

## BUMBER STICKERS

Those of you that attended the 1982 Almy Family Reunion saw the bumper sticker that was given to me which read:

GENEALOGISTS  
CLIMB TREES

Recently, Dorothy Hornus (1407-1C57-61) sent me the following bumper sticker.

GENEALOGY IS MY HOBBY  
I Collect Ancestors

Any other genealogical bumper stickers that you can tell me about?

## ALMYS IN FRANCE

Veda and I went on a special 17 day tour of the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, France, and Belgium with a small (22 persons) group from the Pilgrim John Howland Society from 25 April to 11 May 1983. In Paris, as I usually do, I looked in the telephone book for Almys and found three listed.

There was no answer at the first number the many times I called. The second number spoke no English and I cannot speak French. After a couple of frustrating minutes (you can't use sign language over a phone), I put Veda on the phone as she had French in high school. She didn't do much better, but both parties got a lot of laughs out of their attempts to communicate. However, nothing of value could be learned.

At the third number, I found a person who could speak English. (This person knew nothing about the other two Almys in the phone book.) I talked with Gillice, the daughter of M. Almy listed in the phone book. She said she was born in Paris in 1959 and that her father, Michel, was born in a little village to the north of Paris in 1927. Her grandfather, Marcel Almy, was born in Alsace, France, about 1898. She knew nothing more about her Almy ancestry. Perhaps these Almys have common ancestors with our ancestor who went to England 500 or more years ago.

## DESTROYED ADDRESS LABEL

Shortly after mailing the last Newsletter, I received one Newsletter back from the Postmaster in Denver, Colorado, with the address label portion torn off. There are a number of Colorado addresses on the mailing list and this copy may or may not have been addressed to one of them. If the person who did not receive the last issue (No. 34) will write to me, I will send them their copy.

### "THE AMAZING STORY OF THE ALMYS IN AMERICA"

A week after I mailed the last Newsletter, I received the advertisement from Sharon Taylor of Copley, Ohio, concerning the above book. Too bad this offer was received by me too late to warn you all that this book does not contain Almy genealogy and would, for the most part, include information readily available in most large public libraries. You have received and will receive far more general information, as well as specific Almy genealogy, in these Newsletters.

In the two weeks after I received my advertisement, I received copies of the ad from 6 of you who questioned its' value. I thank you all for your interest and in keeping me informed.

In the April 1979 Newsletter (No. 18), I warned you all about a New Jersey company selling an "Almy Family Name Album." In the October 1981 Newsletter (No. 28) I wrote you again to beware of ancestral books, in this case the Beatrice Bayley ad for "The Almy Family Heritage Book." Shortly after the October 1981 Newsletter was mailed I came across the October 1981 issue of Changing Times magazine which had an article on genealogical scams. The following is quoted from that article.

"The letter was addressed to Thomas A. Ziebarth. It began: 'I am publishing a book about the very rare and distinct Ziebarth family name. Nationally there is only about one Ziebarth Family for every million Americans . . . This unique book is called *The Ziebarth Family Heritage Book*. It is designed . . . as a guide in the discovery and documentation of your personal and family heritage. My extensive research has taken months of work and thousands of dollars to compile the names and locations of every Ziebarth Family in the United States.' Only one edition would be printed, so the book was 'certain to be quite rare.' It 'will be hard bound ... and beautifully stamped in gold \* \* \* "

"Ziebarth was intrigued, not because of any extraordinary interest in his ancestry but because he had just begun an investigation of phony and questionable schemes involving genealogy. He is a senior attorney with the U.S. Postal Service. \* \* \* The letter to Ziebarth, part of a mass solicitation, led to the issuance of a Postal Service complaint against the sender, Beatrice Bayley, Inc., of Sterling, Pa. It turned out there was no such thing as *The Ziebarth Family Heritage Book*. What the Ziebarths and other respondents received — for \$19.85 — was *The Family Heritage Book*, an unimposing volume containing sketchy information on tracing antecedents, a few facts on heraldry, a capsule history of American immigration with boiler-plate photos, some standard forms for compiling a family history, a bibliography, and the names and addresses of people with the same name as the addressee — apparently obtained from city directories and phone books. There was no chapter on how recipients of the volume could chart their own family tree."

