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ELLEN HAYWARD PULFORD, STEPDAUGHTER OF CATHERINE RICE PULFORD AND DAUGHTER OF ALFRED ELY PULFORD, WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, TO THOMAS WHELAN REESE. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT HER PARENTS' HOME, 60 WOODROW STREET, WEST HARTFORD, CONN., AND WAS PERFORMED BY THE REVEREND DAVID ADAMS, D.D., PASTOR AT MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPEL, SOUTH HADLEY, MASS. THE BRIDE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE BY HER FATHER AND WAS ATTENDED BY MARY DWIGHT PULFORD, HER SISTER. WHITE LACE OVER WHITE SATIN FASHIONED THE BRIDE'S GOWN WITH WHICH SHE WORE A SHOULDER LENGTH VEIL HELD IN PLACE BY TWO WHITE CAMELIAS. WHITE CAMELIAS AND ROSES FORMED HER BOUQUET. JOHN VOLKMAN, A PROFESSOR AT MOUNT HOLYOKE, WAS BEST MAN. ELLEN IS A GRADUATE OF CHAFFEE SCHOOL, WINDSOR, AND OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE, WHERE SHE IS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT. IT WAS THE GROOM'S SECOND MARRIAGE. HE RECEIVED HIS B.A. AND M.A. DEGREES FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND, AND HIS PH.D. FROM COLUMBIA. HE IS A PROFESSOR AT MOUNT HOLYOKE, AND IS THE SON OF THE LATE MR. AND MRS. PHILIP REIGART REESE, JR. ON RETURN FROM THEIR WEDDING TRIP THE COUPLE WILL LIVE AT 71 COLLEGE STREET, SOUTH HADLEY, MASS.

CORNELIUS KIMBALL HAM, STEPSON OF HILDA SARGENT HAM AND SON OF ROSWELL GRAY HAM, WAS MARRIED AT 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, TO MISS RUTH PRATT, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. CURTIS GORDON PRATT AT 538 CHURCHILL ROAD, WEST ENGLEWOOD, N.J. THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED IN CHRIST CHURCH, WEST ENGLEWOOD, IN A SETTING OF WHITE FLOWERS AND PALMS, BY THE REVEREND C. PHILIP STAPLES. MR. B.P. GILL WAS THE ORGANIST. THE BRIDE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE BY HER FATHER, AND WORE A GOWN OF IVORY SATIN MADE WITH A PETER PAN COLLAR TRIMMED IN SEED PEARLS, WHICH ALSO EDGED THE LONG SLEEVES, A TRAIN, AND A FITTED BODICE WITH BUTTONS DOWN THE FRONT. HER FINGERTIP LENGTH VEIL WAS ATTACHED TO A HALF HAT WITH SEED PEARL TRIMMING. SHE CARRIED ROSEBUDS AND STEPHANOTIS. VIRGINIA PRATT, SISTER OF THE BRIDE, WAS MAID OF HONOR AND NANCY PRATT, ANOTHER SISTER, WAS BRIDESMAID. BOTH WORE SEA FOAM GREEN SATIN GOWNS, MATCHING HALF HATS, AND CARRIED CASCADE BOUQUETS OF POINSETTIAS. A RECEPTION WAS HELD AT THE HACKENSACK GOLF CLUB, DECORATED WITH GREENS, PALMS AND WHITE FLOWERS. MRS. PRATT WORE A GRAY LACE GOWN, A GRAY LACE HAT WITH TINY PINK OSTRICH FEATHERS, AND A CORSAGE OF PINK BABY ORCHIDS. HILDA WORE A BLACK VELVET DRESS, A BLACK HAT, AND A CORSAGE OF PINK BABY ORCHIDS. RUTH IS A GRADUATE OF WHEELLOCK COLLEGE AND TAUGHT AT DWIGHT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN ENGLEWOOD, N.J. KIM PREPARED FOR YALE AT DEERFIELD ACADEMY. DURING THE WAR HE ENLISTED IN THE MARINES IN WHICH HE ADVANCED TO A SECOND LIEUTENANCY. HE RETURNED TO YALE AND RECEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE IN 1948, SINCE THEN TAKING GRADUATE WORK IN GEOLOGY AND DOING SOME TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. THEIR HONEYMOON TRIP WAS TO CARMEL, CALIF., RUTH STARTING HER TRAVELS ATTIRED IN A MEDIUM BROWN GABARDINE SUIT, A SANDRINGHAM BLUE COAT, BROWN LIZARD ACCESSORIES, AND A BROWN HAT WITH FEATHERS TO MATCH. THEIR NEW ADDRESS IS 1672 SHATTUCK AVE., BERKELEY, CALIF.

