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LIEUT. (J.G.) MICHAEL M. GROVE, U.S.N., SON OF BARBARA SARGENT MOOREHEAD, IS CONFINED TO THE U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, BETHESDA, MD., WITH A DISLOCATED HIP. HAVING COMPLETED A SPECIAL SUBMARINE TRAINING COURSE AT KEY WEST, MIKE WAS DRIVING NORTH ALONE TO REJOIN HIS SHIP, THE U.S.S. IREX, AT PORTSMOUTH, N.H. EARLY IN THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 14, NEAR UPPER MARLBOROUGH, MD., FOG OBSCURED THE COURSE OF THE HIGHWAY, THE CAR LEFT THE ROAD AND CRASHED INTO A BANK. MIKE IS COMING ALONG WELL. HE WOULD APPRECIATE SEEING ANY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WHO HAPPEN TO BE IN THE VICINITY.

THE TENNIS SKILL DISPLAYED IN AUGUST BY ELIZABETH (LIB) OWEN SARGENT, WIFE OF THOMAS D. SARGENT, IN A DOUBLES TEAM MATCH BETWEEN BLACK POINT AND OLD LYME IMPRESSED DAVID AND JEANIE SARGENT, WHO SENT YE EDITOR A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING AND A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT "A STELLAR MEMBER OF THE BLACK POINT TEAM. WE WATCHED HER PLAY HER MATCH AND CAN REPORT THAT HER GAME WAS MUCH COMMENDED BY AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE WHICH INCLUDED OURSELVES." THE ONLY OUT ABOUT THE MATCH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THAT LIB AND HER PARTNER WERE DEFEATED.

JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, IV, SON OF LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY, HAS ENTERED THE FRESHMAN CLASS AT YALE. JIMMY IS ROOMING AT 61 VANDERBILT HALL.

SARGENT & COMPANY IN AUGUST SIGNED A NEW YEARLY CONTRACT WITH THE UNION WHICH IS THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR A MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES. IT PROVIDED FOR A 3 CENTS AN HOUR INCREASE (THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY THE WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD) PLUS A FURTHER ADJUSTMENT IN JANUARY 1953 BASED ON A CHANGE IN THE COST OF LIVING INDEX. THE PRESS GAVE SOME PUBLICITY TO A STRIKE VOTE, BUT IT HAS BEEN THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE UNION AT THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE CALLING OF A STRIKE IF A SATISFACTORY CONTRACT FAILS TO BE NEGOTIATED.

MOLLY SARGENT McCANCE, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT, WROTE TO YE EDITORS FROM HER HOME, 1967 GOLDEN AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CALIF., ON AUGUST 21ST: "... BILL AND I HAVE JUST ROUNDED OUT AN AUTOMOBILE TRIP, THAT HAD WE KEPT GOING EAST, WOULD HAVE LANDED US IN THE DEAR OLD CITY OF ELMS. BUT WE WENT NORTH, HAVING VICTORIA, B.C., FOR OUR DESTINATION—THAT BEAUTIFUL 'BIT OF OLD ENGLAND' ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC.

"WE STARTED BY SHUTTING OUR FRONT DOOR WITH CONFIDENCE AND ENTHUSIASM ON OUR 'INTEGRALOCK', THE PRIDE OF THE BUNGALOW. AS WE JOURNEYED FROM HOTEL TO MOTEL TO RESTAURANT, MY EYE CASUALLY (AT FIRST, AND THEN BY DESIGN) GLANCED AT THE HARDWARE—SORT OF 'IN THE BLOOD' I GUESS—UNTIL FINALLY I DECIDED TO CHECK UP IN EARNEST AND DROP YOU THIS LINE, WHICH MIGHT BE ENTITLED 'SUMMERING WITH SARGENT' OR 'DRIVING ON DIVIDENDS'.

"OUR FIRST NIGHT TOOK US TO FRESNO. THE THERMOMETER WAS POINTING AT 110 OUTSIDE, BUT WE RELAXED IN THE AIR-CONDITIONED MODERN HOTEL, AS WE SAT AND ADMIRER S.&CO.'S BEST ON THEIR DOORS.

"IN KLAMATH FALLS WE WERE ABOUT TO MELT RIGHT DOWN WITH THE BUTTER, BUT PULLED UP JUST IN TIME TO COOL OFF AT THEIR BEST HOTEL. WE NOTED AS WE COOLED THERE TOO THAT OUR SALESMAN HADN'T KNOCKED IN VAIN WHEN THE HOTEL WAS REMODELED.

