

BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OF OUR READERS

FROM YE EDITORS

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF SARGENTS ARE SHOWN ABOVE: IN ORDER OF SENIORITY, HELEN LAWTON SARGENT (WIDOW OF EDWARD RUPERT SARGENT), LAWTON GRISWOLD SARGENT, LAWTON GRISWOLD SARGENT, JR., AND GEOFFREY LAWTON SARGENT (BORN NOVEMBER 15TH). THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN ON DECEMBER 11TH IN THE APARTMENT OF THE BABY'S GREAT-GRANDMOTHER (AUNT HELEN TO MOST OF US) AT 671 ORANGE STREET, NEW HAVEN.

ELIZABETH DAY SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF CHARLES FORBES SARGENT AND OF ELIZABETH DAY SARGENT, IS TO BE MARRIED TO JOHN WARREN BARNETT, SON OF MR. AND MRS. HAROLD BARNETT OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23D. THE WEDDING IS TO BE AT 4 O'CLOCK AT BETSY'S MOTHER'S HOUSE, 3 EDGEHILL ROAD, NEW HAVEN. BETSY AND JOHN WERE CLASSMATES AT OBERLIN, GRADUATING LAST JUNE. HE IS NOW IN THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL.

MARY BUMGARDNER, DAUGHTER OF MARY SARGENT AND HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, WAS BORN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, AT 7:08 P.M. IN TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, PHILADELPHIA, PA. SHE WEIGHED 5 LBS., 14 OZ. AND IS THEIR SECOND CHILD. SHE IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF F. HOMER SARGENT OF ORLANDO, FLA. MARY SENT YE EDITOR A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BABY AT 5 DAYS OLD, AND WROTE THAT THE BABY "ARRIVED IN THE WORLD HUNGRY! SHE IS GETTING ALONG NICELY. DENTON, AT THE AGE OF TWO, DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF HER, HIS ONLY COMMENT IS, 'PUT 'ER BACK!'"

J. WEIR SARGENT, JR., WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MARINE RESERVE SINCE HIS DISCHARGE AFTER WORLD WAR II, HAS BEEN CALLED BACK INTO THE SERVICE. HE TOOK HIS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ON NOVEMBER 20TH AND LEFT FOR CAMP THE NEXT DAY. WEIR HAD BEEN A SALESMAN FOR SARGENT & COMPANY IN THE SOUTHEAST AND HAD BEEN LIVING WITH NAN, HIS WIFE, AND WILL MEFFERT, HER SON, AT LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, TENN. NAN AND WILL ARE NOW LIVING ON GULPH ROAD, VILLANOVA, PA. WEIR'S CAMP ADDRESS IS PFC. JOSEPH W. SARGENT, JR., H. & S. CO., 2ND BAT., 8TH MARINES, 2ND DIV., F.M.F., CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. NAN WROTE FROM THEIR NEW HOME TO YE EDITOR ON DECEMBER 12TH: "HE WILL BE HERE FOR CHRISTMAS, AS THE CAMP IS GIVING THE MEN A CHOICE OF CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S. WEIR GETS FROM DEC. 17TH TO DEC. 28TH. WE PLAN TO BE HERE AND ALSO VISIT MY FAMILY IN NEW HAVEN."