THOMAS D. SARGENT, SON OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE YALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF HARTFORD, CONN.

LIEUTENANT (J.G.) GEORGE SARGENT GROVE, U.S.N., SON OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, WROTE ON JANUARY 14TH: " *** I AM COMMANDING OFFICER OF AN EXTREMELY SMALL SHIP - AN 136 FOOT MINESWEEPER - BUT IT IS A VERY GOOD COMMAND TO HAVE AND CARRIES WITH IT A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS AUTHORITY. THE TWO ARE INSEPARABLE. WE ARE NOW UNDERGOING HIGHLY INTENSIVE TRAINING IN LONG BEACH, BUT WILL SHORTLY RETURN TO SAN DIEGO FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS. SAN DIEGO SO FAR SURPASSES NORFOLK WHERE I HAVE BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS THAT THERE IS NO COMPARISON. THE DISTANCE FROM NEW ENGLAND IS MOST DISTURBING, BUT OF COURSE OUR TOURS ARE NOT FOREVER! ***" WE UNDERSTAND THAT JIMMY HAS TWO OFFICERS AND TWENTY MEN UNDER HIM. HIS ADDRESS IS U.S.S. CURLEW (AMSB), F.P.O., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FROLIC WAS HELD AT THE NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 28TH. WHILE NOT A SARGENT INSTITUTION THE FENNS AND THE H.B. SARGENTS WERE AMONG THE HALF A DOZEN FAMILIES WHO STARTED THE FIRST ONE IN DECEMBER 1891. IT WAS OMITTED ONE YEAR TO YE EDITOR'S KNOWLEDGE, AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER TIME. FOR MANY YEARS ELIZABETH COLLIER SARGENT HAS MANAGED IT AND ZIEGLER SARGENT AND LAWTON G. SARGENT HAVE BEEN FLOOR MANAGERS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY HAVE ASSISTED, LAWTON, JR., THIS TIME. ALBERT WILLIAMS CLAIMS TO HAVE PLAYED MUSIC FOR THE FROLIC FOR 49 YEARS, FIRST ALONE AND THEN WITH AN ORCHESTRA, AND BELIEVES THAT YE EDITOR HAS BEEN FLOOR MANAGER DURING ALL OF THAT PERIOD. THIS YEAR ELIZABETH HAD TO GET A POLICE PERMIT. ON MAKING APPLICATION THE POLICE CAPTAIN ASKED THE OBJECT OF THE PARTY. SHE REPLIED THAT IT WAS MORE OR LESS EDUCATIONAL, CHIEFLY AS A LESSON IN COURTESY. TO WHICH THE OFFICER SAID: "THERE CAN'T BE TOO MUCH OF IT. CONGRATULATIONS. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE PERMIT." AMONG THE PATRONESSES IN THE RECEIVING LINE WERE BETTY SARGENT, AGNES SARGENT AND RHODA TILNEY. GAMES SUCH AS "DROP THE HANDKERCHIEF", "POTATO RACES", "GOING TO JERUSALEM", "BATTING THE CANDY BAG", "MAGIC CARPET" AND "VIRGINIA REEL" ALTERNATED WITH DANCING TILL THE CUSTOMARY SINGING ABOUT 10:15 OF "AULD LANG SYNE", AFTER WHICH THE YOUNGER CHILDREN DEPARTED. THE EVENING WOUND UP WITH DANCING.

