

DR. THOMAS P. ALMY
(1233-4657-11)

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Thomas Almy Library dedicated

THE THOMAS P. ALMY LIBRARY in the Department of Medicine was dedicated on February 15. The ceremony was attended by almost 150 physicians whose careers were influenced by their time with Almy.

The library was funded by contributions in Almy's name made by his former colleagues. Harold Sox, M.D., spearheaded the drive to raise funds for the Almy Library.

Contributions came from former colleagues and house staff that worked with Almy at DHMC and in his earlier tenure at Cornell.

Although he retired in 1985, he continues to teach a required class for fourth-year medical students that he instituted in 1977. "Health, Society, and the Physician" integrates social and humanistic elements within a case-study approach to medicine.

A group of Dr. Almy's former chief residents posed for a picture with him. (l. to r.) Richard Tompkins, M.D., Harold Sox, M.D., Dale Gephart, M.D., Thomas P. Almy, M.D., John Carmola, M.D., Wayne Kniffen, M.D., Robert Greenberg, M.D.

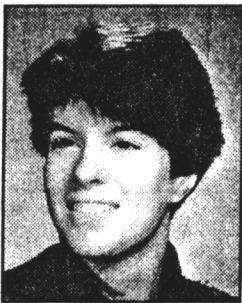


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GRETCHEN S. ALMY
(1252-9532-7422-1)

Michael T. Almy sent me the following news article about his daughter. He said that Gretchen met her cousin, Dr. Thomas Almy, (Newsletter 71, page 1) on various occasions while attending Dartmouth College.

STUDENTS



Gretchen S. Almy, daughter of Judith and Michael Almy of Exton, graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.

A German major, she was a member of the Casque and Gauntlet Senior Society and Delta

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Gamma sorority.

Almy has accepted a Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Germany in the coming year.

CLOCK MAKER

Richmond Almy Day (1407-2551-2) wrote that he and his wife have an old wooden works clock that recently lost a couple of teeth on one of the gears.

They took the clock to a retired clock repairman who had serviced their antique grandfather clock. He was fascinated with the clock and did a lot of research as to the origin. He found that it was made between 1825 and 1837 in Bristol, Connecticut. He made copies of several pages from a book of similar clocks. One of the clock makers listed was James Almy of New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1836.

I reviewed my census information and found a James Almy, age 47, listed as a tinplate manufacturer in the 1850 New Bedford census. I found him in the 1860 New Bedford census, but no occupation was given. In the 1870 census for New Bedford, James Almy, age 68, was listed as a retired watch maker. This James Almy is Almy Number 1408-313.

Very interesting the information one comes across.

LESTER E. ALMY
(1232-4013-472)

Lester Everett Almy, Jr., 62, of Providence, Rhode Island, died suddenly on July 21, 1992. He was born October 22, 1929 in Cranston, Rhode Island; the son of Lester and Annabelle (Mac Afee) Almy. He married Lorraine Alice Cody on September 3, 1951 in Cranston, and they had five children: Evelyn Ruth Almy, Carol Ann Watts, Donna Marie Paquin, Laura Louise Giron, and William Michael Almy.

STEPHEN J. ALMY
(1407-1426-121)

Stephen J. Almy was recently promoted from corporal to sergeant in the RI State Police.



101 YEARS OLD
Mildred T. Almy
(1233-5147-53W)

Mildred Thielscher Almy, wife of Robert Tillinghast Almy, deceased, was born 22 July 1891 in Lynn, Massachusetts. She married Robert 17 May 1925 in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The Almy Family send their congratulations on her 101st birthday and wish her many more birthdays in the future.

**NEWS FROM
PATRICIA ALMY FORTE
(1407-1426-122)**

Patricia informs me that she was made a director of the Little Compton Historical Society at the 1992 annual meeting in August. She has been going through old scrapbooks at the Society and enclosed copies of some "Almy" materials which I will include in future issues of the Newsletter.

Congratulations on becoming a director. The Little Compton Historical Society is very fortunate to have your talents working in their behalf.

TALES OF MY GRANDFATHERS

(A paper read October 14, 1915, by Francis Almy (1407-1714) before the Thursday Club, of Buffalo, New York)

This paper was sent to me by Jane Almy Scott (1407-1426-21).

This paper contains very interesting genealogical information, and because it is of interest to Almy descendants, I am going to include it in serial form in the Almy Newsletters as space permits.

The author, Francis Almy (1407-1714) was a twin. He and his brother Frederick were born 28 November 1858 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Neither of them married. An older brother married and had children, but only his daughters had children, so the Almy name was not carried on in this line. I will footnote additional information from my files for you to better understand Francis' talk. Herewith is the first installment.

It is quite customary to begin a Thursday Club paper with an apology; and so I will begin my paper in a customary way. My apology is for my topic. I am only in part responsible for it, however. I had not

found any subject that pleased me, and when Charles Wheeler took for his subject "Tales of a Grandfather", it occurred to me that altho I alas could not write as a grandfather I yet had at hand and available a good deal of more or less interesting matter which I could present under the heading "Tales of my Grandfathers", and as a companion paper to Judge Wheeler's. We have had at least two distinctly autobiographical papers in the club; and if one may write about himself one may surely write about his ancestors. It is a subject in which I myself have never taken any especial interest, but I have relatives and friends who collected a good deal of rather interesting information, and in a trip east this past summer, I have obtained most of the material for this paper.

