

HAPPY NEW YEAR



FAMILY NEWS

MARISSA ANNE YATES (1239-2165-1722-2)

Marissa Anne Yates was born October 27, 1993 to Christopher D. and Kristine G. Yates. Reported by proud grandparents, Richard A. and Marjorie Almy Yates. Marissa' father is a Presbyterian Church in America pastor on the Texas A&M campus.

CHARLOTTE JANE MARTIN (1407-1C71-1232)

Charlotte Jane Martin was born to Christopher and Corinne (Carpenter) Martin on October 1, 1993 at 12:15 pm and weighed in at 9 lbs. 4 oz. She joins her brother, Chester Almy Martin, who was born on September 6, 1990.

ETHEL B. (PETTEY) ALMY (1239-2145-29W2)

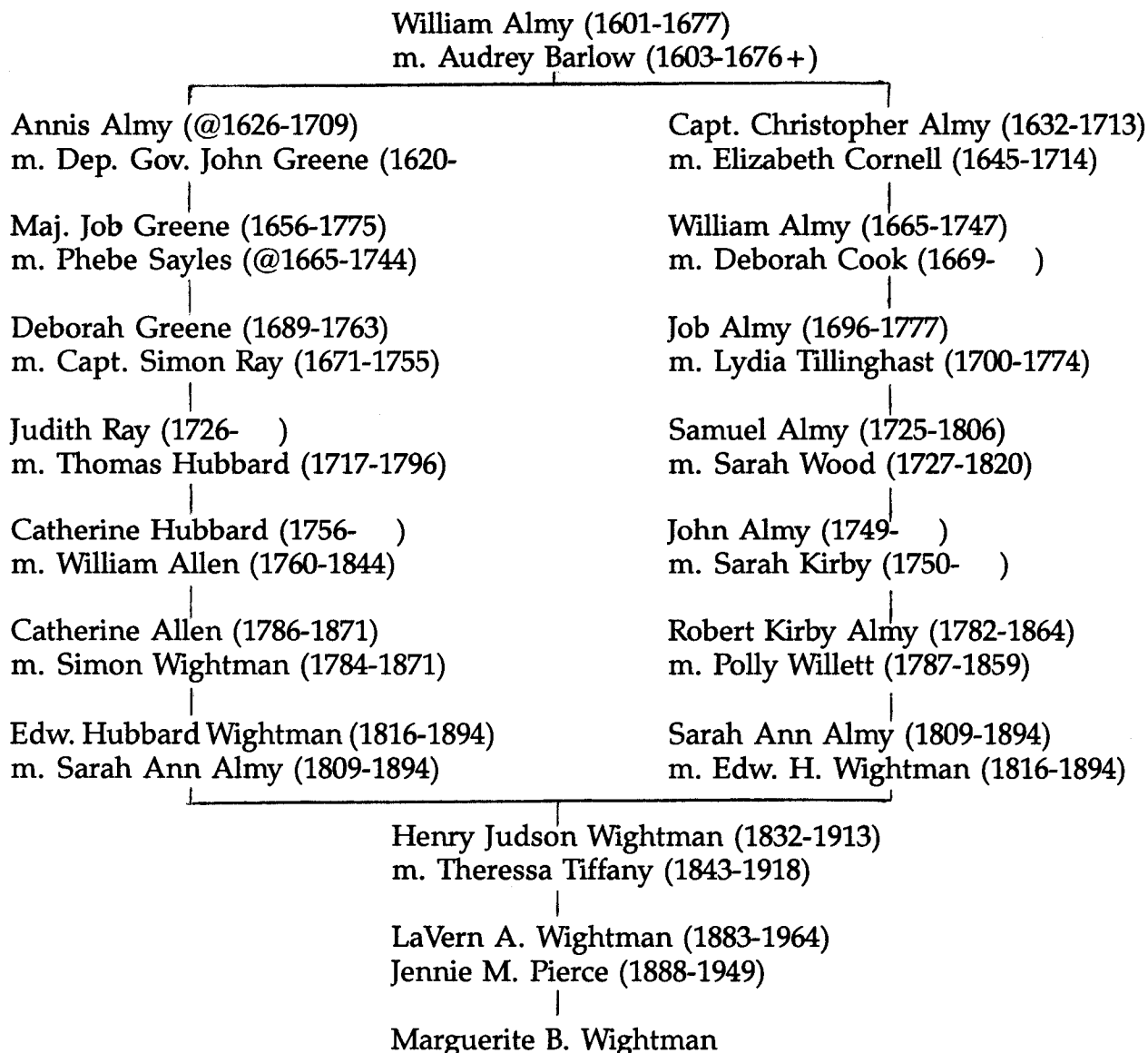
Ethel B. (Pettery) Wood Almy, 96, of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, formerly of Tiverton, RI, died September 25, 1993, after a brief illness. She was the widow of John F. Almy and daughter of George F. and Hattie N. (Tripp) Pettey.

