

ALMY NAMED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Dean J. Almy, Jr. (1235-5792-112), who recently moved to Maine, sent me a news article from the Brunswick, Maine, Times Record of February 7, 1985, regarding R. Christopher Almy (1408-6262-47).

The article stated that Governor Joseph E. Brennan had appointed R. Christopher Almy of Charleston, district attorney for Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Christopher, who became an assistant district attorney in 1977, was appointed deputy last year. As district attorney, Christopher replaced District Judge-designate Margaret Kravchuk, whose nomination had been confirmed a week earlier by the Legislature. R. Christopher Almy will serve through 1986, when Kravchuk's term would have ended.

ALMY AS A FIRST NAME

In February of this year, Donald G. Almy (1407-1C74-31) and his wife Louise wrote that on their vacation in Vermont last year they saw the name "Almy Perron" in a garage sale ad in the local Vermont newspaper. They tried to find the person at home two times, but failed to make contact.

I wrote to Almy Perron about her first name and her reply stated "I believe my mother chose the name Almy because she liked it. I know of no other relative or person with that name except the Almy Store in Burlington, Vermont. It is all very interesting."

I too think it is interesting.

WILLIAM ALMY FORTE (1407-1426-1222)



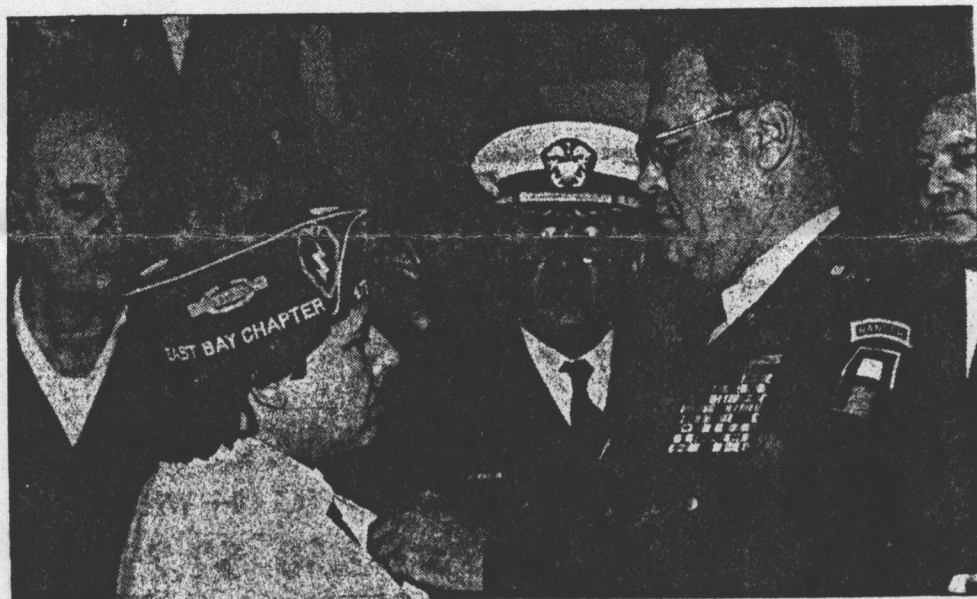
Michael B. and Patricia Almy Forte, of Little Compton, RI, are the proud parents of William Almy Forte, born 12 June 1985, in Providence, RI. William weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. at birth. William joins his brother Michael Brian Forte, Jr., who was born 29 May 1982. The Almy Family congratulates William on his choice of parents.

WEDDING BELLS FOR ROSEMARY ALMY (1407-1426-123)

Rosemary C. Almy, daughter of Richard C. and Edith (Anderson) Almy, was married on Saturday, June 8, 1985, in Warwick, RI, to Douglas Paul Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Snyder of Warwick, RI. Douglas is presently serving in the United States Army. Rosemary's sister, Patricia Forte, was able to be matron of honor at the wedding (see birth announcement above). Best wishes to the newlyweds from the Almy Family.

ALMY DESCENDANT RECEIVES PURPLE HEART 17 YEARS LATE

On 22 February 1985, at the Capitol Building Rotunda, State House, Providence, RI, Edward Nelson Fisher (1232-4013-3632) received the Purple Heart Medal he had earned 17 years earlier in Vietnam. Edward's mother is Shirley Mae Almy, so he is one generation removed from the Almy name. Below is a picture of the Purple Heart being pinned on Edward's lapel at the ceremony. The picture is from the East Providence Post of February 28, 1985.



