

WITH THIS ISSUE IS BEING MAILED AN INDEX OF THE ISSUES OF SARGENTRIVIA, JANUARY THROUGH JUNE, VOL. 8, NOS. 1-6. ZIEGLER SARGENT, EDITOR; AGNES W.B. SARGENT, ASSISTANT EDITOR.

THOMAS HUNTINGTON WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER, WROTE TO YE EDITOR FROM 91 BOWMORE ROAD, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, ON JUNE 30TH: "A WEEK FROM TOMORROW I'M DRIVING OUT TO REGINA, SASKACHEWAN, WHERE A WEDDING IS TO TAKE PLACE, FRIDAY, JULY 14TH. MISS ELAINE P. MCEACHERN WILL BE THE BRIDE AND YOURS TRULY WILL PARTICIPATE AS BRIDEGROOM. I MET ELAINE LAST FALL WHILE WORKING IN KINGSTON. SHE WAS TAKING A BACHELOR OF COMMERCE DEGREE AT QUEENS UNIVERSITY. SHE IS NOW AT HOME WITH HER FAMILY PREPARING FOR THE 'BIG EVENT'. BECAUSE REGINA IS 2,000 MILES DISTANT I DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE ANYONE THERE I'LL KNOW. WE EXPECT TO DRIVE BACK THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ON A TWO-WEEKS HONEYMOON."

RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND, SON OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPERT HOLLAND, WROTE TO YE EDITOR FROM 216 WALNUT AVENUE, WAYNE, PA., ON JULY 6TH: "AS I WROTE YOU, I HAVE JUST BEEN TO THE FIFTIETH REUNION OF MY HARVARD 1900 CLASS. I READ A POEM AT THE DINNER, JUST AS I DID AT OUR SOPHOMORE CLASS DINNER IN 1898 AND PICTURED THE CHANGES RIP VAN WINKLE WOULD FIND IN THE YARD AND IN CAMBRIDGE SHOULD HE AWAKE AFTER A SLEEP OF FIFTY YEARS. NO SUBWAY FROM BOSTON TO HARVARD SQUARE, NO TAXIS, ONLY A HANDFUL OF MOTOR-CARS, NO RADIO OR TELEVISION AND JOHN THE ORANGEMAN'S LITTLE DONKEY CART NOW REPLACED BY HORDES OF METAL MONSTERS ALL ENGAGED IN ONE WILD CHARIOT RACE. THE REUNION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND WAS GRACED BY THE PRESENCE OF MANY WIVES, CHILDREN AND SOME GRANDCHILDREN. AS I WALKED THROUGH THE YARD ON COMMENCEMENT DAY I REMEMBERED ON HOW MANY SIMILAR OCCASIONS I USED TO SEE OUR GREATUNCLE GEORGE HENRY SARGENT WITH HIS CLASSMATES OF THE CLASS OF 1853, WHICH WAS PRESIDENT ELIOT'S CLASS, IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT. UNCLE GEORGE LOVED SUCH OCCASIONS. WHEN I WAS A SMALL BOY I USED TO BE IN LEICESTER IN JUNE, AND I WOULD SEE UNCLE GEORGE—A VERY HANDSOME AND DISTINGUISHED FIGURE—ON THE PLATFORM AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF LEICESTER ACADEMY, OF WHICH HE WAS AN ALUMNUS, AND ALSO AT THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL OF THE LEICESTER UNITARIAN CHURCH. AT OUR HARVARD COMMENCEMENT THIS YEAR THE THREE PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS, WHO HAD RECEIVED HONORARY DEGREES, WERE DEAN ACHESON, ROMULO OF THE PHILIPPINES AND YOUR NEW YALE PRESIDENT, MR. GRISWOLD. THE LATTER HAS A MOST ATTRACTIVE PERSONALITY; THERE IS AN ALMOST BOYISH LOOK TO HIM, JUST AS THERE WAS AND EVEN STILL IS TO OUR PRESIDENT CONANT. WHILE IN CAMBRIDGE I STAYED WITH DAVID, WHO IS STILL WORKING ON HIS PH.D. THESIS, SAW MUCH OF ELEANOR, WHO IS LIVING IN BOSTON, AND WENT TO WINTHROP FOR A VISIT TO MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW RITA AND OUR GRANDSON STEPHEN. \* \* \* YOU'RE DOING A WONDERFUL WORK IN PUBLISHING 'SARGENTRIVIA', AND EVERY TIME I RECEIVE A COPY I FEEL A NEW ADMIRATION FOR AGNES AND YOU."

