

Again for this issue, as in issue No. 38, I have so much information that should be included in this Newsletter, that I am going to print it on both sides of the paper. I hope it doesn't cause anyone any inconvenience. I am not going to keep this practice up -- it makes a lot of extra work.

1984 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

The 1984 Almy Family Reunion was held on Saturday, 30 June 1984, at Eileen Darling's Restaurant in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Fifty-eight Almy cousins, their spouses, and friends were in attendance, either for the daytime activities or for the evening dinner and discussion period.

In the afternoon we were given a very interesting talk by Walter Nebiker on the survey he made of the historic and architectural resources of Tiverton, Rhode Island. His talk was illustrated by beautiful slides of the buildings and other sites in the area, including Almy houses. Mr. Nebiker is Senior Historic Preservation Planner for the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission.

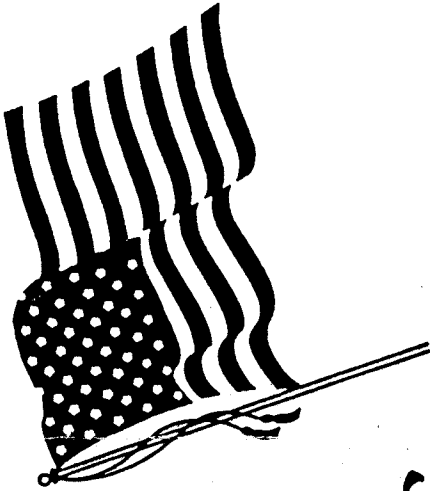
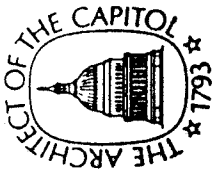
After his talk, Mr. Nebiker was presented a United States Flag that had been flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the 1984 Almy Family Reunion at the request of the Honorable Claiborne Pell, United States Senator from Rhode Island. A copy of the certificate that accompanied the flag is included in this Newsletter as page 2. A copy of Senator Pell's letter transmitting the flag and certificate to me is included as page 3 of this Newsletter.

After the presentation of the flag to Mr. Nebiker, Patricia Almy Forte surprised us when she read a Proclamation from the Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, that June 30, 1984 be known as Almy Family Reunion Day. After reading the proclamation, Patricia gave me the original and passed out copies to those in attendance. A copy of this Proclamation (which is in one long sheet) is included here on pages 6 and 7. I thank Patricia for this nice touch given to the Reunion.

After the evening dinner we had an interesting discussion period in which many subjects were brought up. I read a post card sent from Wales to the Almy Family Reunion, % Eileen Darling's Restaurant. The card was from Fred Almy and his family. Although I met and had discussions with many new cousins, I did not have time to talk at length with all those that I wanted. A lot of memorabilia items were brought to the meeting that I wanted to see, but did not get the opportunity. Somehow, in the future, we must have more time for Almys to tell what they know about Almy history.

Those who attended the Reunion had a wonderful time, although some were disappointed that some of their cousins could not be there. For the record, a list of all those who attended the reunion is included on pages 4 and 5.

All you Almy descendants should be thinking of what you would like to have, if anything, for a family reunion. What time of year?, what location?, how many days?, type of program?, etc., are some of the questions that need to be answered before planning the next reunion. I plan to include a questionnaire as part of a future newsletter so I can find the answers to these questions. Planning for a reunion has to start about a year ahead, so I will be in touch this next year on this.



THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is to certify that the accompanying flag was
 flown over the United States Capitol on April 27, 1984,
 at the request of the Honorable Claiborne Pell,
 United States Senator.

This flag will be presented to Walter Nebiker on the
 occasion of the 1984 Almy Family Reunion in Rhode Island
 by the Almy Family.

George M. White
 George M. White, FAIA
 Architect of the Capitol

CLAIBORNE PELL
RHODE ISLAND

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 14, 1984

Mr. Merwin F. Almy
7703 Elgar Street
Springfield, Virginia 22151

Dear Mr. Almy:

I am pleased to send you this 3 x 5 nylon United States flag which has flown over the Capitol in honor of the 1984 Almy Family Reunion.