Let me begin by the rather axiomatic statement that I had two parents, four grandparents, and eight great-grandparents. It follows that, in common with us all, I had 16 second great-grandparents, 32 third great-grandparents, 64 fourth great-grandparents, 128 fifth great-grandparents, 256 sixth great-grandparents, 512 seventh great-grandparents, and 1024 eighth great-grandparents. It also follows from the foregoing that in the aggregate, if we go back ten generations, I have had, and we have all had, as has every street urchin, in that span of years, 2046 direct ancestors, all of whose blood we share to some extent. It is a rather appalling thought to me. I have taken ten generations because that happens to fit in best with the plan of my paper. I do not know even the names of all these 2046 direct ancestors.

Pride of birth rests not upon how many ancestors one has, but upon how many one can tell the names of; and in civilized countries this depends largely upon how far one cares to take the time or expense to trace back the genealogical records. To me they are all "dead ones". Moreover almost the whole 2000, so far as I have

been able to ascertain, going back no more than ten generations, were what we call plain people, the great majority of them farmers, tho the more affluent undoubtedly classed themselves as "landed gentry". Out of them all, or at least out of those born in this country, there is but one that any of you have ever heard of, -- Anne Hutchinson, who in the 1600's caused the great Antinomian controversy which, as has been said "whirled the little town of Boston about amid the conflicting doctrines of theology and psychology with such a mighty impetus that it has never unto this day ceased whirling".

There is a persistent family tradition that we are directly descended from Gov. Bradford, and my Grandmother Almy always claimed to have the gold beads that Mary Bradford brought over in the Mayflower. (They were destroyed in a fire).¹

Bradford has certainly long been a family name. I had an uncle Bradford Almy, and there is a Judge Bradford Almy² now living in Utica. I have however never seen any genealogical data for the belief, and am far from sure that there is any.

What interests me more is that in all the genealogical lines of ancestry I have seen worked out, there has been no one back as far as eight generations not born in this country, and born in New England. I can therefore claim to be a very pure New England product. And yet I am continually taken to be a foreigner. I have many, many times been asked if I were not English, or if I had not lived long in England; to which I have as frequently made answer that I had never set foot in England, up to two years ago, and that all my ancestors were born in New England.

I have been taken for an Irishman, for a Scotchman, and for a Frenchman. I have been asked if I were not French Canadian; a friend was once asked if I were Portuguese. My brother here has been taken for a Greek.

I will digress here, for digressions are also not uncustomary in Thursday Club papers, to tell of an experience I had while travelling in Mexico. It was the year after the Pan-American Exposition; I had acquired a considerable knowledge of Spanish, and it was in part the Spanish that led me to direct my trip toward Mexico. Here however they did not take me for a Mexican, or even for a Spaniard. When I addressed the hotel proprietor in my best Castilian, they usually answered me in English. This annoyed me, so at one town at which I arrived I promptly answered that I did not understand English. They asked me what my nationality was. I did not dare to say French or German, for I should have been at once discovered; so I announced that I was a Greek. I am not sure that they believed me, but they at least did not continue to talk English to me.

(To be continued.)

Footnotes:

¹ I have no information at present on this possible Mayflower line of descent. When the Mayflower Society's Five Generation book on the descendants of William Bradford is published, I will check this out and report if the Mayflower line to this Almy is given.

² This Judge Bradford Almy is Almy No. 1233-3221-1, a very distant relative of the author.

ANOTHER ALMY BUSINESS

Richard R. Almy, Jr. (1233-5143-2421) of La Grange, Illinois, sent me a brochure for my collection of information about "Almy businesses."

The brochure was for Almy, Gloudemans & Jacobs, Property Taxation and Assessment Consultants. They help government property tax administrators increase their capabilities, solve problems, and improve operations and performance.

The Almy in the firm is, of course, Richard R. Almy, Jr., who specializes in the analysis of property tax systems and assessment operations.

IT'S A GIRL

Laura Marie Yates (1239-2165-1721-4) was born 31 July 1992 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Richard A. and Gail Anne Yates. Congratulations!

(Reported by the proud grandmother, Marjorie Almy Yates)

**MARRIAGE OF CYNTHIA ALMY
(1407-1C73-411)**

Cynthia Cathryn Almy, daughter of Gene Harold and Rosanne (Robertson) Almy was married in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 11, 1992 to Carl Wayne Howard. Congratulations to Carl and Cynthia.

**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>
Peter E. Almy	1233-3252-4112	Texas
Richard R. Almy, Jr.	1233-5143-2421	Illinois
Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett	1233-5143-421W	Texas
Linda Wickett Allison	1233-5143-4211	New York
Sylvia Nichols	1233-5147-233	Virginia
Mrs. Robert T. Almy	1233-5147-53W	Rhode Island
Clara J. Almy	1407-5041-1	New Hampshire

ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL FALL COLORS, and

HAVE A DELIGHTFUL THANKSGIVING !, and a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),



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