

NEWSLETTER NOW ON HOME COMPUTER

What's new? A computer at the Merwin Almy residence. Earlier this year I bought a Radio Shack TRS-80, Model III computer and now have the programs and equipment to write and print the master copy of the Almy Family Newsletter in house. This will greatly reduce the time between drafting the material and getting the final copy in the mail.

This Newsletter is my first attempt to produce a document using the word processing program of the computer. Please excuse any format mistakes that might occur. I will get better as time goes on.

With the computer I now have the Newsletter mailing list stored on a computer disk. I can make address changes as they occur in a matter of minutes and the complete printing of the 200+ mailing labels is little more than pushing a button. The first line on the mailing label has the file reference (a folder in my files containing correspondence, information you have furnished, or information related to your line that I have obtained from other sources) and then your Almy number, if I have been able to determine it. Line 2 is blank and lines 3, 4, and 5 should contain your correct mailing address. I have provided room in the data bank for a 9 digit ZIP code. So please furnish me your expanded ZIP when and if you receive one.

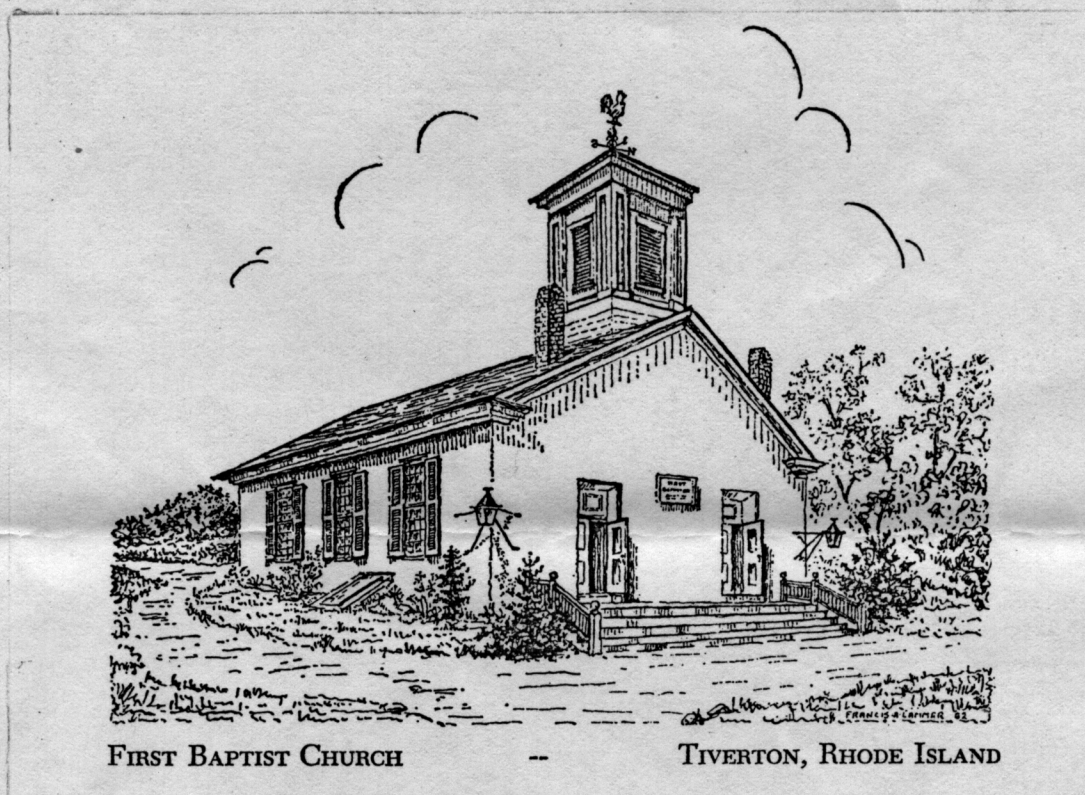
The computer does not make mistakes, but the guy at the keyboard does. So, if there is a mistake in the label, let me know. I intend to address the Newsletter to Mr. & Mrs., if that be the case; if I have not done this, let me know and give me name of spouse. Some of you could be married and my records not contain the information.

TRIP TO OREGON

This Newsletter is a little late this time because my wife and I took a 4-week, 6,300 mile drive to Oregon in May and June to see Tom and Joan, and our three grandchildren: Jeremy, Brandy, and Christopher. We drove because we had a lot of heavy and bulky items to deliver to them. But the drive, even though somewhat tiresome, was very interesting. We stopped and did some sightseeing at the Snake River Gorge near Twin Falls, Idaho. The nearby Shoshone Falls are in a lava-walled canyon, which from a geologic standpoint, is most revealing. Here we saw a double rainbow, which seemed close enough to touch. On the way home we visited the Canyonlands and the Arches National Parks in Utah. Both spectacular. I don't want this to be a travelogue, so will just say the trip was very interesting and the scenery beautiful.

OLD STONE CHURCH -- TIVERTON, R.I.