I am sure Mr. Nebiker will take great pride in flying this flag.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any other assistance.

With best wishes for a successful Family Reunion, I am

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

ATTENDEES AT THE 1984 ALMY FAMILY REUNION
SEEKONK, MASSACHUSETTS, 30 JUNE 1984

<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
11xx-xxxx-xxx	Frank Willis Munro	Cumberland, RI
1233-518A-52	Stafford Almy	Little Compton, RI
1235-5773-81 1235-5773-81W	Frederic A. Almy, Jr. Dorothy Almy	Tiverton, RI
1235-5773-811 1235-5773-811W 1235-5773-8111	Frederic A. Almy, III Kathleen Almy Frederic A. Almy, IV	*
1239-2145-281 1239-2145-281W	Florence A. Whitford Leroy C. Whitford	Wakefield, RI
1407-1426-12 1407-1426-12W	Richard C. Almy Edith E. Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1426-121 1407-1426-121W	Stephen J. Almy Barbara O. Almy	Portsmouth, RI
1407-1426-122 1407-1426-122W	Patricia Almy Forte Michael Forte	Little Compton, RI
1407-1532-1 1407-1532-1W	Philip Almy Dorothy Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1532-2 1407-1532-2W	Charles B. Almy Marion E. Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1532-21 1407-1532-21W	Marcia L. Pratt Charles C. Pratt	Rockland, MA
1407-1532-211 1407-1532-211W	Stephen Pratt Debi Pratt	Carver, MA
1407-1532-3	Lois Almy	Little Compton, RI
1407-1C57-6W	Dorothy M. Fraser	Newport, RI
1407-1C57-61 1407-1C57-61W	Dorothy Hornus Louis E. Hornus	Nuernberg, Germany
1407-1C57-7 1407-1C57-7W	Martha Manchester Francis Manchester	Tiverton, RI

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<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
1407-1C74-3 1407-1C74-3W	E. Grinnell Almy Ruth Almy	Wilmington, DE
1407-1C74-31 1407-1C74-31W	Donald G. Almy Louise S. Almy	Huntington Beach, CA
1407-1C74-32 1407-1C74-32W	Alison A. Kenworthy R. James Kenworthy	Simsbury, CT
1407-2512-2W	Amy W. Almy (Mrs. Israel T.)	Somerset, MA
1407-2512-21 1407-2512-21W 1407-2512-211 1407-2512-212	Thomas B. Almy Kathryn A. Almy Steven T. Almy Susan E. Almy	Somerset, MA
1407-2B31-11 1407-2B31-12	Nancy Peirce Lantz Rebecca Peirce	Portsmouth, RI
1408-3312-112 1408-3312-112W	Merwin F. Almy Veda H. Almy	Springfield, VA
1408-3832-51 1408-3832-51W	Eloise C. Randall William Randall	Portsmouth, RI
1408-3832-52 1408-3832-52W	Donald Almy Chase Norma Tripp Chase	Jackson, NH
1408-3832-523 1408-3832-523W	Elaine C. Jackson Joe Jackson	*
1408-3832-53 1408-3832-53W	Eleanor Chase Davis Ralph Davis	Portsmouth, RI
1408-6504-11 1408-6504-11W	John E. Bernier, Jr. M. Shirley Bernier	North Dartmouth, MA
Guest Guest	Walter Nebiker Elizabeth "Bonnie" Warren	Warren, RI
Guest Guest	John Berg Virginia Berg	Tiverton, RI

* I would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing the current address of any of these cousins. I missed obtaining their addresses at the Reunion.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

J. Joseph Garrahy
Governor

P R O C L A M A T I O N

ALMY FAMILY REUNION DAY

BY J. JOSEPH GARRAHY

G O V E R N O R

WHEREAS, William Almy came to America in 1631 and settled in Lynn, Massachusetts and returned in 1635 to England to bring his wife Audrey, and their children to America; and