"Soon after the charges were filed, Beatrice Bayley, Inc., signed a consent agreement stating that it would not engage in such practices in the future \* \* \*. Over the years postal authorities have derailed several genealogical promotions, but new ones surface from time to time. \* \* \* Another target of postal service action was Halbert's Inc., and Nancy L. Halbert of Bath, Ohio. That mail-order firm created coats of arms." Again in October 1982, Changing Times magazine had another word of warning: "Be wary of mail-order solicitations promising for a fee to send you a 'personal research report,' a book about your family history or a coat of arms. The written material you get may simply be a history of American immigration or a list of names and addresses of people with the same surname as yours. The mounted plaque with the 'exclusive' coat of arms could be just a creation of the mail-order firm."

I do not know what connection, if any, there is between the above parties, but their ads are very similar. About June 1st, I heard the newscaster on a Washington, D.C. TV station warn people about these supposedly personal family albums. They stated, by names, that Beatrice Bailey and Sharon Taylor have been investigated by the U.S. Postal Service and that the Postal Service has filed suit against Sharon Taylor.

FOUNDERS OF SANDWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

William Almy, our immigrant ancestor, first resided in Lynn in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. (Lynn is approximately 10 miles north of Boston.) He either moved to the adjacent settlement of Saugus, or Saugus was considered part of Lynn, because in 1637 he was one of the "Ten Men from Saugus" that Plymouth Colony granted the right to settle enough land in Sandwich for "three score families."

Sandwich, named after Sandwich, England, is located on Cape Cod. On the Sandwich Town Hall there is a plaque dedicated to the ten founders of Sandwich. You will note in the accompanying picture that William Almy is the fifth name on the list. William Almy resided in Sandwich for awhile, but left for Portsmouth, RI, before the end of 1641. In June of 1642 he sold his Sandwich land.



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF OLD PLYMOUTH COLONY DESCENDANTS

By virtue of our descent from William Almy, who came to Old Plymouth Colony prior to the year 1641 (above article), we are eligible for membership in the National Society of Old Plymouth Colony Descendants. I have become a member, the first to join as a descendant of William Almy.

The objects of the Society are to promote interest in the study of history of the early settlers; to assemble and preserve the records of their descendants; to mark historic spots in the Old Colony and to collect and preserve the records pertaining thereto; to further in all practicable ways the present and future interests of the Old Colony. They strive also to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of Country and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

This unique historical and heritage group has no annual dues. The modest entrance fee (now \$35) entitles one to Life Membership in the Society. Organized in 1910, the roll of members comes from a majority of the fifty states of the Union.



The Society has a limited endowment, and no indebtedness. By custom, one meeting a year is held in Plymouth during May, and one meeting near Boston during November. If any of you are interested in joining this Society, please write me so that I can recommend you for membership and have an application blank sent to you. Membership requires generation by generation proof of descent from the Plymouth Colony ancestor.

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Just a gentle reminder to those who have promised to send me family information.

### ALMY - RAPPLEYE BOOK

Betsey Miller (1233-5147-234) informs me that she still has xerox copies of the book *Historic Families of America: William Almy of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 1630 / Joris Janssen De Rapalje of Fort Orange (Albany), New Amsterdam and Brooklyn, 1623*. This book was published in 1897 by Charles Kingsbury Miller (1233-3118-2), and published copies are no longer available. See January 1981 Newsletter (No. 25, page 2), for more details about the book.

Betsey made copies after the 1980 Almy Family Reunion and sold out. This past winter Betsey xeroxed additional copies from her original copy of the book. Betsey will send a xerox copy of the book, with corrections, for \$5.00, which covers her copying and mailing costs. Her address is: Mrs. Josiah B. Miller, 214 E. Upland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

### MARTIN DEWEY ALMY (1233-4668-13)

Martin Dewey Almy, of Vancouver, Washington, died on 27 December 1982. Martin was born in Forest, Ohio, on 4 June 1898, the son of Charles C. and Merta Jane (Waltemyer) Almy. He married, in Minot, North Dakota, on 3 October 1920, Edna Ruth Bailey. Martin and Edna had eight children: Clara, Harold, Chester, Vernon, Irma, Donna, Betty, and Robert.

