

# SARGENTRIVIA

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Ye editors thank the many members of the family for their Christmas cards, many of them with special messages, and wish you all best wishes for the New Year. Ziegler Sargent, editor; Agnes W. B. Sargent, assistant editor.



Sydney F. Sargent, son of George Lewis Sargent, wrote ye editor the following letter from 421 N. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, Calif., on December 9th, enclosing two pictures, the smaller of which is reproduced here: "I haven't sent you any news of my doings for some time, but a sudden whim tonight urges me to write. Included with a Merry Christmas and all best for a happy new year to you and Agnes, go the enclosures of my 'house'. The large picture shows the fireplace end of the 20 x 20 living room (before completion but slightly dolled up with furniture for the picture.) The brick staircase leads to the upper floor. The small Christmas card photo shows the exterior. Ah! But what I didn't say is that the living room is 20 x 20 inches. The entire house, including the garage, is 42 inches long. Up to

now I have spent 1-1/2 years (spare time of close to 1,000 hours) in the building, and probably will not complete my gadget before next summer. One of my friends has dubbed it 'Sargenttrivia'. The hardware is not S&Co's best, but was made for me by a jeweler. Even the door knobs are in scale - which, - by the way, is 1 inch to the foot. The andirons shown are of brass, and measure 1-1/2" in height. The small oval rug was made by my sister Molly and is approximately 5" long. In the fireplace and completed chimney are over 900 out-by-hand (my hand) wooden 'bricks'. The work took close to 5 weeks of evening & week-end work. Except for plumbing and electrical wiring the house is constructed (to be best of my ability) with all due regard to standard home construction. I am at present shingling the roof with redwood shingles. Making them. It will take an estimated 2,000. Each is 1/16" thick, and each has to be beveled (as are full sized shingles) so the entire job will lie flat. For the making of them I use only a chisel and a sharp stencil knife. They are to be glued on the roof boards. The garage door is hung on a small replica of a major size up-swing hinge. Was made especially for 'Sargenttrivia' by a friend of mine - Paul Burton. With the single exception of the shingles, the entire house is of balsa wood. I've had so much fun doing it that when completed and furnished I shall doubtless tackle something more difficult. Incidentally the floor plan and general lay-out will be used to build my future home - if I ever build. I still enjoy each new copy of your 'newsy' publication. In fact it is almost my only touch with most of the family. May your 1948 be bright!"

John Nelson (Pat) Deming, son of Laura Rice Deming, is engaged to be married to Miss Anna Slocum Huntington, daughter of Mrs. Ellsworth Huntington of 38 Kildeer Road, Hamden, Conn. Anna prepared for college at the Prospect Hill School in New Haven and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1943. She served during the war with the American Red Cross in France and Germany. Her father at his death on October 17th was professor of geography at Yale, emeritus. For his studies and publications on climate and its influence on civilization he had received many honors. Pat prepared for college at Andover and graduated from Yale in 1941. He served in Europe with the Fourth Infantry Division. Since his discharge he has been in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Company and is at present at their headquarters in New Haven. He lives with his parents at 244 Bradley Street, New Haven.

Helen Lawton Sargent, widow of Edward R. Sargent and mother of Lawton G. Sargent, was taken on September 21st to the New Haven Hospital, where she had two serious operations. She had recovered sufficiently so that she was able to be transferred on December 2d from the hospital to a nursing home.

Sylvia Tilney Skerrett, daughter of Rhoda Sargent Tilney, wrote from Avon, Conn., on November 27th: " \*\*\* I have become very busy with an organization called the Farmington Valley Republican Women's Club as its Program Chairman which involves planning the monthly meetings. No sooner is one over and I feel I can breathe a sigh of relief, I have to start getting ready for the next one - and so it goes. As a side line I am also Corresponding Secretary for the Avon Garden Club and acting as Program Chairman for the time being. This typewriter is kept very busy most of the time as a result of these two jobs! \*\*\*"

"Murray Sargent, Jr., an associate in the New York law firm of Sherrick, Gilbert, Regan & Davis, has been appointed state chairman of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association for New York City, it was announced yesterday by T. Julian Skinner jr., national chairman. The conference is a section of the American Bar Association and is made up of all lawyers in the country under the age of thirty-six, who are members of the association." New York Herald Tribune.