MARIAN R. HOLLAND, DAUGHTER OF LEICESTER B. HOLLAND, IS STUDYING ARCHITECTURE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. HER PICTURE APPEARED IN AN ARTICLE ON "CHARRETTE" IN "LIFE" OF JUNE 26TH (ON PAGE 76 IF YOU WANT TO LOOK IT UP), PERCHED ON A DRAWING BOARD, MINUS SHOES AND WEARING A LEOPARD CAP ACCORDING TO THE CAPTION. SHE WROTE TO YE EDITOR FROM 415 WEST PRICE STREET, GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA, ON JULY 9TH: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOTE IN THE LAST COPY OF 'SARGENTRIVIA'. THE PICTURES WERE TAKEN BY FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS, WHO WEREN'T EVEN SURE OF SELLING THEM AT THE TIME. THEY TOOK WELL OVER SEVEN HUNDRED PICTURES BETWEEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOON. IT MAY INTEREST YOU TO KNOW THAT THE 'LEOPARD-SKIN' CAP BELONGS TO MY CLASSMATE RUSSELL GIFFORD, AN EX-RESIDENT OF LEICESTER AND COUSIN, THOUGH QUITE A DISTANT ONE. I AM VERY BUSY THESE DAYS, WORKING DURING THE WEEK IN AN ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, AS I HAVEDONE DURING THE LAST TWO SUMMERS. THE FIRM IS HARBESON, HOUGH, LIVINGSTON AND LARSON, SUCH A MOUTHFUL THAT IT IS GENERALLY KNOWN AS H2L2. NEXT YEAR WILL BE MY LAST AT COLUMBIA, BUT AS YET I HAVE NO DEFINITE PLANS FOR WHAT WILL FOLLOW. MOST OF MY SPARE TIME HERE IS SPENT IN THE GARDEN, WHICH MANAGES TO KEEP ABOUT SIX JUMPS AHEAD OF ME. MOTHER AND FATHER ARE BOTH OSTENSIBLY WORKING ON THEIR BOOKS, BUT ARE SO BUSY WITH INNUMERABLE JOBS AROUND THE HOUSE THAT NEITHER OF THEM HAS GOTTEN ANYTHING DONE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. BARBARA (HER SISTER) IS TAKING COURSES TOWARDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH AT PENNSYLVANIA, AND WORKING PART TIME AT WFIL-TV. LARRY (HER BROTHER) IS ONE OF A PAIR OF DISHWASHERS AT AN ADULT CAMP IN WOLFEBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND IS HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME. I AM STILL LOOKING FOR EACH NEW 'SARGENTRIVIA'."

LAURA HAMMOND, DAUGHTER OF LAURA FRANCES LEWIS HAMMOND, WROTE TO YE EDITOR FROM 874 PIEDMONT AVENUE, N.E., ATLANTA 5, GA., ON JUNE 29TH: "YOUR NOTE AND 'SARGENTRIVIA' CAME THIS MORNING. IT MADE ME REALIZE THAT I OUGHT TO HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU BEFORE TO TELL YOU ABOUT BOBBY (DAVID ROBERT CUMMING, JR.). HE GRADUATED TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY WITH 'HIGHEST HONORS'. I FEEL VERY PROUD OF HIM, FOR IT IS SOMETHING TO HAVE YOUR GREAT-NEPHEW GRADUATE FROM THE 'WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL' OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY WITH 'HIGHEST HONORS'. HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SISTER, JANE CUMMING, WENT TO PRINCETON TO SEE D.R. CUMMING, JR., GET HIS HIGHEST HONOR DEGREE. HE HAS NOW GONE TO CALIFORNIA, IN HIS NEW CAR, WITH ONE OF HIS CLASSMATES. WHEN HE RETURNS HE WILL STUDY TO BE A LAWYER. SUZANNE LORING, JR., FLEW TO EUROPE LAST SUNDAY. MARY HAMMOND BAILEY (NATHANIEL'S DAUGHTER) SAILED WITH A PARTY FOR EUROPE, ON JUNE 23D, ON THE 'QUEEN MARY', I THINK. IT HAS BEEN HARD FOR ME TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THESE YOUNG ONES. MARY HAMMOND CUMMING FITZHUGH, HER HUSBAND, STUART, AND THEIR LITTLE DAUGHTER, MARY, ARE NOW IN DURHAM, N.C., WHERE THEY WILL BE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS WHILE STUART WILL STUDY AT DUKE UNIVERSITY TO BE A BABY DOCTOR. LAURA LEWIS CUMMING NORTHEY AND HER FAMILY, JOHN NORTHEY II AND III, WILL BE AT WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., FOR A YEAR OR TWO BEFORE THEY GO BACK TO CHARLOTTE FOR GOOD. I HAVE JUST HAD A VISIT FROM THEM AND FELL IN LOVE WITH MY 9-MONTHS OLD GREAT-GREAT NEPHEW, JOHN III. IN THE FALL JANE CUMMING WILL GO TO DUKE TO COLLEGE. SO YOU SEE LAURA, SR'S, CHILDREN SEEM TO LIKE NORTH CAROLINA. I MYSELF WILL BE IN MY LITTLE N.C. MOUNTAIN COTTAGE ABOUT JULY 15TH. THE DENTIST IS WHAT KEEPS ME HERE NOW IN ALL THIS HEAT,

