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CHARLES SPRAGUE PARKER, JR., SON OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER, WAS BORN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22D, AT 10:02 P.M. IN PALO ALTO HOSPITAL, PALO ALTO, CALIF. HE WEIGHED 6 LBS., 3 OZ., AND IS THE PARKERS THIRD CHILD. HE IS A GRANDSON OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER AND OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER AND A GREAT-GRANDSON OF MARGARET SARGENT FISHER. HE IS THE 39TH GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). PHEBE-NORTON WROTE RECENTLY FROM 1315 AMERICAN WAY, MENLO PARK, CALIF.: "THE BABY'S COMPLEXION IS FAIR AT THE MOMENT, BUT IT MAY CHANGE. IT IS HARD TO TELL WHO HE LOOKS LIKE - HE HAS MY NOSE AND YET LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE SPRAGUE. THE GIRLS ARE PLEASED AND INTERESTED IN THE BABY AND LOVE TO SHOW HIM OFF. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE PARENTS ARE VERY PROUD AND PLEASED ALSO TO HAVE A SON. NOW AT THREE WEEKS HAS SETTLED DOWN AND IS VERY GOOD. HAVE HAD TO CHANGE THE FORMULA THREE TIMES ALREADY. ***"

WILLIAM JOSE CASANOVA, SON OF MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS AND JUAN JOSE CASANOVA, WAS BORN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, AT ABOUT 7:30 P.M. AT THE GRACE-NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, NEW HAVEN. HE WEIGHED 8 LBS. HE IS A GRANDSON OF MARGARET SARGENT RICE WILLIAMS AND A GREAT-GRANDSON OF MAY SARGENT RICE. HE IS THE 40TH GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). HE IS MARGIE'S THIRD CHILD. THE WILLIAM IN HIS NAME IS PARTLY FOR HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM ACKER RICE. THE JOSE IS FOR HIS FATHER, WHO IS CALLED BY HIS MIDDLE NAME. THE CASANOVAS LIVE AT 84 CENTRAL AVENUE, SPRING GLEN, HAMDEN, CONN.

JEAN SARGENT BUCK, DAUGHTER OF JOHN SARGENT, WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, TO ROBERT GRAY BUSHNELL. THE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE AT THE HOME OF HER PARENTS, MEADOW LANE, GREENWICH, CONN., IN THE PRESENCE OF ONLY THE IMMEDIATE FAMILIES. JEAN HAS TWO CHILDREN BY A FORMER MARRIAGE: SANDRA AND JOHN; AND BOB HAS THREE CHILDREN BY A FORMER MARRIAGE: PAMELA, ROBERT GRAY, JR., AND DAVID. HE IS THE SON OF MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS STEWART BUSHNELL OF MORRISTOWN, N.J., WAS GRADUATED FROM PRINCETON IN 1928 AND SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER A TRIP TO BERMUDA THEY EXPECT TO RESIDE (WITH ALL FIVE CHILDREN) ON WAVERLY ROAD, NOROTON, CONN.

J. WEIR SARGENT, SON OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, IS IN THE BRYN MAWR (PA.) HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM AN ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 15TH OF CORONARY THROMBOSIS. AT LAST REPORT HE WAS RESPONDING TO TREATMENT, BUT HAS A LONG SIEGE AHEAD OF HIM.

SERGEANT SAMUEL F. (TERRY) BABBITT, SON OF MARGARET FISHER BABBITT, EXPECTED TO RETURN TO YALE AS A JUNIOR ON THE EXPIRATION THIS SEPTEMBER OF HIS TWO-YEAR ENLISTMENT, BUT AT LAST REPORT WAS ON THE PACIFIC HEADED FOR JAPAN. TERRY HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT. HIS ADDRESS IS SGT. SAMUEL F. BABBITT, RA11165922, CO. C, 7TH INFANTRY, 3D DIVISION, A.P.O. 468, C/O POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

