

NEWSLETTER 15 YEARS OLD

This is issue No. 60 — that's a lot of paper processing. Just for my interest, I thought I would figure out what this represents. I set up a file folder for each person I correspond with and to whom I have sent Newsletters. So far I have set up 586 of these files. Of course, not all of these are now recipients of the Newsletter. Many have been lost through death, some were not interested in Almy history and genealogy, and others were dropped when their Newsletter was returned by the Post Office and a new address was not received.

During these past years, I have printed and mailed around 260 copies of each issue when printed. In addition, I have subsequently printed about 50 additional copies of earlier issues so I could furnish complete sets to those new on the mailing list. It seems that new cousins come along to replace the others that have been dropped. A set of Newsletters, with this issue, consists of 313 pages. So I have printed 94,000 pages over the 15 years. This represents 188 reams of paper weighing approximately 940 pounds. That has been a lot of weight to haul into the house, print, and then mail out to you all.

As the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletters keeps going up, I have thought about asking those that receive but do not care about the Newsletters to let me know. But I know that wouldn't work. So I am now asking those who receive the Newsletter and want to keep receiving it, to let me know. Those who have sent contributions in the last few years need not write because I know you are interested and want to receive them. It is the others I never hear from that I wonder about. Those that I do not, or have not, heard from, will be dropped from the mailing list. Those that want to receive the Newsletters, but cannot afford to send any contribution, should let me know that they are interested. I do not want to exclude anyone who is interested in Almy history and genealogy.

I am proud of these Newsletters. They are an impressive collection of Almy family news, history, and genealogy that I have been privileged to gather together. They are a valuable collection of memorabilia and information to pass on to your children and grandchildren.

PLEASE ANSWER MY INQUIRIES

Since the first of this year I have sent out 40 letters asking for genealogical information from those receiving the Newsletters. I have not received replies from 30. If you are one of these, I would appreciate your replying even if you only make a partial reply while waiting for relatives to furnish certain information.

EUGENIA ALMY (1232-4013-461W)

Eugenia "Buba" Almy, 59, of Cranston, Rhode Island, died 6 June 1989. She is the widow of Norman Franklin Almy. They were married 24 July 1948 in Providence, Rhode Island. Eugenia was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Eugene and Mary (Burns) Deignan. She leaves a daughter, Mary Williams of Cranston.

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

Veda and I attended the Change of Command Ceremony on August 1, 1989, at the Naval Submarine Base, Bangor (see invitation in the July 1989 Newsletter) in which Captain John H. Almy (1408-6612-121) assumed command of the USS Georgia SSBN 729 (Blue). It was a very impressive and interesting ceremony and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting John and his wife Marcy and their three children: Jennifer (18) who is going to Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia, starting this Fall; Dennison (16); and Cornyn (13). We also met and talked with Marcy's father, Dr. Martin Zwerling. We had a very enjoyable time and very much appreciated being invited to attend the ceremony.

To some extent, the ceremony turned out to be a mini Almy Reunion. The night before at the motel in Bremerton, Washington I looked in the phone book and found Gerald B. Almy listed. I called him and during our conversation found that he was going to the Change of Command Ceremony the next day. It seems that the officer being relieved of command was a neighbor and friend of Gerald. Small World — and just another happening in a thrilling overall experience.

The Change of Command Ceremony program contained the following explanation. "The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the Command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the Command. The Change of Command is a transfer of total authority, responsibility, and accountability, from one individual to another."

Below is the page from the program which tells about our cousin.



CAPTAIN JOHN H. ALMY II
United States Navy

Captain John H. Almy II was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and raised in Whippany, New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics.

Following graduation he attended Nuclear Power School at Vallejo, California and Nuclear Prototype training at Windsor Locks, Connecticut. After completing Naval Submarine School he served in USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666) from November 1969 until November 1971 and qualified in submarines. Following this tour he attended the Submarine Officer Advanced Course. His next assignment was as Weapons Officer in USS DACE (SSN 607) from August 1972 until February 1976. From March 1976 to March 1979 Captain Almy was assigned as Engineer Officer in USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680). Captain Almy then served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Submarine Warfare. After completion of Prospective Executive Officer training at the U.S. Naval Submarine School, he reported to the USS JACK (SSN 605) where he served as Executive Officer.