WHICH IS VERY BAD. I AM IN HOPES THE COOL MOUNTAIN AIR WILL PICK ME UP. \* \* \* IT IS SO NICE TO KEEP UP WITH ALL MY NICE NEW ENGLAND COUSINS THROUGH 'SARGENTRIVIA'."

CALEB LORING, JR., SON OF SUZANNE BAILEY LORING, AND ROMEY, HIS WIFE, SAILED ON JULY 1ST ON THE "QUEEN ELIZABETH" FOR A TRIP TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND. THEY PLAN TO RETURN ON THE SAME SHIP, SAILING FROM CHERBOURG ON AUGUST 1ST. THEIR THREE CHILDREN, JUDGE, DAVID AND MARY, WILL STAY WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS, MR. AND MRS. KEITH MERRILL, AT PRIDE'S CROSSING, MASS. THE LORINGS ARE TRAVELING WITH ROMEY'S SISTER, JEAN SEAMANS, AND THE LATTER'S HUSBAND. YE EDITOR BELIEVES THAT THE LAST TIME CALEB SAW CHERBOURG WAS WHEN THE PORT WAS CAPTURED FROM THE GERMANS IN THE SUMMER OF 1944 WITH THE HELP OF THE BATTLESHIP "TEXAS" ON WHICH HE WAS AN OFFICER.

ELIZABETH (BIBBY) DEMING GOELLER, DAUGHTER OF LAURA RICE DEMING, WROTE TO YE EDITOR ON JUNE 30: "WE HAVE BEEN IN A NEW HOUSE FOR TWO WEEKS. WE HAVE MOVED DOWN THE HILL TO A SINGLE HOUSE WITH A GARAGE AND BASEMENT, WHICH WE DIDN'T HAVE IN THE OTHER HOUSE, AND ALSO A WONDERFUL ENCLOSED PORCH, WHICH WE HAVE TURNED OVER TO THE CHILDREN COMPLETELY. IT WORKS OUT VERY WELL EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TRAINS GOING BY IN THE BACK, WHICH MAKES QUITE A BIT OF DIRT. I THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO ENJOY THE HOUSE VERY MUCH. IT'S SO WONDERFUL HAVING ROOM TO MOVE AROUND IN. \* \* \*" BIBBY'S NEW ADDRESS IS MRS. WILLIAM J. GOELLER, 10 EAST SALISBURY DRIVE, EDGE MOOR TERRACE, WILMINGTON, DEL.

LINDA DEMING GOSNER, DAUGHTER OF LAURA RICE DEMING, AND KENNETH, HER HUSBAND, ARE SPENDING THEIR VACATION IN MEXICO. THEY TRAVELED TO THE BORDER BY BUS. MONTEREY WAS ONE OF THE PLACES VISITED.

EDITH WOOLSEY, AUNT OF YE ASSISTANT EDITOR AND A RESIDENT OF THE PUBLICATION OFFICE, DURING A VISIT IN CORNWALL, CONN., ON MAY 29TH FELL ON A RUG AND BROKE HER RIGHT HIP. AFTER A MONTH "IN TRACTION" AT THE GRACE-NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, SHE RETURNED HOME ON JUNE 29TH, WHERE AT THIS WRITING SHE IS STILL CONFINED TO BED.