FREDERICK K. SARGENT, SON OF RICHARD C. SARGENT, AND JANET, HIS WIFE, BECAUSE OF THEIR BIGGER FAMILY HAVE SOLD THEIR FORMER HOME IN CHAMPAIGN, ILL., AND HAVE MOVED TO A LARGER HOUSE WHICH THEY HAVE PURCHASED AT 1018 WEST WHITE ST., CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

LIEUTENANT (J.G.) GEORGE (JIMMY) S. GROVE, U.S.N., SON OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, RECENTLY FLEW EAST FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF., FOR A FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO ACT AS AN USHER AT THE WEDDING OF A ST. PAUL SCHOOL CLASSMATE, GEORGE HOLMES, WHO LIKEWISE FLEW FROM HIS POST IN BELGIUM.

ENSIGN MICHAEL M. GROVE, U.S.N., SON OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, IS ON A "SHAKE-DOWN" CRUISE OF THE DESTROYER U.S.S. "RENSHAW", BASED ON PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII.

BARBARA K. MOOREHEAD, DAUGHTER OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, HAS ENTERED FARMINGTON SCHOOL, FARMINGTON, CONN., WHICH HER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER ATTENDED. SANDRA BUCK, DAUGHTER OF JEAN SARGENT BUSHNELL, IS ALSO A STUDENT IN HER SECOND YEAR AT FARMINGTON, WHICH HER MOTHER ALSO ATTENDED.

THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF ELIZABETH COLLIER SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF HENRY BRADFORD SARGENT, WAS CELEBRATED WITH A DINNER AT THE NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB ON TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12TH, YE EDITORS ACTING AS HOSTS. THE POSTS OF POET AND HISTORIAN WERE FILLED RESPECTIVELY BY BRADFORD TILNEY AND MURRAY SARGENT. THIS REPORTER NOTED THAT BIRTHDAY GIFTS SEEMED TO BE LARGELY IN LIQUID FORM. INCLUDING THE GUEST OF HONOR AND THE HOSTS, TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ATTENDED: MURRAY AND MARY SARGENT, RHODA SARGENT TILNEY, DICK AND RUTH SARGENT, LAWTON G. SARGENT, SARGENT AND CAROL LEWIS, LAURA AND KENNETH DEMING, ELLEN SMEDLEY SARGENT, BRADFORD AND JOSEPHINE TILNEY, SYLVIA AND KERRY SKERRETT, LUCY GARFIELD SARGENT, JAMES C. SARGENT, HENRY B. SARGENT AND JOHN M. SARGENT.

NORMAN PETTIT, SON OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT, HAS ENTERED HARVARD AS A FRESHMAN.

"ARCHAEOLOGY" IN ITS "SUMMER" NUMBER, 1950, CONTAINS AN ARTICLE BY LOUISE ADAMS HOLLAND AND LEICESTER BODINE HOLLAND (SON OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPERT HOLLAND) ENTITLED "DOWN THE TIBER ON A RAFT". THE TRIP WAS MADE IN A RUBBER BOAT IN THE SUMMER OF 1949. THEY EXPLORED THE TIBER IN CONNECTION WITH LOUISE'S GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP. THE ARTICLE IS ILLUSTRATED BY MANY PHOTOGRAPHS. WE QUOTE THE TWO CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS: "TO US IT IS CLEAR THAT, AFTER HAVING PERFORMED ITS PRIMEVAL SERVICE TO NEOLITHIC MAN BY CLEAVING A WAY THROUGH UNBROKEN FORESTED WILDERNESS, THE TIBER MADE HISTORY RATHER AS A BARRIER THAN AS A CONNECTING LINK. EVEN IN AUGUST, IN A YEAR OF EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT, THERE WERE NO FORDS BELOW ORTE. A GOOD SWIMMER COULD CROSS ANYWHERE, BUT ROADS MUST, AS DIONYSIUS SAYS, HAVE USED FERRIES OR BRIDGES AS THEY DO TO-DAY. THE HIGH ISLAND AT ROME MADE A BRIDGE POSSIBLE THERE, AND THE BRIDGE ATTRACTED ROADS TO THAT CROSSING EVEN FROM DIRECTIONS WHENCE THE APPROACH TO IT WAS DIFFICULT. ROME AND ORTE, BOTH CROSSING TOWNS, ARE THE ONLY SETTLEMENTS TO SURVIVE ON THE TIBER BANKS. THIS IS ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO THE FAILURE OF THE RIVER AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. IN OUR SIX DAYS ON THE WATER, WE SAW NO GOODS OF ANY KIND BEING TRANSPORTED EXCEPT ACROSS THE CHANNEL AT FERRIES. OUR HARDEST PROBLEM ON THE JOURNEY WAS TO FIND FOOD AND SHELTER ALONG THE WAY, FOR HUMAN HABITATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM THE RIVER, NOW AS IN ANTIQUITY, TO CLUSTER ALONG THE ROADS. THE RIVER HAS ALWAYS BEEN USEFUL TO THE COUNTRY PEOPLE FOR FISHING, AND FOR WATERING BOTH CROPS AND ANIMALS; BUT NO COMMUNITY WHICH HAD OUTGROWN A STATE OF STONE AGE SELF-SUFFICIENCY COULD EXIST APART FROM THE ROADS, AND THESE OF NECESSITY HAVE FOLLOWED THE HIGHER GROUND, WHICH AS A RULE IS FAR AWAY FROM THE LEISURELY WINDINGS OF FATHER TIBER."