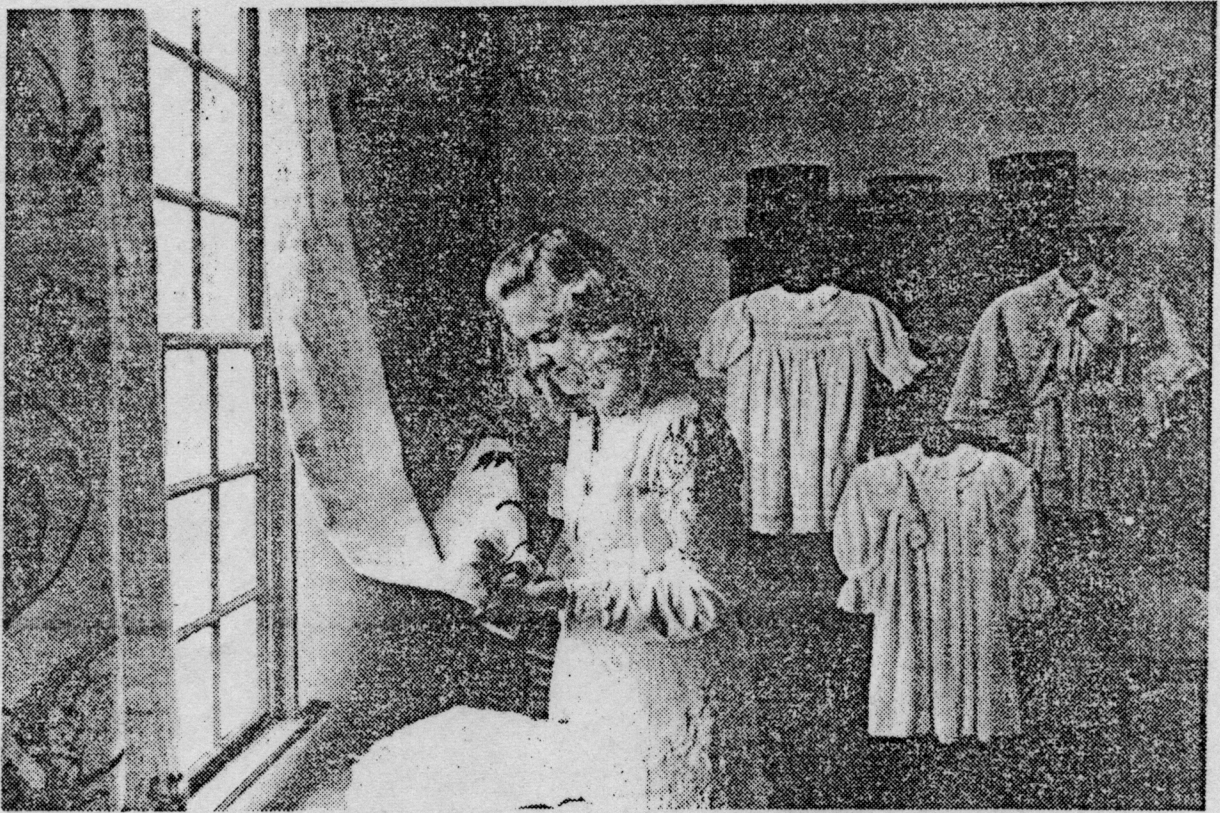
Upon completion of Prospective Commanding Officer training in February 1985, Captain Almy reported to USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) where he served as Commanding Officer until relieved in March 1986. The ship was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award and the Atlantic Fleet Golden Anchor Award for retention during this period. USS KAMEHAMEHA was also named the outstanding U.S. Atlantic Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine in 1985.

In April 1986 he relieved as Commanding Officer USS TINOSA (SSN 606) where he served until December 1988. The ship was awarded the Engineering "E" for 1987, the Atlantic Fleet Golden Anchor Award for 1987, and the Anti-Submarine Warfare "A" for 1988 during his tour in command.

Captain Almy is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and Navy Achievement Medal. He was presented the 1988 Naval Submarine League JACK N. DARBY AWARD for inspirational leadership and excellence of command.

Captain Almy is married to the former Marcy Zwerling of Bay Shore, New York. They will be residing in Silverdale, Washington with two of their three children, Denison and Cornyn. Jennifer attends Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

ANTIQUUE CLOTHING EXHIBITED IN HISTORIC SETTING



The two photos on this page are from the Fall River, Mass., Herald News, and were furnished by Patricia Almy Forte (1407-1426-122). In the smaller photo Edna Snell shows millinery, with scarf-like veil, which was worn with a duster in the open touring cars of old. She is in charge of the exhibit of clothing from 1880-1930 which was shown at the Chase Cory House of the Tiverton Historical Society this past summer. Edna, although not a descendant, has participated in both our 1982 and 1988 reunions.

In the other photo, Patricia Almy Forte is wearing an embroidered dress that dates from 1911 and which is owned by Mrs. Snell. She is studying a crewel tab curtain in the historic house.

WHO WAS SENECA ALMY ?

In gathering information on Almys I have corresponded with 3 descendants of a Seneca Almy living in Vincennes, Indiana, in the early 1800s. His ancestry has not been determined. This Seneca Almy was born in 1794 and in 1812 in Vincennes he married Elizabeth Tice. They had 4 known children. His parents are not known and I therefore cannot place him on the Almy Family Tree.