BERNARD B. DWYER (1233-4692-4111)

Bernard B. Dwyer of Troy, New York, died October 7, 1993, after a long illness. He was born in and a lifelong resident of Troy. He was the son of Charlotte and Bernard Dwyer and was employed by Siena College as a plumber the past 20 years. He served four years in the Army Reserve.

TWO ALMY LINES OF DESCENT

Last Spring, Marguerite Wightman (1233-3251-282) wrote me that she was descended from two of William¹ Almy's children and sent me a chart of her two Almy family lines which I present below.



Marguerite also wrote "I have done considerable research on our family and have found among our ancestors, Rev. Roger Williams and Mary, Rev. John Lathrop, Elder William Brewster and Mary, John Alden and Priscilla, John Howland and Elizabeth and many others dated in the 16 hundreds and before. I find searching for our relatives and ancestors to be most intriguing."

Note by Merwin: I also descend from John Alden and Priscilla Mullens, and John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, passengers on the *Mayflower* which came to America in 1620, and from Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. I mention this because most all of you will also have ancestral lines going back to founders of New England other than our William Almy.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Patricia Almy Forte (1407-1426-122) sent me copies of obituaries and news items contained in old issues of local newspapers. I will be including these in the Newsletters because they contain much Almy history and genealogy.

See below.

**FRANKLIN L. ALMY, 1833-1911
(1233-518A)**

The following has been excerpted from the obituary appearing in the Fall River, Massachusetts *News*. Mr. Almy died June 12, 1911.

Franklin Lawton Almy was born in Little Compton on July 2, 1833. His father, Benjamin Almy, served in the War of 1812, and was captain of the First Infantry of Portsmouth, under appointment by Governor Jones of Rhode Island, confirmed by the General Assembly.

Franklin Almy was the youngest of the 11 children of Benjamin and Ruth Almy, and had been a resident of Fall River since the family moved there in 1837. He attended the local schools, and in the early summer of 1845, at the age of 12 years, became a carrier for the *Weekly News*, which had been started but a few weeks before by John C. Milne and Thomas Almy (1239-2126). The paper then had but two carriers, and Franklin Almy carried half the entire edition.

In the following September he expressed a desire to learn to set type, and he entered the *News* office as an apprentice. He was faithful and efficient, and became a journeyman in 1850 and subsequently the foreman of the composing room.

In 1862 he became a member of the firm, the name of which was changed to Almy, Milne & Co., and became the business manager, a position which he held continuously up to the time of his death. On the death of Thomas Almy in 1882, Franklin L. Almy and Mr. Milne purchased his interest in the firm, and the old name of Almy & Milne was resumed.

When Franklin Almy first became associated with the paper, it was only a small, four-page weekly.

The *News* was originally a Democratic paper, but withdrew from the support of that party because of its defense of slavery. It became a Free Soil and later a Republican paper, with the organization of that party.

Franklin L. Almy was associated in business with John C. Milne for 67 years. They had been partners for 50 years, and during that time there never had been any serious disagreement or unpleasant word between them. Franklin was a trustee of the Citizens Savings Bank for many years. He was also director of the Flint, Wampanoag and Charlton mills, and was president of the Wampanoag and the Flint. He had considerable interests in other local manufacturing corporations. He held public office only as a member of the common council in 1867 and 1868.

In 1862, Franklin married Charity R. Buffinton, youngest daughter of Israel and Nancy B. Buffinton. She died in 1886 and he later married Miss Mary K. Cotton, daughter of John S. Cotton. Franklin and Charity had 2 sons: Frank S. Almy, who was associated with him in the business office of the *News*, and Dr. Thomas Almy. They had four daughters: Sarah L., Nancy B., Ida L., and Nellie, who died at the age of 4 years.

The following news item is copied from *The Rock* (newsletter of the First Baptist (Old Stone) Church, Tiverton, Rhode Island). The article was furnished by Patricia Almy Forte (1407-1426-122), William's mother.

FROM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN

Psalm 8:2

by Cheryl Simmons
& Sharon Toppe

A Personal Interview With:

Name: **William Almy Forte**

Born: June 12, 1985

Parents: Michael & Patricia Forte

Sibling: Michael (11 years old)

Address: West Main Road, Little Compton

Pets: "None, yet"

School: Josephine Wilbur School - 2nd grade

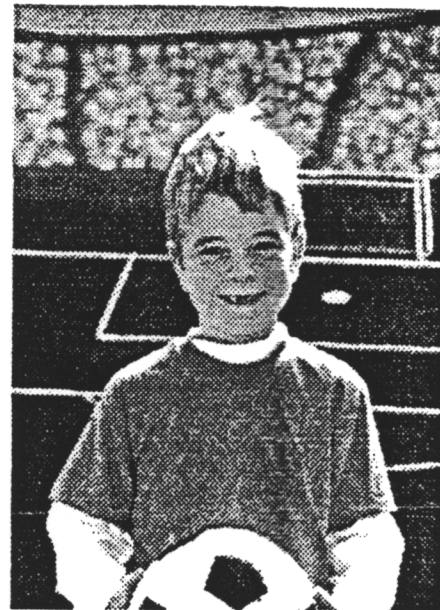
Favorite Subject: Reading

Interests: Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Reading

Favorite TV Shows: Batman

Favorite Song: Songs by Beethoven

Favorite Food: Pizza



What do you like about school?

