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Laura Lewis Cumming, daughter of Laura Bailey and David Robert Cumming, is to be married to John Henry Northey, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., on Monday, November 22d, at seven o'clock in Saint George's Episcopal Church, Griffin, Ga. Laura is a granddaughter of Mary Emma (Tiny) Hammond Bailey and a great niece of Lollie Hammond. She is a graduate of Griffin High School and Agnes Scott College. John's father is not living. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Bradshaw, is the daughter of Mrs. L. D. Bradshaw of Atlanta and the late Mr. Bradshaw. He attended the Citadel, Charleston, S.C., and graduated from the School of Commerce of the University of North Carolina. He served three years in the army and was a member of the 80th Infantry Division. Laura wrote to ye editor on October 21st: ".... Actually though the formal facts look dull and trite in print when each couple no doubt thinks his romance so different! Mine has been very exciting and happened so quickly after my return from South America. Last February I went to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to visit a school friend, Charity Crocker, then from there flew down to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to visit my cousins, the Apeseches. They all spoiled me and gave me a wonderful inside picture of those naturally beautiful spots. After several months I returned on the ship to New York and by chance was introduced to my Waterloo! John Northey, by name, and his attractive mother were on their return from a South American cruise. John is a fellow Southern from Charlotte, North Carolina, with a grandmother in Atlanta, so it was not surprising I guess that our paths crossed again upon returning when I was staying in Atlanta and Highlands, N.C., with Aunt Lollie. ...." The engagement was announced in the Griffin Daily News of October 23d.

Catherine Virginia Deming, daughter of Laura Rice Deming, is to be married to Vincent Roy Mikeshook Saturday, November 27th, at eleven o'clock in Saint Joseph's Church, New Haven. Kitty's engagement was reported in Sargentrivia of August 13th. She will be the third member of her family to be married in 1948.

Barbara Adams Holland, daughter of Leicester B. Holland, graduated last June from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is now taking a post-graduate course in library work at Simmons College in Boston.

Lawrence Rozier Holland, son of Leicester B. Holland has entered Harvard as a freshman. While visiting the Putnams in Prout's Neck ye editors learned of Lawrence's skill as an amateur builder of radios.

Leicester B. Holland, son of Minnie Rupert Holland, is lecturing on architecture at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

In our issue of September 28th was reported the expected move to California of Molly Sargent McCance, daughter of George Lewis Sargent, and her husband, William H. McCance. Their new address is 2128 Locust Avenue, Long Beach, Calif.

Nancy Grove Turner, daughter of Barbara Sargent Moorehead, wrote on November 2d that they were about to move to their new home at 22 Radcliffe Road, Belmont, Mass., "just down the hill" from Caleb, Jr. and Romey Loring. Nancy's eldest, Nicky, is to attend the Belmont Day School, where Judge, the Loring's eldest, is a pupil.

Stevia Warren Sargent, daughter of J. Weir Sargent, wrote to ye editor from Haverford, Pa. on November 1st: " .... Aunt Atlee Fisher has just moved into a new house, and has sold her other one. It is very cute and small, and is in Bryn Mawr. Anne Howard (my niece) is going to school now. She is in the kindergarten, and loves it. She has a dog which goes everywhere with her and which is liked by both Wing and Phe. Wing came back from Paris where he was painting, about three weeks ago, and is waiting to hear about his show in New York as to when it will be. This summer Mom, Dad and I went on a trip to Nova Scotia. We drove up to Boston where we took the boat for Yarmouth. We slept on the boat, and I got off it seven dollars to the good, what with slot machines and horse-racing, whereas I started out with only one dollar. The first sight of Canada was quite a gray one; there was a very thick fog and the horn had been blowing since early evening. We motored about 180 miles to Chester, where we stayed for two and a half weeks. The inn was on a high hill overlooking a bay. The town of Chester consisted of five stores, no paved roads, and one movie house. We met a lot of interesting people up there who came from all over the world and many of whom came from the States. There were many picnics and trips organized by the inn for both children and grown-ups. One day we went deep-sea fishing and caught 250 lbs. of fish, not counting the ones we ate for lunch. Most of them were cod, haddock and pollack. Mom managed to pull in the biggest cod while Dad and I raced for the largest number. As all good things must come to an end, so we had to leave Chester, but we looked forward to the whole week of motoring, stopping whenever we wanted to go fishing, and to visit friends. One day, as we stopped the car to eat our picnic lunch, Mom pulled over just a little bit too far, and both our right tires got caught in a ditch. One couldn't see the ditch as it was hidden by grass and shrubs. Some very nice people stopped and pushed us out, while Dad stood idly by muttering to himself (with



his bad back he can't do any pushing, pulling or carrying...very convenient!) We spent two days in St. John, New Brunswick, and visited the Provincial Museum. There was a very good collection of paintings of General Wolfe, besides other equally interesting things. The scenery was perfectly beautiful, especially the Reversing Falls at St. John. Every time the tide changed the falls would go in the opposite direction from what they had just gone. St. John is on the Bay of Fundy, and the tides there are the highest in that part of the country. We stopped at Pine Orchard for two days with Aunt Atlee Fisher, and then came home after a most interesting and successful summer."