Last Fall, Lois B. Almy (1407-1532-3) sent me a note which had this church drawing on it. She wrote that the land for this First Babtist Church, commonly called Old Stone Church, was given by Job Almy (140). The first meeting place was built in 1752 on 35 acres of land from Job. The current building pictured was built in 1841.



Lois wrote that the congregation faces the front of the church, supposedly so they could see the Indians, should they appear. In 1971 two men tried to steal the weathervane. It was 3:00 a.m. when the minister heard the men grunting and groaning. He put a light on them and saw they were trying to saw the post that the vane is on. The minister held them up on the roof with a rifle pointed at them while his wife called the police. After the police came and they were taken away, the minister announced that his rifle was not loaded. They are not sure of the vane's age, but it is over 100 years old.

WINIFRED ALMY MARTIN (1407-1C71-1)

I Just received a letter from Paul Almy Martin (1407-1C71-11) informing me that his mother, Mrs. Everett T. Martin, died on 9 April 1981 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the age of 85. Winifred was born in Ashland, Nebraska, 19 August 1895, the daughter of Frank Fayette and Eva (McReynolds) Almy. She married Everett Tillitt Martin in 1923 and they had two sons and two daughters who survive her. Her husband Everett died in June 1979.

I have a thick file of correspondence with Winifred and will surely miss her letters and contributions of news items. I know that she will be greatly missed by all her many friends and relatives.

HOWARD S. ALMY (1407-5552-1)

Howard Samuel Almy, 78, a former Collyer Insulated Wire Co. executive and an active Mason, died on 25 May 1981 after a five-month illness. He was born 16 June 1902, the son of Leon Foster and Mary M. (Morris) Almy. He married in Providence, R.I., 15 September 1928, Louise E. Church. She died in 1975.

Appointed credit manager of the wire company in 1928, Howard subsequently served as assistant secretary, secretary and assistant treasurer and on the board of directors. When the firm merged with Gulf & Western Industries, Inc., he continued as secretary of the Collyer Division. After retiring from Collyer, he established his own consulting business, Southgate Co., in 1970. He was a past president and a director of the Rhode Island Association of Credit Management for more than 50 years, a national vice president and director of the National Association of Credit Management, and national chairman of its committee on educational and professional development in 1950.

Howard Almy lived in Providence all his life, and was a graduate of the former English High School. He earned a bachelor of commercial science degree at Northeastern University School of Business. He leaves two daughters; Mrs. Constance D. McGill of Lewisville, Texas, and Deborah C. Almy of Needham, Mass., and two grandchildren.

NEW ARRIVALS

I have intended for sometime now to have a section in each issue of the Newsletter to announce the births of new Almy Family members. However, I am not notified of new arrivals very often. I know that that the parents usually have their hands full without having to write letters, so I am going to depend to a great extent on the brothers, sisters, and grandparents to furnish me this information. So you all, send me the 1981 births that you know.

To get things started, following is a list of 1980 Almy Family arrivals for which I have both name and date.

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>
1233-2617-1221-13	Gregory McFarland	15 Apr 1980
1233-5143-3111-22	Victor Yount	2 Sep 1980
1252-9531-2241-4	Dustin Paul Almy	18 May 1980
1252-950E-541	Justin Ryan Smith	28 Dec 1980
1252-95A6-4361-1	Leigh Michelle Albin	14 Aug 1980

I know there are many more that I don't have the information on. If you know of any other Almy Family births in 1980, please furnish me the pertinent information. Include their brothers and sisters as I might not have them either.

In subsequent issues, I will list other prior years as well as announce current year arrivals.

PIONEER FARM AWARD

For over a year now I have had this information, sent me by E. Grinnell Almy (1407-1C74-3), to put in the Newsletter. The following is quoted from Grin's letter.

"The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben is a very active civic organization in Omaha, Nebraska, founded in 1894 and devoted, among other things, to promoting good relationship between the city and its rural surroundings, i.e., the state of Nebraska. You will note that the title uses Nebraska spelled backwards. They have, in recent years, adopted a program of paying ceremonial tribute annually to farms which have been in the same family for 100 years.

"In 1979 an Almy family farm was so recognized. It is the farm on which my grandfather, Horace Manchester Almy (1407-1C7) settled in 1879 and which has been in the family continuously since that date. Peculiarly, in each succeeding generation, the son bearing his father's name (not the oldest son) elected to stay on the farm so the place always has been run by a Horace Manchester Almy for 100 years, through 3 generations. The present owner is Horace M. Almy III (1407-1C73-3).

"A plaque suitable for mounting at the farm entrance reads:

NEBRASKA  
PIONEER FARM AWARD  
Presented with Grateful Appreciation by  
Knights of AK-SAR-BEN  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
to  
HORACE M. ALMY FARM  
Whose Family have owned the Same Farm  
for 100 Years, thus contributing a  
Century of Loyal Service to Develop-  
ment of Nebraska Agriculture."

CITY TO FIGHT ALMY POND RULING

This was the headline in an article sent to me by Mildred (Thielscher) Almy (Mrs. Robert T. Almy) from the Newport (R.I.) Daily News of May 27, 1981. (See Newsletter 21, page 3, for map showing Almy Pond.) The whole news article is summed up in the first paragraph:

"The city Council will appeal a Superior Court ruling this month that reversed a decision by the Newport Planning and Zoning Boards denying developer Hugo Key permission to build 27 houses along Almy Pond."