SARGENT & COMPANY'S FACTORY IN NEW HAVEN WAS CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED BY THE "GALE" (AS THE WEATHER PEOPLE CALL IT) ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ARE THAT THE COST MAY RUN TO \$30,000, ABOUT HALF OF WHICH WAS FOR REPAIRING ROOFS. SOME 250 WINDOWS WERE BLOWN IN. THE FORMER SCHOLHORN PLANT, ON LEASE SINCE FEBRUARY 1948, ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE THAT MAY RUN TO \$10,000. THE COMPANY CARRIES WINDSTORM INSURANCE AT BOTH PLANTS. THAT THE DAMAGE WAS NOT EVEN LARGER WAS DUE TO ABOUT 60 EMPLOYEES, MOSTLY IN THE MAINTENANCE DIVISION. THANKS TO THEIR WORK BOTH ON SATURDAY AND CLEANING UP ON SUNDAY, THE PLANT OPERATED NORMALLY ON MONDAY. A SPECIAL FOUR-PAGE ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF KEYWAYS, THE EMPLOYEES' MAGAZINE WAS PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 29TH UNDER THE CAPTION "OPERATION... 'BIG WIND'." FROM IT WE QUOTE IN PART: "'OPERATION WIND' GOT UNDER WAY ON SATURDAY MORNING WHEN THE FIRST WINDS OF THE MOUNTING STORM BEGAN TO PULL AT THE SCHOLHORN ROOF. UNTIL THAT TIME THERE HAD BEEN HOPES THAT WE MIGHT RIDE OUT THE STORM WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR EFFORT. NO SOONER HAD A SPECIAL CREW BEGUN TO BATTEN DOWN THE SCHOLHORN HATCHES THAN THE RISING WATERS OF THE HARBOR MADE A NEW ASSAULT. AS THE INCOMING TIDE REACHED ITS HEIGHT AT 11:19 A.M., WATER BEGAN TO FLOW INTO THE YARD—BACKING UP THROUGH THE STORM SEWERS IN PARTICULARLY LARGE QUANTITIES. TO FIGHT THIS NEW THREAT THESE SARGENT WATER DRAINS WERE CLOSED BY SPECIAL VALVES, THOUGH THAT MEANT THAT OUR BUSY PLATING ROOMS, WHICH ARE CONSTANTLY FLUSHING WATER THROUGH THE SEWERS, HAD TO BE CLOSED DOWN AT ONCE. FROM NOON—HOUR ON THAT SATURDAY EVERY MAN IN THE SPECIAL CREW COULD HAVE USED FOUR HANDS. GLASS STARTED TO BREAK. WINDOW SASH STARTED TO WHIRL. ONE GROUP OF MEN WAS ROUTED THROUGH THE PLANT NAILING LOOSE WINDOWS, TIGHTENING UP EVERY OPENING THROUGH WHICH WIND OR WATER MIGHT HAVE FOUND ENTRANCE. ANOTHER GROUP SAND-BAGGED DOORS AND OTHER ENTRIES AT THE GROUND OR WATER-LEVEL. A THIRD DETACHMENT WAS RUSHED TO THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT WHERE EXPENSIVE AND DELICATE STATISTICAL AND BUSINESS TABULATING MACHINES WERE MOVED OUT OF POSITIONS IN WHICH THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A SEVERE SOAKING. AT ABOUT 6 O'CLOCK, AS CONDITIONS GOT WORSE INSTEAD OF BETTER, THE LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE PLANT WENT OUT. AND WHAT HAD BEEN A HARD JOB BEFORE NOW BECAME SOMETHING OF A NIGHTMARE AS DARKNESS INCREASED THE DIFFICULTIES. BETWEEN SEVEN AND NINE O'CLOCK, PRACTICALLY EVERY WINDOW SASH IN THE GRAY IRON FOUNDRY WAS BLOWN OUT. IN THE SAME TIME THE BRASS FOUNDRY WAS FILLED WITH THE TINKLE OF SPLINTERING GLASS—AND THE WHINE OF THE WIND THAT FOLLOWED IT. THE MONITORS, OR THE ROOF-TOP SKYLIGHTS, IN THE SCREW MACHINE SHOP—AND EVERY PLACE ELSE IN THE PLANT, TOO—WERE SIMILARLY SHATTERED BY THE WIND. IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS DESTRUCTION SOMEONE TOOK A LOOK AT THE PLATING ROOM ROOF—AND SAW THAT THE 'JOINT WAS JUMPING'. WITH THE WIND TEARING AT IT, THE ROOF HAD BEGUN TO GIVE WAY AND WAS ALREADY LIFTING FIVE OR SIX INCHES OFF ITS UNDERPINNINGS AT EVERY MAJOR GUST. TO THE RESCUE ONCE MORE WENT THE EMERGENCY CREW. A LINE WAS GOTTEN OVER THE RIDGE OF THE ROOF—AND THE LID WAS LITERALLY TIED DOWN FOR THE DURATION OF THE STORM." SUNDAY WAS CLEAN-UP DAY FOR THE SAME EMERGENCY CREW WITH THE HELP OF ALL PLANT SUPERINTENDENTS AND FOREMEN. WHEN THE ELECTRIC COMPANY, WHICH FURNISHES BOTH LIGHT AND POWER, SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RESTORE ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, SARGENT & COMPANY'S EXPERTS GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE THAT JOB OVER, AND BY SUNDAY NIGHT FULL ELECTRIC POWER WAS RESTORED. IN THE HURRICANES OF 1938 AND 1944 THE CHIEF DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY THE HARBOR WATERS POURING OVER THE WATER FRONT. BUT THANKS TO THE SEAWALL CONSTRUCTED IN 1945 THERE WAS NO SUCH FLOODING DURING THIS STORM. IN NEITHER OF THE EARLIER STORMS WERE ANY OF THE FACTORY WINDOWS BROKEN.

JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), GRANDFATHER OF YE EDITOR AND TWENTY-NINE OTHERS, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO HIS WIFE, WHO WAS IN NEW HAVEN. WHAT BROUGHT HIM TO NASHVILLE ON CHRISTMAS DAY YE EDITOR DOES NOT KNOW. HIS DAUGHTER MAY HAD BEEN MARRIED TO WILLIAM ACKER RICE ON DECEMBER 18TH AND WAS MOVING TO TACOMA, WASH. IN ATLANTA WERE THE HAMMONDS AND IN NEWNAN, GA., WAS HIS OLDER BROTHER, HARRISON JONES SARGENT. "MAXWELL HOUSE, NASHVILLE, TENN. 8-40 P.M. DEC. 25 (TUESDAY) 1888 DEAR FLORENCE: I ARRIVED HERE HALF AN HOUR AGO, IN GOOD HEALTH AND ON LOOKING INTO THE MIRROR WAS SURPRISED AT MY YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE. THE WHITE COLOR OF MY WHISKERS HAD TURNED BLACK. BUT I TOOK A GOOD WASH AND LOOK WHITE FACED AGAIN. TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, SO THEY SAY, AND THEY CELEBRATED THE BIRTHDAY ALL ALONG THE ROUTE FROM CINCINNATI HERE. BUT LITTLE WHISKEY IN THE CROWD BUT MUCH FIRE CRACKERS, BIG & LITTLE, BOMBS, ROMAN CANDLES &C. FOOLS - IN FRONT OF THIS HOTEL THE STREET



IS COVERED WITH EXPLODED FIRE CRACKERS AND IT IS RATHER DANGEROUS TO RIDE THROUGH THE CITY STREETS BEHIND HORSES. IT IS POP-POP-POP-POP AND BANG BANG ALL THE TIME NOW, AND THE FIRE BELL IS RINGING - FOOLS. THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO - CELEBRATING THE ACCEPTED BIRTHDAY OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE WITH SUCH A MISERABLE CLATTER. HOWEVER THEY SHOW THAT THE WHOLE CELEBRATION IS HEATHENISH AND FROM THE HEATHEN. THE WEATHER WAS VERY PLEASANT TODAY, AND THE TRIP AS PLEASANT AS CAN BE EXPECTED. WE PASSED A BIG WRECK OF TWO TRAINS THAT TRIED TO RUN IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS ON THE SAME TRACK YESTERDAY. TWO KILLED OUTRIGHT SOME MORTALLY WOUNDED, AND MORE CRIPPLED AND SEVERAL PASSENGER CARS, BAGGAGE CARS AND EXPRESS CARS KNOCKED INTO SMITHEREEN KINDLING WOOD AND ONE OF THE LOCOMOTIVES REDUCED TO OLD JUNK. I NEVER HAVE ANY OF SUCH FUN - ALWAYS TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE. - BANG GOES A BIG BOMB - AND CRIES AND BALLS OF FOURTEEN BILLIARD TABLES KEEP UP AN INCESSANT RATTLE IN THE GREAT BILLARD ROOM. I WROTE TO LAURA THIS MORNING FROM NASHVILLE, AND YOU CAN GET THE REPORT OF MY TRAVELS SO FAR FROM HER LETTER WHICH SHE WILL PROBABLY GET ONE DAY SOONER THAN YOU WILL GET THIS. I SUPPOSE MAY HAS GONE TOWARDS HER FAR OFF HOME. I DONOT QUITE LIKE TO HAVE HER GO SO FAR AWAY TO STAY, AND THE CHANCES ARE EVEN, PERHAPS, THAT SHE AND I WILL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE. BUT SUCH IS LIFE, ESPECIALLY IN THIS REPUBLIC OF IMMENSE DISTANCES AND I MUST ACQUIESCE. I SHALL SPEND THE DAY HERE TOMORROW, PERHAPS LEAVING FOR BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AT 8.20 P.M., PERHAPS AT 7.25 A.M. OF NEXT DAY THURSDAY 27TH ARRIVING IN BIRMINGHAM AT 3.20 P.M. OF SAME DAY. LEAVING AT 8.20 P.M. WILL LAND ME IN BIRMINGHAM NEXT MORNING AT 3.50 TOO LATE FOR BED AND TOO EARLY FOR BREAKFAST, AND NOT GIVING ME MUCH TIME FOR SLEEP ON A SLEEPER. IF I LEAVE HERE AT 7.25 A.M. THURSDAY, ARRIVE IN BIRMINGHAM AT 3-20 P.M. THURSDAY SPEND THURSDAY NIGHT & FRIDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT IN BIRMINGHAM, SPEND A DAY IN ANNISTON AND ANOTHER IN TRAVEL, I SHALL ARRIVE IN ATLANTA SATURDAY NIGHT OR P.M. AND SPEND SUNDAY TILL 4 P.M. IN ATLANTA AND AT 4 P.M. LEAVE FOR NEWNAN ARRIVING THERE AT 6 P.M. J.B.S."