Martin's brother, Hallie Burton Almy (1233-4668-16) died earlier in 1982. (July 1982 Newsletter; No. 31, page 5.)

Martin will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

### DAVID W. ALMY RECEIVES WRITING AWARD

David Wright Almy (1239-2165-1811), research editor of *Business/Commercial Aviation*, a national journal published by Ziff-Davis in White Plains, New York, won the Aviation/Space Writers Association's Earl D. Osborn Award for best reporting and writing on general aviation.

At 24, David is the youngest individual winner of the aviation journalism award which was established by the Association in 1970. The award, named for aviation pioneer Earl Osborn, is for David's three-part article entitled "Justifying Corporate Aircraft" which ran in the summer of 1982 in the aviation publication. The award was presented to David in April during the Association's annual convention in Alexandria, Virginia.

Congratulations David!

David is the son of William D. and Susan (Bond) Almy. William called and told me the brief facts about the award, but it was Robert L. Almy (1233-4671-12) who supplied the details above. He saw an article on David's award in the White Plains Reporter Dispatch and sent it to me. I thank Robert for his alertness and for sending me the article.

### WEDDING BELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lee Hayes, Jr. announced the marriage of their daughter Susan Barker Hayes (11A3-3111-2423) to William<sup>1</sup> Close Woods on 21 May, 1983 in Byfield, Massachusetts. The bride's line of descent from William<sup>1</sup> Almy is through Anne<sup>2</sup> who married John Greene.

Best Wishes to the newlyweds!

### HISTORY OF WESTPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

The history of Westport, Massachusetts, which is located about 10 miles to the East of Tiverton, Rhode Island, contains the following information. At Westport's first town meeting, held 20 August 1789, the first Board of Selectmen was elected and included William Almy, Edward Borden, and Richard Kirby. A year later, William Almy served as Westport's representative to the state convention deliberating over the proposed United States Constitution which William supported.

This William Almy was No. 1235-41, born 3 April 1760, the son of Peleg and Rebecca (Seabury) Almy. He married Polly Millett and had 10 children, all born in Westport.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

I have received monetary contributions to help defray the costs of printing and mailing the Almy Family Newsletters from the following cousins since Newsletter No. 34 went to press. I greatly appreciate this assistance and I want to thank you all.

| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Almy Number</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Marian Hayes               | 11A3-3111-242      | Rhode Island     |
| Elmer O. Almy              | 1232-1272-431      | Florida          |
| Peter E. Almy              | 1233-3252-4112     | Texas            |
| Constance (Almy) Danielson | 1233-3252-412      | New York         |
| Marjorie Wade              | 1233-4668-121      | New York         |
| Floyd C. Almy              | 1233-4668-15       | Washington       |
| Ruth Almy                  | 1233-5143-224      | Florida          |
| Kenneth L. Wickett         | 1233-5143-421      | Texas            |
| Mrs. Robert T. Almy        | 1233-5147-53W      | Rhode Island     |
| Ernestine (Almy) Benson    | 1233-5147-531      | Puerto Rico      |
| Lucretia (Almy) Lyman      | 1239-2127-62       | California       |
| Hilda Almy                 | 1239-2145-2B3      | Rhode Island     |
| Elva Lawton                | 1252-9831-12       | Washington       |
| Dorothy Hornus             | 1407-1C57-61       | Germany          |
| Rev. Wesley Almy           | 1408-6524-11       | New Mexico       |

In addition to the above monetary contributions, I have received contributions for articles from many of you which I also greatly appreciate. I plan to acknowledge these contributions as they are used in the Newsletter.

You all have a delightful Summer with interesting vacations. I will be back in touch in the Fall with a few more interesting items.

Love and Blessings to all!

Your cousin,



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