MOLLY SARGENT McCANCE, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT, WROTE FROM 1967 GOLDEN AVE., LONG BEACH 6, CALIF., ON JANUARY 17TH: " *** THE STORY I AM GOING TO TELL YOU HAS ALMOST IT'S COUNTERPART IN A RECENT 'TRIVIA, BUT HERE IT IS FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH. IN THE AUTUMN I SOLICITED ON OUR BLOCK FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST, CHOOSING OUR BLOCK PURPOSELY SO, NEWLY COME, I MIGHT GET TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS. WE STIRRED UP AN INTERESTING ONE IN SO DOING. ACROSS THE WAY AND DOWN A BIT WAS A MAN RAKING HIS LAWN. I CHATTED A MOMENT FIRST (AS ALL GOOD SOLICITORS DO!) AND THENSaid 'YOU SOUND EASTERN'. 'I AM' HE SAID, 'CAME FROM CONNECTICUT'. WELL THAT WAS INTERESTING, SO I ASKED WHERE IN CONN. 'NEW HAVEN ORIGINALLY, BUT MIDDLEBURY LATELY', HE REPLIED. IT WASN'T SO RECENT BUT THAT HE'D ALREADY LEFT MIDDLEBURY FOR CALIFORNIA BEFORE EVER WE GOT TO MIDDLEBURY HOWEVER. WE CHATTED THROUGH A FEW CONNECTIONS IN MIDDLEBURY, AND THEN TOOK A FLYER TO SEE WHOM HE MIGHT KNOW IN NEW HAVEN. 'WELL' HE SAID, 'I WORKED AT SARGENT & CO. UNDER THE OLD GENTLEMAN MANY YEARS AGO---IN THE DRAUGHTING DEPARTMENT.' AND SO HE DID, THOUGH ONLY FOR TWO YEARS, BUT HE HAD MANY STORIES TO TELL---AND HIS MEMORY WAS AS SHARP ON NEW HAVEN DOINGS OF THOSE DAYS AS THOUGH IT WERE YESTERDAY. HE FORTHWITH CAME TO CALL, AND SPENT AN HOUR RECALING BILL AND ME WITH OLD NEW HAVEN STORIES. WE HAD SOME GOOD LAUGHS, AND IT SEEMED INCREDIBLE THAT WAY OUT HERE, AND RIGHT ON OUR STREET SHOULD BE THIS 'OLD HOME TOWN' MAN SPINNING OFF THE NAMES AND STORIES OF SO MANY WE REMEMBER. HE ASKED ABOUT ONE AFTER ANOTHER. BRUCE FENN, WILL RICE; AND YOU, ZIEGLER, ARE THE ONLY ONE OF THE 'YOUNGER GENERATION' HE REMEMBERS. HIS NAME IS CONKLIN, AND I SUSPECT THAT HE KNEW MUCH MORE ABOUT ALL OF YOU THAN YOU DID OF HIM! HE LAUGHED AT ONE GOOD STORY ON 'THE GIRLS' AS HE CALLED THEM, MEANING WE THINK, AUNT LAURA AND AUNT ELLEN. HE SAID THEY WENT ABROAD FOR ONE OF THEIR TRIPS, AND CAME HOME WITH TREASURES THEY HAD BOUGHT AT GREAT PRICE. THEY SHOWED THEM WITH PRIDE TO THEIR FATHER, AND AMONG THEM A SET OF FIRE TONGS THEY HAD PURCHASED IN ITALY. GRANDPA TURNED THE TONGS OVER, GOT A MAGNIFYING GLASS AND SHOWED THEM THE SIGN OF S&CO. ON THE BACK OF THEIR ITALIAN TREASURE! ***"

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- FEBRUARY 4 - (2d) ROSEMARY LORING, DAUGHTER OF CALEB LORING, JR.