WHEREAS, William was one of the "Ten Men From Saugus" who founded the Town of Sandwich in 1637 before settling in Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1641; and

WHEREAS, William was granted land in Portsmouth at Wading Brook which was later to be the sight of the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778; and

WHEREAS, In the Colony of Portsmouth, William rose to distinction becoming Freeman in 1655 and then Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, In 1676, William's sons Christopher and Job were among the first proprietors which comprises land in the present town of Tiverton and Little Compton; and

WHEREAS, Christopher, Job and John all followed their father's example and went on to serve their communities well - bringing great pride to their family name; and

WHEREAS, Succeeding generations have continued to serve in our local communities as well as in our State, both in elected and appointed positions, making innumerable contributions to the economic and cultural development of this State; and

WHEREAS, The Almys hold a treasured and revered place in Rhode Island history and it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of all Rhode Islanders to all those gathered together for the Almy Family Reunion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, J. JOSEPH GARRAHY, GOVERNOR, OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, PROCLAIM

JUNE 30, 1984, AS

ALMY FAMILY REUNION DAY



SUDAN L. FOSTER
SECRETARY OF STATE

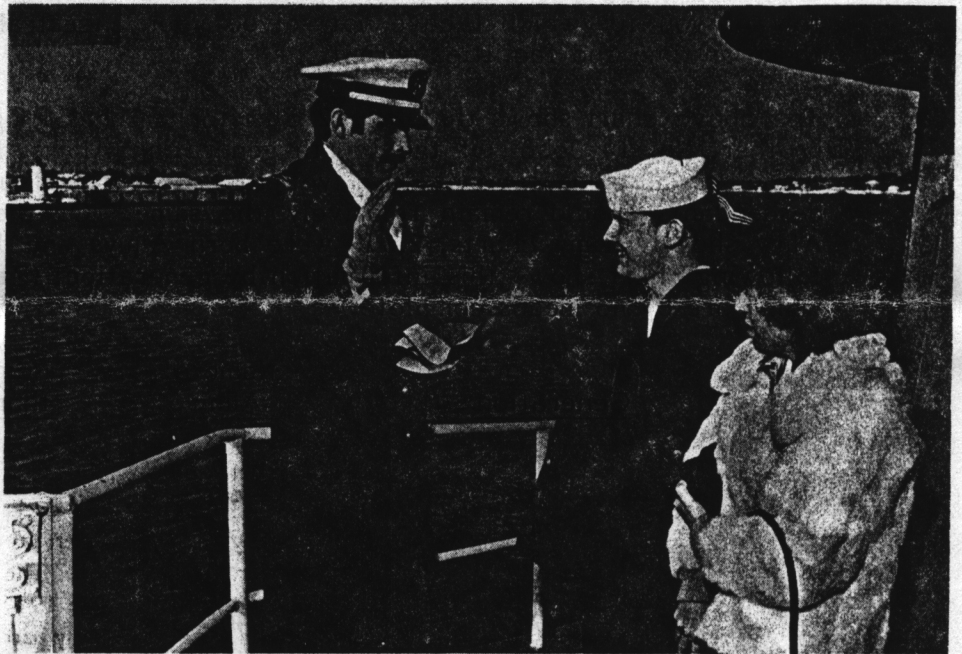
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed this thirtieth day of June, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four, and of Independence, the two hundred and ninth.

J. Joseph Garrahy
GOVERNOR

WHO IS SK2(SS) FREDERICK J. ALMY ?

In March of this year, Kenneth J. Almy (1408-6612-12) sent the article from the Periscope of March 16, 1984 (shown to the right) about Frederick J. Almy, who reenlisted in the Navy at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Kenn asked if I knew of this Almy. I didn't and I still do not know who this Frederick J. Almy is -- and I would greatly appreciate any information (like parents or other Almy relatives) about him that anyone reading this Newsletter might know.

Surely, he is a relative of someone who reads this. Please write!