"IN GARBERVILLE, CALIF., WE HEARD OVER THE AIR THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WAS HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE. THE BUS STATION SOLD THE ONLY NEWSPAPERS WE COULD LOCATE, SO WE DASHED OVER THERE TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS. WE WERE THANKFUL TO FIND THAT LONG BEACH WAS SPARED THIS TIME. THAT SMALL BUS STATION WAS EQUIPPED WITH THE NATIONS BEST DOORCHECK.

"THE MAPLE CAFE IN UKIAH, CALIF., TREATS THEIR POWDER ROOM BETTER THAN THE TOWN DOES IT'S BRAND NEW COURT HOUSE. THIS LATTER, ALL CHROMIUM AND GLASS IS ENTERED BY AN IMPOSING FLIGHT OF STEPS, THE WHICH I PANTINGLY ASCENDED WITH THE IDEA OF CHECKING UP ON THEIR GOOD TASTE IN DETAIL. BUT LO, THE PITY OF IT, FOR 'SCHLAGE' HAD WON THE DAY (SHOWING OF COURSE AN INDISCRIMINATING COMMITTEE WHEN THE HARDWARE WAS SELECTED).

"EVER HEAR OF GOLD BEACH, OREGON? NOR HAD WE—BUT THEY'VE HEARD OF US, FOR THEIR TINY POST OFFICE HAS OUR DOOR CHECK AS IT'S A SILENCER.

"BILL AND I STOPPED IN BERKELEY TO VISIT OUR FORMER PASTOR WHO IS NOW THE PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION. AND YES, YOU'VE GUESSED IT; THEY TOO ARE EQUIPPED WITH AMERICA'S #1 LOCKS. SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, ON INTO THE NIGHT, A VACATION ALONG ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND DIVERSIFIED LANDSCAPES IMAGINABLE; FROM PEACH GROVES TO RED-WOODS; FROM 110 TO SNOW BANKS; FROM GHOST TOWNS OF '49 TO TOWNS JUST UP LIKE MUSHROOMS, AND MUCH OF THE WAY ONE CATCHES BREATH—TAKING GLIMPSES OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, LINED WITH PRECIPITOUS CLIFFS IN THEIR WILD ROCK-GARDEN BEAUTY.

"SO HOME AGAIN TO ONCE MORE FIT THE KEY INTO OUR HANDSOME LOCK, AND TO SIT RIGHT DOWN AND RECOMMEND TO YOU WHO HAVEN'T SEEN IT, THIS LOVELY TRIP ALONG OUR WEST COAST; AND TO ADD THREE CHEERS FOR THE PRACTICAL WISDOM OF IT'S BUILDERS."

"AMONG MISCELLANEOUS LAWS (IN COLONIAL TIMES) OF PASSING INTEREST, THOUGH OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE IN THE HISTORY OF INDUSTRY, WERE THE REGULATIONS TO LIMIT OR PROHIBIT THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN THE VICINITY OF IRON WORKS. THE TITLE OF THESE LAWS INDICATES THAT THEY WERE REGARDED AS ENCOURAGING THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON. . . . IN CONNECTICUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, LIQUOR FOR THE NEW HAVEN FURNACE HANDS WAS AT ONE TIME IMPORTED DUTY FREE."—VICTOR S. CLARK HISTORY OF MANUFACTURES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1607-1860 (1916), P. 45.



