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Theodore Fisher Babbitt, son of Margaret (Peggy) Fisher Babbitt, was married at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, June 19th, in St. Thomas's Church, an Episcopal church, Whitney Avenue, New Haven, to Miss Betsy Hurd, daughter of Jean Nesbit and the late Henry Baldwin Harrison Hurd. Mrs. Hurd is now living in New Milford, Conn. The Reverend Robert S. Flookhart, D.D., with the Right Reverend Edward Parsons, retired Bishop of California, performed the ceremony. Bishop Parsons officiated at the wedding of the groom's parents, Peggy Fisher and Theodore Babbitt, in 1922 and at that of the groom's grandparents, Margaret (Daisy) Sargent and Samuel Herbert Fisher, in 1895. The latter and the bishop both were graduated from Yale in 1889. The editor was one of the few persons present at all three weddings. Betsy was given in marriage by her brother, Carlos Stoddard Hurd, and was attended by Miss Annabelle Forsch, of New York, maid of honor, and Miss Zada T. Lynch and Miss Dorothy Hooker, bridesmaids. Thomas Collier Babbitt was his brother's best man. Ushers were Samuel Fisher (Terry) Babbitt, also a brother, Newell Garfield, Jr., of Groton, Mass., and Jerome K. Nagel of Denver, Colo. The bride wore a gown of white dotted marquisette and carried gardenias and stephanotis. The maid of honor wore a gown of yellow taffeta and carried a garden flower bouquet. The bridesmaids were dressed in gowns of apple green taffeta and carried similar bouquets. A reception was held in the home of Mrs. Lansing Lewis, 35 Highland Street. An attractive feature at the reception was the informal singing by the bridal party in the garden. It was a small wedding. In addition to those already mentioned the following members of the family were present: Robert, Lucille and Daisy Fisher, John and Nancy Sargent, Elizabeth Collier Sargent, Rhoda Sargent Tilney, Laura Rice Deming, Lawton and Jane Sargent, Howard Sargent, Forbes and Betty Sargent, and Ziegler Sargent. After a short wedding trip Ted and Betsy expect to live in an apartment in the Babbitt house, 401 Humphrey Street, New Haven.

Daniel Lisle Tate, II, son of Alice Sargent Tate of Saint Augustine, Fla., and Colonel Joseph Soranton Tate, I Corps, Koto, Japan, is engaged to be married to Miss Hope Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Maxwell of Rye, N.Y., and Saint Augustine, Fla. Hope is a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and has been associated with the Steffi Nosser School of the Dance, as a teacher and assistant to Miss Nosser. Danny attended Kent School and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1947. He is with Time, Inc., transferred from New York to its Cleveland office last April.

Priscilla Casanova, daughter of Margaret Sargent Williams and Jose Casanova, was born on June 3d at 3:38 A.M. at the New Haven Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs., 15 oz. She is Margie's second child. Margie and the baby made only a brief stay at the hospital, are doing well and are back home at 84 Central Avenue, Hamden, Conn.

Abigail Jane Sargent Lewis, daughter of W. Sargent Lewis, graduated in June at head of her class at the Foote School, a private primary school of New Haven, with cum laude in all subjects. Abby expects to enter Putney School, Putney, Vt., in the fall, where her sister Emily will be a senior.

Howard L. Sargent, son of George Lewis Sargent, flew east from California to attend the reunion of his class, 1918S., at Yale and to visit the plants where many of the products that he sells are made. Howard is a manufacturer's agent, not very different from his grandfather, Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), when he moved from Griffin, Ga., to New York in 1849.

Dorothy Sargent, daughter of C. Forbes Sargent, graduated in June from Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. During this summer she expects to do clerical work for a member of the Yale faculty.

Charles Forbes Sargent, Jr., during the past school year attended Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass., and in June became a senior.

Nancy Grove Turner, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead, and her husband, Arthur N. Turner, with their two children, Nicky, age 4, and Anne, age 3, recently flew from Honolulu to San Francisco, came east by train and reached the Mooreheads in New Canaan, Conn., on June 14th. They will probably be with the Mooreheads this summer.

Midshipman Michael Motte Grove, son of Barbara Sargent Moorehead, has completed his second year at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. He is at present on a cruise in U.S.S. Coral Sea, a large carrier of the Midway class, stopping at Lisbon, Gibraltar and the Riviera.



Sargent & Company's iron foundry operations at New Haven are described in great detail in Flow ("the magazine of modern handling and packaging methods") in the May issue. The title of the article is "All Operators Meet the Trains" ("at Sargent's mechanized foundry"), and it is accompanied by photographs and diagrams. The article concludes with the following: "It is easy to see why production has been increased 50 per cent with the mechanized handling equipment. The work keeps rolling on wheels, and the operators stationed in the various locations are not losing time because of leg-work, which is often the case in operations of this type. From the raw material to the final inspection stage, the work advances progressively through the large room. Each handling device - skip hoists, monorail ladles, mold-bearing trains, fork trucks, sprewing conveyor, and the gravity roller inspection lines - moves the products at the various stages of the cycle in an orderly manner at a production rate averaging about 6,500 molds per eight hour shift."

