

1982 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

I have just returned from a trip to the Tiverton/Little Compton area of Rhode Island where I finalized plans for the 1982 Almy Family Reunion. I am very enthusiastic about the activities scheduled and the meeting and dining facilities we will have. The meetings and dinner will be held in the Ramada Inn, 940 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, Massachusetts 02771. This location is about 4 miles East of Providence, Rhode Island.

Motel rooms - Because our reunion is being held at the height of the tourist season, you are urged to immediately send your room request and payment for the first nights lodging to the motel. Following are the two suggested motels with their room rates. (Prices do not include state sales tax.)

Esquire Motel, Route 6, Seekonk, Mass. 02771, located around corner from Ramada Inn and across street from Eileen Darling's Restaurant.

Single person	\$ 23.00 + s/t
2 people, 1 bed	25.00 + s/t
2 people, 2 beds	29.00 + s/t

Ramada Inn	Single person	\$ 36.00 + s/t
	2 people, 1 bed	40.00 + s/t
	2 people, 2 beds	43.00 + s/t

Some suites may be available at the Ramada Inn. If interested, please inquire of motel. Rooms for the handicapped are available at the Ramada Inn. If this is required, please indicate on your request to the motel. The rooms with 2 beds at the Ramada Inn have been fully reserved and are not available. However, if you prefer 2 beds, indicate this on your request and if a room becomes available through cancellation, they will reserve it for you.

Eileen Darling's Town and Country Motel, which we would also have used, no longer has motel rooms available for our reunion weekend. It is important that you acquire your motel accommodations as soon as possible. Please send for your motel reservation direct to the motel today. Motel rooms are being reserved fast and will be hard to obtain later.

For those who may be coming by camper, the Esquire Motel has a campground. The cost is \$9.00 per night.

Please indicate on your motel room request that you are attending the Almy Family Reunion.

Meetings - We will have our meeting room available Friday afternoon and evening for those arriving on Friday to get acquainted. We will have meetings on Saturday morning and afternoon and a dinner meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Our meeting room will also be available on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Our meetings will consist of getting acquainted with cousins, "show and tell" of Almy history items, pictures of Almys, scrap books, genealogical charts, and any other activities that attendees may think of or want to do. These activities were most popular at the last reunion. On Saturday afternoon, slides will be shown of the Tiverton and Little Compton country side and places of Almy interest by Mrs. Edna Snell, local historian who has a vast knowledge of the area and the various families, including Almys, that have contributed to the history of the area. Mr. John Berg, President of the Tiverton Historical Society, will be present to tell of the local history and to answer questions about the events and locations of interest in the area. Mr. Berg lives in the Deacon Frederick Almy (1235-573) House, also known as the Will Almy House.

Dinner - We will have our own private dinner in our meeting room at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, 14 August 1982. Cost will be \$8.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. There is a choice of 3 entrees. Please indicate on the reservation form the number of meals of each entree and include payment with your registration fee.