 5 - RHODA MILES SARGENT TILNEY, DAUGHTER OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT
 CALEB LORING, JR., SON OF SUZANNE BAILEY LORING
 10 - HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT
 11 - (18TH) JANE COLLIER CUMMING, DAUGHTER OF LAURA BAILEY CUMMING
 (16TH) SANDRA BUCK, DAUGHTER OF JEAN SARGENT BUCK
 12 - (21ST) HOWARD LEWIS (PETER) SARGENT, JR.
 14 - (85TH) JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF HOMER EARLE SARGENT
 17 - THEODORE BABBITT, HUSBAND OF MARGARET (PEGGY) FISHER BABBITT
 18 - CALEB LORING, HUSBAND OF SUZANNE BAILEY LORING
 22 - (21ST) SAMUEL FISHER (TERRY) BABBITT, SON OF MARGARET (PEGGY) FISHER BABBITT
 23 - SARAH ATLEE DOWNS FISHER
 CATHERINE DEMING MIKESHOCK, DAUGHTER OF LAURA RICE DEMING
 FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT, III
 26 - JAMES CUNNINGHAM SARGENT, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT
 27 - (22D) ROBERTA LOUISE FISHER FLETCHER, DAUGHTER OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER AND OF
 ROBERT LEWIS FISHER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- FEBRUARY 11 - (4TH) SEATON G. AND LUETA WHITAKER EUBANKS BAILEY
 12 - (7TH) CALEB, JR., AND ROSEMARY MERRILL LORING
 15 - (31ST) DOROTHY SARGENT AND HENRY J. WISER
 16 - (3D) MARY SARGENT AND HEATH D. BUMGARDNER

SARGENT & COMPANY WAS HOST ON JANUARY 18TH TO 30 OR MORE YOUNG MEN STUDYING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN THE JUNIOR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE IN NEW HAVEN. ALL OF THE STUDENTS ARE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR THE EQUIVALENT. TOURS THROUGH THE IRON FOUNDRY, SCREW MACHINE, CYLINDER AND PADLOCK AND INTEGRALOCK DEPARTMENTS WERE FOLLOWED, AFTER A BRIEF REFRESHMENT PERIOD, BY A MEETING AT WHICH WAS SHOWN, WITH VISUAL AIDS, HOW THE COMPANY'S 1948 SALES DOLLAR WAS EXPENDED (I.E. WHO GETS WHAT), AND THE PARTS PLAYED BY THE STOCKHOLDER, THE CUSTOMER AND THE EMPLOYEE IN THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS AS IN AMERICAN ENTERPRISE. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE NINE MILLION DOLLARS OF SALES WERE SPENT IN NEW HAVEN IN THE FORM OF PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND FOR MATERIALS AND SERVICES. A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD CONCLUDED THE VISIT.

JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), GRANDFATHER OF YE EDITOR'S GENERATION, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HONGKONG OCTOBER 5, 1867, DURING HIS FIRST ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP TO JOHN SMITH SARGENT OF CHICAGO. THE LATTER WAS SEEKING TO TRACE THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF THE FAMILY, AND "J.B." UNDOUBTEDLY HOPED THAT THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING WHICH HE ENCLOSED MIGHT SUPPLY A "LEAD". THE SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF JOHN SMITH SARGENT'S EFFORTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE 1895 EDITION OF THE SARGENT GENEALOGY.