The above picture and the following write-up about Edward N. Fisher is from a newspaper article sent to me by his aunt, Iris May (Almy) Bachand (1232-4013-362).

East Providence-born Edward N. Fisher, Jr. arrived in Vietnam right after his 19th birthday. He was 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed 130 pounds. Every Army infantry division that fought in the jungle front lines in Vietnam had at least one tunnel rat whose job it was to flush out the enemy by wriggling head-first into dark dirt holes that led to underground mazes dug by the enemy. Because of his size, Edward was made a tunnel rat right away.

Edward crawled in and out of the dirt for 11½ months. Then one day he caught four sharp bursts of enemy fire and was sent home to face operations, hospitalization, postwar trauma and a 17-year fight for the medal he earned with his blood. The fight ended on February 22nd.

While more than 100 family, friends and fellow veterans cheered from the marble steps that surround the State House rotunda, the shining medal of the Military Order of the Purple Heart was pinned on Fisher's lapel by Rhode Island's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. John W. Kiley. Governor DiPrete also took part in the ceremony, commending Edward for his bravery by declaring February 22, 1985, Edward Nelson Fisher Jr. Day.

A squad leader in the Army's 25th Infantry Division, Edward was struck four times at close range by enemy fire while leading his squad to scout out enemy bunkers. One bullet cracked his rifle in two, and another tore through his right wrist, leaving it dangling and useless. The other two, which hit his chest dead center, miraculously bounced off the ammunition straps he had draped around him, leaving no mark except for a hole punched in the cigarette pack he kept in his breast pocket. (Continued on next page.)

Edward, who is part Narragansett Indian, led his squad to safety before medics reached him. Instead of a hero's welcome, however, when he returned home he found that more battles awaited him. He suffered a heart attack while undergoing surgery on his mangled wrist and had to fight for military medical benefits after his discharge. While in the hospital, he received the Bronze Star for saving his squad, but the Purple Heart was never awarded. Army papers said he was entitled to the honor, but the award itself was somehow never sent to him. It took 17 years of battling the bureaucracy to correct the oversight.

RAYMOND G. JOHNSON

Dorothy (Moon) Johnson, widow of Frederic Spiers Almy (1408-3822-11), included a note with her Christmas 1984 letter that her husband, Raymond, had died of a heart attack. She and Ray had done a lot of travelling all over the world and her Christmas letters telling of their travels were a joy to read. I know that Ray will be greatly missed by Dorothy, their family, and many friends.

MARGARET MAY (COLTHURST) CHATIGNY (1407-2C23-21)

Margaret May Chatigny, of San Lorenzo, California, died on 31 December 1983; a year and a half ago. Margaret was born 11 September 1922, the daughter of John J. and Zola (Almy) Colthurst. Margaret married Mark A. Chatigny in 1945 and they had 5 children: Suzanne, Mark, Mary, Michelle, and Richard. Margaret is also survived by a brother, Robert Colthurst; and sister, Diane Moczar.

I am saddened by Margaret's death, as I know many of you are. It is too bad she and I could not reach an equitable method of compiling an Almy genealogy book, but perhaps she knew that she could not complete such a large project. We now bless Margaret on her onward journey.

The information about Margaret's death was researched by Kenneth G. Fuller (1239-2127-361). I know he spent considerable time and effort to get the information and I wish to thank him for a job well done.

MORE BUMPER STICKERS

In the July 1983 issue (No. 35) of the Newsletter, I wrote about two genealogical bumper stickers that had come to my attention and I asked about any others that cousins had seen. Kenneth G. Fuller (1239-2127-361) recently sent me two others that had come to his attention. They were:

GENEALOGISTS ARE ALWAYS IN A FAMILY WAY

GENEALOGISTS ARE ALWAYS UP A TREE

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

VISITS WITH ALMY COUSINS TO THE SOUTH

This May, Veda and I visited with Almy cousins on our trip to Florida where we were making sure that Veda's parents were comfortably settled in a retirement home in Tampa.

