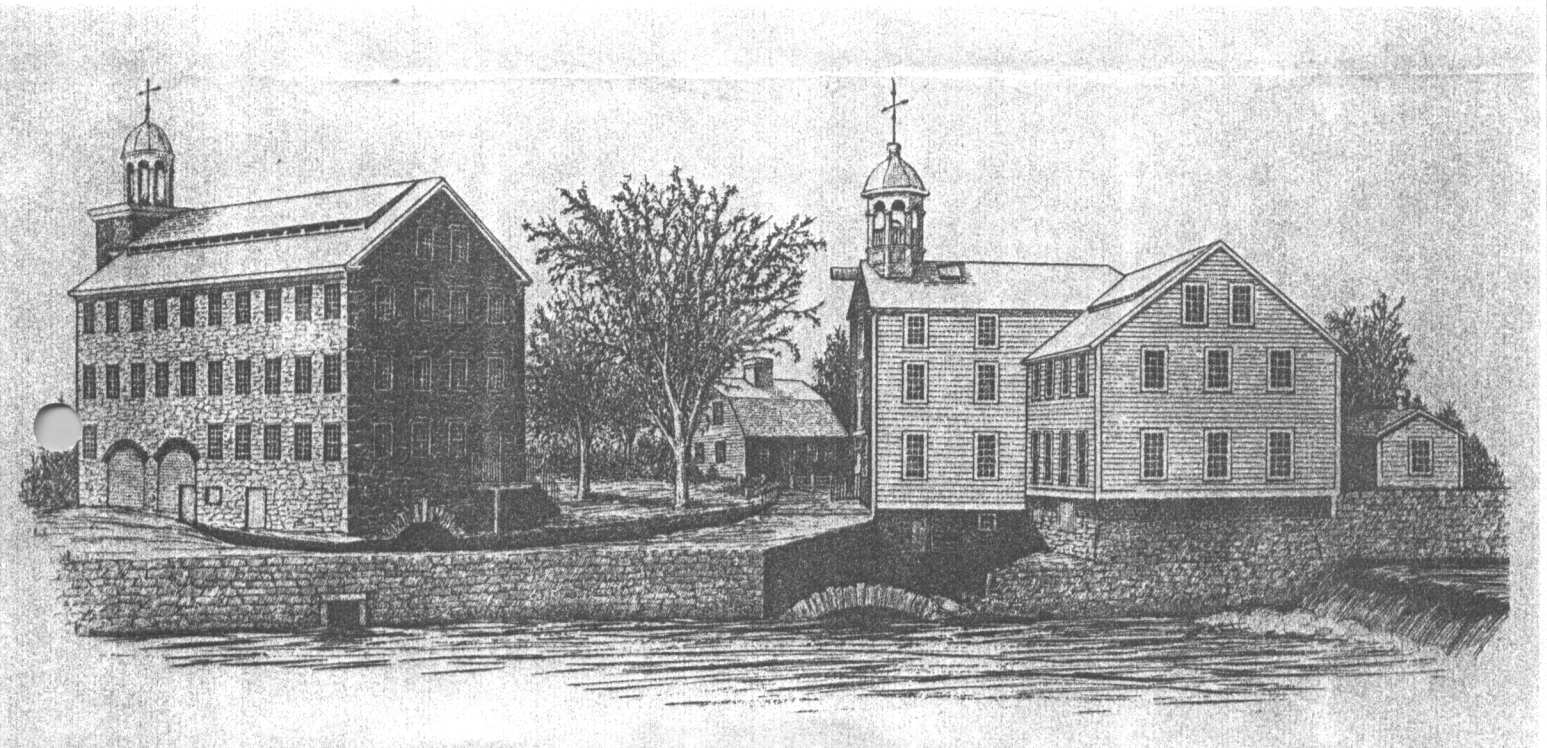


THE OLD SLATER MILL



The above drawing of the Slater Mill is from the brochure advertising the Slater Mill Historic Site located in downtown Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The Mill was built in 1793 by William Almy (1408-9), Samuel Slater, and Smith Brown for the production of machine-spun cotton yarn.

William Almy was born 1 February 1761, the son of Job and Katherine (Slocum) Almy. William was a Quaker and married 4 June 1789, Sarah Brown, sister of Moses and Obadiah Brown. He established under the name of Almy, Brown, and Slater, the first factory in America to successfully produce yarn with water-powered carding and spinning frames. The establishment of the Mill was a major turning point in the nation's history. From this first mill, the new textile technology — carrying with it the seeds of a new system of factory organization and production — spread throughout the country and fundamentally transformed the nature and scale of American life.