"JOHN SARGENT ESQ DEAR SIR: I FIND IN THE HONGKONG PAPERS OF SEPT 29 AN ACCOUNT OF THE MARRIAGE OF MISS ANNIE SARGENT TO MR. (OR LIEUT) EDGAR RAVENHILL IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH OF NORTH GRAY, WHICH I SUPPOSE TO BE IN SCOTLAND - OR PERHAPS ENGLAND. THE ACCOUNT IS FROM THE 'ERITH OBSERVER' AND I THINK ERITH IS A SCOTCH NAME (MAYBE WELSH) FOR A TOWN. BUT IT SEEMS THAT THE RESIDENCE OF GENL SARGENT IS IN KENT 'AND IT WAS FROM THIS LITTLE EDEN OF KENT THAT THE BRIDE LEFT ABOUT MIDDAY TO JOIN HER LIFE WITH ANOTHER' &C - THE COUNTY OF KENT IN ENGLAND MAY BE THE PLACE IN WHICH THE VILLAGE CHURCH OF NORTH GRAY IS SITUATED. I PRESUME THIS SCRAP HAS NO MORE VALUE FOR YOU THAN FOR ME, UNLESS YOU CAN MAKE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CHERRYVALLEY FAMILY AND THE FAMILY OF THE BRIDE, WHO IT SEEMS HAS NUMEROUS FRIENDS IN THIS COLONY OF HONGKONG. I MAY ADD THAT THIS COLONY OF HONGKONG HAVE ONE OF THE LOVELIEST SPOTS IN ALL ASIA TO LIVE IN, AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO LOVELY A COUNTRY AS A LARGE PART OF JAPAN, CHINA AND THEIR MYRIADS OF ISLANDS. THE BUILDINGS OF HONGKONG ARE ON THE AVERAGE VERY GRAND AND IMPOSING STRUCTURES OF GRANITE OR CLOSE IMITATIONS. THE ENTIRE FOREIGN, BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL, PORTION BEING OF THAT CLASS, BEGINNING AT THE WATER FRONT AND EXTENDING BACK AND UP THE STEEP MOUNTAINS AS HIGH UP AS EARTH COVERS THE ROCK SUFFICIENTLY FOR TREES TO GROW. IT REQUIRED MUCH ENGINEERING SCIENCE TO BUILD THE WINDING AND CLIMBING ROADS UP AND ON THE WHOLE FACE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND TO BUILD THE WALLS THAT SUPPORT THE HOUSES AND GROUNDS ON THE UPPER SIDES OF THE STREETS & ROADS. IT IS A WINDING (WITH THE 'I' SHORT) AS WELL AS A WINDING (WITH THE 'I' LONG) ROAD UP THE STREET AND ROADS. IN CONSEQUENCE NEARLY ALL THE TRAVELLING OF THE MERCHANTS &C AND THEIR FAMILIES BETWEEN 'DOWNTOWN' AND THE RESIDENCES HIGHER UP IS BY CHAIR BEARERS, WHO WITH THEIR CHAIRS ARE THICK AS GRASSHOPPERS IN KANSAS. (HERE HE DREW A PEN PICTURE OF A CHAIR. - ED.) THERE ARE A FEW JINRICKSHAS, BUT THEY ARE USELESS EXCEPT ALONG THE STREETS NEAR THE WATER AND PARALLEL WITH IT. ASIA IS A GREAT COUNTRY OF UNEXCELLED FERTILITY OF SOIL AND PLEASANTNESS OF CLIMATE. THE CROPS THAT ARE ANNUALLY TAKEN FROM THE SOIL WOULD MAKE A BRAGGING WESTERNER OF THE UNITED STATES BLUSH IF THERE IS ANY BLUSH IN HIM. AS TO THE 'HEATHEN' INHABITANTS THEIR SENSE OF AND PRACTICE OF HONEST JUSTICE IN THEIR DAILY LIFE AND DEALINGS WITH EACH OTHER IS A GOOD 'COPY' FOR THE CHRISTIAN WORLD TO TRY TO IMITATE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. WHILE MANY OF THE CITIES OF CHINA SEEM OVERCROWDED, THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE IS NOT VERY THICKLY PEOPLED AND IS CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING BY ITS AGRICULTURAL CAPABILITIES MANY TIMES ITS PRESENT POPULATION, AND THE AVERAGE OF HUMAN HAPPINESS IN CHINA AND JAPAN IS MUCH GREATER THAN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SUFFERING FROM POVERTY IS A CONDITION ALMOST ENTIRELY UNKNOWN