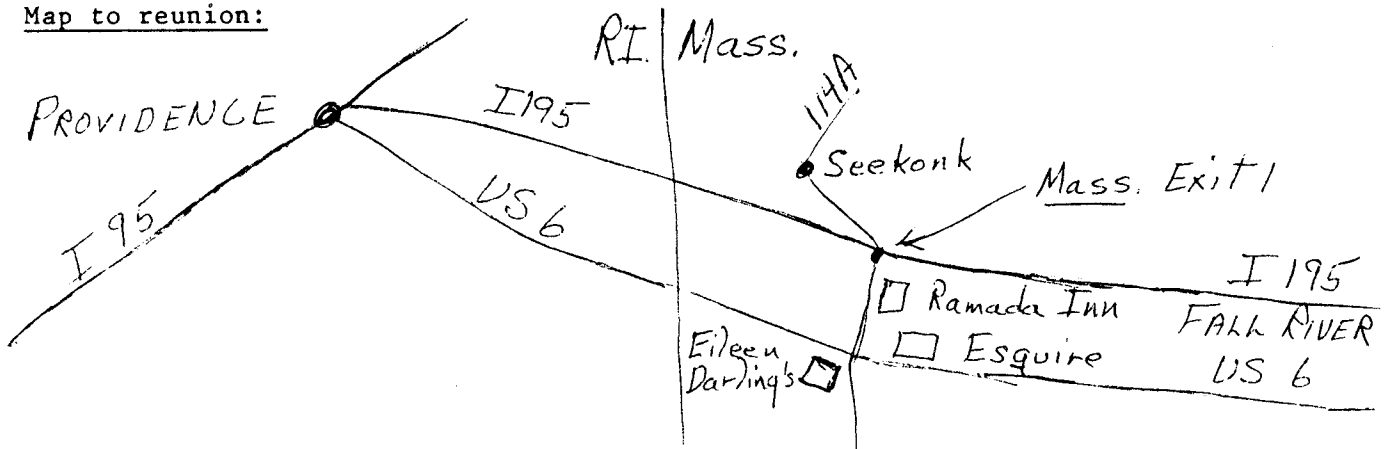
Registration - The registration fee will be \$5.00 per adult to cover costs such as name tags, coffee, etc. Please send me your registration form and check as soon as possible so that the number attending can be determined. The number attending will determine size and location of meeting room and dining room we will use. Because of this, registration deadline is 1 August 1982.

Welcome desk - A welcome desk will be set up in the lobby of the Ramada Inn on Friday afternoon and evening and again on Saturday morning. Please check in, pick up name tags, receive location of meeting room, and obtain literature about locations of interest in surrounding areas.

Other activities - Seekonk is ideally situated and centrally located to take trips to other places of interest. Portsmouth, Newport, Providence, Tiverton, and Little Compton in Rhode Island are Almy locations and are easily accessible from Seekonk. New Bedford, Fall River, Dartmouth, and Westport in Massachusetts are also Almy locations that are easily accessible from Seekonk. For those interested, there are 46 factory outlets for clothing, shoes, house furnishings, etc. in the nearby towns. A brochure will be available at the welcome desk for those interested. Cape Cod and Boston can also be visited from Seekonk or you may wish to extend your vacation in those locations.

Please inform your Almy relatives that may not receive the Newsletter of the date and location of the reunion. Also inform them of the necessity of immediately obtaining motel accomodations. They can write to me for the registration form or you can include them on your registration.

Map to reunion:



TRIP TO ENGLAND

My wife and I spent 28 days this Spring in the United Kingdom. The first 18 days were with the Pilgrim John Howland Society Tour. This tour included London, Oxford, Cambridge, Fenstanton (where John Howland, Mayflower passenger, was baptised), and other towns of significance to the Mayflower descendants. We also spent time in the Lake Country of England, and in Scotland including Loch Lomond, Loch Ness, St. Andrews, and Edinburgh. The snow capped mountains of England and Scotland were spectacular. A most enjoyable tour.

The next 10 days, Veda and I rented a car and had a great time visiting the Almey descendants with whom I have been corresponding. It was a wonderful experience. At present, these Almeys can be divided into four groups based on where they can trace back their Almey ancestry. These are (1) Holbeach in Lincolnshire, (2) Earl Shilton in Leicestershire, (3) Broughton Astley in Leicestershire, and (4) of course, Dunton Bassett in Leicestershire where the American line originates. I believe these four groups are related and I hope they can be tied together.

During our travels we visited with the following Almey cousins.

