

This issue of the Newsletter is being written, printed, and sent out early this time as my wife and I will be in China the first part of October. We are going on a tour/cruise of China and Japan that takes in Hong Kong; Shanghai, Dalian, Xingang, and Beijing in China; Nagasaki, Kobe, Kyoto, Nara and Toyko in Japan. The cruise ship will be our hotel for most of the tour. I will tell you all about it in the next Newsletter.

### MAX ALMY IDENTIFIED

On page 4 of the last issue of the Newsletter, I said I had seen references to video artist Max Almy and also in a newspaper movie section to a scene from "Perfect Leader" by Max Almy. I asked if anyone could identify this Max Almy.

Gene H. Almy (1407-1C73-41) replied: "Max Almy is my sister, Marilyn Irene Almy 1407-1C73-43. Max is now teaching video art at UCLA and has made a name for herself in her field both in the US and in Europe. She has displayed her art in New York, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, LA and several countries in Europe. She has also done a music video with Steve Martin. She is currently collecting images in Hawaii for her new tape which will be called 'Lost in Pictures' and it will premiere this fall at the National Video Festival in LA."

Gene went on to write: "Now that I have answered your question you can try to answer one of mine -- who is David Almy? I have seen his name listed as an associate editor of Flying magazine."

I do not know which David this is. Can anyone help on his identity?

Old business -- I still haven't found out who SK2(SS) Frederick J. Almy is that I asked about on page 7 of the July 1984 issue (No. 39) of the Newsletter. Doesn't anyone know about him -- his brothers or sisters, his parents?

### VISIT WITH MY FIRST COUSIN

In August, my wife and I took a long detour on our way back from Plymouth, Massachusetts and visited my first cousin Helen Van Buren (1408-3312-132) and her husband Douglas in Rotterdam, New York.

Helen and I had not seen each other for 60 years, so we had a lot of time to cover in our visit. In the last issue I told of visiting with a granddaughter of my Aunt Hazel. Helen is a daughter of my Aunt Hazel. My wife and I had a very lovely time visiting with Douglas and Helen; and we hope it will not be as long between visits next time.

### PURCHASERS OF PUNCASTEST LANDS

In the book Phillips History of Fall River, when writing of the purchase of Puncatest Lands (Tiverton, Rhode Island), the following information is given for Christopher Almy (No. 12) and Job Almy (No. 14), which you may find interesting.

#### Capt. Christopher Almy

"Captain Christopher Almy, the fourth named grantee in the Pocasset deed and Job Almy the fifth, were both residents of Portsmouth but Christopher later removed to Newport. The Society of Colonial Wars recognizes both as patriotic ancestors, entitling their descendants to membership. Christopher was born in 1632 and died in 1713. He became a freeman in 1658 and was Deputy from Portsmouth in 1689, 1690 and 1691 and Assistant to Gov. Andros in 1690 while also serving at home as member of the town council and assessor. He was elected Governor in 1693 but refused to serve; was made captain and messenger to England from Rhode Island in 1692. He had a son of the same name who was admitted a freeman in 1697, and he also had a son Job, called in the records, Job the son of Christopher, or Job of Newport. Christopher's land in Portsmouth ran from the main road to the seaside next south of land of Richard Borden. He owned three and three quarter lots in the Pocasset purchase, and before the division of lots acquired a quarter from Job Almy. He drew in the allotment the 7th, 9th, 17th and 28th lots. Christopher Almy sold the 9th lot to John Cook of Portsmouth, R.I. whence comes the name of Cook Pond. It is now called Laurel Lake. Its southerly end is at the State Line.

Christopher Almy was one of the eight persons, John Borden being another, who were nominated on March 2, 1688 to go to Boston to put forth the claims and rights of the town of Portsmouth as opposing the petition of Capt. Thomas Townsend for certain lands at Hog Island. Christopher was given four pounds of the money 'gathered for the use' and John Borden had twenty shillings.

#### Job Almy

Job Almy, the fifth grantee, was proposed as a freeman in Portsmouth in June 1683. He was not the Captain Job Almy who was a member of the Governor's Council in 1709 and Deputy from 1709 to 1726. He also owned three and three quarter shares, but having sold a quarter to Christopher, his allotment covered the 11th, 18th and one-half of the 24th lot. Job Almy deceased prior to 1692 and willed his lots to his son Job Almy. (See deed of April 4, 1692, book 2, page 36). In the records this second Job of the second generation was usually called Job the son of Job. The eleventh lot covers the present location of the Shove Mill and runs to a point fifty-two rods southerly of the State Line; the intervening land being lot twelve which was allotted to Edward Gray.

Job Almy died very shortly after the first Pocasset Division was made, and his widow, Mary, the executrix of his will, married Thomas Townsend. The will gave her half of his Pocasset lands. The Townsends lived on the tenth lot. From deeds which are recorded we learn that Job Almy left two sons John and Job Jr. and three daughters, Mary, wife of Samuel Snell, Deborah Hix and Katherine Townsend."

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

George and Frances (Almy) Culler celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on 28 July 1985 at the Mansfield Masonic Temple in Mansfield, Ohio. Frances Harriet Almy (1232-1218-411), the daughter of Howard and Harriet (Sowash) Almy, married George W. Culler on 27 July 1935 in Mansfield, Ohio. The Almy Family sends their congratulations to George and Frances along with the wish for many more years in their happy marriage.

