

## MERWIN AND VEDA ALMY NOW IN OREGON

Veda and I are now in our new home in Tualatin, Oregon. I didn't say we were settled-in yet because we have a lot of unpacking and fixing up to do, but as we look around at our new surroundings, we are very pleased with what we see. We like our new life out here in the West. It is quite different. In Virginia, it was just the two of us that were involved in decisions. Now we have an additional five across the street that enter into our plans, and we are enjoying the change. We go to school functions that our grandchildren are involved in and we go out to eat as a larger group. Some don't like certain foods (Chinese, Mexican, Italian, et cetera) so we don't always have a group of seven.

We arrived out here near the end of October and celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary on November 2nd. The day started off early when Tom and Joan (our son and daughter-in-law) woke us up for a delectable full course breakfast in bed. They also presented us with a bouquet of red roses and a box of chocolates. They then capped off the day by taking us out to a fine restaurant for dinner. We had a very happy anniversary.

We moved all our possessions by my driving two truck loads; one trip in May and the final in October after we had sold our Virginia house. Although we saved some money by doing the moving ourselves, the primary reasons for the do-it-yourself move was for the safety and well-being of our belongings and the fact that we could govern the date of departure from Virginia and the arrival in Oregon. We are very satisfied with our decision to move in this manner. It just added to our many adventures.

Another one of the many changes here will be in this and future Almy Family Newsletters. I have a new and much more powerful computer which I am now using for writing the Newsletter and preparing it for printing. Our son Tom is a Principal Research Engineer at Tektronix, and is an expert on computer software and hardware. He purchased all the hardware and software components and assembled the complete computer system for me. I am in the process of learning to use all the new and different software, and I could not have done this issue without his help. I hope you like the new look of the Newsletter and it should improve as I get familiar with all the computer's potential. For those of you familiar and interested in computers, mine is a IBM compatible, MS-DOS 3.3, 80286 microprocessor, 40MB hard disk, 1MB RAM, 1.2MB 5¼" floppy disk drive. I use Word Perfect 5.0 as my word processor. The original of the Newsletter is printed on an Apple laser printer and I make the copies for distribution on my copier.

## NEW RESIDENCE FOR FLOYD C. ALMY (1233-4668-15)

Floyd and Evelyn Almy of Everson, WA, have moved to a new location in town. They wrote to inform me that they sold their home of 39 years and 7 years in the log house that was a landmark when the country there opened up. They had a moving sale in September and moved to their new home in November. Reminds me of what Veda and I went through, except that we moved clear across the country.

## CMDR GIDEON W. ALMY'S DESTROYER USS EDSON MOTHBALLED

The U.S. Navy announced in November that the 30-year-old, 410-foot USS Edson, the last of the Hull-class destroyers was to be decommissioned on 15 December 1988. I received the following announcement of the occasion.

Because of my move to Oregon, I had to decline the invitation to attend the ceremony. The Change of Command Ceremony in which Commander Gideon Wilcox Almy III (1408-3832-422) took command of the ship was reported in the October 1986 Newsletter (No. 48, page 2). See also the January 1987 Newsletter (No. 49, page 1).

The USS Edson was built at the Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME, in November 1958. It will be towed to the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility in Portsmouth, VA. Half the crew of 18 officers and 210 enlisted personnel will remain in other positions in Newport, RI, and the rest will be sent elsewhere.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Veda and I received many Christmas cards and letters this year from you all of the Almy Family. We enjoy your greetings and the family news very much. We hope you will understand that we cannot send cards in return -- the Newsletters will have to serve as our greetings to you. We thank and bless you all.



*The Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew of  
UNITED STATES SHIP EDSON (DD-946)  
request the honor of your presence  
on the occasion of the decommissioning of  
UNITED STATES SHIP EDSON (DD-946)  
Naval Education and Training Center  
Pier Two  
Newport, Rhode Island  
on Thursday, the fifteenth of December  
nineteen hundred and eighty-eight  
at one o'clock*

*R.S.V.P.  
Card enclosed*

*Uniform: Service Dress Blue  
Civilian: Informal*

### BIRTH OF ELIZABETH MATHER PRICE (1235-4131-1111-31)

Philip Mather Price and wife Karen Ann are the proud parents of Elizabeth Mather Price born 2 November 1988. This news furnished by Constance Mather Price (1235-4131-1111), proud grandmother.