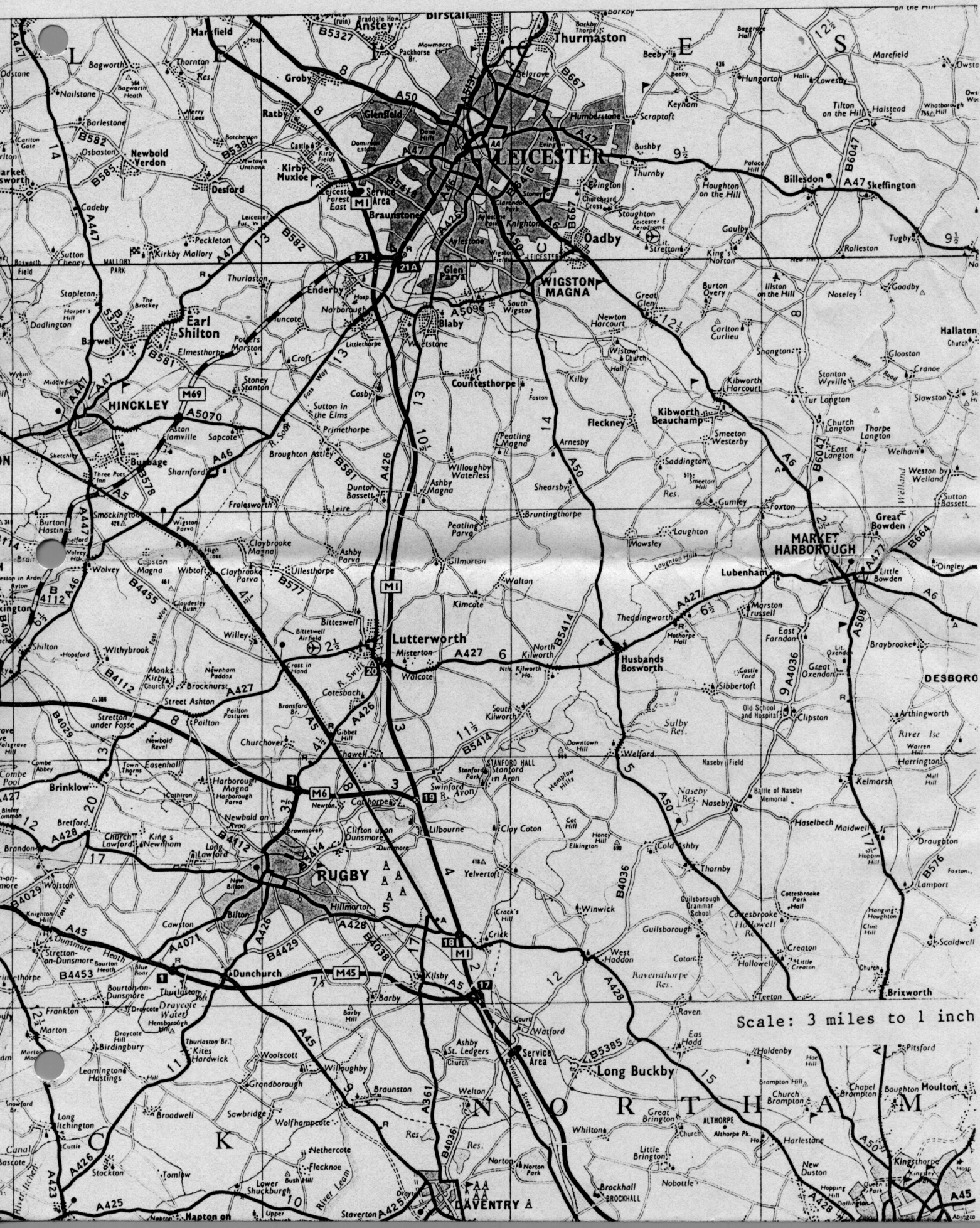
1. Harold and Jane (Almey) Gregson in Clacton on Sea. She descends from an Almey who was born in Holbeach in 1741.
2. Fred and Edith Almey and their son Clive in Cardiff, Wales. He also descends from the Almey born in Holbeach.
3. James and Louise Almey in Derby. James descends from an Almey born in 1816 in Broughton Astley.
4. Brian and Catherine Almey of Saffron Walden. Their daughter Nancy and her husband also joined us. Brian also descends from the Almey in Broughton Astley.
5. Philip and Marion Almey, and their son Brian in North Waltham. Philip and Brian descend from the Almey in Broughton Astley.
6. Constance and Marjorie Almey who live near Mundesley in Norfolk County. These are the aunts of Philip (above).
7. Helen Burke of Leighton Buzzard. She descends from an Almey born about 1760 in Earl Shilton.