Please keep me informed of later developments and I will pass them along in the Newsletter.

Following is another article in the series of biographical sketches referred to in the last Newsletter.

NUMBER 1233-861 WILLIAM ALMY

William Almy, the son of Thomas and Sally (Gifford) Almy, was born on the old Almy homestead in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on 10 October 1798, and died in Boston, 25 December 1881. He passed his childhood and youth on his father's farm, receiving in the way of an education what the neighborhood district school afforded. The following is from an article in the "New Bedford Mercury" of 28 Dec 1881.

"He early determined to become a merchant, and at the age of thirteen he walked from his home near Horse Neck, carrying his shoes in his hand as a matter of economy, to Russell's Mills, where he began his career in the store of the late Abraham Barker. In a few years he removed to this city, and was employed as book-keeper in the store of William H. Allen and the late Gideon Allen, and in the counting-room of the late John Avery Parker. Graduating there, he went to Boston, and found employment in the best school possible for a merchant, the counting-room of the late A. & A. Lawrence. Soon after attaining his majority, and doubtless under the kind auspices of his employers, he formed a partnership with a fellow clerk, named Dexter, establishing the business (importing and jobbing of white-goods), which under the firm names of Dexter & Almy, Almy, Blake & Co., Almy, Patterson & Co., Almy, Hobart & Co., and Almy & Co., he successfully pursued for nearly fifty years. Cool, clear-headed, and sagacious, no man stood higher in the confidence and esteem of his fellows than William Almy. He achieved a handsome fortune for his time, but secured something far better, a reputation for spotless integrity and unblemished honor."

For many years William Almy was a director in the Eagle Bank, Boston, and for a number of years his firm was selling agent for various cotton and woolen mills, among these being the celebrated Wamsutta Mills of New Bedford. Politically he was a Whig and Republican.

On 19 November 1828 William Almy married Elizabeth Brayton, daughter of Robert and Deborah Brayton of Nantucket. She was born 19 June 1803 and died 11 May 1879. William and Elizabeth had ten children: (1) Sarah, died in infancy; (2) Robert B., born 12 September 1830; (3) Sarah H., born 16 December 1832; (4) Matilda H., died in infancy; (5) Henry, born 22 August 1836; (6) Catherine G., died young; (7) and (8) John P. and William F., twins, born 17 January 1841; (9) Alice B., born 14 April 1843; and (10) Thomas R., born 1848.

About 1830, William Almy purchased a part of the old Almy farm, near Horse Neck, in Dartmouth, a delightful summer residence, which he greatly improved and beautified. But soon a gradual failure of sight obliged him to give up in a measure his business care, and in company with one of his daughters he went to Europe to seek the cure of his threatened blindness. He, however, received no benefit from the advice and treatment of the most eminent foreign oculists, and in a short time (1858) he became totally blind, -- a terrible affliction for a man so self-reliant and independent as he had been, so full of activity and so fond of social life. In 1868 he retired from business.

William<sup>7</sup> Almy's line is Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Christopher<sup>5</sup>, Job<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Christopher<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.

PLEASE - - - - I NEED CURRENT ADDRESSES - - - - PLEASE

Newsletters sent to the following Almy Family members have been returned by the Postal Service because the addressee has moved. If you know the current whereabouts of any of these, please let me know.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Last Address</u>
John D. Almy	1407-1194-11	Fallbrook, California
Brett Almy	Unknown	Denver, Colorado
Thomas M. Almy	Unknown	Stamford, Connecticut
Kerrylee Almy	1233-4668-1381	Honolulu, Hawaii
James W. Almy, Jr.	1232-1272-4111-1	Midland, Michigan
Debra Skintoff	1232-1212-1533-1	Trufant, Michigan
Bruce Almy	1408-3316-231	Rochester, Minnesota
Richard A. Almy	Unknown	Salem, Missouri
Douglas F. Almy	1239-2145-2914	Peacedale, Rhode Island

CONTRIBUTIONS

I have received contributions from the following cousins since the last Newsletter to help defray the printing and mailing costs. And these costs keep going up. Now the Post Office is talking about 20 cents for 1 oz. first class.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Hulda Freda	1233-4668-11	North Dakota
Theodore Bower	1233-4668-123	California
Sylvia Nichols	1233-5147-233	Virginia
Mildred Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Stafford Almy	1233-518A-52	Rhode Island
Elona M. Kundingger	1252-95A6-45	Michigan
Philip W. Almy	1407-1532-1	Rhode Island
Lois B. Almy	1407-1532-3	Rhode Island
Sydnor Dever	1407-1712-61	Massachusetts
Paul Almy Martin	1407-1C71-11	New York
Frances Wiseman	Friend	Massachusetts

Many thanks to the above and to those of you that sent newspaper clippings. I appreciate all this help.

Love and Blessings from

Your cousin (1408-3311-112)

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