On the way South, we stopped to visit with George Burgess (1232-4013-324) and his wife Annette, and their daughter Sharlene, in Havelock, North Carolina. I showed them my large charts (31 of them) containing about 7,000 descendants of William Almy and their spouses. In addition, I obtained additional genealogical information on members of his branch of the Almy Family Tree. George and Annette took us on a tour of New Bern, Havelock, Morehead City (where we had a delightful and delicious seafood dinner), and Beaufort (where we had an interesting walk along the dock). George and Annette own and operate a very nice furniture store and gift shop -- House of Burgesses -- located on Highway 70E, Havelock, North Carolina. They have wicker and rattan furniture and many beautiful imported items. My wife and I were very impressed with the uniqueness and quality of all the items in the store. We highly recommend that anyone going to or near New Bern, NC, stop in and see the beautiful items they have for sale. Suffice to say, Veda and I had a wonderful visit with the Burgess cousins.

After leaving our North Carolina cousins, we next stopped in Daytona Beach, Florida, to see John Cutts Almy (1233-5143-223), and his sisters; Dorothy Leavitt Almy (1233-5143-222) and Ruth Farley Almy (1233-5143-224). We first visited with Ruth and Dorothy, and then went a block away to visit with John and his wife Carlotta. I showed each of them my Almy charts and my wife and I had a very enjoyable time talking with them all.

We next visited my close cousins (first cousins, once removed) who live in Orlando, Florida. Although these are some of my closest relatives, circumstances have been such that we had never met. I had made it a point a few years back to get their addresses and planned to visit them the first opportunity. Those visited were Mary (Stopford) Long (1408-3312-1311), who is my aunt Hazel's granddaughter, and her husband David Long; and her brother Charles Stopford (1408-3312-1313) and his wife Phyllis. They all looked at my Almy genealogical charts and we had a lovely evening of visiting with them.

VISIT WITH ALMY COUSINS TO THE WEST

After being home a week from Florida, my wife and I started driving to Missouri. On the way we visited friends in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. However, in Ohio we visited Almy cousins living in Mantua. We went to the home of Burt Lee Almy (1232-1283-25) and his wife Betty. They called his brother George Washington Almy (1232-1283-23) and his wife Lula Mae to come to their house while we were there. So we all had a good time visiting and going over their genealogy and my genealogy charts.

While in Illinois, I did some genealogy on my mother's family -- but that is another story that doesn't belong in the Almy Family Newsletter.

WHO IS MAX ALMY?

I have seen two references to a Max Almy in the last 6 months or so. Once was in the TV listings of the newspaper where reference was made to a video artist Max Almy. Then in March in the movie section of the Washington newspaper reference was made to a scene from "Perfect Leader" by Max Almy.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can identify this Max Almy.

NEWS ON ALMY STORES

Stop & Shop Cos., Boston, announced early in January that it was acquiring Almy Stores, Inc., later in the month. Stop & Shop is paying more than \$15 million in cash for the 25-store chain, then a subsidiary of Federal Street Investors, Boston.

Stop & Shop planned to close six stores in the 25-store chain, but said it intends to run Almy's, a moderate-priced department store chain, as a separate division. As such, its prices will be a step higher than Bradlees'.

LINDSAY ALMY KOHLHOFF (1235-5792-1121-2)

James and Alex (Alexandra Almy) Kohlhoff, of Houston, Texas, sent me the birth announcement for their daughter, Lindsay Almy Kohlhoff, born 26 February 1985, weighing in at 8 lbs, 1 oz. Lindsay joins her sister Lauren Almy Kohlhoff, who was born 26 September 1983. We congratulate James and Alex on their beautiful family.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Lee (Almy) Harris	1233-3252-431	Florida
Hulda (Almy) Freda	1233-4668-11	North Dakota
Barbara K. Almy	1233-4668-1323	Washington
Ruth F. Almy	1233-5143-224	Florida
Donald C. Almy	1239-2145-2312	Maine
William A. Knowlton	1252-9773-34	Virginia
Patricia Almy Forte	1407-1426-122	Rhode Island
Robert S. Almy	1407-1C61-3	New York
L. Wesley Almy	1408-6524-11	New Mexico

HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER, YOU ALL!

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

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