

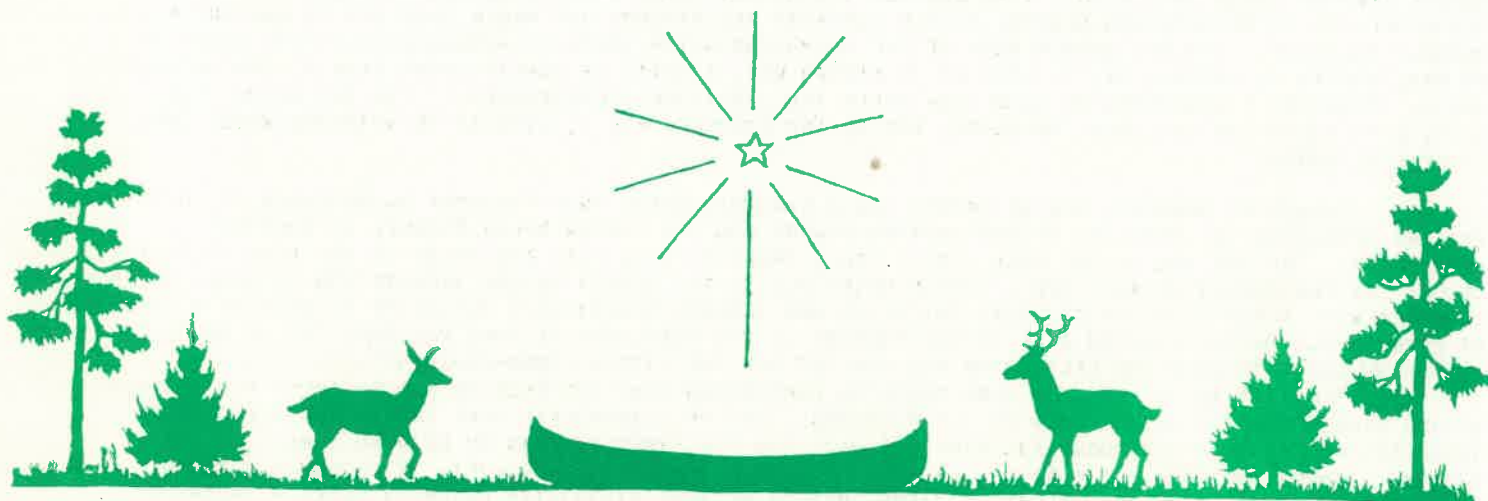
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ZIEGLER SARGENT, EDITOR, AND AGNES W.B. SARGENT, ASSISTANT EDITOR, WISH ALL OUR READERS  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



ERIC DAY BAUER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT AND KARL JACK BAUER, WAS BORN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE ARLINGTON (VA.) HOSPITAL. HE IS THEIR FIRST CHILD AND WEIGHED 6 LBS., 10 OZ. AT BIRTH. HE WAS NOT NAMED FOR ANYONE. HE IS A GRANDSON OF CHARLES FORBES SARGENT AND OF ELIZABETH DAY SARGENT AND OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES A. BAUER. HE IS A GREAT-GRANDSON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT AND OF JULIUS GILBERT DAY, AND IS THE 67TH GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). DODIE BROUGHT THE BABY HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL ON DECEMBER 11. THE BAUERS LIVE AT 521 VISTA DRIVE, APARTMENT 203, FALLS CHURCH, VA. JACK IS WORKING IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON.

STEVIA WARREN SARGENT, YOUNGER DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH WEIR SARGENT AND PHEBE DOWNS SARGENT, OF "ELMHOUSE", 104 SUNSET LANE, HAVERFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO ROBERT GORDON LESHER, SON OF MRS. GRANVILLE S. FOSS OF CHAPPAQUA, N.Y., AND THE LATE MR. ROBERT F. LESHER. STEVIA IS A GRADUATE OF THE SHIPLEY SCHOOL OF BRYN MAWR AND IS A SENIOR AT MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE. SHE IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF MRS. NORTON DOWNS OF BRYN MAWR, PA., AND OF THE LATE JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT AND CLARA LOUISE WEIR SARGENT. HER FIANCEE IS A SENIOR AT YALE AND IS A GRANDSON OF THE LATE MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR L. LESHER OF RYE, N.Y., AND OF MR. HENRY GORDON MACDONALD OF BROOKLYN AND BRONXVILLE, N.Y., AND THE LATE MRS. MACDONALD.

JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY SARGENT AND ELIZABETH (LIB) OWEN SARGENT, IS ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED TO MISS MARY ALEXANDRA TENNANT, DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. ROBERT TENNANT OF WEST HARTFORD, CONN. MARY IS A GRADUATE OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND IS A SOPHOMORE AT SMITH. SHE WAS HONORED AT THE HOLLY BALL IN 1953 AND IS A MEMBER OF THE COTILLION CLUB. SHE LIKES TO SKI AND HAS A YOUNGER SISTER, BARBARA. JOE GRADUATED FROM ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL AND IN 1952 FROM YALE, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FENCE CLUB. HE IS WITH CONNING & CO., INVESTMENT BROKERS OF HARTFORD. THEY PLAN TO BE MARRIED NEXT JUNE.

THE REVEREND THOMAS OWEN SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY SARGENT, WAS ORDAINED ON DECEMBER 11 TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS IN THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH BY THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY HEAN DANIELS, THE BISHOP OF MONTANA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH, BILLINGS, MONTANA, WHERE HE HAS BEEN CURATE SINCE JULY 15. TOM AND KATHY, HIS WIFE, AND OWEN, THEIR SEVENTEEN MONTHS OLD SON, LIVE AT 119 NORTH 33D STREET, BILLINGS, MONTANA.

THOMAS DENNY SARGENT, SON OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, AND LIB, HIS WIFE, HAVE BUILT A HOUSE IN FARMINGTON, CONN., AND ARE MOVING INTO IT WITH THEIR SON JOE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11. THEIR NEW ADDRESS IS WHITE OAK ROAD, FARMINGTON, CONN.

JOHN M. SARGENT, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT, AND JANET, HIS WIFE, BOUND FOR NEW HAVEN FROM NEW YORK IN THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 5, EXPECTING TO ATTEND ON THE NEXT DAY THE YALE-ARMY FOOTBALL GAME, WERE INVOLVED IN A MULTI CAR ACCIDENT ON THE MERRITT HIGHWAY, A FOUR LANE ROAD. THE DRIVER OF THE CAR THAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT HAD A BLOWOUT, AND, INSTEAD OF DRIVING ONTO THE GRASS AT THE SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY ACCORDING TO THE RULES, STAYED ON THE LEFT OR PASSING LANE. AS IT WAS JUST OVER A HILL AND DARK THE DRIVERS OF THE CARS BEHIND WERE UNABLE TO PREVENT COLLISION. THE SMALL AUSTIN DRIVEN BY JOHN WAS THE THIRD CAR TO PILE UP. JOHN AND JANET WERE SENT BY AMBULANCE TO THE GREENWICH HOSPITAL WITH HEAD AND OTHER INJURIES. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS THEY TRANSFERRED TO THE MURRAY SARGENT APARTMENT IN NEW YORK FOR A FEW DAYS' RECUPERATION BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR OWN APARTMENT AT 45 CHARLES STREET, NEW YORK 14. THE AUSTIN, APPARENTLY BEYOND REPAIR, WAS TOWED TO THE MURRAY SARGENT, JR'S, IN WESPORT, CONN.

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JAMES S. WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER, HAS RECENTLY RESIGNED HIS POSITION WITH LUCE MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION IN NEW YORK WITH ROCKEFELLER CENTER, INC. "AS A RENTAL SALESMAN MY DUTIES CONSIST OF LOCATING NEW TENANT PROSPECTS, RENEWING LEASES, AND HANDLING RELOCATION AND EXPANSION REQUESTS. WITH 1,200 OFFICE AND SHOP TENANTS OCCUPYING OVER FIVE MILLION SQUARE FEET OF SPACE IT'S A FULL TIME JOB FOR SIX OF US. MANY VERY LARGE AND FINE COMPANIES HAVE THEIR OFFICES IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER, SO THE CONTACTS AND FRIENDS ONE MAKES FROM DAY TO DAY ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. I'M NOT OVERLY FOND OF THE COMMUTING WHICH TAKES UP APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS OF MY DAY, PORTAL TO PORTAL, OR, TO LOOK AT IT ANOTHER WAY, A TOTAL OF TWENTY SEVEN DAYS A YEAR ON THE TRAIN. HOWEVER, A NEWSPAPER OR GOOD BOOK HELPS THE SITUATION CONSIDERABLY." JIM AND NORMA, HIS WIFE, WITH THEIR TWO CHILDREN, PENELOPE, AGE 8, AND STEPHEN, AGE 7, LIVE AT 56 SPINNING WHEEL LANE, FAIRFIELD, CONN.