Merrell Vories and Maki Hitotsuyanagi, his wife, of Omi Hachiman, Japan, were visitors at the publication office during the last six days of October. They are friends of long standing whose last visit was ten years ago. Nine years ago he became a Japanese citizen. This year's trip was primarily to have cataracts removed from both of his eyes. One was removed in the summer and the other is to be done soon. Maki had attended Bryn Mawr, and for several years afterwards lived in New Haven with Miss Alice Bacon, aunt of ye assistant editor. Merrell went to Japan forty-four years ago and established the Omi Brotherhood, a Christian mission. He had had some training as an architect. To help support the mission he established an architectural firm, which designed the buildings for the Omi Brotherhood and many others in Japan, almost all of them equipped with Sargent hardware. (Only a very few of the many buildings equipped with Sargent hardware were destroyed by bombing in the war.) The connection with Sargent & Company began in 1910. Omi Brotherhood some years ago acquired the rights in Japan for mentholatum, and established a model factory. The business has been a reliable source of income. The war period was a tough one, but the Omi Brotherhood survived and is trying to meet increased demands. Merrell was loud in his praise of the work performed by General MacArthur's administration and hopes it will be continued for some years.

Rebecca Jackson Sargent, wife of James C. Sargent, and their 15 months old son Stephen, on the way to New Boston, Mass., were recent over night guests at the publication office. Jim came for a meal. Murray Sargent, son of Henry B. Sargent, and Mary, his wife, were guests over the Yale-Princeton football week-end. After an exciting game (won by Princeton, 20-14), several members of the family and other friends came in for tea and cocktails. The family included Tom and Lib Sargent, William F. (Bill) Sargent, Weir, Jr. and Patty Sargent, Lawton and Jane Sargent, Elizabeth C. Sargent, Laura and Kenneth Deming, Sargent & Carol Lewis, Jim and Norma Wiser, Teddy and Betsy Babbitt and Bradford and Josephine Tilney.

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- December 1 - Frances MacDonald Fenn, widow of Russell Sargent Fenn  
Carol Bodmer Lewis, wife of Wilfred Sargent Lewis  
David Collier Sargent, son of John Sargent
- 3 - James William Hinkley, 3d, husband of Louise Sargent Hinkley  
(20th) Elizabeth Day Sargent, Jr., daughter of Charles Forbes Sargent  
(5th) Dorothy Sargent Tate, daughter of Captain Frederic Homer Sargent Tate
- 4 - Betsy Hurd Babbitt, wife of Theodore Fisher Babbitt
- 9 - Wilfred Sargent Lewis, son of Emily Sargent Lewis
- 10 - Ziegler Sargent, son of Henry Bradford Sargent
- 12 - (21st) Florence Louise Sargent, daughter of Howard Lewis Sargent
- 14 - (24th) Patricia Conrad Sargent, wife of Joseph Weir Sargent, Jr.  
(19th) Norman Pettit, son of Millicent Lewis Pettit
- 15 - (10th) Diana Fenn, daughter of Converse Gray Fenn
- 19 - (13th) Diana Yandell Dillon, stepdaughter of John Appleton Clark
- 23 - Phebe Sargent Howard, daughter of Joseph Weir Sargent
- 26 - Jean Sargent Buck, daughter of John Sargent  
Elizabeth Deming Goeller, daughter of Laura Rice Deming
- 28 - Edith Brune Sargent, wife of Richard Maxwell Sargent
- 29 - Joseph Weir Sargent, son of Joseph Denny Sargent
- 30 - Thomas Denny Sargent, son of Joseph Denny Sargent  
William Fisher Sargent, son of Joseph Denny Sargent

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- December 2 - (9th) John A. and Elizabeth Yandell Clark
- 3 - (27th) Earle W. and Eleanor Greene Sargent
- 16 - (26th) Sara Cunningham and Cornelius Van Hemert Engert
- 24 - (22d) Howard L. and Florence Hiermann Sargent
- 31 - (6th) Nancy Grove and Arthur Nicholson Turner



