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Heath Denton Bumgardner, Jr., son of Mary Sargent Bumgardner, was born on October 16th at 4:44 A.M. in the Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia. The baby at birth weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 20-1/2 inches in length. He is a grandson of F. Homer Sargent of Orlando, Fla. Mary wrote: "He's really a cutie pie. Has lots of black hair like his Dad. Heath survived beautifully and is handing out large numbers of cigars." The Bumgardners live at 6316 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mary Stuart Fitzhugh, daughter of Mary Cumming and Alexander Stuart Fitzhugh, III, was born on September 5th in Little Rock, Ark. The baby is a granddaughter of Laura Bailey Cumming, and a great granddaughter of Mary Emma (Tiny) Hammond Bailey. The Fitzhughs have been living at 1224 Barber Street, Little Rock, Ark., while he is taking the course in medicine at the University of Arkansas.

David C. Sargent, son of John Sargent, and Jeanie, his wife, with their year old son, John Hotchkiss Sargent, have moved recently into a house which they have purchased at 31 Walbridge Street, West Hartford, Conn. Ye editor on September 30th found them not fully settled and met the baby for the first time. Dave is an executive in the Group Department of The Travelers Insurance Company.

J. Weir Sargent, Jr., and Patty, his wife, have purchased a small house on Spring Rock Road, Pine Orchard, Conn. It is on the same road as their former apartment, so their mail address is unchanged. Weir is now in the Production Department of Sargent & Company, New Haven, having to do with the production control of the new Integra Looks. Patty is continuing her teaching at the nursery school in Pine Orchard.

Rhoda Sargent Tilney, daughter of Henry Bradford Sargent, has taken a two-months job as receptionist in the "House of Years" in the store of W. & J. Sloane, Fifth Avenue, New York.

Samuel F. (Terry) Babbitt, son of Peggy Fisher Babbitt, who enlisted in the Army in September, has been assigned to the infantry. His address is Pvt. Samuel F. Babbitt, RA1165922, Company E, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N.J.

Nancy Grove Turner, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead, and Arthur, her husband, have purchased a house in Belmont, Mass., near that of the Caleb Loring, Jr.s. They expect to live there with their two children while Arthur is attending the Harvard Business School.

Word has come that Roxana Holland (Tate) Donnell on August 11th in San Antonio, Texas, gave birth to a son who weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. Roxana has two children, Dodie and Rick, by her first husband, Captain Frederic Homer Sargent Tate, who lost his life in the war. She married William Conly Donnell on October 1, 1947.

Ye editor was a speaker at a recent convention of Sargent & Company salesmen. He stated that he was often asked when the business started, and that the answer was not as simple as one might suppose. The date when the Sargents began manufacturing was 1810, when Henry Sargent (1783-1829), great great uncle of ye editor's generation, began the manufacture of hand cards in Leicester, Mass., in partnership with Isaac Southgate under the name of Southgate & Sargent. A few days after the sales convention one of the men who had heard his talk came to ye editor and asked to know more about the Sargent horse cars. On another occasion ye editor was compelled to deny that the company ever manufactured clothing. The rumor arose because the card manufacturing business had been incorporated as The Sargent Card Clothing Company.

Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), grandfather of ye editor's generation, as a free-trader supported the Democratic ticket headed by Grover Cleveland in 1884. He wrote the following letter from New Haven November 5, 1884, to his wife, who had been staying at a private hospital in New York: "Dear Florence: Who is elected President? We here do not know yet. Charles L. Mitchell goes to Congress again by an increased majority. H.B. Harrison did not get so many votes as Waller by over 1100, but there was a Butler candidate and a Prohibition candidate and they together probably got over 1100 - Some few votes more than the difference between Waller and Harrison, so that although Waller has a plurality he has not a majority of all the votes cast. In this state unless a man is elected Governor by a majority of all the votes cast the election is left to the legislature. As the legislature will be republican there is no doubt but that Harrison will be the next Governor although Waller got over 1100 more votes from the people than Harrison got. There is much excitement here. I went to bed last evening at 10-30 having been out not over half an hour during the evening. The returns were rather dismal for the Republicans and the election of Cleveland was conceded about midnight. The Democrats got quite jubilant and with red fire burning marched up Church St., Elm St., etc., with