SYDNEY F. SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT, WROTE FROM PASADENA ON NOVEMBER 29 TO YE EDITORS REGARDING THE FAMILIES OF HIS BROTHER HOWARD AND HIS SISTER MOLLY MCCANCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: "WE ARE ALL IN THE PINK EXCEPT FOR A CREAKING BONE HERE AND THERE IN THE MORE ANCIENT OF US. AT THE MOMENT WE ALL HAVE A COMMON GRIPE DUE TO THE LATEST SEVERE INFESTATION OF SMOG, WHICH COMBINED WITH A PEA-SOUP FOG OF GREAT INTENSITY HAD INDUCED CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY. ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE PICTURE IS THE STATEMENT OF SOME WIT THAT "IT IS SO NICE AWAKENING EARLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HEARING ALL THE LITTLE BIRDS-COUGHING".

"BE THAT AS IT MAY, THE CLAN DROVE TO LONG BEACH FROM LOS ANGELES AND PASADENA FOR THANKS-GIVING DINNER AND THE AFTERNOON WITH THE MCCANCES. LET ME INTERPOLATE HERE THAT BEING ONE OF THE THREE DRIVERS ON THAT HAZARDOUS PILGRIMAGE I HAD, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY DRIVING CAREER, TO PULL OFF THE HIGHWAY AND PARK FOR A WHILE, WAITING FOR THE SMOGY CURTAIN TO LIFT. A FOG-SMOG CURTAIN STALLED HUNDREDS OF CARS, TRUCKS AND JITTERY DRIVERS BECAUSE VISIBILITY ACTUALLY ENDED AT A CAR'S OWN RADIATOR. THE ACCIDENT COUNT HAS SO FAR BEEN TERRIFIC. SITTING DOWN AT 1:30 TO MOLLY'S DELICIOUS TURKEY DINNER WERE THE THREE MCCANCES OF LONG BEACH-BILL, MOLLY, AND MARY; THE THREE MCCANCES OF PASADENA-FORBES, JENELLA, AND TOMMY (11 MONTHS); THE THREE SARGENTS OF LOS ANGELES-PETE (HOWARD), FLORENCE, AND LOUISE; AND YOURS TRULY, THE LONE WOLF. YOUNG TOMMY DIDN'T REALLY SIT AT TABLE. HE BURLED AND ROMPED ON THE FLOOR. THE CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES, HE IS A STURDY YOUNG MAN WHO LOOKS NOT TOO MUCH LIKE HIS MA OR PA BUT RESEMBLES BOTH. PETER (HOWARD, JR.) SARGENT, OUR BUDDING MEDIC, WAS SORELY MISSED AT THE GATHERING.

"FORBES MCCANCE'S JOB WITH BRIDGEPORT BRASS CO. IN LOS ANGELES IS ACCORDING TO HIM IN-TRIGUING AND SATISFACTORY. JENELLA ENJOYS TEACHING IN A PASADENA SCHOOL. LOUISE IS CRAZY ABOUT HER SECRETARIAL WORK FOR CARNATION. MARY LOOKED LOVELY IN A NEW BLUE DRESS AND, AT MY RIGHT, KEPT ME INTERESTED IN HER RECENT ACTIVITIES. FLORENCE, AT MY LEFT AT TABLE, CAUGHT ME UP ON THE H.L.S. FAMILY DOINGS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN H.L.S. IN BETTER FORM. HE HAS ACQUIRED A BIT OF EXTRA WEIGHT PHYSICALLY, AND 'CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT' OTHERWISE WITH ALL WHO KNOW HIM. BILL AND MOLLY AS HOST AND HOSTESS ALWAYS 'CARRY THE BALL' WITH GRACE, CHARM, AND AFFECTION. THIS DAY WAS NO EXCEPTION. BEFORE THE PARTY BROKE UP WE WERE INVITED TO THE H.L.S. HOME IN L.A. FOR DINNER ON THE 20TH OF DECEMBER, AND AFTERWARD A SHOWING OF COLORED SLIDES OF THE RECENT EUROPEAN WANDERINGS OF OUR PETER SARGENT AND FRIEND, PETER TO BE THE LECTURER, SO ANOTHER NICE FAMILY GET-TOGETHER IS IN THE OFFING.