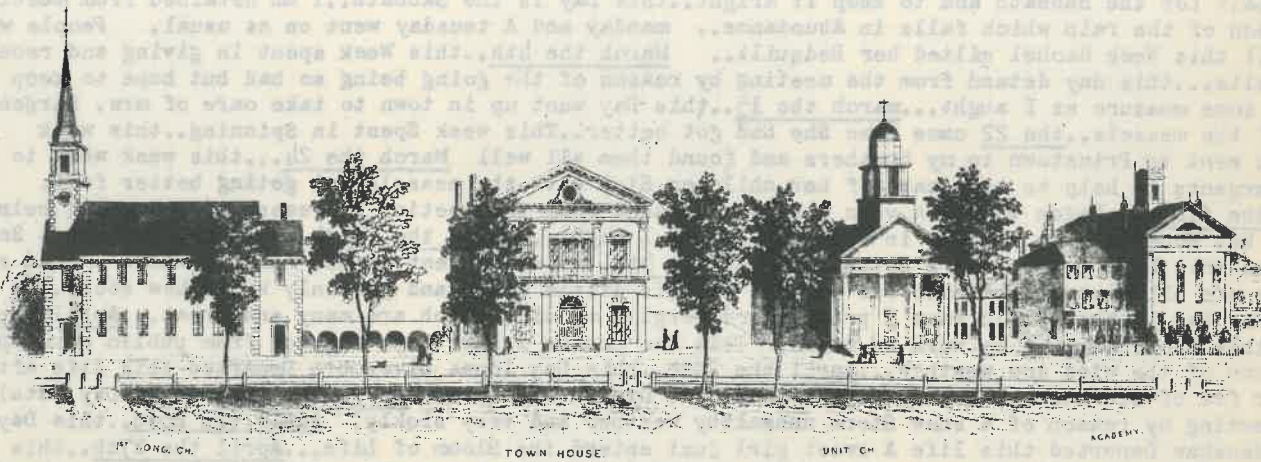
Joseph Bradford Sargent (1822-1907), president of Sargent & Company, wrote the following letter from New Haven to the manager of a foundry in Waterbury, Conn., February 18, 1903: "Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of 16th, we do not know whether one of your apprentices named Robert Moranda is at work in our foundry as a Molder, and regret that we prefer not to return him to you if he is employed in our foundry. We cannot consent to be a party to any agreement not to employ any workingman who applies to us for employment, but we never seek a workingman in the employ of any other concern. We believe in the entire freedom of the wage earner to go where he wills and in the entire freedom of the employer to take or not take as he wills. Yours truly, Sargent & Co."