uproarious shouting about from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock. As they marched past our house which was dark I heard them call out 'Wake up Sargent' and they stopped, but I would not wake. This afternoon it looks as though New York had gone for Blaine and both sides claim New York and victory. I am in no hurry to learn. Mr. Austin, of Austin & Gilbert, was buried this afternoon. The papers say that the Democratic crowd called on Mr. S.E. Baldwin during their march and he made them a speech in which he congratulated them on having buried the biggest liar in the country. I am afraid he is not buried yet. Sophia, my sister, is with us and very well. She seems to have much enjoyed her long stay in the White Mountain region, and has improved in weight I think. I have not seen any of your sisters or family since Sunday. I do not know about your bonnet. Will have to see about it, and your cloak. Family all as usual. Got in a winters stock of furnace coal yesterday and today - about 50 tons I guess. I am not thinking much of going to New York before Saturday. I am very busy about the new building that is nearly finished and the new one that is just begun. I rather expected a letter from you telling me how you are getting along. I do not suppose you will be ready to leave your present boarding place this week nor early in next week - How is that? Do you still prefer to stay at the Windsor? Do you think you will be safe in your health to stay there all day unattended by next week? Yours Affectionately, J.B. Sargent"

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- November 1 - Lucy Garfield Sargent, wife of Murray Sargent, Jr.
Sally Fisher McCawley, daughter of Robert L. Fisher and of Atlee Downs Fisher
- 3 - F. Homer Sargent, son of Col. Frederic Homer Sargent
Joseph Weir Sargent, Jr.
- 4 - Dorothy Sargent Wiser, daughter of George Lewis Sargent
(21st) David Robert Cumming, Jr., son of Laura Bailey Cumming
- 5 - (88th) Helen Lawton Sargent, widow of Edward Rupert Sargent
(10th) Francine Fenn, daughter of Russell Sargent Fenn, Jr.
- 12 - Elizabeth Yandell Clark, wife of John A. Clark
Murray Sargent, Jr.
- 13 - (25th) Margaret Sargent Fisher, daughter of Robert L. Fisher
and of Atlee Downs Fisher
- 14 - (5th) Caleb (Judge) Loring, III
- 15 - Rebecca Jackson Sargent, wife of James Cunningham Sargent
- 17 - (3d) Joan Fenn, daughter of Converse Gray Fenn
- 19 - John Sargent, son of Joseph Bradford Sargent
- 22 - George Palmer Putnam, husband of Lucy Holland Putnam
Laura Rice Deming, daughter of May Sargent Rice
Sylvia Tilney Skerrett, daughter of Rhoda Sargent Tilney
- 23 - (21st) Horace Pettit, Jr., son of Millicent Lewis Pettit
- 25 - Jane Hyde Fenn, wife of Converse Gray Fenn
- 27 - (25th) Theodore Fisher Babbitt, son of Margaret (Peggy) Fisher Babbitt
(20th) William Acker Rice Deming, son of Laura Rice Deming

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

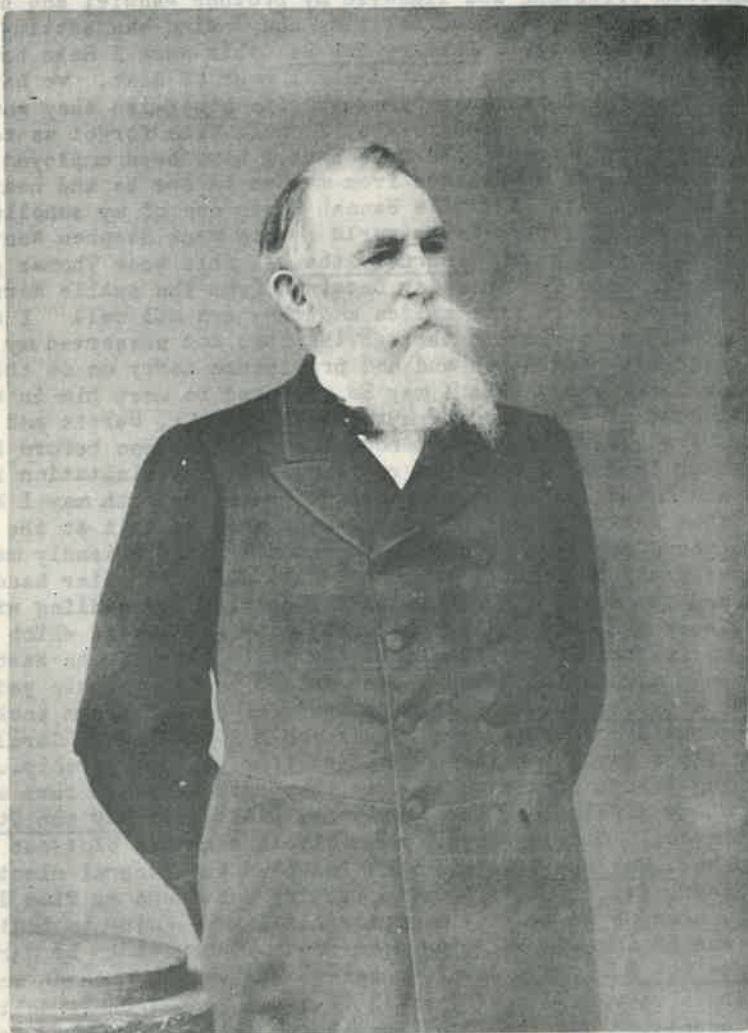
- November 19 - (27th) Laura Bailey and David Robert Cumming
22 - (24th) Millicent Lewis and Horace Pettit