"AS FOR ME, I RETIRED LAST DECEMBER 31ST. STOOD THE INACTIVITY FOR ONE MONTH, THEN TOOK TO GARDENING. LOVE IT! FOUR HOURS A DAY IN OTHER PEOPLES' YARDS DOING THIS AND THAT TO URGE THESE AND THOSE TO BLOOM. RECENTLY I ACQUIRED A FINE 21" SCREEN R.C.A. TV SET FOR MY SMALL HOME. I NOT ONLY ENJOY IT, BUT IT HAS RAISED TO THREE THE NUMBER OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ON THE PREMISES-NAMELY, TELEVISION, PIANO, AND PLUMBING. WE WISH ALL SARGENTS EVERYWHERE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND FOR YOU TWO PLEASE ADD OUR THANKS AGAIN FOR SARGENTRIVIA."

THE FOLLOWING FROM THE DIARY OF LIEUT. COL. JOSEPH SCRANTON TATE, JR., SON OF ALICE SARGENT TATE, IS A CONTINUATION OF HIS ACCOUNT IN SARGENTRIVIA OF NOVEMBER 22 OF THE TRANSFER OF HIS BOMBER GROUP FROM ENGLAND TO ALGERIA ON DECEMBER 7. "WE SAW MANY BEAUTIFUL WHITE TOWNS AND ROLLING HILLS, MANY OF THEM SHELL POKED AND RIDGED WITH TRENCHES FROM THE CIVIL WAR. WE SAW SCARCELY ANY SIGNS OF LIFE ANYWHERE, EXCEPT A FEW FIRES, EITHER IN THE WOODS OR HILLS, EVERY NOW AND THEN. AS WE NEARED THE EASTERN COAST OF SPAIN THE CLOUDS AND MOUNTAINS BOTH BEGAN TO BUILD UP AND THE CLOUDS GOT TO AROUND SIX OR SEVEN THOUSANDS AND THE MOUNTAINS GOT MUCH HIGHER. WAY OUT TO THE NORTH, LEFT OF OUR COURSE, WE PASSED A BEAUTIFUL HIGH SNOWCAPPED PEAK WHICH LIFTED ITS HEAD ABOVE THE CLOUDS SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET. SOON — ABOUT TEN PAST THREE WE CROSSED THE COAST AROUND CAPE SACRITIF AND ROLLED OUT OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN. MY FIRST GLIMPSE OF IT SHOWED IT TO BE EASILY AS BEAUTIFUL AS I HAD EXPECTED IT TO BE, AND THERE WERE NICE WHITE CAPS ALL OVER THE SURFACE. I WAS ALONE AT THIS TIME, BUT GRADUALLY ALL OUR SHIPS BEGAN TO CONVERGE AND SOON WE HAD TWELVE OF US WITHIN SIGHT OF EACH OTHER. I IDENTIFIED THEM AS ALL 328TH AND 409TH, EXCEPT THE COLONEL'S FLIGHT AND FIGURED HIM AHEAD OF US. ATTILIO WANTED TO MAKE SOME PICTURES SO I BEGAN FLYING ALL OVER THE SKY GETTING SHOTS OF FORMATIONS. BEN RIGGS, STEW AND MURPHY P. WERE TOGETHER AND I THINK WE REALLY GOT SOME GOOD SHOTS OF THEM. WE MADE A LANDFALL OFF THE TIP OF MEDILLA IN SPANISH MORRACO, AND HEADED FOR OUR NEW BASE ACROSS A LITTLE BAY. WE HIT LAND AGAIN SOON AND WERE SHORTLY OVER THE LARGE DRIED-OUT LAKE BED WHICH IS SUCH A PROMINENT LANDMARK HERE. IN THE LAKE BED AS WE FLEW OVER I SAW A NUMBER OF CRACKED UP SHIPS, SOME SPITS AND SOMETHING WHICH RESEMBLED A LOCKHEAD. WE SOON LOCATED THE FIELD WHICH IS SITUATED IN THE VALLEY WHICH IS FORMED BY A MOUNTAIN RANGE TO THE SOUTH AND SOME HIGH HILLS TO THE NORTH, JUST SHORT OF THE COAST. WE WENT INTO ECHELON, CIRCLED THE FIELD ONCE AND BUZZED IT AS WELL AS IT HAS EVER



