

1986 ALMY FAMILY REUNION

The 1986 Almy Family Reunion will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 28 and 29 June, 1986, in Seekonk, MA, and Little Compton, RI. The Saturday activities will be at Eileen Darlings' Restaurant, 1105 Fall River Ave., Seekonk, MA 02771. This location is about 5 miles East of Providence, RI and is the same location as the 1982 and 1984 Almy Family Reunions. The Sunday activities will be at the Wilbor House and Country Harvest Restaurant in Little Compton. Pat Forte (1407-1426-122) has helped tremendously with this years arrangements -- see page 4. Details of the arrangements and activities follow.

Motel Rooms - Following are the room rates for the three motels located in Seekonk. These are AAA motels operated by the Darling Family.

| | <u>1 Person</u> | <u>2 Persons 1 Bed</u> | <u>2 Persons 2 Beds</u> |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Town 'N Country Motel 1105 Fall River Ave. Seekonk, MA 02771 Phone (617) 336-8300 | \$ 31.00 | \$ 31.00 | \$ 34.00 |
| Esquire Motel Route 6, Seekonk, MA 02771 Phone (617) 336-9000 | 28.00 | 32.00 | 35.00 |
| Ramada Inn 940 Fall River Ave. Seekonk, MA 02771 Phone (617) 336-7300 | 51.00 | 56.00 | 61.00 |

The Town 'N Country Motel and Eileen Darling's Restaurant are adjacent to each other. I suggest early reservation to assure obtaining desired accommodations. Send your room request and payment for the first nights lodging direct to the motel. Mention that you are attending the Almy Family Reunion as a block of rooms has been set aside for us at the Town 'N Country. Some suites and rooms for the handicapped are available at the Ramada Inn. The Esquire Motel is across the street from the Town 'N Country Motel and has a campground.

Saturday meetings - As presently planned, all our Saturday activities will be in the Runnin Board Room of Eileen Darling's Restaurant. Our meetings will start as soon as two people are gathered together shortly after breakfast. Our morning activity will consist of getting acquainted or reacquainted 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. This type activity has been the most popular at the three previous reunions. So bring whatever you may have to share -- also questions about Almy history and genealogy you would like to discuss.

When you arrive at the meeting room on Saturday, please check in, pick up your name tag(s), and obtain other information about the reunion.

Nothing is planned for Saturday lunch -- everyone will be on their own, but small groups will probably eat together in Eileen Darling's Restaurant. Other eating establishments are nearby.

On Saturday afternoon we will continue with our getting acquainted with cousins, and sharing of information.

Dinner - We will have our own private dinner in our meeting room at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, 28 June 1984. Cost will be \$8.50 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. There is a choice of 3 entrees. The entrees and their cost is the same as two years ago, thanks to Mrs. Darling. Please indicate on the registration form the number of meals of each entree.

Following dinner, the meeting will be open for all Almy cousins, and friends, to ask questions about or discuss Almy history and genealogy. At the 1982 Reunion, the microphone was passed around to all the cousins present to introduce themselves and their spouses and tell about items of interest. Although we didn't have a microphone at the 1984 Reunion, we had a lively question and answer period which was enjoyed by all present. I plan to follow the same or similar procedures again this year as was done at the last two reunions.

Sunday activities - For Sunday, Pat Forte has planned some very interesting activities which will start at the Wilbor House at 11:00 a.m.:

Wilbor House Tour - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Wilbor House is the Headquarters for the Little Compton Historical Society. The earliest part of this house was built by Samuel Wilbore about 1680. Tours of the house, located on West Main Road (Route 77), Little Compton, will be given by Grace Mc Kivergan, docent of the Wilbor House, who is also an Almy descendant. The Wilbor House is about 1 mile past the Commons. There is a sign in front.

Besides the tour, while at the Wilbor House, Pat Forte will have set up an exhibit of Almy memorabilia. Some of the items are owned by the Little Compton Historical Society and others will be from private collections. Anyone who wishes to show something should let Pat know so that space can be reserved for it. These can be the same items displayed on Saturday as some Almy cousins will be able to make it to the Reunion on only one day.

Pat has also planned a Biography Exchange. She asks that everyone (or family) bring a one page biography of any Almy (an ancestor, parent, etc.). It can be a personal account or based on research. (Biographical sketches from the Almy Family Newsletters should not be used.) Each person should bring 25 copies and we will exchange biographies. Those unable to make 25 copies may send the biography to me and I will make the copies and deliver them to the Reunion.

Following the time at the Wilbor House, Pat has planned a luncheon at the Country Harvest Restaurant, 67 West Main Road, Little Compton (you will pass the restaurant on the way to the Wilbor House). The luncheon will include Turkey Supreme, salad, rice, vegetable, bread, coffee, and dessert. The tour and lunch will cost \$8.00 per person, which includes tax and tip.