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- JANUARY 3 - THOMAS OWEN SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY SARGENT  
 4 - GORDON FLANDERS WHITNEY, HUSBAND OF EMILY PETTIT WHITNEY  
       THOMAS HUNTINGTON WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER  
 7 - (11TH) STEPHEN HARDING HOLLAND, SON OF RICHARD LYON HOLLAND  
 10 - (7TH) KATHARINE AVIES FENN, DAUGHTER OF BRUCE FENN, 2D  
 11 - MARY HALE CUNNINGHAM SARGENT, WIFE OF MURRAY SARGENT  
 16 - ANNE (NANCY) HOYT SARGENT, WIFE OF JOHN SARGENT  
 20 - (6TH) FREDERIC (RICK) HOMER SARGENT TATE, JR.  
 21 - LUDWIG KING MOOREHEAD, HUSBAND OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD  
 22 - FLORENCE REBECCA SARGENT ERICSSON, DAUGHTER OF JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT  
 27 - JUAN JOSE CASANOVA, HUSBAND OF MARGARET SARGENT WILLIAMS CASANOVA  
 29 - (8TH) TIMOTHY COLLINS TILNEY, SON OF BRADFORD SARGENT TILNEY  
 30 - MARGARET HUSSON HOLLINGSWORTH, WIDOW OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH SCRANTON TATE, JR.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- JANUARY 18 - (38TH) MURRAY AND MARY HALE CUNNINGHAM SARGENT  
 23 - (8TH) JAMES C. AND REBECCA PORTEOUS JACKSON SARGENT