BEEN BUZZED I GUESS, AND THEN MADE AN IMMENSE PATTERN TO LAND. WE DAMN NEAR CROSSED OVER ORAN WHICH IS 15 OR 20 MILES FROM THE FIELD ON OUR DOWN LAND LEG, AND WE DID CROSS OVER LA SENIA, ANOTHER AIR-DROME NEAR ORAN. WE LANDED EAST ON THE EASTWEST RUNWAY, AND ON CUTTING THE MOTORS HAD BEEN IN THE AIR 8:50. I LEFT THE CREW AT THE SHIP AND REPORTED TO OPERATIONS, GOT LINED UP ON WHAT TO DO, AND WENT BACK TO THE SHIP FOR THE CREW AND EATING AND SLEEPING TOOLS. WE HAD LANDED AT ABOUT 5:10 AND AFTER WE ATE AND GOT OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS LINED UP IT WAS QUITE DARK OUT. THE 330TH BEGAN TO COME IN AND SO DID THE WEATHER. ALL OF THEM MANAGED TO GET IN EXCEPT OX JOHNSON AND BOB HOOVER, WHOM WE THINK HAVE LANDED AT GIB. ALFRED ASCH, FLYING IN "WHAM DAMN", SAYS HE RAN INTO INSTRUMENTS ON HIS BASE LEG AT 1000 FEET WITH WHEELS AND FLAPS DOWN. THEY WERE ALL LUCKY TO GET IN. THEY HAD HAD JUST AS LOUSEY A BRIEFING AS WE, AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THE FIELD HAD AN AMERICAN RADIO RANGE. THE FOOD WASN'T BAD, BUT BOY WHAT QUARTERS! THERE WERE NO BEDS WHEN WE ARRIVED, A FEW OF US WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE NONMILITARY AND BRING A BEDDING ROLL (AFTER BEING ORDERED NOT TO) BUT UNFORTUNATELY I WAS NOT ONE OF THESE. SOME MANAGED TO GET FRENCH ARMY BEDS WHICH ARE OF THREE TYPES. 1 - A HEAD PIECE AND FOOT PIECE OF STEEL WITH THREE SOLID BOARDS! - 2 - THE SAME FOOT PIECES WITH SIX LENGTHWISE STEEL SLATS! AND 3 - THE OLD USUAL BEDSTEAD WITH NO SPRINGS! I GOT ONE OF THE LATTER AND TIED ONE OF MY TWO BLANKETS AT THE FOUR CORNERS AND MADE A HAMMOCK. OF COURSE PART OF MY POSTERIOR COUCHED THE COLD CEMENT FLOOR ON TESTING, BUT IT WAS BETTER THAN SOME WHO VIEW THE FLOOR AS A BED IN ITSELF. THIS PLACE EVIDENTLY RESISTED CAPTURE TO NO SMALL EXTENT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BLOWN UP AS WELL AS SHOT UP FRENCH PLANES HERE - AS WELL AS HOLES IN A LOT OF THE BUILDINGS, AND IN SOME PLACES, BLOOD STAINS ON THE WALLS AND FLOORS. THERE ARE NO LIGHTS IN THIS PLACE AND I AM WRITING BY CANDLELIGHT. WASHING ETC. IS QUITE PRIMITIVE AND ALL DRINKING WATER IS CONTROLLED. WASHING WATER IS BAD - SULPHUR - AND SMELLS LIKE THREE OLD ROTTEN EGGS. ASIDE FROM THIS, I THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE IT HERE. IT IS WARM IN THE DAYTIME THEY SAY, BUT IT HAS BECOME QUITE COOL TONIGHT. I SAW A FEW LOOSE ARABS BOTH WALKING AND IN SOME SORT OF CART BEING PULLED BY A LITTLE  $\frac{1}{2}$  SIZE DONKEY. THEY SAY WE CAN GET EGGS AND TANGERINES FROM THEM ALL THE TIME. I ATE ABOUT 10 TANGERINES TONIGHT. STEW HAS A COT NEXT TO MINE, THE MAJOR SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO ME AND THE WHOLE REST OF THE SQUADRON OFFICERS SLEEP IN THIS ONE BIG ROOM TOO. THE ENLISTED MEN, EXCEPT FOR THE MEN GUARDING THE SHIPS, SLEEP IN THE SAME BUILDING, BUT THE OTHER SIDE FROM US. THE 301ST IS HERE AS ARE THE 97TH, AND HAVE BEEN SEEING QUITE A LITTLE ACTION SO FAR. WE WOULD GO OUT TOMORROW EXCEPT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO UNLOAD THE SHIPS, CHECK THEM AND BOMB UP TONIGHT. WE WILL READY THEM TOMORROW AND PROBABLY GO OUT ON THE 9TH FOR OUR FIRST AFFAIR IN THIS THEATRE. I MUST GET TO BED NOW AS IT IS QUITE LATE AND I AM TIRED AS HELL. GOODNIGHT DARNING. I WOULD GIVE ALL OF AFRICA TO BE WITH YOU NOW. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH."