We also visited a Derek Almy and his wife May in Brighton. His father and grandfather were born in Brighton and family tradition says that his Almy ancestor came from Norway.

I think all the Almeys (and the Almays in the United States) are related and have a common ancestor many centuries back (like 1066) in Leicestershire, England. Those that spell their name Almy in England may not be related. The latter could have immigrated to England in the 1800's from Denmark, Norway, France, or Spain. I hope we can find more information about all of the above lines.

I have included as page 4, a map of the portion of Leicestershire showing Earl Shilton, Broughton Astley, and Dunton Bassett. You will notice that these little villages are very close to each other. People today still walk between these villages. You will also notice not far away, Bitteswell and Lutterworth where William Almy's (No. 1) uncles lived. (See Newsletter No. 2, page 2.)

On the map, Dunton Bassett is 3 inches South of Leicester. Broughton Astley and Earl Shilton are to the West on road B581. Lutterworth is approximately 4 inches down the M1 South of Leicester. Bitteswell adjoins Lutterworth.



Scale: 3 miles to 1 inch

NEUCROLOGY

I am sorry to have to report the deaths of the following Almy cousins.

Hallie Burton Almy (1233-4668-16) died 23 January 1982. He was born 24 March 1910 in Burlington, North Dakota.

Sylvia Knowlton Lewis (1252-9773-6) died 26 March 1982. She was born 29 May 1890 in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Since the last Newsletter, I have received contributions from the following cousins to help defray the printing and mailing costs.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Mrs. Grant Chamberlain	1112-3157-3113	Florida
Iris E. Almy	1233-3252-52	Maine
Floyd C. Almy	1233-4668-15	Washington
Robert L. Almy	1233-4671-12	New York
Mrs. Barton K. Yount	1233-5143-311	District of Columbia
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Ernestine Almy Benson	1233-5147-531	Puerto Rico
Nancy Almy Lundgren	1235-5773-93	Rhode Island
George C. Almy	1252-9531-224	New York
Cynthia A. Almy	1252-9531-5131	Illinois
Mrs. Israel T. Almy	1407-2512-2W	Massachusetts
Mrs. Raymond G. Johnson	1408-3822-11W	Arizona
James Almy	1408-6524-51	Illinois

I thank you all. I appreciate your assistance.

NEW ARRIVAL

Stephen (1252-9943-411) and Sandra Almy of Snellville, Georgia are the proud parents of Logan Patrick Almy, born 20 April 1982. He was 20 inches long and weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. at birth. Congratulations to Logan on his choice of parents.

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This Newsletter has been written in a hurry, early in June, so that information about the Reunion could get out as soon as possible. Please make arrangements with the motel NOW for your room accommodations. Send your registration form to me as soon as possible.

Hope to see you all, August 13-15, at the 1982 Almy Family Reunion.

Love and Blessings from
Your cousin (1408-3312-112)

Merwin

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(Please fill out and return to Merwin F. Almy)

I plan to attend on the following reunion days (please check):

Friday, 13 August 1982

Saturday, 14 August 1982

Sunday, 15 August 1982

My check for the following is enclosed:

Registration fee of \$5.00 per adult. _____ = \$ _____
(No.)

Dinner, Saturday evening. Please indicate number of meals of each entree.

_____ Roast top sirloin of beef au jus

_____ Baked breast of chicken

_____ Baked stuffed filet of sole with Newberg sauce

_____ total meals at \$8.00 each _____

Total check enclosed for registration and dinners \$ _____

Please send your motel reservation direct to the motel with payment for one night to reserve room. Let me know if you wish a brochure for the Ramada Inn or Esquire Motel.

Please list names, including children, of those covered by this registration form. This is needed for name tags.

Your name and address:

