

RHODE ISLAND BICENTENNIAL STAMP

The United States Postal Service released on May 29 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Bicentennial commemorative stamp. The stamp, which honors the last of the original 13 States' bicentennials, pictures Slater's Mill in Pawtucket. The stamp shown to the right, also honors the textile industry.

When you see this stamp on mail, remember that it also honors William Almy (1408-9) who, with Samuel Slater and Smith Brown, built this mill in 1793 for the production of machine-spun cotton yarn. This was the first factory in America to successfully produce yarn with water-powered carding and spinning frames. The establishment of Slater Mill was a major turning point in the nation's history. From this first mill, the new textile technology — carrying with it the seeds of a new system of factory organization and production — spread throughout the country and fundamentally transformed the nature and scale of American life.

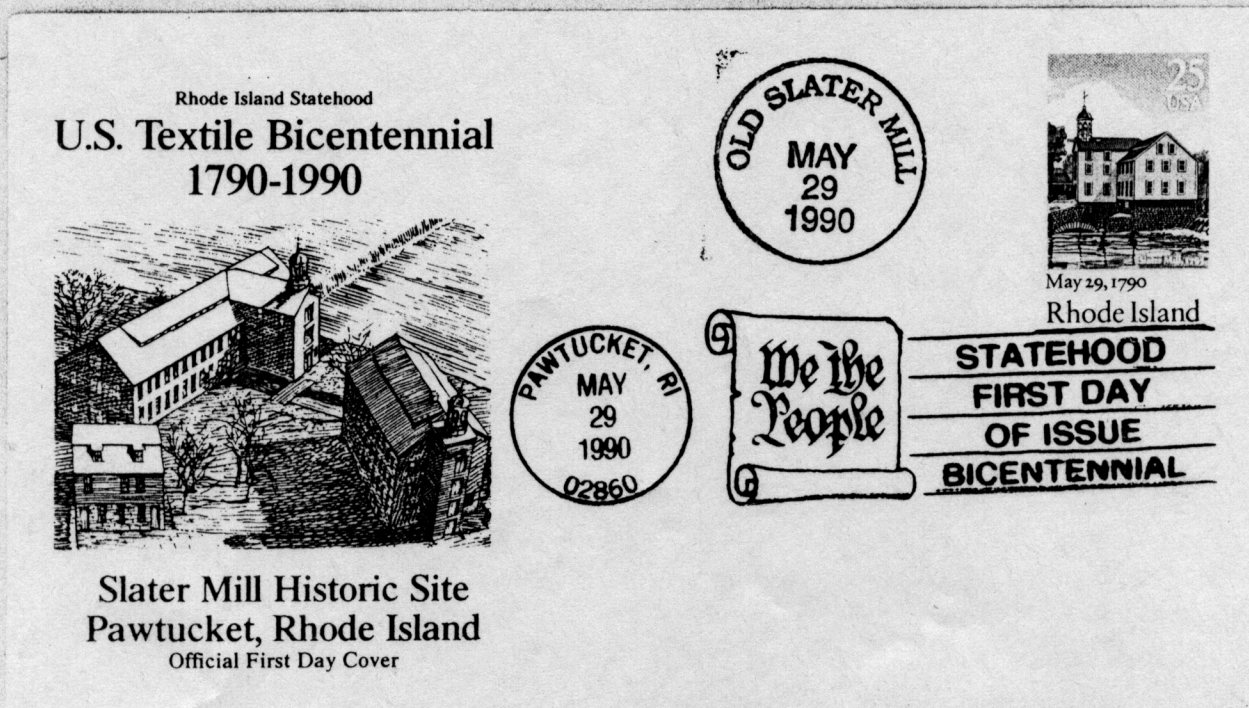


I have written about the Slater Mill Historic Site and William Almy's great contribution in Newsletters 24 (October 1980) and 62 (April 1990).

I had the above article written on the new Rhode Island Bicentennial stamp when I received a large envelope from Iris M. Bachand (1232-4013-462) of Providence, containing a full sheet of 50 of the Rhode Island stamps, two first day covers, a brochure on the Slater Mill Historic Site, a newspaper with an article on the stamp, and a copy of the Rhode Island Visitor's Guide which lists the site as an attraction worth visiting. I thank Iris very, very much

for her interest and thoughtfulness in sending the stamps and all that information to me.

I have copied one of the First Day covers at the top of the next page.



PAUL SANDERSON ONTHANK (1481-2385-235)

Paul S. Onthank, 69, died suddenly at his home in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, on May 16, 1990. Paul was born at Newton, Massachusetts, on March 20, 1921, the third son of Charles Franklin and Emma Adelaide (Sanderson) Onthank.

After graduating from high school in 1940, Paul became a salesman for a dry-goods firm, for which he took supplemental courses at Boston University and Boston Teachers College. On July 2, 1942, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Army, and was assigned to the Signal Corps, where he spent almost a year at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, in a cryptographic school. In June 1943, he was shipped to Iceland, where he spent the remainder of World War II as Staff Sergeant of the 826th Signal service. He arrived in New York, via England, on the first troop ship to reach that port after the war, and was discharged on December 16, 1945, with rank of Master Sergeant.

Paul was then employed as a salesman for the Monarch Marking Co., and in 1948 established his own company in Boston for those products, covering the New England district. On November 14, 1942, at Newton Centre, Massachusetts, Paul married Lillian Elizabeth Frazier. They had two children; Janet and Paul Sanderson, Jr.

Paul descends in the male line from William Almy through John (148) who changed his last name from Almy to Onthank (see page 1 of Newsletter No. 50 (April 1987)).

I received the news of Paul's passing from his niece, Nancy Onthank Johnson (1481-2385-2332). I had many discussions with Paul and I liked him very much. He attended an Almy Family Reunion and I also got to visit with Paul and Lillian when he attended a Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) convention in Northern Virginia. We were both SAR members.

MRS. THEODORE FROTHINGHAM

My search for Mrs. Theodore Frothingham, as detailed in the last Newsletter, is quite an interesting tale. But first, I want to thank all of you that sent me names of Frothinghams. Some were from phone books, but many were from contacts with Frothinghams in past years. Almy family members furnished me with the names of 17 Frothinghams. Also, after I sent the Newsletter out, I wondered what phone books the public library might have. I was surprised to learn that phone books from the entire U.S. are now on microfiche. Although the local library only had the larger towns (it is expensive), the larger libraries could have a complete set.

I spent many hours on Saturdays and Sundays when the lower telephone rates were in effect contacting Frothinghams. I received no answer on eight of the numbers, even though I called at different times on numerous days. However I talked with eleven before hitting pay dirt. These were very interesting calls with interesting people. I know people are friendly, but I am amazed at the lengths some people will go to be helpful. One even called me a couple of days later from across the country with additional information they thought would be helpful.

My eleventh call was to a Robert Frothingham in Westchester, NY. He knew of two Theodore Frothinghams in New Canaan, Connecticut, whose mail kept getting mixed up. His daughter lived in New Canaan and because of his work he was aware of their mail problem. He got out his New Canaan phone book (I don't know why he had one) and gave me the numbers of two Frothinghams still living there. The first one I contacted was of no help. The other one knew of the Mrs. Theodore Frothingham that I wanted to contact, but that she had moved and was now in Salem, Massachusetts.

I proceeded to call information in Salem and obtained the phone number for Theodore

Frothingham, which I immediately called. Mrs. Theodore Frothingham answered the phone and I explained the genealogical information that I was interested in obtaining. She said "Oh, that was my husband's wife." After my "huh," she went on to explain that she was Theodore's third wife, but that wife number two was Libby Butler, the Almy descendant. She went on to say that Libby had died in 1981, that her brother and sister were also deceased, but she has a son by her first marriage living in Salem. She said his name was Jonathan Reardon and she gave me his phone number.