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- JANUARY 3 - THOMAS OWEN SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY SARGENT  
 4 - GORDON FLANDERS WHITNEY, HUSBAND OF EMILY SARGENT PETTIT WHITNEY  
     THOMAS HUNTINGTON WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER  
 7 - (15TH) STEPHEN HARDING HOLLAND, SON OF RICHARD LYON HOLLAND  
 10 - (11TH) KATHARINE AVIES FENN, DAUGHTER OF BRUCE FENN, 2D  
     (2D) GEORGE GARDNER LORING, JR.  
 11 - MARY HALE CUNNINGHAM SARGENT, WIFE OF MURRAY SARGENT  
 14 - (1ST) BRADFORD SARGENT PETTIT, SON OF HORACE PETTIT, JR.  
 16 - ANNE (NANCY) HOYT SARGENT, WIFE OF JOHN SARGENT  
 17 - (1ST) MARIA LATTIMORE, DAUGHTER OF EMILY SARGENT LEWIS LATTIMORE  
 20 - (10TH) FREDERIC (RICK) HOMER SARGENT TATE, JR.  
     (5TH) RALPH ANDREW FLETCHER, 3D, SON OF ROBERTA LOUISE FISHER FLETCHER  
 21 - LUDWIG KING MOOREHEAD, HUSBAND OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD  
 22 - FLORENCE REBECCA SARGENT ERICSSON, DAUGHTER OF JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT  
 23 - (3D) LAWRENCE CURRIE WISER, SON OF THOMAS HUNTINGTON WISER  
 27 - JUAN JOSE CASANOVA, HUSBAND OF MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS CASANOVA  
 29 - (12TH) TIMOTHY COLLINS TILNEY, SON OF BRADFORD SARGENT TILNEY  
 30 - MARGARET HUSSON HOLLINGSWORTH, WIDOW OF LIEUT. COL. JOSEPH SCRANTON TATE, JR.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- JANUARY 18 - (42D) MURRAY AND MARY HALE CUNNINGHAM SARGENT  
 23 - (12TH) JAMES C. AND REBECCA PORTEOUS JACKSON SARGENT

THE DIARY OF GEORGE HENRY SARGENT (1828-1917) IS CONTINUED. THE FIRST PORTION APPEARED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF NOVEMBER 17, 1953, THE SECOND IN THE ISSUE OF MARCH 23, 1954. THIS IS THE THIRD OF A VOLUMINOUS VOLUME. 24 CLIFF STREET WAS HIS BROTHER, J.B. SARGENT'S STORE IN NEW YORK.