ROGER GIFFORD, ANCESTOR OF MOST OF US, THE SON OF JOHN GIFFORD, OF TWYFORD, COUNTY OF BUCKS, ENGLAND, AND THE LATTER'S SECOND WIFE, AGNES WINSLOWE (DAUGHTER OF THOMAS WINSLOWE AND AGNES THROCKMORTON), WAS BORN ABOUT 1463. HE MARRIED ABOUT 1490 MARY NANSEGLOS, WHO WAS LIVING FEBRUARY 8, 1543/4 AND WAS THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM NANSEGLOS OF REDEFAN MANOR, SHELDEFORD, COUNTY OF ESSEX. (SEE GIFFORD GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF MAY 25, 1949.) FEBRUARY 24, 1524, HE WAS COMMISSIONER OF THE PEACE IN CO. BUCKS, AND APRIL 1, 1524, HE WAS COLLECTOR OF THE SUBSIDY FOR THE FRENCH WAR. IN 1495 HE LEASED THE MANOR OF MIDDLE CLAYDON, CO. BUCKS, OF THE VERNEY FAMILY FOR 99 YEARS. HE DIED JANUARY 23, 1542/3. HIS WILL: "THE WILL OF ROGER GYFFORDE OF MYDLE CLEYDON IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, ESQUIRE, 24 SEPTEMBER 1538. TO BE BURIED IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS IN MYDLE CLEYDON. TO THE PARSON OF SAID CHURCH FOR TITHES OMITTED AND FORGOTTEN, 6s.8d. TO THE MOTHER CHURCH OF ST. PAUL IN LONDON 3s.4d." (THEN FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE REAL ESTATE BY HIS WIFE AND FIVE SONS, INCLUDING NICHOLAS, THE YOUNGEST, BORN ABOUT 1508, FROM WHOM WE ARE DESCENDED, AND PROVIDING ALSO FOR VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES.) "IF I HAVE NOT, AT THE TIME OF MY DECEASE, PAID THE £100 I PROMISED TO MY SON NYCHOLAS GYFFORDE, THEN MY EXECUTORS SHALL PAY SAID NYCHOLAS £100 WITHIN ONE YEAR OF MY DECEASE. MY SAID SON GEORGE SHALL GIVE TO MY SAID WIFE MARY THE ANNUITY OF 100 MARKES (?) AND MEAT AND DRINK FOR HER AND HER MAID. TO MY SON JOHN GYFFORD £100. I FORGIVE MY SON GEORGE HIS DEBT OF £220, HE PAYING WITHIN THIRTEEN MONTHS AFTER MY DEATH TO MY SON WILLIAM GYFFORDE £40 AND TO MY SON NYCHOLAS £40. I FREELY FORGIVE MY SON RAUFFE GYFFORDE THE £35 HE OWETH ME. RESIDUARY LEGATTE: MY WIFE MARY. EXECUTORS: MY WIFE MARY AND MY SONS JOHN GYFFORDE, GEORGE, RAUFFE, WILLIAM AND NYCHOLAS. I SET MY SEAL TO THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT THIS 28 APRIL, 34 HENRY VIII (1542). I GIVE FURTHER TO MY SON JOHN GYFFORDE MY THREE GILT GOBLETs WITH THE COVERS; TO MY SON GEORGE MY BEST DOWN BED AND MY BEST COUNTERPOINT; TO EVERY OTHER OF MY SONS ONE OF MY BEST FEATHER BEDS AND BEDS OF DOWN, TO BE DELIVERED TO THEM AFTER THE DEATH OF MY WIFE MARY GYFFORDE; TO MY GODSON ROGER, MY SON JOHN GYFFORDE'S SON £3.6s.8d.; TO MY GODSON, ROGER, MY SON RAUFFE GYFFORDE'S SON £3.6s.8d.; TO MY GODSON THOMAS, MY SON GEORGE'S SON, A CUP OF THE VALUE OF £3.6s.8d.,

WITH THIS SCRIPTURE ON IT: "MY GODFATHER AND GRAUNDE FATHER ROGER GAVE ME THOMAS THIS CUPP; TO MY DAUGHTER DAWNSTY A GILTE SPOON; TO MY SISTER FONGAN A GILT SPOON; TO MY BROTHER ROBERT GYFFORDE 40S." (FROM N.E. HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, VOL. 75, P. 136 AND VOL. 71, P. 170.)

THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGICAL CHART SHOWS FURTHER ANCESTRAL LINES 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), WHICH BEGAN IN SARGENTRIVIA OF FEBRUARY 24, 1949. THE ANCESTRY FOR THREE GENERATIONS OF JAMES LEWIS (1708-BEFORE 1766) AND OF NAOMI SHERMAN (1712-1797) WAS SHOWN IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JUNE 26, 1950. IN THE ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1950, WERE SHOWN THREE GENERATIONS BACK FROM REV. THOMAS LEWIS (B. 1716) AND JOANNA BOOTH (B. 1728). NOTE FURTHER FAMILY INTERCONNECTIONS: JOSEPH CURTIS (1650-1730), BELOW, WAS A BROTHER OF HANNAH CURTIS (1654/5-1728), WHO APPEARED ON BOTH CHARTS OF JUNE 26 AND SEPTEMBER 26, 1950; BETHIA BOOTH (B. 1658), BELOW, WAS A SISTER OF JOSEPH BOOTH (1656-1703) IN THE CHART OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1950; AND JOHN WELLES (1ST HUSBAND OF ELIZABETH BOURNE), BELOW, WAS A BROTHER OF THOMAS WELLES IN THE CHART OF JUNE 26, 1950. FROM ELIZABETH BOURNE WE ARE DESCENDED BY BOTH HUSBANDS, JOHN WELLES AND JOHN WILCOXSON (ON THE CHART OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1950). JACOBUS' EXCELLENT "HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF OLD FAIRFIELD" IS PROBABLY THE BEST PRINTED REFERENCE, MOST OF THESE ANCESTORS HAVING BEEN RESIDENTS OF STRATFORD, CONN. JACOBUS IN REFERRING TO JOHN CURTISS' WIFE ELIZABETH STATES: "STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT ELIZABETH WAS A WELLES ARE BASED ON A MISINTERPRETATION OF A DEED IN STRATFORD."