HERE. FOOD IS EXCEEDINGLY PLENTY AND VERY CHEAP. RICE NOT HALF THE PRICE IN AMERICA, AND MEATS NOT HIGHER THAN IN THE COUNTRY 'OUT WEST'. FISH VERY PLENTY & CHEAP. CRIME IS VERY RARE, AND ITS PUNISHMENT IS CERTAIN, MERCILESS AND IMMEDIATE. THE POOREST COOLEY BOY CAN BECOME A MANDARIN IF HIS ACQUIREMENTS IN KNOWLEDGE ARE EQUAL TO THE POSITION. THERE IS NO LAW NO CASE NO CUSTOM THAT HOLDS BACK THE SON OF A COOLEY. ALL GOVERNMENTAL OCCUPATIONS ARE FILLED BY MEN WHO HAS PASSED EXAMINATIONS NOT IN PERSON, NOT BEING SEEN, BUT BY WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS, THE JURY NEVER KNOWING ANYTHING WHATEVER OF THE PERSONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR NAME OF THE CANDIDATES. TWICE A YEAR THE WHOLE CHINESE EMPIRE IS THROWN OPEN TO CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCEMENT. THEY GO FORWARD STEP BY STEP, YEAR BY YEAR, ATTAINING AS HIGH RANK AS THEY ARE CAPABLE OF OR AS THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ALLOW TIME FOR STUDY. RECORDS ARE KEPT OF EACH MANS NUMBER, BUT HIS IDENTITY IS OTHERWISE UNKNOWN. ABILITY TO CONTROL THE VOTE OF HIS WARD DOES NOT COUNT IN CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES COULD COPY CHINA TO GREAT ADVANTAGE TO THE PURITY OF POLITICS, AND THEN MAKE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE CHINESE METHOD BY REQUIRING SOME PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS LIFE AS WELL AS LITERARY ABILITY, THE TEST OF THE CHINA METHOD. I AM AFRAID I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER WHICH I DID NOT INTEND TO DO. MY WIFE AND I ARE IN A NO 1 TIP TOP HEALTH. HAVE BEEN IN PEKIN TWO WEEKS AND TRAVELLED NORTH OF THERE THROUGH THE GREAT WALL TO THE VALLEY BEYOND, HERDING AT NIGHT WITH THE CAMELS, MULES, HORSES DONKEYS SHEEP GOATS DOGS MONGOLIANS MANCHURIANS AND OTHER HEATHEN IDOLATERS FOR FOUR NIGHTS, WITH NO ONE ELSE WHO COULD SAY A WORD IN ANY EUROPEAN LANGUAGE EXCEPT OUR CHINESE SERVANT WHO HAD MASTERED A FEW ENGLISH WORDS, - ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND OUR NECESSITIES FOR COOKING AND SLEEPING. WE NEVER HEARD A SWEAR WORD NOR A HUMAN GROWL. NO QUARRELING, NO DRINKING, NO HOGGISHNESS NOR SELFISHNESS. EVEN THE GREAT DROVES OF BLACK HOGS APPEARED TO BE MADE UP OF UNSELFISH ANIMALS, AND THE CAMELS LOOKED AS GENTLE AND MILD EYED AS LAMBS. AN IMMENSE TRAFFIC IS CARRIED ON PACK ANIMALS AND CARRIED IN NO OTHER WAY. WE EXPECT TO STEAM SOUTH OCT. 8TH, THROUGH AND AMONG THE MOST EASTERN OF THE EAST INDIA ISLANDS, THROUGH TORRES STRAITS TO AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND TASMANIA &C, YOURS TRULY J. B. SARGENT" HE ADDED A POSTSCRIPT: "I SEND THIS TO CARE OF H.E. SARGENT BECAUSE I REMEMBER HIS STREET AND DONOT REMEMBER YOUR ADDRESS - GIVE HIM AND FAMILY MY RESPECTS IN WHICH MY WIFE JOINS AS WELL AS TO YOURSELF AND FAMILY"