BROOKLYN. MAY 10TH, SATURDAY, 1851. PLEASANT. WIND RIGHT. HAVE BEEN ENGAGED AS USUAL MOST OF THE DAY AT 24 CLIFF ST., N.Y. WE FOUR, WHO WENT UP THE NORTH RIVER YESTERDAY, DINED TOGETHER TO-DAY AT "ROGER'S". TOM LEWIS LEFT FOR HOME, VIA SAVANNAH, THIS P.M. AT 4 O'CLOCK. HENRY, CHARLIE AND SELF WENT DOWN AND SAW HIM OFF. HE SAILED IN THE "FLORIDA". SAME STEAMSHIP THAT BROTHER H.J. WENT HOME IN, IN MARCH. I AM SORRY TO PART WITH TOM, AS HE IS A GOOD "HALE FELLOW WELL MET" AND I

ENJOYED HIS BEING HERE. AFTER HE LEFT WE WENT TO THE PIER OF THE NORWICH BOAT AND FOUND CONSIDERABLE MANY WORCESTER CO. BOYS THERE, WHO LEFT AT 5 O'CLOCK IN THE "CONNECTICUT". SAW H.A. DENNY AND MISS SARAH EDWARDS ABOARD THE BOAT. H.C., SELF AND CHARLES MINOR HAVE BEEN TO BROOKLYN LYCEUM, THIS EVE. SAW AND HEARD MARY TAYLOR IN THE "CHILD OF THE REGIMENT". SHE IS A CHARMING SINGER.

BROOKLYN. SUNDAY, MAY 11TH 1851. FINE DAY. DINED AT MR. (COUSIN) GEORGE WEBBS TO DAY. JOHN RUSSELL AN OLD LEICESTER ACADEMY FRIEND DINED THERE ALSO. AFTER DINNER J. & SELF WENT OVER TO N.Y. TO SEE HENRY H. AND CHARLIE B. BUT DID NOT FIND THEM. WE PROMENADED BROADWAY A SHORT TIME, THEN PARTED, FOR OUR RESPECTIVE HOMES. HAVE PASSED THE EVE. AT HOME. BEAUTIFUL EVENING.

BROOKLYN. MONDAY, MAY 12TH, 1851. CLOUDY IN A.M. BUT BRIGHT AND CLEAR MOST OF P.M. BUSINESS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO-DAY AND I HAVE HAD SO MUCH TO ATTEND TO THAT I COULD NOT GO TO RIDE THIS P.M. WITH HENRY HATCH AND CHARLIE BISCO & MINOR. HENRY AND MINOR ARE TO HEAR JENNY LIND THIS EVE. AT "CASTLE GARDEN". HENRY AND G.D. BISCO ARE TO LEAVE TOMORROW MORN. VIA NEW HAVEN R.R.

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH, 1851. VERY WARM. MUCH THE WARMEST DAY OF THE SEASON. SUN BRIGHT AND HOT THROUGH THE DAY. REC'D A LETTER FROM BROTHER J.B. THIS P.M. DATED AUGUSTA. HE WAS TO LEAVE, NEXT DAY, FOR GRIFFIN. THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT DAY FOR N.Y. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET ARRIVED IN TOWN ABOUT 2 O'CLOCK P.M. ON THEIR WAY TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF THE ERIE R.R. THEY REMAIN IN TOWN OVER NIGHT AND DEPART ON THEIR EXCURSION TO DUNKIRK TOMORROW MORN. THEY WERE REC'D HERE TO-DAY WITH A GREAT DEMONSTRATION AND THE UTMOST ENTHUSIASM. WEBSTER RECEIVED A GREAT PART OF THE APPLAUSE, AS WAS VERY PROPER. PRESIDENT FILLMORE IS A FINE LOOKING MAN, HAS A PLEASANT AND CAPTIVATING LOOK. ALL THE MILITARY ARE OUT. THE PROCESSION PASSED UP BROADWAY AND THROUGH SOME OTHER OF THE PRINCIPAL STREETS. I HAVE BEEN HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE RESPECT SHOWN THESE MOST WORTHY AND HONORABLE VISITERS. I WAS NOT SLOW IN SHOWING MY ESTEEM. CALLED AT MR. WEBBS THIS EVE. MRS. CAPT. SOUTHGATE WILL GO HOME FRIDAY NIGHT NEXT.