Here is the second instalment of the diary of Hannah Sargent (1754-1847) continuing the portion which appeared in Sargentrivia of October 26, 1948, and covering the nine months from January through September 1791. As mentioned in connection with the earlier instalment, the diarist lived in Leicester, Mass., with her father, Joseph Sargent (1716-1802), her stepmother, two younger half sisters (Patty and Rachel) and her half brother Stephen. For a town of some one thousand persons the diary records what appears to be a high mortality. The Mrs. Sargent who was "sick of the measles" was undoubtedly the diarist's sister-in-law, Mary Denny Sargent (1758-1813), widow of Joseph Sargent (1757-1787) and mother of three small children, the youngest of whom was Joseph Denny Sargent (1787-1849). Their house was on Leicester Common next (west) of that of Dr. Austin Flint. The brother at Princetown (Mass.) was Daniel, the diarist's eldest brother. The Rachel Sargent of Malden was a cousin who in 1792 married Stephen Sprague. Spencer was a town just west of Leicester. "January the 1 1791 this is the first Sabbath in this year. I went to meeting and heard a new years Sermon preached from these words, therefore thus saith the Lord Behold I will cast thee from off the face of the earth this year shalt thou die. January the 23..this day went to meeting and heard A discourse from these words and they said unto him we neither received letters out of Judea concerning thee neither any of thy Brethering that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest for as concerning this sect we know that every where it is spoken against. the Last Sabbath in the month I went to Church and heard a Discourse from these words and the Lord god formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And man became a living Soul. February the 28...this day heard A discourse from these Words I will lay me down and sleep in peace for thou Lord only dost make me dwell in safety. Monday followed my old occupation knitting mittins.. teusday finished knitting mits..this is one of the beautifulllest days for the time of the year that I ever Saw. Wednesdy washed and ironed thursday went to mr. Henrys to weave and A friday which is cristmas I spent in knitting..this day is beautiful and pleasant..recevd a visit from mrs Walton.. Saturday spent in my old employ. So time rolls on the week is come to an end...the lord give me grace to prepair for the Sabbath and to keep it aright..this Day is the Sabbath..I am detained from meeting by reason of the rain which falls in Abundance.. monday and A teusday went on as usual. People were all well this Week Rachel gilted her Bedquilt.. March the 4th..this Week spent in giving and receiving visits...this day detand from the meeting by reason of the going being so bad but hope to keep the day in some measure as I aught...march the 15..this Day went up in town to take care of mrs. Sargent Sick of the measles..the 22 came home She had got better..This week Spent in Spinning..this week Stephen went to Prinstown to my brothers and found them all well March the 24...this week went to mrs. Sargents to help to take care of her children Sick with the measles but geting better fast. April the first...Began to leach yarn the 4th..detaned from the meeting by reason of the going being So bad but Hope to keep the day in some measure as I aught...march the fifth..This day Sophrones Snow Departed this Life I hope for a Better...march the 6th..this day went to his funeral where I cold see what we are all hastn to..I must die as well as this little child and god only knows how soon..the 8th..this Day is the public fast I pray O lord forgive my sins which are many and great...April the 19th..this week Carry on my work as usual. This two months I have been detaned from public worship By reason of the wind and weather...April the 20th..this Day Jonas Livermore Departed this life after a fever fit of Sickness..Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord. April the 25th..this Day Detained from meeting by reason of a snow Storm unhealthy weather and very sickly. April the 26th..this Day Polly Henshaw Departed this life A sweet girl just enterd the Bloom of Life...April the 27th..this Day mr Jackson Died a man of years the old middle aged And the infant are all a Like in thy sight o Lord Thou Art just in all that thou Dost we are the workd of thy own Hands thou hast aright to take us when thou thinkest fit Lord prepare me to follow them....April the 28th..this Day We have A Severe snow storme...May the 2..this Day is the Sabbath But cant go to meeting by reason of our Reverend mr Concklin being unwell this ten weeks I have Staid from meeting...May the eighth this Day David Henshaw Juner Died brother to the Decesed...Polly the same day..Eliza Sylvester Departed this life they fall upon the right hand and upon the left and I have escaped to tell it lord god Stay thy hand and out us not all down like the flowers that fade with the sun. may the ninth this Day went to the meeting and I heard A funeral sermon from these words and he said unto her is it well with thee is it well with thy husband is it well with the child and She said All is well..May the Twentieth day this month I go on with my work as usual. I meet with many Agreeable friends and with many Disappointments But hope All Will turn out for the Best be contented. May the twenty ninth..this Week Departed this life Jacob Upham A youth and A child of mr burmans o may I remember Death which hastens fast...June the 12 this Day mr Sprague and miss Rachel Sargent Came from malden to make us A visit and very Agreeable it was to me..this Day we are in a great clutter by reason of our Chimneys being puld down but now they are up again..the 14th..this day we had A great Collection of cousins and other friends And spent a most agreeable afternoon..this evening I Quitted their company with great reluctance to go to Spencer To



keeping of A School..I pray that I may have knowledge and wisdom to teach them Aright this evening I am Safely Arived at Spencer at major Baldwins where I am to board..teaunday began my School to the amount of forty Scholars...the 22..this week I chanst to meet with the history of permilla which has taken up much of my time very agreeable...the rest of this month in making of hats..July the 10th.this day come home and received a letter from miss rachel Sargeant. Heard of their Safe Arivel home at malden Saturday I must return to Spencer to my old task. August the 17th..this Day Came home from Spenoer And found my friends all Well..this month Departed This life a child of Eben Uphams and likewise one of Abner Dunbars..this week Dadd and mama is gone to prinston to my Brothers..this week quilted Petticoat for mama..this Week my old neighbor came to make me a visit. August the 29...this Day went to meeting at Leicester and heard A funeral sermon from these words Be still and know that I am God. I hope that I may get good thereby and be still and quiet under all my Disappointments Hoping all will be for the best. September the first..this Day Departed this life mrs Cob a yong married woman having one Child. September the third..this day went to mr Weights quilting and had A merry Meeting.. Sunday went to church and heard of Sundry people being sick. September the 8th..this Day Departed this Life one of the Scholars Belonging to the Academy A Virtuous youth and much Lamented. A child of mr Stickneys is likewise Dead. September the 21..this week my Dadda is gone to Malden I hope he may have a good journey and A Safe Return home to his family..this week mrs gates and mrs town made us a visit as to my work it has been as usual A little of everything..mrs. Sargent and Betts Conklin came to pick blackberries with us..September the 21..this week Jabez greens wife Departed this Life She was satisfied with Life and Longd for death. September the 29..this Day is the ordination at worcester.. this week I have met with A Disappointment I done like to hear."

Four buildings facing the common in Leicester, Mass. are shown below, reproduced from an engraving used as a frontispiece in Washburn's history of the town, published in 1860. From left to right the buildings are: First Congregational Church, Town House, Unitarian Church and Leicester Academy. The First Congregational Church was the only church in 1789-1792, the period covered in the diary of Hannah Sargent (1754-1847).



LEICESTER, MASS.

J.H. Donnell, Boston