JAMES C. SARGENT, SON OF MURRAY SARGENT, WITH BECKY, HIS WIFE, AND THEIR TWO SMALL SONS SPENT THEIR VACATION WITH BECKY'S SISTER NANCY AND HER HUSBAND, FRANK SEIBERLING, AT THE LATTER'S CAMP IN THE WILDS OF ONTARIO, CANADA, ON THE SHORE OF LAKE SUPERIOR. IN RESPONSE TO YE EDITOR'S REQUEST JIMMY THUS DESCRIBED THEIR TRIP LEAVING STAMFORD ON MONDAY, JULY 28, WITH A STOP IN NEW YORK: ". . . HAVING WOUND UP THE LAST OF MY LEGAL BUSINESS, I HUSTLED BACK TO THE REST OF MY LITTLE FAMILY AND ONCE FED WE ALL DEPARTED HEADING TOWARDS THE NEW JERSEY PARKWAY. THAT WAS AROUND 2 P.M. WE EVENTUALLY GOT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE AND PROCEEDED TO FORT LITTLETON INTERCHANGE WHERE WE DROVE OFF THE TURNPIKE IN SEARCH OF NIGHT RETIREMENT. WE DROVE TO A PLACE CALLED COWAN'S GAP, A PENN. STATE PARK WHERE AT A LOVELY PART OF THE WOODS, WE DROVE THE CAR IN TO JUST WOODS AND PUT THE TWO BOYS TO BED IN THE BACK OF THE STATION WAGON AND BECCA AND I BUNKED DOWN IN THE SLEEPING BAG BESIDE THE CAR FOR OUR FIRST NIGHT. ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER WE WERE SO ENSCONCED THE HEAVENS OPENED—IT NEVER FAILS ON THE FIRST SUCH EXPERIENCE—AND BECCA AND I HURRIEDLY CLIMBED BACK INTO THE CAR WHERE WE SPENT A HALF ASLEEP HALF AWAKE NIGHT. AROUND 5:30 A.M. SHE AND I GOT UP, COOKED OUR BREAKFAST—EGGS, COFFEE AND BUTTERED TOAST—AND THEN WHILE THE CHILDREN SLEPT WE DROVE THROUGH THE EARLY DAWN. WE ARRIVED AT NANCY'S AND FRANK'S AROUND 3 P.M. WE STAYED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY AT COLUMBUS WITH THEM. THURSDAY AT 5 A.M. FRANK AND I HEADED FOR CANADA WITH HIS OLDEST CHILD, GRACIE, 9 YEARS, HER 9-YEAR OLD FRIEND DAPHNE, AND FRANKLIN, JR., AGED 7. WE DROVE TO A LITTLE PLACE CALLED HESSEL AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN PENINSULAR. THAT IS THE SPOT NEAR WHERE THE SEIBERLINGS OWN AN ISLAND AT WHICH WE ALL VISITED LAST YEAR. INSTEAD OF GOING TO A LOCAL TOURIST CAMP WE ALL SLEPT IN OUR SLEEPING BAGS ON THE LOCAL GREEN. BY 6 A.M. FRIDAY WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO SAULT STE MARIE, WHICH IS THE LAST SPOT IN MICHIGAN WHENCE ONE TAKES A FERRY ACROSS THE ST. MARY'S RIVER INTO CANADA. BY NINE O'CLOCK WE, HAVING BREAKFASTED, WERE WAITING FOR THE FERRY. FRANK HAD TAKEN WITH HIM A GASOLINE DRIVEN SAW WHICH, BECAUSE IT IS SO EFFICIENT AND ACCORDINGLY OF SUCH HIGH VALUE TO LOCAL CANADIANS, HELD US UP FOR THREE HOURS WHILE THE CANADIAN CUSTOMS BACKED AND FILLED AND VACILLATED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW US TO TAKE IT IN. HAVING SATISFIED THEMSELVES THAT OUR PURPOSE WAS LEGITIMATE, THEY FINALLY PASSED IT AND BEGAN LOOKING OVER THE REST OF OUR GEAR WHICH WAS OF SIZABLE PROPORTIONS. WE MANAGED BY TWO O'CLOCK TO BE IN THE SAULT (PRONOUNCED SOO) WHERE WE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF SHOPPING TO DO. BY 5.30 WE WERE AGAIN ON THE ROAD HEADING FOR MONTREAL RIVER HARBOR SOME 79 MILES NORTH OF THE SAULT. THE ROAD IS POOR AND WITH OUR HEAVY LOAD AND RAIN IT TOOK US ABOUT 3 HOURS TO COVER THIS DISTANCE. ARRIVING AT MONTREAL RIVER HARBOR AFTER A RAINY WET DAY WE DECIDED TO LET ONE COTTAGE FOR THE NIGHT. A THREE PLACE COTTAGE WAS SIX DOLLARS. IN THIS FRANK AND I AND THE THREE CHILDREN SLEPT A VERY COMFORTABLE NIGHT. SATURDAY A.M. I FIRST COOKED BREAKFAST PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE CHILDREN. THEN FRANK AND I DROVE TO A LOCAL LUMBER MILL WHERE WE PURCHASED LUMBER WHICH WE WANTED TO USE IN CONSTRUCTING A SUPER TENT PLATFORM. THIS LUMBER WE HAULED IN A STATION WAGON BACK TO THE HARBOR WHERE SEVERAL GOOD SIZED BOATS ARE ANCHORED BUT READY FOR CHARTER. WE CHARTERED ONE OF THESE ON WHICH WE LOADED A HEAVY LOAD OF LUMBER PLUS ALL OUR GEAR. THE DISTANCE FROM THE HARBOR TO LAUGHING BROOK IS ABOUT FIVE MILES ALL OF WHICH IS TRAVERSED ONLY BY WATER. THERE ARE AS YET NO ROADS OR REAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE HARBOR AND THE VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS NORTH OF THE HARBOR. EVERYTHING IS PRACTICALLY AND NECESSARILY MUST BE HANDLED BY WATER AS THE TRAILS ARE SUFFICIENTLY STEEP TO PREVENT READY ACCESS. THE CABIN WHICH NANCY AND FRANK PURCHASED IS MOST DELIGHTFUL, ALTHOUGH I MUST SAY THE MINING PROSPECTORS LEFT IT IN A FILTHY STATE. (THE TWO WIVES AND OTHER CHILDREN CAME THE FOLLOWING DAY.—ED.) IT WAS AT THIS PRETTY LITTLE SPOT THAT WE FOUR ADULTS AND SEVEN CHILDREN STAYED FOR SIX SOLID WEEKS WITH LITTLE DISAGREEMENT, AND THE LATTER OCCURRED AMONG THE YOUNG ONLY. OUR 3-YEAR OLD PUSHED THEIR 4-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AGAINST THE HOT STOVE CAUSING A BURN OF SLIGHT EXTENT TO HER BACK. SHE NEXT DAY IN PLAYFUL RETALIATION PUSHED HIM AGAINST THE STOVE BURNING HIS BUTTOCKS SLIGHTLY—A SORT OF TIT FOR TAT PROPOSITION. WE FISHED A GREAT DEAL. OUR CATCHES WERE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY SPECKLED TROUT. TO SAY THE LEAST WE ALL HAD A GLORIOUS TIME. . . . ON OUR RETURN WE DROVE FIRST TO THE SAULT, SPENDING ONE NIGHT UNDER A GLORIOUS MOONLIT SKY IN SLEEPING BAGS AT HAVERLAND BAY. AFTER DOING A LOT OF SHOPPING IN THE SOO WE DROVE TO A LITTLE LAKE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN CALLED CARP LAKE, WHERE WE PULLED AS CLOSE TO THE WATER AS WE COULD AND AT THAT POINT WE PULLED OUT OUR SLEEPING BAGS AND SLEPT ANOTHER NIGHT UNDER THE STARS. THE NEXT MORNING THE PRESENCE OF THE LAKE ENABLED EACH OF US TO AT LEAST START THE DAY WASHED AND CHEERFUL. FROM THAT POINT WE DROVE TO COLUMBUS WHERE WE ARRIVED LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 5. WE LEFT COLUMBUS AROUND 6 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND STOPPED THAT NIGHT OUTSIDE PHILADELPHIA VISITING CHARLES HEPBURN, A MOUNTAIN POND CLUB MEMBER. WE ARRIVED BACK HERE ABOUT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AFTER A SIMPLY STUPENDOUS VISIT."