William Almy has no living descendants today. He and Sarah had two daughters, Anna and Mary. Mary died the first year. Anna married a William Jenkins in 1823, but she and her only daughter perished when their home caught fire on the morning of 20 November 1849.

### ALMY FAMILY REUNION

THE ALMY FAMILY REUNION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. This was the first Almy Reunion, that I know of, that was open to all descendants of the immigrant William Almy. I know from all the comments and subsequent letters that we all thoroughly enjoyed the reunion and are looking forward to the next. Agreement of opinion was that we should have the next reunion two years from now. A possible location is the Portsmouth/Tiverton/Little Compton area of Rhode Island. This possibility will be explored during the next year. Other suggestions and ideas will be greatly appreciated.

Most of the three reunion days were spent by the 54 attendees in greeting and talking with their relatives, most of whom were meeting for the first time. Many brought pictures and varied memorabilia that were enjoyed by the other attendees. Forty-two were in attendance on Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday another twelve arrived to join in the activities. Dick Almy (1232-1274-211) of Jacksonville, Florida, could not attend, but he sent a supply of his printed cards for his cousins. Everyone had an opportunity to go over my Family Tree charts and I requested that they be reviewed for accuracy and completeness. As a result, many additions have been made to the family tree.

A nice dinner was attended by forty on Saturday evening. The dinner activities started with an invocation furnished especially for the occasion by the Reverend L. Wesley Almy (1408-6524-11) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, who was unable to attend. After dinner, various items of interest were presented by Almy descendants. David O. Almy (1235-5792-114) showed the letter of appointment of Charles E. Almy (1235-579) as the Collector of Customs in Fall River, Massachusetts. This letter was signed by Abraham Lincoln early in his Presidency. Sylvia Nichols (1233-5147-233) also showed the Silver Anniversary Bowl that her "family" rotates to 25th wedding anniversary celebrants. I will have a separate article in a future Newsletter on this interesting family tradition. Mildred Yount (1233-5143-311) told of her travel across the continent in a covered wagon when that was the usual means of travel. We also had an informative question and answer time.

I tried to get pictures of everyone in attendance, but somehow the following missed the photo sessions on both Saturday and Sunday: Gerald R. Almy, Tom and Edwina Gill, Arthur and Lee Harris, and Josiah B. Miller. I would appreciate receiving pictures from these that I missed. I hope to use the pictures of those that attended the reunion in future issues of the Newsletter.

The time on Friday and Saturday went by fast. So it was no surprise when about all the Friday and Saturday attendees came back on Sunday to meet the newly arrived attendees — five from California, two from Washington, and five from Maryland. Reunion activities went full blast on Sunday until 5:00 p.m. when our lease on the facilities ran out: the conclusion of three wonderful, joy-filled days.

A list of those attending is given on the next page.

**ATTENDEES AT THE 1980 ALMY FAMILY REUNION  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, 5-7 SEPTEMBER 1980**

<u>Almy No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Res.</u>	<u>Almy No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Res.</u>
1222-3763-243	Gordon Connelly Caroline Connelly	MD	1235-5792-114	David O. Almy Mary Kay Almy	MD
			1235-5792-1441	Shannon Almy (9)	
1232-1212-1511	Gerald R. Almy	VA	1235-5792-1142	Brooke Almy (8)	
1232-1218-411	Frances Culler George W. Culler	OH	1239-2165-18	Willard D. Almy	MD
			1239-2165-181	William D. Almy	MD
1232-1218-4122	Thomas B. Almy	MD	1235-2165-182	Thomas H. Almy	MD
1233-3252-431	Lee Almy Harris Arthur B. Harris	SC	1252-9532-742	John J. Almy, Sr.	NY
1233-4668-121	Marjorie Wade Bob Wade	NY	1252-9532-7422	Michael T. Almy	PA
			1252-9532-744	Richard J. Almy Margaret Almy	NY
1233-4668-15	Floyd C. Almy Evelyn M. Almy	WA	1252-95A6-45	Elona Kundinger	MI
1233-4668-151	Donald L. Almy Lorraine Almy (1407-1C74-41)	WA	1252-95A6-4524	James Tibbits (14)	
1233-5143-311	Mildred Yount	DC	1407-1532-1	Philip W. Almy Dorothy Almy	RI
1233-5143-3111-1	Barton K. Yount Henrietta Yount	NC	1407-1532-3	Lois B. Almy	RI
			1407-1C74-31	Donald G. Almy Louise S. Almy	CA
1233-5143-421	Kenneth Wickett Crystelle Wickett	TX	1407-1C74-311	Grinnell Almy	
			1407-1C74-313	Paul Almy	
1233-5143-4213	Kenneth Wickett Kristine Wickett	VA	1407-1C74-314	Katherine Almy (15)	
			1407-1C74-41	Lorraine Almy (Mrs. Donald L. Almy)	WA
1233-5147-233	Sylvia Nichols George Nichols	VA	1407-2511-223	Timothy Almy	GA
1233-5147-234	Betsey Miller Josiah Miller	NY	1407-2511-2231	Timothy Almy (15)	
			1408-3311-112	Merwin F. Almy Veda H. Almy	VA
			1408-6504-23	Edwina Almy Gill Tom Gill	GA

Note: The age of our young relatives is given after their name.