FREDERICK K. SARGENT, SON OF RICHARD C. SARGENT, AND JANET, HIS WIFE, WITH THEIR THREE CHILDREN, LESLIE, SANDRA AND BRUCE, AGED SEVEN, FIVE AND TEN MONTHS, CAME EAST BY TRAIN FROM CHAMPAIGN, ILL., TO SPEND A COUPLE OF WEEKS VACATION WITH THE RICHARD SARGENTS AT NORTH HAVEN, CONN. FRED IS A PEDIATRICIAN IN THE CARLE HOSPITAL CLINIC, URBANA, ILL.

MURRAY SARGENT (SON OF HENRY B. SARGENT) AND MARY (HIS WIFE), SON HENRY, SON MURRAY, JR., DAUGHTER-IN-LAW LUCY, AND GRANDSONS MURRAY, 3D (ROBIN) AND TOMMY STOPPED OFF AT NEW HAVEN ON JUNE 29TH ON THEIR WAY BY AUTOMOBILE FROM NEW YORK TO THEIR CAMP AT MOUNTAIN POND CLUB, EAST HOLDEN, ME., WHICH THEY CALL "MURJIMMEJON". (THIS IS NOT AN INDIAN NAME BUT IS COMPOSED OF PARTS OF THE NAMES OF THEIR FOUR SONS.) MURRAY, SR., ATTENDED THE REGULAR MEETING OF SARGENT & COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN. MURRAY, JR., ATTENDED THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS HELD PRIOR TO THAT OF THE DIRECTORS. (THE STOCKHOLDERS AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTORS TO PURCHASE STOCK OF THE COMPANY WITH THE OBJECT OF SELLING IT TO EMPLOYEES.) MARY IS THE CHIEF COOK AT THEIR MOUNTAIN POND CAMP, WHICH HAS FOUR CABINS. THE WEEK THAT MURRAY, JR., AND LUCY WERE THERE WAS A STRENUOUS ONE FOR ALL HANDS IN REPAIRING THE RAVAGES OF WINTER AND READYING THE CAMP FOR OCCUPANCY. A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS A "GAS" ICE BOX WHICH DOES AWAY WITH LUGGING NATURAL ICE.

ELEANOR SARGENT HOLLAND, DAUGHTER OF RUPERT S. HOLLAND, HAS RECENTLY CHANGED BOTH HER JOB AND HER ADDRESS. SHE IS WORKING AT THE BOSTON ARMY BASE (BUT IS NOT A WAC). HER ADDRESS IS 113 BEACON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), GRANDFATHER OF THIRTY AND GREAT GRANDFATHER OF FIFTY-TWO, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM NEW HAVEN ON MAY 20, 1894, TO HIS WIFE, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN VISITING A SISTER IN BOSTON. THE GEORGE IN THE LETTER WAS HIS BROTHER AND MILLIE AND JENNIE HAMMOND WERE NIECES. "DEAR FLORENCE: I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER INFORMING ME OF YOUR SAFE ARRIVAL AND OF MRS. MAC-VICKAR'S ILLNESS. I TRUST HER ILLNESS IS BUT TEMPORARY. MY REGARDS TO HER, AND I WOULD SAY MY SYMPATHY ALSO IF IT WOULD HELP HER ANY. BUT AS I NEVER HAVE ANY ACHES MY SYMPATHY IS OF RATHER A SUPERFICIAL SORT AND NOT SO MUCH FROM THE HEART AS IF I HAD HAD THE TWINGES OF RHEUMATISM. I DO NOT QUITE REMEMBER WHETHER IT WAS LAST WEEK WEDNESDAY OR THE WEEK BEFORE WHEN I LEFT YOU AT THE RESTAURANT LOOKING FOR PROVISIONS, BUT WHENEVER IT WAS I HAVE BEEN QUITE BUSY SINCE ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN AT HOME TWO EVENINGS LATELY PLAYING SEVEN HANDED EUCHRE, ETC., AND WE HAVE HAD COMPANY ALL THE DAYS, GEORGE CAME UP YESTERDAY NOON AND AT 8-10 P.M. WENT BACK TAKING MILLIE WITH HIM. WE HAD HENRY AND HATTIE AT DINNER TODAY AND LAURA AND I ARE TO MAKE A CALL ON MRS. HERSEY BROWN AT MRS. BEEBEE'S AT 5 AND THEN GO TO LIZZIE'S TO 6 O'CLOCK DINNER. THE GRANDCHILDREN HAVE BEEN HERE OFTEN IN THE EARLY EVENING AND DAYTIME AS USUAL. THE GIRLS HAVE HAD A TEA AT THE LAWN TENNIS HOUSE FRIDAY AND A BOWLING PARTY LAST EVENING. LIZZIE AND HATTIE HAVE HAD TEAS (LIZZIE'S WAS A LARGE ONE) FOR JENNIE HAMMOND AND MILLIE. I AM TO PREACH IN THE FAIR HAVEN GRAND AVENUE CHURCH MONDAY EVENING, MAINLY ON ASIA, ETC., AND I INTEND TO COMPARE THE HEATHEN WITH THE CHRISTIANS ON THE DRINK QUESTION AND ON THE VICE QUESTION AND STIR THE SOCIETY TO THINKING ABOUT THEIR SHORT COMINGS IN THESE MATTERS. I OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN A PREACHER. MY ADDRESS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO BE ONLY 15 MINUTES TO INTRODUCE MR. PLUNKET WHO IS TO SHOW PICTURES OF PARIS BUT I CAN GIVE THEM A GOOD DEAL OF "SARSE" IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. WE HAVE HAD BIG RAIN YESTERDAY AND ALL LAST NIGHT. THE YAL - PRINCETON BASEBALL MATCH WAS NOT PLAYED ALTHOUGH THOUSANDS WENT OUT THERE AND GOT MORE OR LESS WET AND MANY SOAKED. WE HAD UNUSUALLY HEAVY LIGHTNING STRIKES, BURNING