DO ANY OF OUR READERS KNOW OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF OLD FAMILY PORTRAITS, ESPECIALLY 18TH CENTURY, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF JOSEPH SARGENT (1716-1802), OF NATHAN SARGENT (1718-1799) OR OF ANY OF THEIR CHILDREN? IF SO, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH YE EDITORS, WHO WOULD LIKE IF POSSIBLE TO REPRODUCE THEM IN SARGENTRIVIA.

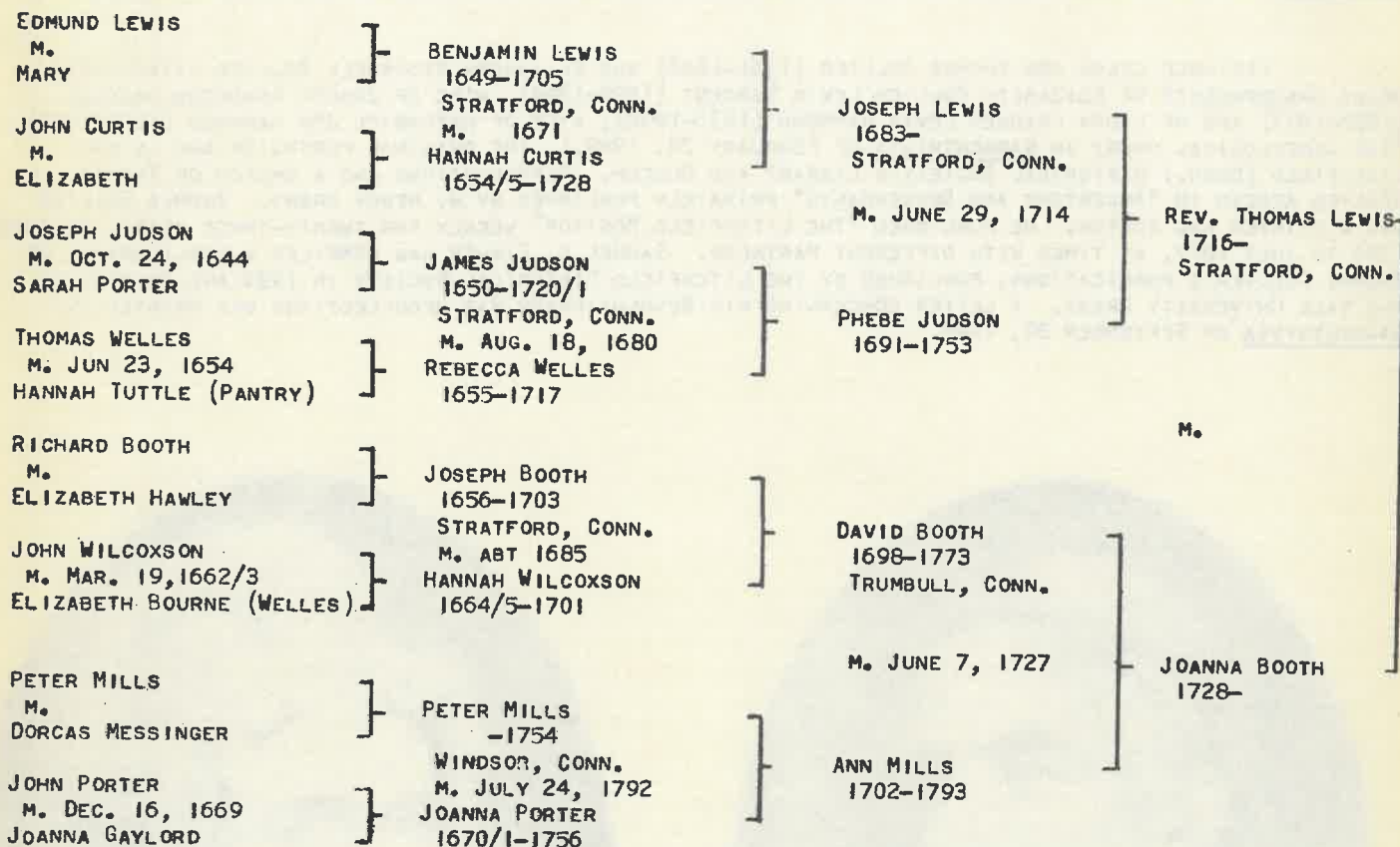
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER
- 1 - LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA BAILEY CUMMING
 - 2 - (7TH) ELEANOR FENN, DAUGHTER OF CONVERSE GRAY FENN
(5TH) DIANA TREMAINE MACDOUGALL, DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY JOAN WISER MACDOUGALL
 - 3 - (17TH) JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, IV, SON OF LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY
 - 4 - PHEBE DOWNS SARGENT, WIFE OF JOSEPH WEIR SARGENT
 - 6 - JAMES SARGENT WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER
 - 11 - (1ST) JOHN HENRY NORTHEY, JR., SON OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY
 - 15 - RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND, SON OF MARY (MINNIE) RUPPERT HOLLAND
PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT L. FISHER AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER
 - 16 - (17TH) DEBORAH LEWIS PETTIT, DAUGHTER OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT.