Ye editor was a recent patient at the New Haven Hospital. It all came from being a bit too vigorous last summer in trying to open some windows, stuck from a recent painting. Dr. L.C. Foster operated on December 1st and within a week sent the patient home in an ambulance - to rest. This was ye editor's second personal experience with that kind of vehicle, the first one a ride in a two-horse affair in 1898 with a leg broken on the Hopkins' football field.

Nancy Grove Turner, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead, in connection with a Christmas card wrote to ye editors recently from Honolulu: "We are very excited at the prospect of a visit East next summer. Life is very full with school work, church work and work with a veteran's co-operative run by a group of veterans who are also officers in one chapter of the A.V.C. We feel that we are just beginning to scratch the surface of social and economic and political conditions."

Stephen Denny Sargent, son of James C. Sargent, was christened at the Church of the Epiphany in New York on Sunday, December 14th. The Reverend Hugh McCandless performed the ceremony. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Hilles, of Hamden, Conn., and, in absentia, Mr. Frank A. Thompson, of St. Louis. Members of the family and friends gathered afterwards at the James Sargents' apartment at 529 East 84th Street. The baby's christening robe is a family heirloom, the bonnet having been made two hundred years ago by Katurah Moffat, an ancestor. Stephen was quiet during the service except for a loud utterance just before he was handed to the rector.

Laura Bailey Cumming, daughter of Mary Emma (Tiny) Hammond Bailey, wrote to ye editor from 451 Macon Road, Griffin, Ga., on November 29th. "I have been remiss in not thanking you for my copies of 'Sargenttrivia'. With two out of four of my children away from home, most of my letters go to them. I am looking forward to having Bobby at home for the holidays from Princeton. Mary and her medical student husband will also come from Little Rock, Ark. I particularly enjoyed the November 25th issue, because you wrote about ones that I know! I visited Cousin May Sargent Rice when I was a girl and feel that I know her daughters best. I was glad to read about Virginia's new 'old house'. It is hard to realize how long ago I was in New Haven, but Laura, my daughter, gave us an anniversary party on November 19th, and Bob and I had been married for 26 years! Of course I was interested in your account of the Yale-Harvard game, because Caleb, Jr., and Romey were with you. Aren't they an attractive young couple?"

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- January 3 - (21st) Thomas Owen Sargent, son of Thomas Denny Sargent  
 4 - (25th) Thomas Huntington Wiser, son of Dorothy Sargent Wiser  
 7 - (8th) Stephen Harding Holland, son of Richard Lyon Holland  
 10 - (4th) Katharine Avies Fenn, daughter of Bruce Fenn, 2d  
 11 - Mary Hale Cunningham Sargent, wife of Murray Sargent  
 16 - Anne (Nancy) Hoyt Sargent, wife of John Sargent  
 20 - (3d) Frederic (Rick) Homer Sargent Tate, Jr.  
 21 - Ludwig King Moorehead, husband of Barbara Sargent Moorehead  
 22 - Florence Rebecca Sargent Eriossan, daughter of John Robert Wheaton Sargent  
 27 - Juan Jose Cazanova, husband of Margaret Williams Cazanova  
 29 - (5th) Timothy Collins Tilney, son of Bradford Sargent Tilney  
 30 - Margaret Husson Tate, widow of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Scranton Tate, Jr.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- January 18 - (35th) Murray and Mary Hale Cunningham Sargent  
 23 - (5th) James C. and Rebecca Porteous Jackson Sargent