Hannah Sargent (Feb. 11, 1754-1847), daughter of our ancestors, Hannah Whittemore (1724-1757) and Joseph Sargent (1716-1802), kept a diary. The fragment that has come down to us dates from December 30, 1789, to July 1792. The following is the first instalment - through 1790. The diarist lived in Leicester, Mass., with her father, stepmother, two younger half sisters (Patty and Rachel) and her youngest half brother Stephen (aged 17 in December 1789). Two older brothers had married. Daniel, the oldest, lived in Princeton, Mass., and Joseph (1757-1787), our ancestor, had died leaving in Leicester his widow, the former Mary Denny (1758-1813), and three small children, the youngest being Joseph Denny Sargent (1787-1849). Leicester was "purchased" in 1686 from the Indians for £15. It was largely settled by people from Malden, Mass., but settlement did not begin until 1714. Joseph Sargent (1716-1802) and his cousin Nathan Sargent (1718-1799), whose first wife was Joseph's sister Mary, came to Leicester from Malden about the same time, Nathan in 1741. (The Homer Sargents are descended from Nathan and his second wife, Mary Denny, an aunt of Mary Denny above.) Nathan for £200 purchased 100 acres on what was known as Chestnut Hill on the eastern edge of the town. Joseph purchased 40 acres adjoining. Coming from Worcester Nathan's was the first house, situated on the north side of the Old Colony Road. The census of 1790 showed 1076 persons in Leicester. The diarist's failure to attend church in stormy weather may be partly accounted for by the distance - two miles - and partly because all travel, excepting when possible to use sleighs, was either on foot or on horseback, a lady usually on a pillion behind a male rider. To promote the success of manufactures,