The Country Harvest Restaurant overlooks Almy Marsh and is situated on the land formerly owned by John Edwin Almy (1407-1C), who was born 19 Nov 1807. An Almy cemetery is close by for those looking for more to do after lunch.

Early arrivals - Those arriving on Friday afternoon or evening should look me up (I will be staying at the Town 'N Country Motel) or find other Almys at the motels. There will be informal get togethers for Friday dinner and evening socializing. However, no formal activity is planned for Friday.

Registration - The registration fee will be \$5.00 per adult to cover costs such as name tags, coffee, reunion arrangements, and other incidentals. The last page of this newsletter mailing is the registration form. Please return this form to me as soon as you can. We need to know the number attending the two days to be sure we have adequate facilities, the meals desired so that the restaurants can be informed, and the name tag information so that they can be made up ahead of time. Please do not wait until the last minute as many plans have to be made. However, if you find on short notice that you can attend, but haven't made a reservation, come anyway; some kind of accomodation can always be made.

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 nearby. For those interested, there are 46 factory outlets for clothing, shoes, house furnishings, etc. in the nearby towns. Cape Cod and Boston can also be visited from Seekonk or you may wish to extend your vacation trip to those locations.

ALICE BATEMAN ALMY (1407-5023)

Alice Bateman Almy died 23 December 1985 at the age of 102. Born in Bristol, RI, on 16 November 1883, she was the daughter of Albert S. and Cornelia (Knight) Almy. She was an ardent historian and genealogist, and spent much of her life delving into Bristol's past.

Alice worked with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution, the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society and other such groups most of her life. She was former regent and state registrar with the DAR, a group she joined in 1925. As state registrar of the DAR during World War II, Alice scanned area newspapers for articles about local participants in the war. Those clippings are preserved in a bound volume.

For more about Alice and her 100th birthday celebration, see Almy Family Newsletter No. 38 (April 1984), pages 3-4. Alice's only survivor is a cousin, Charlotte A. Young, with whom she made her home for many years.

TODD ALMY LUNDGREN (1235-5773-932)

Todd Almy Lundgren, 23, died unexpectedly in Tiverton, RI, on 16 January 1986. Todd was born 9 November 1962 in Columbia, Missouri, the son of Raymond G. and Nancy C. (Almy) Lundgren.

Todd was a graduate of Middletown High School and was employed by the James L. Maher Center of Middletown. He also maintained a poultry business at his home. He was a member of the Amicable Congregational Church of Tiverton. He is survived by his parents, and two sisters; Blair Merriman of Needham, MA, and Colby D. Lundgren of College Park, MD. We know that Todd will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