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), grandfather of ye editor's generation, with his second wife made his second trip around the world in 1889 and 1890. As president of Sargent & Company of New Haven (manufacturers) and as a partner of Sargent & Company, the New York merchants, he called on the trade in the countries he visited, secured many new customers and sold many goods. His memorandum book shows that he left New Haven in the latter part of April 1889 with 5 cases containing 45 sample trays, 16 x 30 in., weighing a total of 1,920 lbs., not counting personal baggage. He wrote to his brother, George Henry Sargent (1828-1917), head of the sales organization in New York, the following letter from Yokohama, Japan, on May 20, 1890: "G.H.S. We arrived here 18th, Saturday. Had sharp rain & much wind all day yesterday and plenty of wind to-day. Have taken a good new brick store, 2 stories - 40 ft wide - in prime condition and have got my samples into it but not yet opened - will open up tomorrow - Last years rice crop was not over half the usual quantity and Rice is now just double last years price at this month in 1889. Supplies are coming



in by every Steamer from Hong Kong and Shanghai, and especially from Saigon where the crop & stock is large. The rape seed crop of this season will not be over from one third to a half of usual crop and Barley & Wheat will be about half to two thirds the usual crop. Rape seed, Barley & Wheat are nearly ready for the Harvest (say in 10 days) but they have been almost drowned to death. As soon as those three crops are harvested the same ground will be worked over and set out with rice, and as Water is what Rice wants it is hoped here and presumed that the coming summers Rice crop will be a good one. But with so much money going out of the country to buy necessary food the money market is rather tight - which reminds me to say that I lunched out with some Japanese business men to-day and took several cups of Sa-ke but did not get into the condition of the money market. Mr. Ya-ma-da-ya of Tokio was one of the party. He heard of my arrival and immediately came down to greet me. He telegraphed to his brother who lives here, to inform me of his coming. He showed me his invoice of Jan'y 23d & accompanying papers - all of which I now have. He speaks well of S. & Co. New York. You say that 40 doz looks are not sent because people at factory at the last moment did not keep their promise, so he gets 40 doz knobs but no looks for them. He would have like better to have had the looks & knobs packed together and I explained to him that we would always do so if ordered so. But I also explained the advantage of having them separate. He complained that you had charged double price for Shelf Brackets and I explained that he would find double quantity - that is pairs American Trading Co. (Mr. Allen Agent or Manager here) thinks much can be done here in American Hardware, and says they will soon come into possession of the first floor of the rather large building of which they occupy the second or top floor, and they will do all they can, by making a special department of Hardware on the lower floor of the building. — The difficulty in these Eastern countries is that they want cheap heavy goods almost entirely, using much heavy material that is so high in U.S. and so cheap in the free trade countries. Copper is largely exported from Japan to England & Germany and we must have free trade facilities in copper before we can sell Brass goods to any extent in the Eastern countries where ordinarily finished brass goods are so much used on account of the excessive moisture of the rains. And I get mad everytime I think of lugging wrought iron samples - (Bolts, &c) all over the world trying to put an extra 1-1/2 ct pr lbs into the pockets of the bloated iron men of U.S. No use trying on such goods. J.B.S. Weigh today 199-1/2 lbs I drew or rather gave receipt, for £ 175 — on my letter of Cr about a week ago in Kobe — I have been as easy, as convenient, on you but I bought a few things and shall buy some more & besides have to raise the wind to go home with—unless I Steam it. J.B.S. I have received the season ticket to the Tokio Exposition. I think China & Japan Trading Co. of Tokio will send some small orders"

Edward Morris (1630-1690), immigrant ancestor of most of us, the son of Thomas and Grissie Hewsome Morris of Waltham Holy Cross Abbey, in the county of Essex, England, was born there in August 1630 (baptized August 8th). Just when he came with his parents to this country is not known, but the family settled in Roxbury in Massachusetts Bay Colony. On February 23, 1652, the town voted Edward Morris and others four acres each of land "provided they build upon the land within two years, with no liberty to carry away any wood or timber or sell farther than for building purposes until they have built upon the land." A bachelor at this time he failed to fulfil the conditions and forfeited the grant. He was married November 20, 1655, to Grace Bett. How soon after his marriage he acquired land on the southeastern border of Jamaica Plain we do not know; but on January 19, 1662, the town voted that "no more land should be given away, but be kept for the town's use, and Edward Morris to have an eye that the common be not damaged, and that for his services in informing the town of the bounds of their common they give him fifteen shillings, and that he should have half the pines for the year for his care for the preservation of the common." In 1666 he purchased land in the western part of Roxbury on the road to Dedham, and there he lived until he moved to Woodstock in 1686. In Roxbury he was a constable in 1664, a selectman from 1674 till 1686 with possibly a break in 1680. He was a trustee for the high school and for nine years (1678 to 1686) he was deputy to the General Court (the colony legislature). In 1682 Massachusetts purchased for fifty pounds from Black James, principal chief of the Nipmucks, a tract of land fifty miles long and twenty miles wide. A portion of this tract is now in Windham County in northeastern Connecticut. In 1686 Edward Morris was one of the forty who trekked from Roxbury to organize and inhabit a new town in this tract which at first was called New Roxbury and in 1690 Woodstock. The town remained a part of Massachusetts till 1731. Edward Morris was made a selectman in the new town and in 1689 he was chosen "Lieutenant", the town's first military officer. He died in September 1690; his widow died June 6, 1705. We are descended from his daughter Elizabeth, who married Joshua Child. Their daughter Abigail married James Draper (1691-1768). (See genealogical charts in Sargenttrivia of March 4, 1947, and December 15, 1943.)