ENGLISH COUSIN

The Spalding Guardian, Friday, May 31, 1985

Fred Almey, of Cardiff, Wales, sent me the accompanying newspaper clipping of his grand nephew, Jonathan Scott, who, at 11 years of age (he was 11 on June 3), is a wizard at chess. In June he was to play for England against Scotland when two primary school level teams played each other.

One large branch of the Almeys in England have been in Holbeach and surrounding area in Lincolnshire for a known 250 years. I do not know if records can be found to tie the Holbeach branch of Almeys to the Leicestershire branch to which William Almy, the immigrant to America, belonged, but there are Almey cousins working on this as the opportunity arises.

In some future issue I will write a summary on what is known about the Almy/Almey lines in England. A lot of information has been gathered, but much, much more is needed before the bits and pieces can be tied together.

MATERIAL REQUESTED

I am using this space to request you all to please keep the contributions of news and items of interest coming in for the Newsletter. I want the Newsletters to be an exchange of information on Almy history, genealogy, and family news.



## To play for England

**WIZARD** of the chess board Jonathan Scott regularly flexes his mental muscles by taking on a computer at his favourite game.

Now all the practice has paid off, for ten-year-old Jonathan, from Holbeach, has been chosen to play for England against rivals Scotland.

The Anglo-Scottish encounter is scheduled for June 15, in Manchester, when the two primary school level teams will clash.

For Jonathan it will be the first time in English colours and he is very much looking forward to it.

A pupil of Holbeach County Primary School, he said: "I have been playing for about four years. I won a travelling chess set and asked my dad how to play.

"He is not a good player. I play chess about three or four times a week on a computer and I think that has helped me.

"I have beaten it. On the most difficult level, it has beaten me, I have drawn and won, but it takes a long time to think."

He added his schoolfriends thought it was quite good that he was in the England team.

INTERESTING OLD LETTER

Following is an interesting letter sent to me by Marion D. Almy (1233-5144-75). The letter was written in 1931 by Albert Chauncey Almy (1232-1218-4) of Delphos, Ohio, to Marion's sister, Carolyn Almy (1233-5144-72) of Providence, Rhode Island.

Delphos, Ohio, July 29th 1931

Carolyn Almy  
Providence R.I.

Dear Madam;

Among the list of names who won a prize in the "Free Wheeling" contest of the Studebaker Corporation, I notice your name as one of the lucky ones. I was not so fortunate, but I own a Studebaker Six, and having the same Sir name as you I take the liberty of writing you. My father and mother moved from New York in the year of 1854. I was born in Pavillion Centre, N.Y. My fathers name was Chauncy Cole. My mothers maiden name was Morehouse. There were 11 children in my fathers family. Doctor Stephen O Almy was one of the boys, he located later in Cincinnati Ohio. The only Almys in Ohio (so far as I know) are decendents of my brother George and myself, and I have a great desire to visit my birth place and perhaps meet a few of my distant relations.

Not wishing to weary you with further "Almy details" and asking your forbearance for intruding on your time, I am,

Yours very respectfully

s/ A. C. Almy

MORE ALMY FAMILY BIRTHS

Marian Bower (1233-4668-123) wrote me in July of 3 additions to the Almy Family not previously reported. They are:

1233-4668-1231-2 Sara Melissa Bower, born 28 October 1981 in San Diego, CA, to Michael and Victoria (Callahan) Bower.

1233-4668-1232-1 Rebecca Marie Bower, born 24 August 1981 in Santa Ana, CA, to Patrick and Madaline (France) Bower.

1233-4668-1233-2 Chelsea Irene Garnett-Bower, born 20 April 1984 in Glendale, CA, to Jeffrey and Koral (Garnett) Bower.

This makes a total of eight grandchildren for Marian; seven granddaughters and one grandson. Thanks, Marian, for the update on your family; I like to hear from proud grandparents.

RUTH (VIRTUE) ALMY (1407-1C74-2W)

Ruth V. Almy, 80, of Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana, Illinois, died on 4 July 1985. Ruth was born August 31, 1904, in Winona, Minnesota, the daughter of George O. and Meta (Vogel) Virtue. She married Gerald Marks Almy on July 26, 1930 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He died on November 29, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters; Mrs. Cynthia Josephs of Summit, New Jersey, and Catherine Hinehine of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a brother and two grandchildren. Ruth was active in several community organizations, including the League of Women Voters, where she served as a member of a state commission on election law reform.

MARIE R. ALMY (1408-3833-11W)

Marie R. (Gelinis) Almy, of Brunswick, Maine, and widow of Kenneth B. Almy (1408-3833-11), died on 23 June 1985. Marie was born 20 December 1897 in Lowell, Massachusetts. Her husband, Kenneth died 20 March 1979.

The Almy Family sends their condolences. I know that Ruth and Marie will be greatly missed by their families and many friends.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins who have helped defray the costs of printing and mailing the Almy Family Newsletters since the last issue was published. Many thanks to each of you.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Elmer O. Almy	1232-1272-431	Florida
Ruth (Almy) Silva	1232-4013-374	California
Hazel V. Almy	1233-4655-11W	South Carolina
Marian Bower	1233-4668-123	California
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Ernestine (Almy) Benson	1233-5147-531	Puerto Rico
Gene H. Almy	1407-1C73-41	Texas

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ALL NEXT YEAR.

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),



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