I called Jonathan and told him of my search and what I was interested in finding. I found out that his middle name was Almy and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Butler. I then found that I had his mother, Elizabeth Keats Butler, No. 1408-3392-113, on my charts. But I did not have her two marriages or any of her children, so could not have located her from my information. His mother left him all her genealogical information and he is searching the Almy information to see if he has any information on the identity of Susan who married my ancestor, Joseph Almy.

I called Jonathan a few weeks later and he said he had put a lot of information together to mail to me, but just hadn't found time to get it mailed. At the time of writing this Newsletter, I had not received this information. I hope to tell you more in the next issue.

VISIT BY CONSTANCE M. PRICE (1235-4131-1111)

Connie Price and Ralph Mendelson stopped by to visit Veda and I on June 15, 1990. They took us out to dinner and we had a very lovely evening of conversation. The time we had was not nearly long enough, but Veda and I thank them for including us on their itinerary.

1881 NEWSPAPER AD

To the right is an ad from *The Village Bell*, of Little Compton, Rhode Island, dated December 15, 1881, sent to me by Patricia Almy Forte (1407-1426-122).

The Edward C. Almy is No. 1233-5147-2, born 13 June 1847, the son of Robert and Sarah Cornelia (Russell) Almy. He married Helen Maria Almy (1233-5142-5) in 1873 and had four children. A number of his descendants today receive this Newsletter. He was living in Providence in 1880 and Boston in 1900. He died in Providence, 5 May 1924.

CYNTHIA C. ALMY, M.D.
(1407-1C74-411)

Cynthia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Almy (1407-1C73-41) sent me a commencement announcement for the graduation of Cynthia from the School of Medicine at Galveston of the University of Texas. Cynthia Cathryn Almy is now an M.D. The Gene Almy family stopped to see Veda and I in Virginia back in 1980. Cindy, their oldest child, was sixteen when we met them. Rosanne, Cindy's mother, writes that Cynthia will begin a surgery internship at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston in a month. To Cynthia: Congratulations, Doctor.

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REPLIES NEEDED

I still have not received replies to many of my inquiries for needed genealogical information. As stated in the last Newsletter, I am going to start listing the names of those from whom I have requested information but have not received a reply. Many of these only require a few minutes to reply. I would very much appreciate receiving the information requested from the following.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Thomas W. Almy	1232-1272-4212	Lyons, MI
Ruth Almy Silva	1232-4013-474	Pittsburg, CA
Charles C. Almy	1233-3252-4111	Greensboro, NC
Alice Keith	1233-4666-12	Fredonia, NY
Louis W. Almy	1233-4692-781	Rensselaer, NY
Harold E. Almy, Jr.	1233-5147-5113	Halifax, MA
Janice Chace	1235-5773-23	Chevy Chase, MD
Ronald Wenzel	1252-95A3-323	Hemlock, MI
Clifford George Almy	1252-95A6-61	Saginaw, MI
Timothy Almy	1407-2511-223	Delray Beach, FL
Nini Almy	1408-6262-42	Urbana, IL
Edwina Almy Gill	1408-6505-33	Brunswick, GA

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Mrs. Arnold L. Hayes	11A3-3111-242	Rhode Island
Iris M. Bachand	1232-4013-462	Rhode Island
Mrs. Arthur B. Harris	1233-3252-431	Florida
Tina N. Almy	1233-4668-1321	Alaska
Floyd C. Almy	1233-4668-15	Washington
Betsey Miller	1233-5147-234	New York
Donald R. Almy	1252-9531-711	New York
H. Raymond Almy	1252-9532-741	New York
William A. Knowlton	1252-9773-34	Virginia
Nancy Onthank Johnson	1481-2385-2332	New Jersey
Donald G. Almy	1407-1C74-31	California
Mrs. L. Wesley Almy	1408-6524-11W	New Mexico

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),



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HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !!!