"Having good things to do at times - things like reading and doing math."

What do you dislike about school?

"I don't like all the big kids that try to boss you around."

How did you start coming to Old Stone Church?

"I don't know; I was in nursery school and my Dad just took me."

What do you like about Old Stone?

"Sunday School and the people."

What do you like about Sunday School?

"Singing the songs."

If a younger child asked you about God, what would you say?

"He is a GREAT, BIG man up in the clouds that can help you."

What do you want to do when you grow up? Why?

"Um, that is a tough question. I've been thinking about a couple of things. I might be a teacher, like my Mom, and because I really like to read. The other thing I might like to be is a policeman, because they help people."

Tell us something that you enjoy doing with your family.

"We like to go places. My favorite is when we go to the golfing range. I like it when we go to the beach, too."

Do you like being the youngest in your family?

"Sometimes I do. Sometimes it is a pain, though. Mikey being older gets to do more things and go more places, just because of the age thing."

What was the funniest experience you've ever been through?

"Seeing 'Home Alone 1' in the movies."

If you could do anything you wanted tomorrow, what would you do?

"I'd go and buy a pet dog."

Can you think of a really exciting time in your life?

"Yeah, about three months ago, I was at a Pawtucket Red Sox game trying to get some autographs. I couldn't get one because the players don't give them while they are playing. But, this newslady was there and asked me if I wanted to interview with her and I said, 'Sure.' It was kind of neat. I sat with her and now I may be on TV."

If you had the power to change one thing in your life or in the world, what would it be?

"This is a tough question. (A slight pause, while he scratches his head.) I would wish that there had never been any wars in the world and there never would be anymore. I would wish that everyone could get along."

What was the scariest moment of your life?

(This story was accompanied by numerous facial expressions and hand gestures.) "Well, I was on the bus to go home and this real big kid (arms spread to the side) picked me up - by accident. Then, I started squirming and bending, and he kept lifting me UP, UP, UP! He lifted me right to the top of the bus where I hit my nose on the bus ceiling! Boy, did that hurt! And then, my nose bled for 15 minutes, and it bled and bled! The bus had to wait for me that whole time, because once you get on the bus - no matter what happens - it has to wait for you to take you home."

Do you have any advice for kids younger than you?

"Yeah, to be a good sport no matter what happens, because you can't always win."

Is there anything else that I did not ask that would tell us a little bit more about you?

"Yes, I like to birdwatch. In October, I'll be moving to a new house and I'm excited."

**ADRIAN HOAGLAND RUMSEY
(1233-5147-2224-1)**

Adrian Hoagland Rumsey was born to Robert Walker and Frances (Crofut) Rumsey on April 6, 1993. They live in Campbell, California.

**GEORGE W. CULLER
(1232-1218-411W)**

George W. Culler, 87, husband of Frances Almy Culler, died October 29, 1993, in Mansfield, Ohio. He and Frances were married July 27, 1935. George, the son of Alfred C. and Edna Bowden Culler, was

born October 11, 1906, in Mansfield. He retired from the Mansfield Tire and Rubber Co. after working there 30 years.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Veda and I received many beautiful Christmas cards this year from you all, the Almy Family. We really enjoy your greetings and the letters and notes that some of you enclose.

We are unable to send cards to you in return, so the Newsletters will have to serve as our greetings to you. We thank you very much.

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. I thank each and everyone of you.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Frances (Almy) Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
Thomas B. Almy	1232-1218-4122	Virginia
Olive B. Hoffman	1233-3222-6221	California
Mrs. Arthur B. Harris	1233-3252-431	Florida
Hazel V. Almy	1233-4655-11W	South Carolina
Marjorie Wade	1233-4668-121	Florida
Marian Bower	1233-4668-123	North Dakota
Harold D. Almy	1233-4668-132	Washington
Mrs. John Almy Rumsey	1233-5147-222W	California
Phyllis Stearns	1235-4131-1114	Massachusetts
Mrs. Raymond G. Johnson	1408-3822-11W	Arizona
Brian Almey	England	England

Your cousin (1408-3312-112),



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My wife and I wish you all a very
HAPPY NEW YEAR, filled with Love and Joy.