especially of linen, a tax had been laid upon carriages from 1753 to 1757. In 1753 there were four "chairs" to be so taxed, but by the end of the year they had all disappeared, and there were none in the town until about 1810 when the first buggy appeared. The first mention in the diary of Nathan Sargent probably had reference to her cousin, the son of her Uncle Nathan. Uncle Nathan was the master builder of the church. He has been mentioned several times in Sargentrivia. Many of the names in the diary may be found in Washburn's "History of Leicester", but ye editor knows not who Paul Dilrimple was nor what was the offence for which apparently he was spanked by the ladies. " ... With my knitting, wednesday made a pair of trowsers for Stephen and likewise received a visit from Kitte Upham after her return from Brimfield. Thursday washed our close but it was thawe and wet. So the year is come to an end. I hope the next year to render a better account of my time. This is new years day blessed be god for carrying me throu Another year and pray that I may keep this year as one who knows when her years are come to an end must appear before god to render an account of her years and days Spent here in this world whether good or bad. Saturday Spent in mending of clothes this day heard of the Sudden death of Mr Harry Baldwin of *** January the 9th 1790 this week Nathan Sargent and his wife came from Paxton to see us and likewise several others of our neighbours. I likewise went up in town and rode home in a sly upon the frozen ground as to my work it has been knitting and sowing. January the 18 This week Pattie came from Prinston and likewise my Brother Danniell and he has a nother son whome they call Joseph As for my work it has been knitting and sowing and setting of cards. This week Jane Henry has been here to weave a web. January the 21 this week I have heard of the death of Mr Lovel we are all mortal god only knows whose death I shall hear of next. we have had in a considerable deal of company this Week which has kept up my spirits otherwise they would have sunk by reason of Some things that bears heard on my mind O that I could once forget as to my work it has Ben spinning and knitting February the first the week Past I have been employed in Spinning and Setting of cards I likewise had Some of my Friends from Malden to see us and heard that the rest of them was well this week heard of the Death of little Hannah Chote one of my schollars. A Sweet child she was but Death has taken her from this trobelsome world this week Stephen Went to Boston and I went to Mr Watsons and a great rarity it was. February the 6 this week Thomas Groos came to see us a boy that we brought up. February the 7 this day Detained from the public Worship by reason of it being So Slippery the 12 this day Heard from Malden and they are all well I am now entered upon another year. Blessed be god that has carried me through the last and preserved my health may his Blessing be upon me this year and his protection and a province carry me on this year and all the day I have to live here in this Lower world that I may Be prepared to meet him in the next. February the 16 this week John Hancock came to see us. the 29th this week Mr. Burdit and Mr. Nickhols came from Malden and then other Mr. *** ... Settled but I hope that I shall Bee before it be long... this week We have had a Visit from Ben Tucker O how disagreeable..when the visitation is over I shall be glad but it is Late at night and I must go to be..tomorrow is the Sabbath may I keep the Day holy to thee Lord...March the 28..this week A parcel of young ladies made a visit at the house of doctor flint and in the evening Some young gentlemen.. and in the evening in a friendly manner Sent for Paul Dilrimple and whipt him most severely which they say the ladies did with thier hands..it is like to cost them their credit and money two which I think is just upon them for meddling with that which was none of their business...this week one, Mr. Collins my uncle made us a visit which I was glad to Receive and to hear that all my friends are well...April the fifth this is the Sabbath of the Lord.. may I set this day apart for holy worship although I Cant attend public worship yet may I stick close to private duties...April the eighteenth..this day the house of Samuel Upham took fire and was consumed to ashes but their lives and affects were saved..this month I have spent Carelessly and vain and not as I ought...May the third..this day I have been detained from public worship..this day my mind is much disturbed about the plesing things of the world..may they have a better turn and be more composed.. return again O Lord and look on my afflictions and relieve my Distress. May the 7th..this day is set apart for Colom fasting and prayer. O Lord forgive my manifold sins And blot out my eniquities. From the Bool of thy remembrance...May the 13..this week has been The general election and we Had A Very Pretty Sit down..this is the Sabath day. I have Been to meeting but Spent my Time dully. I pray the Lord to forgive my sins and quicken me to my Duty tomorrow. I am a going to begin my School at Spencer.. O may I do my Duty and be a means of doing Some good..it begins to be dark So I must bid adue to my pen. Spencer, June the 1...This day I am safely arrived at Spencer and began my School to the amount of Fifty Scollers a very hard task I shall have but hope I shall do the thing that is right amongst this difficult people. June the 20..I hant heard one word from my friends but I hope and expect to both hear and see some of them the next Week..my heart is there tho I am here. October the first..I have done with my school at Spencer and I have had a very hard task but it is over And I have safely returned to my friends and hope to take some other method of getting aliving for keeping of School is not agreeable to me. October the 5th..this is the Sabath I am detained from public worship by reason of the rain... November the 23..this month there has been a Distemper raging amongst us wich is called a cold which is catching and proves to be very mortal.. this day detained from public worship by reason of the rane..this month I have spent in giving and receiving visits but now I hope to render a better account of my time if I may be allowed to spend the time. Monday..had Mrs Brown to see us She that was Eliza Green and likewise miss mercy Sargt... Teausdy..put in a web and went to Mr Henrys in the evening.. Wednesday wove and prepared for thanksgiving...this day is thanksgiving and very rany so that we are very much put out.. this day Sarah Washburn was married.. Friday Uncle Nathan and Aunt made us a visit..Saturday wove and went to my uncles at night....Sabath rany detained from meeting by reason thereof but may I in Some measure keep it as I ought holy and exceptable to the Lord read and mind his word. Monday..went to my uncles and carded some cotton..

tuesday made up a gown for Rachel. wednesday loas upham came to see us and her mother. thursday went to mr waits. Spent a very agreeable evening a number of us. friday put in a web and Saturday spun botton..the Sabath dull weather but I went to the meeting thus I have made a verry poor account of my weeks work. December the 12..this week my sister patty went to prinston and I have been a spinning and knitting mittings for my work... we have had a great deal of company..this week mr Stores and Son made us a visit miss mercy Sargeant and anna and betts conklen in one evening..So this week is come to an end. December the 20..this Day staid from the meeting by reason of the going being so bad..the week past I have spent in knitting mittens for my employ...I hope the week to come will be better spent..time flies away unperceived."

The picture below of Joseph Bradford Sargeant (1822-1907) is from a photograph taken at about age 65.



J B Sargeant