ALMY FAMILY TREE

In this issue I continue the updated listings of the Almy Family Tree members. The listing in this issue will be of those who descend from William Almy, Number 1239. This is a revision of the list that appeared in the July 1978 issue (No. 15).

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 1239, WILLIAM ALMY (1707- )

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
+ 1239-2127-361	Kenneth G. Fuller	California
1239-2127-61	Azalea Almy	California
& 1239-2120-512	Robert C. Almy	Connecticut
& 1239-2145-231	Roger C. Almy	Florida
& 1239-2145-2311	Richard T. Almy	Rhode Island
+ 1239-2145-2312	Donald C. Almy	Maine
& 1239-2145-281	Florence Murdough	Rhode Island
& 1239-2145-2911	Robert E. Almy, Jr.	Rhode Island
& 1239-2145-2912	John T. Almy	Rhode Island
+ 1239-2145-2914	Douglas F. Almy	Rhode Island
+ 1239-2145-2B3	Hilda Almy	Rhode Island
+ 1239-2145-2D	Edith Almy DuHamel	Massachusetts
1239-2165-18	Willard D. Almy	Maryland
1239-2165-181	William D. Almy	Maryland
1239-2165-182	Thomas H. Almy	Maryland
1239-2165-183	Richard W. Almy	Maryland

GUY FLOYD ALMY (1233-4692-41)

Guy Floyd Almy of Lansingburgh, New York, a retired furniture finisher, died 30 June 1980, at the age of 84. Guy was born in Greenwich, New York, 29 April 1896, the son of Floyd Blanchard and Alice Jane (Hammond) Almy. He was a resident of Lansingburgh for 61 years. Survivors include his wife, the former Florence Ann Southard; a daughter, Charlotte M. Dwyer; two sons, Floyd A. Almy and Guy F. Almy, Jr.; a sister, Mrs. John Van Epps; all of Troy, New York; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

FUTURE ARTICLES

I plan to start a series of articles, each on a specific Almy ancestor. Not only will the articles contain genealogical data, but will tell what the ancestors did with their lives. Many of you have contributed this type of information on your ancestors. If you have information that you have not sent me, I would appreciate it.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last Newsletter went to press, I have received contributions from the following to help defray printing and mailing costs. Many thanks to each of you. I appreciate the assistance.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Frances Almy Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
C. Joseph Gannon	1232-1272-521	New York
Daniel McFarland	1233-2617-1221-1	California
Marjorie Wade	1233-4668-121	New York
William C. Durbin	1233-4668-122	California
Marian Bower	1233-4668-123	California
Donald L. Almy	1233-4668-151	Washington
Mildred Yount	1233-5143-311	District of Columbia
Barton K. Yount, III	1233-5143-3111-1	South Carolina
Kenneth L. Wickett	1233-5143-421	Texas
John Almy Rumsey	1233-5147-222	New Jersey
David O. Almy	1235-5792-114	Maryland
Louisa Almy Barclay	1235-5792-21	Massachusetts
Elona Kundinger	1252-95A6-45	Michigan
Nellie Hufford	1407-1C72-6	Nebraska
Loren B. Almy	1407-1C74-4	Washington

Note: I list the Almy descendant above even though the check may be signed by the spouse. So, even though I list only the one, I thank all members of the family sending the contribution.

LARGE SIZE PAPER

Future issues of the Newsletter (starting with issue number 25) will be printed on 8 1/2" by 11" paper instead of the 8" by 10 1/2" that the first 24 issues have been on. The smaller size paper is no longer readily available and for the past year or so I have had to use the larger size and then cut it down before mailing.

Use of the larger size paper will permit more material in each issue. I do not think the larger size will create a filing problem in three-ring binders, especially after several issues have been published. So the first 24 issues will be 8" by 10 1/2" and the remainder will be 8 1/2" by 11". I hope you all approve.

Time to start thinking about Christmas shopping, visits, et cetera. Have a beautiful Fall.

Love and Blessings,



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