REENLISTMENT—SK2(SS) Frederick J. Almy (center) recently reenlisted for four more years in the U.S. Navy. ENS Doug Osbourn performed the ceremony. Petty Officer Almy is currently serving as storekeeper on TINOSA. His wife Maria attended the reenlistment, which was held, at his request, on a Shipyard tug in Portsmouth Harbor. "I went fishing out there several times last summer and I really enjoyed the beautiful coastline," Almy commented. In the background is Fort Point Light at New Castle.

NUMBER OF ALMY DESCENDANTS

In March of this year I counted the number of persons on my Almy Family Tree charts and found that my charts then contained 6,819 persons -- William Almy, 4,523 direct descendants, and 2,295 spouses of the descendants. The following chart shows the number of descendants on my charts for each Almy in the first four generations.

<u>Generation</u>	<u>Almy No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Descendants</u>
1	1	William	4,523
2	12	Christopher	3,369
	14	Job	1,149
3	123	William	2,368
	125	Christopher	979
	126	Rebecca	4
	128	Job	9
	140	Job	1,138
4	1232	John	491
	1233	Job	1,343
	1235	Samuel	209
	1239	William	316
	1252	William	975
	1407	John	622
	1408	Job	507

You can tell in which group you belong by the first digits of your Almy number, if you have one assigned. I use your number on the first line of your Newsletter address label. There still are a few of you for which I have not solved your ancestral line, but I am continually working on those as time and facilities permit.

The above chart shows that No. 12 Christopher² has roughly 3 times as many descendants as his brother, No. 14 Job. Of the fourth generation Almys, No. 1233 Job had the most with 1,343. Although more descendants are yet to be identified and added to my charts, the ratio of descendants should remain relatively the same. Of the 4,523 direct descendants of William Almy shown on my charts, 2,659 were born Almys and 1,864 had names other than Almy. The following chart shows this information by generation. (Remember, this is according to my charts which are by no means complete.)

<u>Generation</u>	<u>Name of Almy</u>	<u>Name other than Almy</u>	<u>Total</u>
2	5		5
3	20		20
4	26	4	30
5	57		57
6	157	21	178
7	305	47	352
8	439	72	511
9	489	104	593
10	388	266	654
11	355	472	827
12	293	507	800
13	115	327	442
14	10	44	54
Totals	<u>2,659</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>4,523</u>

YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGIST - MARK S. GREGSON

This spring I received a copy of the book "Young Archaeologist" from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gregson in Clacton-On-Sea, Essex, England. Mrs. Gregson is the former Jane Primrose Almy. Harold and Jane's son Mark met an untimely death in February 1982 in an automobile accident (see Newsletter No. 30, April 1982). Mark had just started on what promised to be a very illustrious career in archaeology.

The book is a lovely memorial to Mark and consists of the collected unpublished papers and contributions to archaeological thinking and practice by Mark. The book was written and published with the help of Mark's family, friends, and colleagues, and covers Mark's archaeological surveys in England over a period of six years. I want to thank the Gregsons for sending the book to me. I will always treasure it.

I showed the book at the Almy Family Reunion and it was available to those in attendance to peruse. If there are others, especially archaeologists, who would like to see this book, please let me know. I will try to bring it to you on my travels or I may be able to make other arrangements.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins who have sent in contributions, since the last issue, to help defray the costs of printing and mailing the Almy Family Newsletters. Many thanks to you all. Your help is appreciated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Frances (Almy) Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
Juanita (Almy) Dalga	1232-1272-432	Michigan
C. Joseph Gannon	1232-1272-521	New York
Hulda Freda	1233-4668-11	North Dakota
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Edith (Almy) Atwell	1233-5180-33	North Carolina
Alexandra (Almy) Kohlhoff	1235-5792-1121	Texas
E. Grinnell Almy	1407-1C74-3	Delaware
Mrs. Israel T. Almy	1407-2512-2W	Massachusetts
Donald Almy Chase	1408-3832-52	New Hampshire

HAVE A DELIGHTFUL SUMMER !

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

Merwin

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