(2D) HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, JR., SON OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER
 - 17 - FRANCES BARNES FENN, WIFE OF RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.
ROSEMARY MERRILL LORING, WIFE OF CALEB LORING, JR.
 - 18 - FLORENCE HIERMANN SARGENT, WIFE OF HOWARD LEWIS SARGENT
 - 22 - EARLE WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT
JOHN WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT
 - 23 - (7TH) ARTHUR NICHOLSON TURNER, JR., SON OF NANCY GROVE TURNER
 - 24 - (15TH) RICHARD MAXWELL SARGENT, JR.
 - 27 - LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY, DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT
 - 28 - MARY (MOLLY) SARGENT MCCANCE, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT
ROXANA HOLLAND DONNELL, WIDOW OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT TATE
 - 29 - SYDNEY FORBES SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT
 - 31 - LILAH OCTAVIA WALKER SARGENT, WIFE OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER
- 1 - (5TH) PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND C. SPRAGUE PARKER
(3D) ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) AND WILLIAM CONLY DONNELL
 - 4 - (9TH) SARAH (SALLY) FISHER AND WILLIAM MCCAWLEY, II
 - 16 - (14TH) RUSSELL S., JR., AND FRANCES BARNES FENN
 - 17 - (20TH) W. SARGENT AND CAROL BODMER LEWIS
 - 20 - (5TH) DAVID G. AND JEAN THOMSON SARGENT