OUT ELECTRICAL ARRANGEMENTS, KNOCKING HOUSES INTO PIECES, AND FOLLOWING, MANY BLOCKS IN A STREET, THE LINE OF THE WATER PIPES, THE ELECTRICITY SHOWING ABOVE THE GROUND, INFORM OF A GREAT BALL OR MASS OF RED FLAME, DARTING WITH THE USUAL LIGHTNING SPEED. WATER PIPES 5 FEET UNDER GROUND WERE SPLIT OPEN THROUGH THE CEMENT COVERING. ALL ARE WELL, SO FAR AS I KNOW, AMONG YOUR FRIENDS. YOURS AFFECTIONATELY, J.B.S."

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- AUGUST 1 - (9TH) JENIFER APPLETON CLARK, DAUGHTER OF JOHN APPLETON CLARK  
 3 - MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS CASANOVA, DAUGHTER OF MARGARET RICE WILLIAMS  
 4 - LEICESTER SARGENT LEWIS, SON OF EMILY SARGENT LEWIS  
 5 - (3D) STEPHEN DENNY SARGENT, SON OF JAMES CUNNINGHAM SARGENT  
 6 - DANIEL LISLE TATE, II, SON OF ALICE SARGENT TATE  
 8 - (4TH) AMY RICE GOELLER, DAUGHTER OF ELIZABETH (BIBBY) DEMING GOELLER  
       (3D) EMLI-ANN GRANDALL PARKER, DAUGHTER OF PHEBE-NORTON PARKER  
 9 - HOWARD LEWIS SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 10 - (1ST) BRUCE KINGSBURY SARGENT, SON OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY SARGENT  
 11 - (20TH) LAWRENCE ROZIER HOLLAND, SON OF LEICESTER BODINE HOLLAND  
 14 - (4TH) CORNELIUS KIMBALL HAM, II, SON OF ROSWELL GRAY HAM, JR.  
       (2D) WILLIAM CONLEY DONNELL, JR., SON OF ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) DONNELL  
 17 - (5TH) BRUCE FENN, 3D, SON OF BRUCE FENN, 2D  
 18 - (9TH) MURRAY (ROBIN) SARGENT, 3D, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT, JR.  
 19 - HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, HUSBAND OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER  
       (9TH) WALLACE BRUCE FENN, SON OF RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.  
 21 - BARBARA LOIS MALE SARGENT, WIFE OF RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT, JR.  
 22 - BRADFORD SARGENT TILNEY, SON OF RHODA MILES SARGENT TILNEY  
 28 - ELEANOR SARGENT HOLLAND, DAUGHTER OF RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND  
       (8TH) LESLIE SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF FREDERICK KINGSBURY SARGENT  
 29 - RUTH KINGSBURY SARGENT, WIFE OF RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT  
       RICHARD COLLIER SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 30 - MURRAY SARGENT, SON OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT  
       (24TH) ELLEN PULFORD REESE, STEPDAUGHTER OF CATHERINE RICE PULFORD