Below is a facsimile of a "statement" of the total of \$3964 owed at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 to Sargent & Co., the New York copartnership, by customers in the "Slave States". The handwriting is that of George Henry Sargent (1828-1917), the resident partner, with a notation at the bottom by Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907) showing deduction of \$705, the amount of indebtedness of customers in three states that did not secede. The paper is badly stained from being kept with others in a damp vault. In 1861 there were three closely allied copartnerships of the three brothers, Joseph B., George H. and Edward Sargent; Sargent & Co., the New York sales agency; Sargent & Brother, the Leicester, Mass., card clothing factory; and J.B. Sargent & Co., the New Britain, Conn., hardware factory (formerly Peck & Walter Manufacturing Company and in 1864 incorporated as Sargent & Company when the factory operations were transferred to the newly built plant in New Haven).

*Statement of a/c and notes due Sargents, from the Slave States*

Delaware - nothing -	000	
Maryland { <sup>13.9.61</sup> W. J. Voss note due Oct 61 - 138. Hiss & Co., a/c. Due March 61 - 56.00 A. Renter, " " Nov. 60 - 52.00 McKensie & Son " " April 61 - 22. -	all goods.	258. Total in Maryland.
Virginia. A. B. Clark, Richmond a/c " May 61. 37 - due Smith & Rhodes " " cash bill note due April. 15. " Dunn & Spencer, Petersburg " " " 84. " Giffith & Sons, Norfolk a/c due May 61. 24. " Allen & Sons " " " Aug 61. 140 note due J. J. Scales, Petersburg. " " May 18 <sup>th</sup> 61 80 " " Sept - 60 270 Part due	all goods but Scales -	810 Total in Virginia
District of Columbia nothing -	000	
North Carolina " "	000	
South Carolina. W. R. Norton { note due Oct 15. 404 Cash disbursements 135	539	Total in S. Carolina
Georgia. Hall & Sons Co. a/c. Due May 61. 47 B. A. Rice, Macon " " May 61. 40 Carters & Co. " " May 61. 37	164	" Georgia
Florida. Nothing -	000	" Florida.
Alabama. Callebrite one note 61. - 14 -	14	" Alabama
Mississippi. A. Perdue. a/c " " - 80	80	" Mississippi
Louisiana { Mrs. Amstrong - note due in June 61 - 372. well and orderly, he found at maturity C. H. S. Cronk. Co. a/c " " April - 813 John D. Beindlow. note " " Sept 62 - 606 (extended)	1491	Total in La.
Texas. H. D. Norton & Son a/c " Feb 26.	26	" Texas -
Arkansas. Nothing 00 -	00	" Ark.
Tennessee. H. Park & Co. note due May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 139 Part due - 139		" Tennessee
Kentucky. { Slaughter & Carpenter note due June 61 - 139 J. J. Moss & Drigg " " Oct 61 139	278	" Kentucky
Missouri - Milner, Leavenworth & Co. note. Oct 61 - 159	159	" Missouri
	\$3964.	Total amt due Sargents from Dixie's Land.
Deduct Maryland - 268 Missouri - 159 Kentucky 278	705	total in Seceded States
	\$3259	