THE ANCESTRY FOR FOUR GENERATIONS OF ELIZABETH COLLIER LEWIS SARGENT (1829-1874), WIFE OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907) AND GRANDMOTHER OF YE EDITOR'S GENERATION, AND THAT OF HER SISTER LAURA FRANCES LEWIS HAMMOND (1835-1908), WIFE OF NATHANIEL JOB HAMMOND (1833-1899), WAS SHOWN IN A GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF FEBRUARY 24, 1949. THE CHART BELOW CARRIES THE LINES OF REV. THOMAS LEWIS (B. 1716) AND JOANNA BOOTH (B. 1728) BACK ANOTHER THREE GENERATIONS. JOSEPH LEWIS (B. 1683) AND PHEBE JUDSON (1691-1753) WERE RESPECTIVELY BROTHER AND SISTER OF JAMES LEWIS (1677-1766) AND HANNAH JUDSON (1681-1756), SHOWN IN THE GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JUNE 26, 1950. CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WERE IDENTICAL, AS SHOWN IN THE CHARTS. ANOTHER DOUBLE RELATIONSHIP IS THAT OF SARAH PORTER, BELOW, WHO MARRIED JOSEPH JUDSON AND WAS AN AUNT OF JOHN PORTER WHO MARRIED JOANNA GAYLORD, BELOW. MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION WAS ORIGINALLY GATHERED BY LOLLIE HAMMOND. BESIDES CHECKING SOME DATES, ETC., FROM JACOBUS' "HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD" (1930), YE EDITOR HAS ADDED THE MILLS AND PORTER LINES FROM STILES' "HISTORY AND GENEALOGIES OF ANCIENT WINDSOR, CONN." (1892), AND THE PORTER GENEALOGY.



JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), PRESIDENT OF SARGENT & COMPANY AND GRANDFATHER OF YE EDITOR AND TWENTY-NINE OTHERS, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER MARCH 10, 1898, ON THE LETTERHEAD OF COKER'S HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, TO HIS ELDEST SON. IT WAS WRITTEN WHILE HE AND HIS WIFE WERE ON THEIR THIRD AND LAST WORLD TRIP. THEIR ITINERARY INCLUDED EUROPE, SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH AMERICA. "DEAR HENRY: IN YOUR FIRST & ONLY LETTER TO ('HENRY' HERE CROSSED OUT 'TO' AND INSERTED 'RECEIVED BY' - ED.) ME WITHIN MY YEAR'S ABSENCE YOU RATHER COMPLAIN THAT I AM MAKING MY TRIP A SCOLDING TRIP. I AM QUITE WILLING TO REMARK THAT I MEET SUFFICIENT NEGLECT OF BUSINESS BY S & CO IN EVERY CITY WHERE I HAVE CANVASSED THE HARDWARE TRADE TO MAKE THE DEVIL SCOLD AND ALL THE ANGELS WEEP. I DO BOTH. IT IS PARTICULARLY PROVOKING TO ME, THAT AFTER EXPENDING SOME \$5000 IN EACH OF MY FORMER TRIPS IN AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING OUR BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND AND I KNOW I SUCCEEDED WELL IN DOING MY PART OF THE WORK AND GAINED FRIENDS AFTER WORKING DILIGENTLY AND WITH GOOD JUDGEMENT, IT IS PROVOKING TO LEARN THAT ALL MY WORK AND THE COST OF IT TO ME HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS NOT WORTH THE TROUBLE TO KEEP IT GOING TO A GREAT TRADE BY THE LITTLE SIMPLE EFFORT OF LISTING THE NAMES AND KEEPING THE CONCERNS INFORMED AS TO OUR GOODS - OLD & NEW - BY SENDING OUT CATALOGUES, PRICES AND NEW CATALOGUE PAGES OF NEW GOODS. THE HARDWARE BUSINESS IN THESE BRITISH COLONIES IS VERY LARGE FOR THE POPULATION, NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD IS SO LAVISHLY SUPPLIED WITH MONEY AS ARE THESE COLONIES. NO COUNTRY EXPORTS SO MUCH PER CAPITA. NO COUNTRY HAS & EXPORTS SO MUCH GOLD PER CAPITA. NONE SO MUCH SILVER PER CAPITA. NONE SO MUCH WOOL PER CAPITA. NONE SO MUCH TIN PER CAPITA AS TASMANIA. NONE SO MUCH MUTTON PER CAPITA. NO COUNTRY HAS SO GREAT FARMS PER CAPITA, FOR CULTIVATION, SHEEP RAISING & CATTLE RAISING. NO WHOLESALE MERCHANTS IN THE WHOLE WORLD AVERAGE HALF THE CAPITAL