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- AUGUST 6 - (1ST) R. LOUISE FISHER AND RALPH ANDREW FLETCHER, JR.  
 7 - (2D) DANIEL L., II, AND HOPE MAXWELL TATE  
 12 - (6TH) DOROTHY JOAN WISER AND DUNCAN L. MACDOUGALL  
       (1ST) J. WEIR, JR., AND ANNE WEBB SARGENT  
 19 - (32D) RUPERT S. AND MARGARET LYON HOLLAND  
 23 - (9TH) FREDERICK K. AND JANET WYER SARGENT  
 24 - (17TH) ROBERT L. AND LUCILLE FISHER

REV. NATHANIEL BREWSTER (ABOUT 1624-1690), ANCESTOR OF MOST OF US (SEE GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JUNE 26TH, WHICH CONTINUES THE CHART IN THE ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 24, 1949), WAS THE SON OF FRANCIS BREWSTER, A CHIRURGEON OF NEW HAVEN, AND OF LUCY, HIS WIFE, AND A GRANDSON OF FRANCIS BREWSTER, YEOMAN, OF BRISTOL, ENGLAND (WHO LIVED IN BRISTOL CASTLE FIRST AS COLLECTOR OF RENTS FOR SIR JOHN STAFFORD, THE CONSTABLE, AND LATER AS LESSEE OF THE CASTLE UNDER THE CROWN BY ROYAL GRANT OF JAMES I). FRANCIS, NATHANIEL'S FATHER, ONE OF THE WEALTHIER MEN IN NEW HAVEN COLONY, HIS ESTATE BEING INVENTORIED FOR SOME £555, WAS LOST WITH "DIVERS OTHER GODLY PERSONS" ON A VOYAGE FROM NEW HAVEN TO ENGLAND IN JANUARY 1646 ON THE SO-CALLED "PHANTOM SHIP". HIS WIDOW MARRIED THOMAS PELL. NATHANIEL GRADUATED FROM HARVARD COLLEGE IN 1642 AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS. HARVARD FOR APPROXIMATELY ITS FIRST HUNDRED YEARS RANKED ITS GRADUATES ACCORDING TO THE SOCIAL STANDING OF THEIR FAMILIES. (YALE, FOUNDED IN 1701, FOLLOWED A SIMILAR PRACTICE.) NATHANIEL BREWSTER WAS RANKED LAST IN A CLASS OF NINE. YE EDITOR DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS COMING FROM NEW HAVEN HAD ANY INFLUENCE ON THE RANKING BY THE HARVARD AUTHORITIES. IN THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, VOLS. 12 AND 13, DONALD LINES JACOBUS DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE WITH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN PROVING THAT NATHANIEL BREWSTER WAS NOT DESCENDED FROM ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER OF THE "MAYFLOWER". "NOT FAR FROM THE TIME WHEN BREWSTER TOOK HIS DEGREE THE LAWS ENFORCING UNIFORMITY IN ENGLAND WERE REPEALED, AND OTHERS PASSED, WHICH MADE THE SITUATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CLERGY SO UNCOMFORTABLE THAT MANY LEFT THEIR PARISHES, AND THE VACANCIES WERE FILLED BY PRESBYTERIANS AND INDEPENDENTS. SEVERAL PERSONS WHO HAD FLED TO NEW ENGLAND TO ESCAPE OPPRESSION, AND OTHERS WHO HAD BEEN EDUCATED HERE, AMONG WHOM WERE BREWSTER AND SOME OF HIS CLASSMATES, RETURNED TO ENGLAND TO ENTER THE MINISTRY. HUTCHINSON NOTICES HIM AS A 'SETTLED MINISTER IN NORFOLK, AND OF GOOD REPORT'." NATHANIEL BREWSTER RECEIVED THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY OR DIVINITY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN IN IRELAND, WHERE HE APPARENTLY SPENT MORE THAN A YEAR. HE WAS MINISTER OF NEATISHEAD AND IRSTEAD, COUNTY OF NORFOLK, ENGLAND, AS EARLY AS 1650, BUT ABOUT 1654 BECAME MINISTER AT ALBY, CO.