### BIRTH OF CHRISTOPHER OEHRLE ALMY (1407-1426-1211)

Barbara (Oehrle) and Stephen John Almy are the proud parents of Christopher Oehrle Almy, born 3 September 1988 in Newport, RI. Information furnished by Christopher's Aunt, Patricia Almy Forte.

## SOME ALMY HOUSES

Information about this house is taken from a 1969 letter written to Alice Bateman Almy (1407-5022) by the house's occupant, Herbert F. Hall, III.

The house was built in two different times. The front part, nearest the street, which was built about 1750-1760, consists of two parlors downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs, all four rooms being connected by the front hall. These four rooms are all 15' x 15' and each has three windows, three doors and a fireplace. The back part of the house, which was built about 1700, consists of a large kitchen, with a large fireplace and beehive oven. Also a borning room, now a bathroom, two pantries, and a washroom, downstairs. On the second floor are four small bedrooms. This section of the house has the heavy splayed gunstock corner-posts, wind-bracing timbers, chambered beams, and batten doors. This is similar to the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House in Newport which was built about 1675. The house, as far as timbers and boarding are concerned, is of very solid oak, probably cut from the woods in the vicinity, when it was constructed.

It is not known who had this house built, but in all probability it was an Almy. The house is built on land granted to William Almy (No. 1) in 1644. His descendant in the fifth generation, Peleg Almy (1407-2), married Hannah Cory and they had fifteen children. At least four of these children are buried in the family cemetery on the property. One of Peleg's sons, Edward (1407-2C) (1808-1883) of the sixth generation, ran the farm there; which then was about 120 acres. Shortly before his death, he sold about 20 acres to the Newport Water Works.



ALMY - HALL HOMESTEAD  
559 Union Street, Portsmouth, RI

Edward Almy (1407-2C) was thrice married. His first wife was Maria Sullings by whom he had two children; Harvey Sullings Almy who married Mary L. Sisson, and Julia Maria who married Benjamin Howland of Middletown. His second wife was Rebecca Weaver by whom he had three children; Mary Catherine who married Edmund Fayles, Edward B. who married Frances Coggeshall, and George Weaver who married Ellen Goulding. Edward married third, Elizabeth A. Mathews by whom he had three children; Elizabeth, who died at 18 months, and two sons, William and Henry who never married. These two sons ran the farm until their death at which time it was acquired by Mr. Hall's parents.

Edward's son Edward (1407-2C4) and wife Frances Coggeshall had two children, both daughters. Annie, the eldest, never married, and was the very last actual Almy of this line; she died in 1959 at the age of 86. The youngest daughter, Katie F. (1407-2C42), married George C. Thurston of Middletown, and they had one son and one daughter. About 1875, Edward (1407-2C4) acquired about 35 acres of the old homestead, including the part through

which the Wading River flows. In 1877, he built a large Victorian house on this land for the sum of \$1,500, and this is 664 Union Street. It was later owned by George Almy Thurston, only grandson of Edward Almy, Jr.

### ALMY FAMILY ALBUM

Shortly after the last Newsletter was printed and mailed I received an advertisement from Halbert's Inc. of Bath, OH, for an Almy Album. Many of you sent on to me copies of the same ad. There were apparently two different form letters used and two different album titles were used. However, the contents appeared to be the same and contain information found in general genealogical library reference books and in addition they have compiled, by use of a large computer, a list of Almys found in various records. It appears that Halbert's has cleaned up their act, because they do not make any claim that the persons are genealogically connected. Almys should not waste their money on these type offers. You know that your set of Almy Family Newsletters contains a hundredfold more information on the Almy Family than you can ever get through one of these offers.