THAT THOSE OF THE BRITISH COLONIES. THEY ALL ARE PREPARED TO BUY FOR CASH AND TO PAY CASH BEFORE DELIVERY OF THE GOODS AT THEIR SEAPORTS. THEY NEED NOT BE TRUSTED FOR A CENTS WORTH. OF ALL THE HARDWARE CONCERNS IN THESE COLONIES, IMPORTERS, WHOLESALERS HERE IN 1887 AND 1889 - MY FORMER VISITS - I CANNOT CALL TO MIND ANY ONE FAILURE TO PAY 20 SHILLINGS TO THE £ EXCEPT ALFRED SHAW & CO., LTD., AND OUTSIDE VENTURES CAUSED THEIR DIFFICULTY. BUT AFTER ALL MY EFFORTS NEGLECT STOPPED THE GROWTH OF OUR DEALINGS HERE AND WE HAVE ALLOWED R & E (RUSSELL & ERWIN - ED.) TO RECAPTURE NEARLY ALL THE LOCK BUSINESS I GOT AWAY FROM THEM, AND THE READING H CO, AND KENRICK & SON, OF ENGLAND TO GET AWAY OUR SIDE, SCREW, AND AWNING PULLEY BUSINESS, SASH ROLLERS BRACKETS, C & H HOOKS & C. R & E HAVE CUT US OUT ON CHAIN BOLTS, IVES SASH FASTENERS HAVE DISPLACED OURS, STANLEY R & L COS PLANES RULE, STANLEY WORKS HINGES & C. LET US SEE TO IT THAT BUSINESS MUCH BE ATTENDED TO. J.B.S." THE FOLLOWING POSTSCRIPT WAS WRITTEN AT THE TOP OF THE LETTER: "BILLY SMYTH SMILES HIS SWEETEST SMILES WHEN HE BELITTLES R & ES EXPORT BUSINESS AND THEY ALL TALK S. & CO. N.Y. INTO BELIEVING THAT I AM CRAZY ON EXPORTATION. BUT THEY KEEP A FIRST CLASS MAN TRAVELLING ALL THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA AND THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, ALL THE SAME, AND THEIR LONG AUSTRALIAN MORTICE LOCKS AND RIM LOCKS ARE IN NEARLY EVERY HARDWARE STORE".

PICTURED BELOW ARE THOMAS COLLIER (1761-1842) AND ELIZABETH STOCKWELL COLLIER (1761-1829), GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF ELIZABETH COLLIER LEWIS SARGENT (1829-1864), WIFE OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907) AND OF LAURA FRANCES LEWIS HAMMOND (1835-1908), WIFE OF NATHANIEL JOB HAMMOND (1833-1899). (SEE GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF FEBRUARY 24, 1949.) THE ORIGINAL PORTRAITS ARE IN THE LITCHFIELD (CONN.) HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LIBRARY AND MUSEUM. REPRODUCTIONS AND A SKETCH OF THOMAS COLLIER APPEAR IN "ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS" PRIVATELY PUBLISHED BY W. HENRY GRANT. THOMAS COLLIER WAS A PRINTER AND EDITOR. HE PUBLISHED "THE LITCHFIELD MONITOR" WEEKLY FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS, DECEMBER 1784 TO JULY 1807, AT TIMES WITH DIFFERENT PARTNERS. SAMUEL H. FISHER HAS COMPILED A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS COLLIER'S PUBLICATIONS, PUBLISHED BY THE LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN 1933 AND PRINTED BY THE YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS. A LETTER CONCERNING HIS REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECOLLECTIONS WAS PRINTED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1943.



THOMAS COLLIER OF BOSTON
1761-1842



ELIZABETH (STOCKWELL) COLLIER OF NORWICH
1761-1829