NATHAN SARGENT (1718-1799) OF LEICESTER, MASS., FOREBEAR OF THE HOMER SARGENTS, MARRIED 1ST HIS COUSIN MARY SARGENT, SISTER OF JOSEPH SARGENT (1716-1802), FOREBEAR OF THE JOSEPH SARGENTS. HE MARRIED 2D MARY DENNY, AUNT OF THE MARY DENNY WHO MARRIED JOSEPH SARGENT (1757-1787). A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN NATHAN'S LIFE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN SARGENTRIVIA. TO ALICE SARGENT TATE YE EDITOR IS INDEBTED FOR THE RECOLLECTIONS (OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS AN INSTALLMENT) WRITTEN DOWN IN 1849 BY NATHAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, MISS ANNA HENSHAW, THEN 71, AND COPIED BY THE LATE JOHN SMITH SARGENT, TO WHOM THE FAMILY

IS INDEBTED FOR RESEARCHES INTO OUR ENGLISH ANCESTRY. "NATHAN SARGENT WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST MEN OF HIS TIMES, HIS GOOD LOOKS IMPROVED ON ESPECIAL OCCASIONS BY NEATNESS AND ATTENTION TO DRESS. HE WORE THE NICEST OF BROADCLOTH WITH HIS SILVER SET OF STOCK KNEE AND SHOE BUCKLES AND BROACH A THREE CORNERED HAT AND A WHITE BUSH WIG. HE WAS FLUENT OF SPEECH AND FEW MEN WERE MORE FELICITOUS IN REPARTEE, BUT IN THE RECOLLECTION OF BY GONE ANECDOTES, THE PITH AND THE POINT ARE LOST IN THE RELATION. THE WRITER RECOLLECTS HEARING THE LATE REV. DR. SUMNER RELATE AN AMUSING SCENE TO HER GRANDMOTHER, WHEN ON A VISIT TO HER GRANDDAUGHTER MRS. ANDREW H. WARD OF SHREWSBURY, MASS. IN THE DAYS OF THE REVOLUTION EVERY MAN WAS VOLUNTARILY A MINUTE MAN, AND WORCESTER WAS THE CENTRE OF COMMUNICATION. MR. SARGENT RESIDED AT A POINT WHERE HE RECEIVED AND DISSEMINATED THE STIRRING NEWS OF THOSE STIRRING TIMES. HE WAS OPEN FRANK AND INGENUOUS IN HIS MANNERS AND RECEIVED ALIKE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BEGGAR AND THE COURTIER. HAVING RECEIVED AT ONE TIME IMPORTANT INFORMATION HE INSTANTLY MOUNTED HIS HORSE IN HIS MILLER'S COSTUME (HE HAD A GRIST MILL ON THE STREAM IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE) AND SPEEDILY ARRIVED AT WORCESTER (FOUR MILES) WHERE AFTER COMMUNICATING THE INTELLIGENCE, HE WENT TO DEACON BRIDGES THE BARBERS SHOP FOR HIS NEW DRESSED BUSH WIG, AND WHERE HE MET DR. SUMNER ON A SIMILAR ERRAND. THE DR. REMARKED TO HIM THAT HE NEVER SAW HIM FROM HOME BEFORE IN A MILLER'S GARB, AND A DUSTY HAT, TO WHICH MR. SARGENT JOCOSELY REPLIED, 'AN HONEST MILLER NEVER NEED BE ASHAMED OF THE DUST THAT FELL ON HIS HAT (WHICH HAD A LARGE BRIM AND WAS BASON CROWNED).' AN HONEST MILLER? SOME ONE JESTINGLY EXCLAIMED (FOR MR. SARGENT'S HONESTY AND INTEGRITY WERE NEVER DOUBTED). AN HONEST MILLER? DID YOU EVER HEAR THE BON MOT OF THE BOY THAT WENT TO MILL AND WHEN THE MILLER ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW ANYTHING, REPLIED THAT SOME THINGS HE KNEW AND SOME THINGS HE DID NOT KNOW. 'WELL SAYS THE MILLER, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? 'I KNOW, SAYS THE BOY, 'THAT MILLERS HAVE FAT HOGS. 'VERY WELL,' SAYS THE MILLER, 'AND WHAT DONT YOU KNOW? 'I DONT KNOW WHOSE CORN THEY ARE FATTED ON,' SAYS THE BOY. MR. SARGENT'S PIQUANT RETORT HAS SLIPPED FROM MY MEMORY. DR. SUMNER REMARKED IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION, THAT HE WAS A MAN OF THE MOST UNVENING (UNBENDING? - ED.) FIRMNESS AND RIGED VIRTUE AND MADE OTHER FLATTERING OBSERVATIONS THAT WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE FEELINGS OF THE AGED RELICT OF MR. SARGENT."