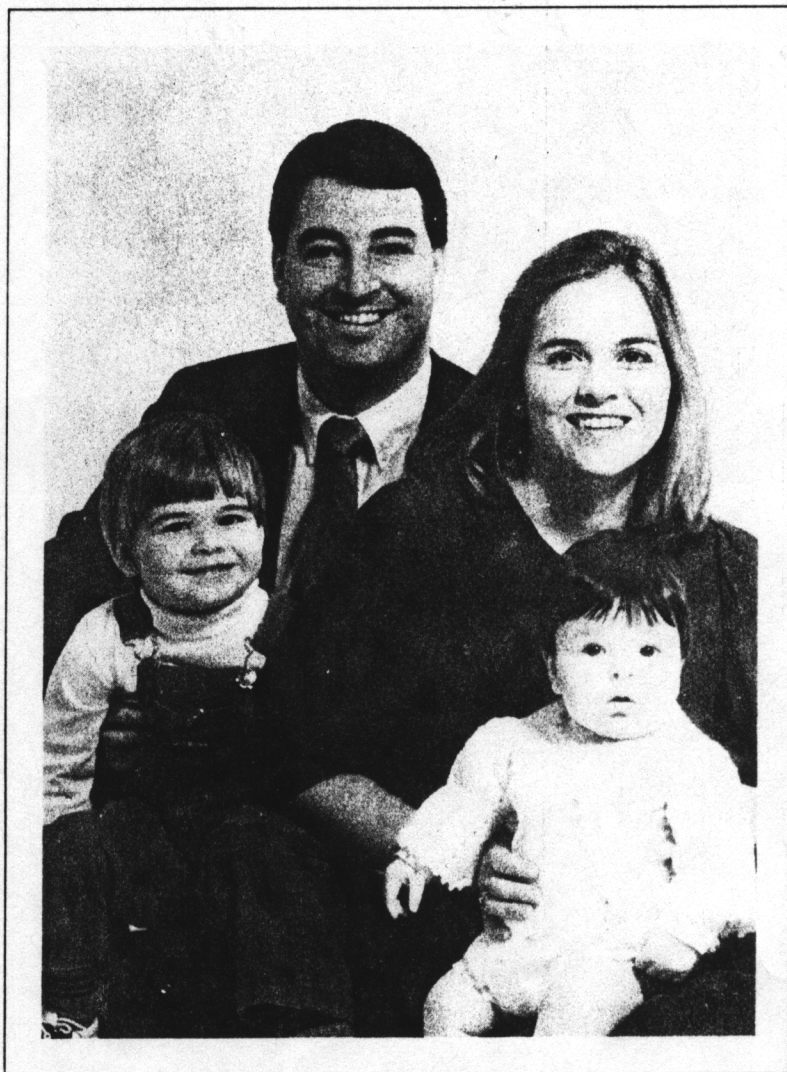
HERITAGE BOOK

Many Almy cousins sent me the post cards they had received advertising this book (see write-up in last Newsletter). There are four different form post cards prepared by a word processor. I will bring these to the Reunion to show to those who may be fascinated by this questionable sales gimmick.

PATRICIA FORTE AND FAMILY

As mentioned on page 1, Pat has been a great help on this years Reunion arrangements. As she will be involved with the wedding of a close personal friend on Saturday, she concentrated her efforts on Sundays activities and has done a magnificent job. Sunday plans are all hers.

At the right is the family picture on their Christmas card. A beautiful family.



SENATOR AND MRS. MICHAEL B. FORTE,
MIKEY AND WILLIAM

A SIMMONSVILLE SAGA BY RICHARD R. ALMY, SR.

Richard R. Almy, Sr. (1233-5143-242) of Front Royal, VA, authored an article on his his early years in the Simonsville section of Johnston, RI. This article has appeared in serial form in The Providence Journal-Bulletin. I have obtained permission from Richard and the Providence Journal-Bulletin to reprint his article in the Almy Family Newsletters. This I will do, also in serial form, as space permits.

TIVERTON COUSIN NEEDS LUNG TRANSPLANT AND SUPPORT

Dorothy Hornus (1407-1C57-61) of Nuernberg, Germany, sent me newspaper clippings from January issues of the Sakonnet Times and Fall River Herald which tell of the needs and hopes of Nancy Collins (1407-1C55-1XX), age 24, of Tiverton, RI. These articles told of her need for financial and other support as she needs a heart and lung transplant to live. I do not know the current situation with Nancy, but I would suggest that those who think they could help, to make inquiries of her Almy cousins in the Tiverton area or at the First Congregational Church in Fall River, MA.

NORMAN FRANKLIN ALMY (1232-4013-461)

Norman Franklin Almy, 61, of Providence, RI, died on 8 February 1986. Norman was born 28 May 1924 in Fairhaven, MA, the son of Leroy F. and Ethel I. (Colbeth) Almy. He married Eugenia F. Deignan on 24 July 1948 and had one daughter, Mary Jane. Norman was a resident of Providence for the past 60 years. He was a truck mechanic for the Cady Moving and Storage Co. of Providence for 30 years, retiring this year. He was also an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II.

Norman is survived by his wife Eugenia; his mother Ethel; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Barry-Williams of Cranston, RI; two sisters, Mrs. Iris Bachand and Mrs. Shirley D'Antuono, both of Providence; and two grandchildren.

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. Many thanks to you all. Your help is very much appreciated.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Almy Number</u> | <u>Residence</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Gordon Connelly | 1222-3763-243 | Maryland |
| Alice Keith | 1233-4666-12 | New York |
| Millie Almy | 1233-4666-21 | California |
| Marian Bower | 1233-4668-123 | California |
| Floyd C. Almy | 1233-4668-15 | Washington |
| Edith (Almy) Atwell | 1233-5180-33 | North Carolina |
| Constance M. Price | 1235-4131-1111 | Ohio |
| Florence A. Whitford | 1239-2145-281 | Rhode Island |
| Larry W. Turner | 1252-9137-X132 | Virginia |
| Patricia Almy Forte | 1407-1426-122 | Rhode Island |
| Philip W. Almy | 1407-1532-1 | Rhode Island |
| Lois B. Almy | 1407-1532-3 | Rhode Island |
| Sydnor (Almy) Dever | 1407-1712-61 | Massachusetts |
| Dorothy Hornus | 1407-1C57-61 | Germany |
| Cynthia (Almy) Josephs | 1407-1C74-21 | New Jersey |
| Donald G. Almy | 1407-1C74-31 | California |

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WE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME AT THE 1986 ALMY FAMILY REUNION. SEE YOU THERE!

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),

Merwin

Merwin F. Almy
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Springfield, VA 22151

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R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

(Please fill out and return to Merwin F. Almy)
(7703 Elgar St., Springfield, VA 22151)

I (we) plan to attend the 1986 Almy Family Reunion. My check for the following is enclosed:

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

Saturday evening dinner.
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 \$8.50 each _____

Sunday tour and lunch.

_____ at \$8.00 (includes tax and tip) _____
(No.)

Total of check enclosed for registration, tour, and meals \$ _____

Please send your motel reservation direct to the motel with payment to reserve room.

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

Your name and address (if not on reverse of this sheet):