On my June trip east I made it a point to stay a few days in Vincennes to see what I could find out about this Seneca Almy. Vincennes is the county seat of Knox County, Indiana. The city and county vital records are in the custody of the Lewis Library of Vincennes University. I found this library to be a very pleasant and well equipped place to do genealogical research. Following are some of the things I found during my visit.

At the library I found an article in the Vincennes Weekly Western Sun for September 6, 1873 (page 3) on a Chauncey W. Almy. The article stated that Chauncey Almy was born in Ovid, New York, July 31, 1806 and that he came with his parents to Vincennes in June 1807. The article went on to state that Chauncey's brother Seneca was Sheriff of Knox County for several years.

Now I know that Seneca came from Ovid, New York. I have other Almys from Ovid in Seneca County, New York, on my charts, but I do not know which one was the father of Seneca and Chauncey Almy. However, I do know either their grandfather or great-grandfather, but I do not know the intervening one or two generations. I am doing further research on this and will report my findings at a later date.

One story I came across about Seneca tells about his encounter with Indians. William Harriman, a millwright, lived with his wife and four children some distance above the mill in a little log cabin. "Seneca Almy, a young man, lived with them. Mrs. Harriman, for two successive nights, dreamed that she saw her children horribly butchered. She

told her husband that she regarded the dreams as prophetic of their fate, unless they sought some place of safety. He endeavored to quiet her fears, but became himself apprehensive on account of a sulky disposition manifested by the natives whom he met, and yielded to her importunities. The family had gone to the river edge, when young Almy started back for a gun they had forgotten. He had not advanced far, when he saw the cabin surrounded by Indians, and, unobserved, dodged into the brush and escaped. They immediately followed in pursuit of the family, and shot Harriman seated in a pirogue, and tomahawked the mother and children. Tradition says there were also other victims of this massacre, which took place about the year 1812."

Another story concerning Seneca was that a man was convicted of rape and sentenced to be hanged. The arrangements for speedily causing death were defective, and to hasten the death struggles of the victim, Seneca Almy, one of the Sheriff's assistants, jumped astride his shoulders, and by his super-added weight hastened the man's death. For his quickness of action he was subsequently rewarded with succession to the office of sheriff. Seneca Almy was sheriff of Knox County from 1824 to 1830.

PHILIP W. ALMY (1407-153)

The following article taken from HISTORY OF NEWPORT COUNTY, RHODE ISLAND, published by L. E. Preston & Co., New York, in 1888, was handed out at the 1988 Almy Family Reunion by Philip W. Almy, 3rd (1407-1532-1) as his contribution of a biographical sketch.

"William Almy, the progenitor of the Almy family in America, emigrated from England. His son, Job, born in 1640, died in 1684. A second Job, son of the former, was the father of John, the great-grandfather of Philip W.. His son, Sanford, born August 28th, 1759, was married March 15th, 1763, to Lydia Gray. Their children were fourteen in

number, of whom Sanford, the father of Philip W., was born September 20th, 1788, in Little Compton, and married Lydia B., daughter of John Brown. She was born March 15th, 1797. Their children are: Andrew J., deceased; Mary B., deceased, married to Theodore Lawton, and Philip W.

"The last named and only surviving son was born April 17th, 1823, in Little Compton, the home of many representatives of the family who are among its foremost citizens. His early experiences were not unlike those of most of the youth of the day, the farm engrossing his attention during the summer months, while the rudimentary branches were mastered in winter at the neighboring school. His father claimed his services for a period, after which the farm was managed in his own interest. The death of Sanford Almy occurred on the 6th of February, 1881, in his ninety-third year, after which his son,

as the only surviving child, inherited the estate. He was married on the 1st of January, 1868, to Mary C., daughter of Pardon Almy. Their children are a daughter, Mary Lois, and a son, Philip W., Jr. Mr. Almy has given his allegiance to the democratic party, but has not permitted the fascinations of political life to divert him from his legitimate pursuits. He has avoided office, for which he has no inclination, the only exception being his service as a member of the town council. He worships with and aids in the support of the Congregational church at Little Compton."

This Philip W. Almy is my grandfather and Philip W. Jr. is my father. The farm inherited from Sanford is still owned and inhabited by the present generation of Almys, Philip W., Charles B. and Lois B.

Philip W. Almy 3rd

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins who have sent in contributions, since the last issue of the 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>
Thomas W. Almy	1232-1272-4212	Michigan
Floyd Almy	1233-4692-413	New York
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Mrs. Edwin Benson	1233-5147-531	Puerto Rico
Donald J. Ingram	1239-2127-1412	California
Frank Knowlton	1252-9773-32	Florida
Robert A. Greene	Desc. of Anne ²	Rhode Island

HAVE A DELIGHTFUL THANKSGIVING !
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Your Cousin (1408-3312-112),



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