BROOKLYN. WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH 1851. PLEASANT AND A FINE DAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED IN ERIE R.R. CELEBRATION. THE EXCURSIONISTS ARE TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT ELMIRA, WHICH IS ABOUT HALF WAY BETWEEN HERE AND DUNKIRK. SUCCESS TO THE WHOLE CROWD! THE PEOPLE CANNOT SHOW FILLMORE AND WEBSTER TOO MUCH RESPECT. I HAVE BEEN ENGAGED AT 24 CLIFF ST. TO-DAY AS USUAL. SPENT THE EVENING HERE AT HOME. MAILED A LETTER TO SARAH SHAW THIS P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 1851. ANOTHER FAIR DAY. BUSINESS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD AND I HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED AS USUAL AT 24 CLIFF ST. EVENING AT HOME.

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH 1851. PLEASANT AND RATHER WARM. I HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY BUSY TO-DAY, AS I HAVE REC'D AND FILLED QUITE A NUMBER OF ORDERS BESIDES ATTENDING TO SOME BUSINESS AT THE BANK AND DOING SOME COLLECTING. I HAVE ALSO BEEN OVER TO "BARNUM'S MUSEUM" THIS EVE. BARNUM IS CERTAINLY "A TRUMP" IN THE HUMBUG LINE. THERE WAS PRODUCED AT THE MUSEUM THIS EVE. THE MORAL DRAMA CALLED THE "DRUNKARD", WHICH IS NOTHING OF ITSELF AND WAS MURDERED THIS EVE. IN ITS PERFORMANCE AT THE MUSEUM. THE CURIOSITIES AT THE MUSEUM ARE REALLY WORTH SEEING AND QUITE EXTENSIVE.

BROOKLYN. SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 1851. PLEASANT. WIND RIGHT AND SKY CLEAR. HAVE BEEN RATHER BUSY, TO-DAY. SALES MODERATE. SHIPPED A SMALL ORDER OF CARDS TO ASHEVILLE, N.C. THIS P.M. EVENING AT HOME.

SUNDAY MAY 18TH 1851. RAINY PART OF A.M. WIND EAST. CLEARED UP ABOUT 2 P.M. AND THE DAY SINCE, HAS BEEN FINE. AT HOME THROUGH A.M. AND MOST OF THE EVENING. HAVE BEEN TO HEAR DR. DEWEY THIS P.M. HE PREACHED AN EXCELLENT SERMON BUT I WAS RATHER DISAPPOINTED IN THE MAN. HE IS NOT QUITE AS ELOQUENT OR BRILLIANT AS I EXPECTED. TOOK A WALK WITH MR. BOGGS, AFTER TEA.

MONDAY, MAY 19TH 1851. FAIR. QUITE A FINE DAY. BUSINESS RATHER DULL. SALES MODERATE. DINED AT DAMN & FRANCIS WITH SAM CARY.

TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, 1851. ANOTHER FINE DAY. HAVE RECEIVED BUT FEW ORDERS TO-DAY. REC'D A LETTER FROM SARAH SHAW TO-DAY, MAILED YESTERDAY. PRETTY QUICK PASSAGE. HAVE BEEN WRITING TO SAME CORRESPONDENT THIS P.M.

BROOKLYN. WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST 1851. NO FAULT TO BE FOUND WITH SUCH WEATHER AS THIS. WE HAD EXCELLENT WEATHER DURING THE ENTIRE MONTH. JENNY LIND IS SINGING HERE (IN N.Y.) THREE EVENINGS IN A WEEK TO CROWDED HOUSES AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DIMINATION IN THE ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED ON BEHALF OF THE FAIR SWED. I HAVE NOT HEARD HER HERE YET, BUT INTEND TO GO SOON. HEARD IN BOSTON LAST OCTOBER. MAILED A LETTER, TO-DAY, TO SARAH S. EVE. AT HOME.

THE CASH BOOK OF SARGENT & COMPANY, NEW HAVEN, IN 1869 SHOWS AN OCCASIONAL PAYMENT OF 10 CENTS EXPENSE - "MEAT FOR CAT". THE MERE PRESENCE OF CATS HELPED TO KEEP DOWN THE PEST OF RATS, WHICH ALWAYS SEEM TO INFEST WATERFRONTS AND STABLES FOR HORSES. OBVIOUSLY THE CATS WERE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE SOLELY ON A DIET OF RODENTS.