1235-5792-21	Louise (Almy) Barclay	Massachusetts

STEPHEN OLNEY ALMY

In compiling the Almy Family Tree I was surprised to find that there were two Stephen Olney Almys. And they are not closely related. The first Stephen Olney Almy is Number 1232-1211, born 19 June 1797, died 2 June 1877, the son of William and Mary (Olney) Almy.

The second Stephen Olney Almy is Number 1235-5792-113, born 30 September 1938, who is currently living in California. His great-grandfather Edward Almy married 3 November 1870 to Annie Dean Olney. I do not know how closely related the two Olneys were that generated the middle names, but the Almy lines were fourth cousins apart, and in different parts of the country.

CYRIL V. ALMY

I learned through the grapevine that Cyril "Vic" Almy of Salisbury, England died on 1 February 1980. Vic is the Almy that was interested in exchanging homes for vacations that I wrote about in Newsletter No. 15. He was still planning to vacation in America by this means at the time of his death. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

WILLIAM ALMY (NUMBER 1) DESCENDANTS IDENTIFIED IN ALMY FAMILY TREE CHARTS

I have been charting Almy descendants for over thirteen years now. At first it was to determine my own ancestry. Later, my desire was to contact other Almys and know our relationship. At the time I issued Newsletter No. 1 in January 1975, I had identified and charted approximately 1,000 descendants of William Almy. That number has grown to 3,477 at last count.

I thought you might be interested in how this number breaks down in various ways. I have identified the Almy descendants born with the name Almy and those born with other than the Almy name. The number in each generation on my charts are:

<u>Generation</u>	<u>Born with name</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Almy</u>	<u>Other</u>	
1	1		1
2	5		5
3	24		24
4	26		26
5	57		57
6	157	1	158
7	307	10	317
8	425	27	452
9	465	51	516
10	348	151	499
11	303	203	506
12	259	306	565
13	102	217	319
14	10	22	32
Totals	<u>2,489</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>3,477</u>

Also, you might be interested in the number that descend from various fourth generation Almys. This is the same way I have presented the branches of the Almy Family Tree.

<u>Fourth Generation Almy</u>	<u>Almy Descendants</u>			
	<u>Born with Name</u>	<u>Almy</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1232 John Almy (1692-)	290	81		371
1233 Job Almy (1696-1777)	669	549		1,218
1235 Samuel Almy (1701-1764)	150	25		175
1239 William Almy (1707-)	203	29		232
1252 William Almy (1699-1740)	431	156		587
1282 Christopher Almy (1698-)*	5	0		5
1407 John Almy (1720-1808)	308	94		402
1408 Job Almy (1722-1767)	377	54		431
Totals	<u>2,433</u>	<u>988</u>		<u>3,421</u>
Almys in generations 1-4	<u>56</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>56</u>
Totals	<u>2,489</u>	<u>988</u>		<u>3,477</u>

* No descendants identified past the fifth generation.



Those of you who have been to Massachusetts have probably seen the above logo on advertisements for Almys Department Stores, or you may have seen one of the stores. Almy Stores, Inc., is the parent company of a chain of 30 department stores that include 13 Almys stores. However, there are no Almys in the firm now.

Three years before the first shot of the Civil War was fired at Fort Sumter, in 1858, James Fergus Almy (Number 1408-3392), a Salem, Massachusetts businessman started a new store. In 1859, Walter K. Bigelow, who had been associated with the business since its inception, became a partner. In 1908, when the firm observed its Golden Anniversary, it was Bigelow who headed the organization. In the interim, Calvin Washburn also became a partner and the firm took on today's appellation of Almy, Bigelow, and Washburn, and is popularly known as Almys today.

Floyd Almy of Troy, New York (1233-4692-413) sent me the following picture he took of the side of one of the Almys department stores while on a trip through New England.



SARAH ESTES (1407-1C72-5)

Mrs. E. Forrest Estes (Sarah Blythe McReynolds) of Lincoln, Nebraska, passed away on 10 March 1980. Sarah was born on 27 December 1903, the daughter of William A. and Florence (Almy) McReynolds. She married E. Forrest Estes on 19 June 1925 and they had five children. Sarah was very interested in genealogy and the Almy Family. She leaves a large family, and I know she will be greatly missed by all.

NEED CURRENT ADDRESSES

Newsletters sent to the following have been returned by the Postal Service because the addressee has moved. IF any of you have the current address, please sent it to me.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Last Address</u>
John D. Almy	1407-1194-11	Fallbrook, California
Thomas M. Almy	Unknown	Stamford, Connecticut
Andrew A. Almy	Unknown	Georgetown, Kentucky
Emma B. Almy	1232-1272-43w	Wyoming, Michigan
Richard A. Almy	Unknown	Salem, Missouri
James W. Almy, Jr.	1232-1272-4111-1	Midland, Michigan

EAGLE SCOUT PAUL STEPHEN ALMY (1407-1C74-313)

In May I received an announcement that an Eagle Court of Honor was to be held for Paul Stephen Almy on 7 June 1980 at the First United Methodist Church, Huntington Beach, California. A reception honoring the Eagle Scout was to be held immediately following the Court of Honor at the home of his parents, Donald and Louise Almy.

This family will be attending the Almy Family Reunion on Sunday, September 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last Newsletter, and as of June 1, the following have sent contributions to help defray printing and mailing costs. I appreciate the assistance.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Adrian Lee Almy	1233-3252-311	New Mexico
Mary Almy Merrell	1233-3252-3111	Virginia
Mrs. Irvin S. Danielson	1233-3252-412	New York
Mrs. Barton K. Yount	1233-5143-311	District of Columbia
Philip W. Almy	1407-1532-1	Rhode Island
Lois B. Almy	1407-1532-3	Rhode Island
Donald W. Martin	1407-1C71-12	California
E. Grinnell Almy	1407-1C74-3	Delaware

Enjoy the summer. Love and Blessings,

Your cousin (1408-3311-112),

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