Edward Rupert Sargent (1858-1940), son of Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907) and father of Lawton G. Sargent, was once arrested on suspicion of being a horse thief. "J.B." put responsibility upon his sons at an early age. Ned was about fourteen, a student at Hopkins Grammar School, when his father entrusted him with riding a horse alone from Worcester (or some other distant point) to New Haven. At Hartford, where he stopped for the night, he was arrested by an officer of the law, who thought the boy's story sounded fishy, so held him till it could be checked. J.B. was furious, but what he said and wrote have not been preserved. At any rate the boy was released and continued his journey.

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 1 - (22) Linda Deming, daughter of Laura Rice Deming  
 2 - (84th) Edith Woolsey, aunt of Agnes W.B. Sargent  
 5 - Josephine Toy Collins Tilney, wife of Bradford Sargent Tilney  
 8 - (25th) Cornelius Kimball Ham, stepson of Hilda Sargent Ham  
 11 - Richard Maxwell Sargent, son of William Parker Sargent  
       (3d) Joan Sargent, daughter of Richard Collier Sargent, Jr.  
 12 - (23d) Barbara Adams Holland, daughter of Leicester Bodine Holland  
 14 - Seaton Grantland Bailey, son of Mary Emma (Tiny) Hammond Bailey  
       (1st) David Jackson Bailey, son of Seaton Grantland Bailey  
 16 - Catherine Rice Pulford, daughter of May Sargent Rice  
 18 - (1st) Margaret Bannard McCawley, daughter of Sally Fisher McCawley  
 20 - Lucy Holland Putnam, daughter of Mary (Minnie) Rupert Holland  
       Agnes Woolsey Bacon Sargent, wife of Ziegler Sargent  
       (4th) Sandra Sargent, daughter of Frederick Kingsbury Sargent  
 23 - (5th) Sally McCawley, daughter of Sally Fisher McCawley  
 27 - Virginia Rice, daughter of May Sargent Rice

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- July 3 - (15th) Bruce, 2d, and Gloria Cross Fenn  
 9 - (17th) Ziegler and Agnes Woolsey Bacon Sargent  
 29 - (11th) Leicester S. and Sara Peet Lewis

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), according to a minute prepared by Henry Bradford Sargent, his eldest son, "in every community of his maturer life except in his beginnings in New York City, made himself a part of the community and did service for it. This was true in New Britain and eminently so in New Haven. In the latter in the late '60's he was for three years selectman, and on a Sunday walk with his eldest son he stated his idea of the town poor (which he said he had learned from Massachusetts) that decent poor should not be housed with vicious poor, and that he was intending to spend his Sunday mornings at the town poorhouse of New Haven to get acquainted with all of the inmates and their several histories in considerable detail, so that out of it he might recommend changes along the lines of his thought as above expressed. Near the end of his three year term of office the same son asked him one day, in another walk, how he was getting on with his analysis of his theory of housing the poor in the poorhouse, and what about the separation of the decent from the vicious poor there. He replied, that his investigation, taken with considerable care and individually without advising anybody what he was after, proved to him that the said poorhouse then contained no decent poor - they were all either vicious or defective or had vicious or defective antecedents."