*Fred Almey of Cardiff, Wales, wrote the article on the right as his contribution of a biographical sketch for the 1988 Almy Family Reunion.*

### WIVES AND MOTHERS

I've thought of writing of the Mrs. Almeys; wives and mothers. It seems they marry and raise future Almeys, but credit seems to go to dads, and granddads.

I write this with love and respect for the wives and mothers of our Almy/Almey Family. We think of them, but enough credit not given for their love and care given throughout our lives.

My mother, Mary Elizabeth, born in a nice small village; Saham Toney, in Norfolk, England. Where, as a child she rode her small pony (bareback) and attended her church three times each Sunday. Meeting Henry Almey, my father, who as a young man, left Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, to work for his sister and her husband in Norfolk. When they were couring, one of their promised meetings (date) was delayed a week. He showed up then with a silly look and black eyes, showing he had been thrown from his horse and didn't like having to show his mishap/mistake. However, they married and I was the tenth child born. Good parents.

We don't realise how good till its too late. After joining the Royal Air Force, I met my wife, Edith Joyce, when stationed in South Wales. So I am thankful for the Almey women in my life and have the feeling of joy when meeting all Mrs. Almy/Almeys.

Fred A. Almey

### DESCENDANTS OF PELEG ALMY (1407-2)

There are many descendants of Peleg Almy (1407-2), the early resident in the Almy-Hall house, on my charts. Of interest, the mailing list for this issue contains the following descendants.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Timothy Almy	1407-2511-223	Florida
Thomas B. Almy	1407-2512-21	Massachusetts
Richmond Almy Day	1407-2551-2	Arizona
Lucy C. Jenkins	1407-2622-42	Rhode Island
Nancy P. Lantz	1407-2C31-11	Rhode Island
Earl E. Almy	1407-2D24-2	Nevada
Richard E. Almy	1407-2D24-22	Michigan

**REBECCA PEIRCE (1407-2B31-12)**

Rebecca Peirce, 68, of Portsmouth, RI, died 2 November 1988 in Newport, RI. Rebecca was born 8 September 1920 in Medfield, MA, the daughter of George and Marian W. (Greene) Peirce. Rebecca leaves two sisters, Nancy P. Lantz of Portsmouth, RI, and Barbara P. Sherman of Dunwoody, GA; and two brothers, G. Fales Peirce of Rumford, MA, and William G. Peirce of Somerset, MA.

Rebecca descends from Edward Almy and his wife Rebecca mentioned in the article on the Almy - Hall House. Rebecca undoubtedly got her name from her grandmother Rebecca Fayles who was named after her grandmother Rebecca Almy, wife of Edward Almy (1407-2B).

Rebecca was manager of the museum store at Prescott Farms. She had been a

member of the Portsmouth Recreation Commission and the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island as well as serving on the Girl Scouts' Camp Committee. Rebecca and her sister Nancy attended both the 1984 and 1986 Almy Family Reunions. She will be missed by her many friends and relatives.

**JOHN E. VAN EPPS (1233-4692-44W)**

John E. Van Epps, husband of Beverly JoHanna Almy (1233-4692-44), died 10 September 1988 at age 82, in Troy, NY. John was born in Fultonville, Montgomery County, NY. The Van Epps family homestead in Fultonville, built in 1751 by an early ancestor, still stands and his family were some of the earliest Dutch settlers in the Mohawk Valley. This notice of John's passing was furnished by his nephew, Floyd Almy (1233-4692-413).

**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 and every one of you.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
John F. Hayes	1232-4013-482	Massachusetts
Harold D. Almy	1233-4668-132	Washington
Floyd C. Almy	1233-4668-15	Washington
Floyd Almy	1233-4692-413	New York
Constance M. Price	1235-4131-1111	Ohio
Paul Onthank	1481-2385-235	New Hampshire
Gene H. Almy	1407-1C73-41	Texas
Clara J. Almy	1407-5041-1	New Hampshire

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!