OUR ANCESTOR, SIR JOHN GIFFARD LE BOEF (ABOUT 1235-ABOUT 1300) OF TWYFORD, CO. BUCKS, ENGLAND, WAS THE SON OF OSBERT AND ISABEL DE BOKLAND GIFFARD. (SEE GENEALOGICAL CHART ON LAST PAGE OF SARGENTRIVIA OF MAY 25, 1949.) THE NAME OF HIS WIFE IS NOT NOW KNOWN. HE HAD A SON JOHN. HE WAS ENFEOFFED OF TWO PARTS OF A KNIGHT'S FEE IN TWYFORD BY ROBERT FITZNICHOLAS, STEWARD OF KING HENRY III, PRIOR TO 1272. ON MARCH 12, 1276 HE WAS MENTIONED AS OF TWYFORD IN THE CLOSE ROLLS, AND IN 1277 HE PETITIONED THAT THE SERVICE OF RALPH PIPARD SHOULD BE PERFORMED IN WEST WALES. IN 1284 HE WAS SUMMONED BY A WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO TO SHOW HIS RIGHT OF FRANK PLEDGE IN TWYFORD, WHEN HE PLEADED THE FEOFFMENT BY ROBERT FITZ NICHOLAS AND CALLED UPON ROBERT'S NEPHEW, RALPH PIPARD, TO WARRANT, BUT WAS ADJUDGED TO BE IN MERCY. PIPARD SOUGHT IN 1289-90 THAT HE BE RESTORED. IN THE FEUDAL AID OF 1284-1286 THIS ANCESTOR HELD 15½ VIRGATES OF LAND IN CHERNDON, CO. BUCKS, OF THE KING, AND 40 LIBRATES IN TWYFORD OF RALPH PIPARD. ON MAY 3, 1296, HE WAS KNIGHT OF THE SHIRE FOR BUCKS IN A PARLIAMENT AT WESTMINSTER, ONE OF THE EARLIEST PARLIAMENTS. IN THE ROLL OF ARMS IN THE TIME OF KING EDWARD I, KNOWN AS THE PLANCHÉ ROLL, HIS ARMS ARE GIVEN. (THE ABOVE IS FROM THE RESULTS OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN ENGLAND PUBLISHED IN NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER IN 1921, VOL. 75.)

PICTURED BELOW AT THE LEFT, IN FRONT OF THE FIREPLACE, ARE THE TWO DAUGHTERS AND SON OF FRED AND JANET WYER SARGENT: LESLIE (AGE 7), SANDY (AGE 5), AND BRUCE (3 MONTHS). IN THE CENTER, SEATED ON THE FLOOR, ARE THE THREE DAUGHTERS OF BILL AND BIBBY DEMING GOELLER: ANN (AGE 4), AMY (AGE 3) AND ALISON (9 MONTHS). ON THE STAIRWAY AT THE RIGHT ARE THE THREE DAUGHTERS OF DICK (JR.) AND BARBARA MALE SARGENT: LINDA (AGE 7), CAROL (AGE 5) AND JOAN (AGE 4).