Our ancestor, Grace Cook Denny (1655-1741), wife of Thomas Denny (d. 1717) of Coombs, Suffolk County, England (see genealogical chart in Sargentrivia of April 26, 1948) was a prolific letter writer. Three of her children emigrated to Massachusetts: Daniel, our forebear, in 1715 and Samuel and Deborah in 1717. A number of her letters to Daniel have been published in the Denny Genealogy (1886). A few years ago ye editor acquired the following letter to both Deborah and her husband, Reverend Thomas Prince of Old South Church Boston. Grace Denny had been a widow since 1717, was then 84 years old and lived with a married daughter, Mrs. Sarah Pierson. The letter was sent from Old Newton, Suffolk, July 24, 1739, and was received in Boston on September 23d (according to a notation on it). Many words in the letter have been crossed out, others inserted. There is almost no punctuation. The spelling is old style - perhaps some misspelling - all of which, together with the cracking of the paper where folded, makes deciphering difficult in spots. George II in 1739 was on the British throne, but the Stuart pretenders were active. The Reverend George Whitefield, mentioned in the letter, was a famous English clergyman, one of the founders of Methodism and a popular preacher, who made several trips to America. "Revnd and Deare Sr and Dear Daughter I gave you the trouble of a whole paquet of letters wch were sent away for London the 6 of may and I hope are come safe to yr hand and having sent soe many then I did not intend to give you the trouble of any more untill Sept but having an opportunity put into my hand by your kind brother Captain Moses Prince who very kindly sent a letter to son Denny to lett him know where to direct to him at London soe that we might send letters by him to new England he also brought me the good news that you and also my sonns were in helth then when he came away from boston the last of march for wch I desire to be thankful to God and am very much obleigd to the capt for the account &c though I have butt little to acquaint you with yett would not miss the oportunity least it should be the last that door I may have for though through meroy I still enjoy a comfortable measure of helth yett ought to suppose every day may be my last and then also doe not know how soon we may be all in blood and confusion the decree seem to be gone forth and may be ready to bring forth may we be found seeking meekness and Righteousness and then there is a may bee we may be hid in the day of the Lord's anger may it please the most high to power out his spirit of Grace and supplication upon the people it would be a good omen but alas I feare we are too secure and the best and wisest of men thought very lately we were in noe danger of popery and slavery: (I suppose now they see with other eyes) but that we were in danger of Atheism and Decism Arianism &c and of prevailing iniquity in all respects: we are indeed in great and eminent danger as to these and now I believe they are convinced we are in great danger in Respect of popery and slavery in my opinion there seem a smile of providence in discovering the design of the combined nations viz to sett the pretender upon the british throne but how farr it may please the Good and gracious God to suffer them to prevaile is unknown to us we have not indeed prizd nor improved our liberty as we should have done which God may justly visitt for and make us know the worth of mercoys by the want of them may it be given us to believe and suffer if cold thereunto oh I desire yr prayers that I and mine &c may be kept from denying his name and be enabled to hold fast his truth what ever come I know I am the weakest of all creatures if left to my selfe but god is able to make me stand I have bin thinking it may be bishop ushers profisy may be fulfilld in our day the Lord grant that I and all mine may be in the minor Courte and then come life come death all will be well but I must conclude as to me and relatives heer we are much as we were when I writt last only poor sister wolham I understand is more feeble and somewhat childish the wars and what respects that &c and tho Revnd Mr. Whitefield and what respects him are the chiefe subjects of conversation Sr I suppose you heard of the Revnd Mr. Whitefield AB of Pembroke College oxford he having been frequently mentioned in our news papers soe that I need not trouble you with particulars onely a word or 2 aboute experience wch was delivered in conversation with a friend which one leaving writt down and it was putt into the news his conversation from his youth was in the straitest way of the church of England in wch he soe dread that he was counted almost a saint when he went to the colledg he seem promising to make a fine scolar he followed his studys and did not read the words of the best churchmen but at length he did read a book cald the Life of God in man which book he say is worth its weight in gold. Reading this he found he needed conviction upon which he left his former studdy and betook himself to study the scripturs and found all this time he was ignorant of Christian Relidgion he was then despaird of for a scolar being thought to be out of he senoes he was in great temptations for 2 years wch he say have fitted him for the ministry to preach from experience but not to say any more of that a ... his ... now he seems very zealous and according to knowledg multitudes flock to heare him and there seem to be great suckess given to his ministry to undeceive the erronious and Reclaim the vicious he is very much oppos:d and slanderd but we share his corage hold and are ready to hope he is raised up for some great work he appear a churchman and Read Prayers but also pray extempy if he did not appear a churchman the people would be afraid of him but now he is much followed by multitudes Mr Kuylog heard him upon a green near London where they thought there were 30000 people and yett the most profound silence Mr. Todd of Colobester heard him near London 3 times one of which was thought was his last in England being to goe a shipboard next morning for gorgia though it proved otherways (the ships crue being imprest) and he made a speech to the people soe moveing that Mr. Todd I heard did say that observing the multitude he thought there was a thousand weeping eyes but it may be this may be old news to you soe noe more concerning Mr Whitefield and I know not whether you can read what I have writt I am waiting to Rec letters from you and tho rest but may be the warr may make the sea soe unsafe that there will be little opportunity for you or me to send to each other I am glad to hear of you and desire to be thankfull for mercoys afforded to you and yours in all respects



particularly for Restored helth to you my daughter though perhaps you are weakly still yett that you are still preserved to be a wife and a mother to yr family I pray God your restored helth and strength may be laid out more and more for the glory of God and Comfitt of yr family in all respects thus desiring to committ you both and all yours to the God of all - Grace who is able to work in you and doe for farr above what I or you oan ask or think with deare love to you all I subscribe and am Yr loving mother Grace Denny Old Newton July 24, 1739"

Mindwell Jones Sargent (1792-1851) is pictured below. Her signature is from a note dated August 26, 1850. She was a daughter of Phineas Jones of Spencer, Mass., and was married April 16, 1818 to Joseph Denny Sargent (1787-1849) of Leicester, Mass. About a year after her husband's death she journeyed from Leicester to Louisville, Ky., to stay with her younger daughter Lucy, the wife of Elon W. Rupert. In *Sargenttrivia* of January 15, 1945, was quoted her letter of August 9, 1850, from Louisville describing the trip, written to both her elder daughter, Sophia Sargent Boggs, and her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Collier Lewis, wife of Joseph Bradford Sargent. This great grandmother of ye editor's generation died in Louisville February 6, 1851.



*Mindwell Sargent*