NORFOLK, WHERE HE SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HIS HOME UNTIL HIS RETURN TO NEW ENGLAND, BROKEN BY TRIPS TO IRELAND IN 1655 AND 1656 WITH HENRY CROMWELL. THE CROMWELL GOVERNMENT MADE HIM AN ALLOWANCE OF £36 PER ANNUM. HE FIRST MARRIED ABOUT 1644. HIS FIRST WIFE, THE MOTHER OF HIS DAUGHTER ABIGAIL (WIFE OF DANIEL BURR), WAS THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN REYMES OF EDGEFIELD, NORFOLK, ESQ., WHOSE WILL DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1662, PROVED MAY 30, 1663, REFERS TO "MY SON-IN-LAW, NATHANIEL BREWSTER, WHO MARRIED MY DAUGHTER", BUT AS THE LATTER IS NOT OTHERWISE MENTIONED THE INFERENCE IS THAT SHE WAS NOT THEN LIVING. HIS SECOND WIFE WAS SARAH, DAUGHTER OF ROGER LUDLOW. SIBLEY'S "HARVARD GRADUATES", VOL. I, CONTAINS A NUMBER OF LETTERS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, WRITTEN BY OR ABOUT BREWSTER FROM WHICH WE QUOTE: "IN A LETTER DATED 'ALBY IN NORFOLK, JUNE 18, 1655,' BREWSTER WRITES TO THURLOE, WHO WAS SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER CROMWELL, FOR INFORMATION RESPECTING A RECOMMENDATION IN HIS BEHALF 'TO THE DEPUTY OF IRELAND, WHICH HIS HIGHNESSE (CROMWELL) INTENDED; ...FOR THE SUDDENNESSE OF MY VOYAGE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS HIGHNESS LETTER IN THE PRESENT CASE HATH ENFORCED ME TO USURPE SOE MUCH UPON YOUR LOVE. I EXPECT TO BE IN LONDON THIS WEEKE, AND (AS I FINDE THINGS) TO HASTEN AFTER MY LORD HENRY (CROMWELL) BEFORE HE SET SAYLE, SOE AS THE READYNESSE OF MY ADVANCE MONEY AND OF THAT RECOMMENDATION WILL BE AN EXTRAORDINARY FURTHERANCE, IF I CAN BE RESOLVED ABOUT THEM, BY CALLING AT YOUR HONOR'S HOUSE.' IN ANOTHER LETTER TO THURLOE, DATED 'DUBLIN, JULY 18, 1655,' HE WRITES: 'SINCE I SAW YOUR HONOUR, I HAD A WEARISOME JOURNEY TO WEST CHESTER, WHERE I OVERTOOK MY LORD HENRY THE EVENING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO HOLYHEAD, AND CAME WITH HIS HONOUR SAFELY AND COMFORTABLY TO DUBLIN.' BREWSTER CARRIED TO FLEETWOOD, THEN LORD DEPUTY OF IRELAND, A LETTER FROM OLIVER CROMWELL, DATED 22 JUNE, 1655, IN WHICH CROMWELL WRITES: 'USE THIS BEARER, MR. BREWSTER KINDLY. LET HIM BE NEAR YOU; INDEED HE IS A VERY ABLE HOLY MAN; TRUST YOU WILL FIND HIM SO.' FROM 'ALBY IN NORFOLK, JAN. 28, 1655 (1655-6),' BREWSTER WRITES TO THURLOE: 'ABOUT NORTH WALSHAM THE BLACK-FRYARS-WAY SEEMS TO GAIN UPON SOME (MINISTERS AND OTHERS) SO FARRE, AS GRIEVES MANY SOLLID CHRISTIANS', THOUGH HE SAYS 'I CANNOT BUT BEARE WITNESSE TO THE GODLYNESSE OF THOSE THAT CARRY IT ON.' THE TONE OF THE LETTER IS OPPOSED TO THE MOVEMENT. FROM 'DUBLYN, OCT. 22, 1656,' HE WRITES TO THURLOE OF 'BEING LATELY RETURNED WITH MY LORD FROM A LONG PROGRESSE, WHERE I HAD OCCASION TO TAKE SOME NOTICE OF THE TOWNES IN IRELAND', AND INFORMS HIM THAT 'THE PRINCIPAL SEA PORTS AND IN-LAND TOWNES OF THIS COUNTRY ARE SADLY DECAYED AND UNPEOPLED, BEING LIKELY TO CONTINUE SO TILL BETTER ENCOURAGEMENT BE OFFERED TO PLANTERS, ESPECIALLY MERCHANTS; THE WANT OF WHICH RENDERS MANY BEAUTIFULL STRONGE TOWNES TO BE BUT SAD SPECTACLES.... OUR DISSENTING (BUT I HOPE) GODLY FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTRY DOE SEEME TO CARRY SUCH A JEALOUSY AND DISTANCE WITH THE PRESENT MAGISTRACY AND MINISTRY (I MEAN IN MATTERS SPIRITUALL) AS I AM NOW AT LEAST SOMEWHAT WEARY OF HOPEING FOR AN ACCOMODATION, WHICH I HAVE HOPED AND ENDEAVOURED WITH SO MUCH COMPLIANCE AS OFFENDED MY BEST FRIENDS, FOR TWELVE MONTHS SPACE, BUT DOE FINDE BY EXPERIENCE IN SIX WEEKS TRAVAILING, THAT THEY ARE EVERY WHERE UNANIMOUS AND FIXT IN SEPARATEING FROM US, EVEN TO THE ORDINANCE OF HEARING THE WORD, A THING THAT GREATLY AFFLICTS MY LORD AND MANY HUNDREDS FEARING GOD, THAT WISH THEM WELL.' JULY 26, 1658, BEING IN STRAITENED CIRCUMSTANCES, HE WRITES TO HENRY SCOBELL, 'CLERKE TO HIS HIGHNESSE PRIVY COUNCELL AT WHITEHALL': 'AFTER MY HUMBLE SERVICE AND THANKFULNESSE FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTIAN RESPECT & FAVOURS, I AM OCCASIONED, BY AN EXTRAORDINARY EXIGENT, TO MOVE YOU, A LITTLE BEYOND MY BOUNDS, THAT (AS THIS BEARER MR. CLERKE, MY AGENT & FAITHFULL FRIEND, SHALL EXPLAINE MY AFFAIRES TO YOU) YOU MAY VOUCHSAFE TO LIGHTEN MY PRESENT CARES SO FARRE AS (WITH SECURITIE FROM MY LORD CHARLES FLEETWOOD OR LIEUTENAND GENERAL (EDMUND) LUDLOW) YOU SHALL FINDE SAFE & CONVENIENT. WHEREIN YOU WOULD GREATLY REFRESH MY BOWELLS, & (WITH YOUR PARDON OF THIS STRANGE BOLDNESSE) MORE OBLIGE ME TO BE YOUR VERY HUMBLE FAITHFULL SERVANT.' FROM AN APPLICATION BY HIS CHURCH, IT APPEARS THAT 'THE PARSONAGES OF ALBY AND WAITE' (IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK) BEING UNDER SEQUESTRATION 'HAD BEEN UNITED AND SETTLED UPON HIM', BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PLUNDERED MINISTERS. HE PREACHED IN BOTH THESE PLACES EVERY LORD'S DAY; BUT BECAUSE OF DISBURSEMENT FOR 'REPARATION OF THE PARSONAGE HOUSES, BEING LEFT EXCEEDING RUINOUS BY THE LATE INCUMBENTS, AT THEIR EJECTMENT;...THE SAID MR. BREWSTER, A GREAT FAMILY, AND MUCH EMPLOYED IN THE COUNTRY BY PREACHING FREELY, WHERE THERE IS NEED, IS REDUCED TO VERY GREATE STREIGHTS, AND NOT LIKE TO CONTINUE IN HIS FUNCTION, WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE'; NOT BEING ABLE TO 'RAISE ABOVE FIFTY POUNDS PER ANNUM CLEARLY, OUT OF BOTH SAID PARSONAGES. ABOUT SEPTEMBER, 1663, AFTER THE RESTORATION OF CHARLES THE SECOND AND THE PASSAGE OF THE ACT OF UNIFORMITY, HULL (DIARY IN THE ARCHEOLOGIA AMERICANA) SAYS THAT BREWSTER, 'A VERY ABLE AND PIOUS MINISTER', CAME TO BOSTON 'IN MASTER FROUT'S SHIP, FROM LONDON. MRS. NORTON (WIDOW OF THE REV. JOHN NORTON) ENTERTAINED HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN HER HOUSE; AND AFTER A WHILE, WHEN OUR CHURCH HAD TASTED HIS GIFTS, THEY DESIRED HIS FREQUENT LABOR AMONG US. WHO, TOGETHER WITH MR. JAMES ALLEN,—THAT CAME HITHER ABOUT AUGUST 1662,—CARRIED ON THE PUBLIC MINISTRY IN OUR CHURCH'; BREWSTER BEGINNING IN OCTOBER, 1663, AND CONTINUING AS A FELLOW-LABORER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IN 1665 HE WENT TO BROOKHAVEN ON LONG ISLAND, \*\*\* AND IN THE AUTUMN WAS SETTLED THERE AS FIRST MINISTER. \*\*\* HE DIED THERE 18 DECEMBER 1690, AGE AND INFIRMITY HAVING FOR SOME TIME DISABLED HIM FROM PERFORMING CONSTANT MINISTERIAL DUTY."