THERE ARE MANY GAPS IN REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR THE HISTORY OF THE SARGENTS IN MANUFACTURING, WHICH BEGAN IN LEICESTER, MASS., IN 1810. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED THERE IS A PAUCITY OF RECORDS ABOUT THE HAND AND MACHINE CARD BUSINESS IN BOTH THE EARLY AND LATER DAYS. (THE BUSINESS WAS WOUND UP IN 1879.) THERE IS ALSO VERY LITTLE AVAILABLE, OTHER THAN CATALOGUES, ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF J.B. SARGENT & CO. OF NEW BRITAIN, THE PREDECESSOR OF SARGENT & COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN. LUCY HOLLAND PUTNAM HAS HELPED BY LENDING SOME LETTERS OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT WRITTEN TO HIS SISTER, LUCY'S GRANDMOTHER. YE EDITOR WILL WELCOME SUCH MATERIAL FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. PERHAPS SOMEONE OWNS A HAND CARD MADE BY SARGENT & BROTHER.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER
- 1 - LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA BAILEY CUMMING
  - 2 - (9TH) ELEANOR FENN, DAUGHTER OF CONVERSE GRAY FENN
  - (7TH) DIANA TREMAINE MACDOUGALL, DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY JOAN WISER MACDOUGALL
  - (1ST) DAVID BRADSHAW NORTHEY, SON OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY
  - (1ST) LAURA HAMMOND NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY
  - 3 - (19TH) 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
  - 10 - (2D) WILLIAM MORRIS MCCAWLEY, JR., SON OF SARAH (SALLY) FISHER MCCAWLEY
  - 11 - (3D) JOHN HENRY NORTHEY, III, SON OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY
  - 15 - PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER
  - 16 - (19TH) DEBORAH LEWIS PETTIT, DAUGHTER OF MILLICENT LEWIS PETTIT
  - (4TH) 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
  - (1ST) ELIZA MCCAWLEY, DAUGHTER OF SARAH (SALLY) FISHER MCCAWLEY
  - 22 - EARLE WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT
  - JOHN WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT
  - 23 - (14TH) DAVID BUSHNELL, STEPSON OF JEAN SARGENT BUSHNELL
  - (9TH) ARTHUR NICHOLSON TURNER, JR., SON OF ANNE (NANCY) GROVE TURNER
  - 24 - (17TH) 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 - LILA OCTAVIA WALKER SARGENT, WIFE OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER
- 1 - (7TH) PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND C. SPRAGUE PARKER
  - (5TH) ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) AND WILLIAM CONLY DONNELL
  - 4 - (11TH) SARAH (SALLY) FISHER AND WILLIAM M. MCCAWLEY, II
  - 16 - (15TH) RUSSELL S., JR., AND FRANCES BARNES FENN
  - 17 - (22D) W. SARGENT AND CAROL BODMER LEWIS
  - 20 - (7TH) DAVID C. AND JEAN THOMSON SARGENT

JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907), PRESIDENT OF SARGENT & COMPANY, WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE COMPANY (SPELLING UNCORRECTED) FROM ARGENTINA ON JUNE 1, 1898. WITH HIS WIFE HE WAS ON HIS THIRD WORLD TRIP, THOUGH ON THIS ONE HE DID NOT CIRCLE THE GLOBE.

"BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898

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"I SENT A LETTER BY LAST MAIL, MAY 27, AND WROTE ON 25TH WHICH I MAIL TO-DAY BY STEAMER FOR LONDON AND ADD ENOUGH TO FILL THE SINGLE POSTAGE ALTHOUGH I HAVE BUT LITTLE TO SAY. IN MY LETTER OF 25 MAY CONCERNING CHANGES IN DRAWBACK LOCKS &C, PERHAPS YOU BETTER NOT BEGIN ON THOSE CHANGES TILL WE TALK IT OVER AFTER I GET HOME, AND WE CAN COMPARE EXPENSE WITH PROBABLE PROFIT.

"I SHALL REPORT ON THIS CITY AND ITS HARDWARE TRADE LATER, BUT I CAN SAY THAT NEITHER THE CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY, IN SETTLEMENT OF THE COUNTRY BY A POPULATION, NOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 999 OUT OF 1000 OF THE PEOPLE WILL MAKE A MARKET FOR OUR MANUFACTURES OF BUILDERS AND MISCELANEOUS HARDWARE DURING MY LIFE TIME—NOR TILL A NEW RACE GROWS THAT IS NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF PRIESTS.

"BUENOS AIRES HAS ONE SIXTH OF THE WHOLE POPULATION AND IS A RICH AND GROWING CITY. THERE ARE A FEW SMALL CITIES OF 30,000 OR LESS THAT IMPROVE BY RAILROAD CONNECTION WITH B.A. BUT THE WHOLE COUNTRY HAS ONLY 4½ MILLIONS, THREE FOURTHS OF WHOM LIVE IN MUD HUTS, WITH THATCHED ROOFS AND NOT SO MUCH HARDWARE AS A SINGLE NAIL. BUT THEY BELIEVE IN THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE PRIEST AND IN HIS POWER TO STOP THE ROTATION OF THE SUN AROUND THE EARTH AS IMPLICITLY AS THE OLD JEWS BELIEVED IN AARON OR THE CHRISTIANS BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A LOCALIZED HEAVEN ABOVE THE EARTH. THERE CAN BE NO PROGRESS IN SUCH A PEOPLE MADE UP OF DESCENDENTS FROM A MIXTURE OF THE OLD IGNORANT AND SUPERSTITIOUS SPANISH BLOOD WITH THAT OF THE INDIAN ABORIGINEES. THEY ARE 3/4 OF SOUTH AMERICA MOST OF THE REST ARE NEARLY AS SUPERSTITIOUS AND IGNORANT, BUT SOME FEW ARE WEALTHY AND LIVE IN FAIRLY DECENT COUNTRY HOUSES ON THEIR LARGE FARMS FOR STOCK RAISING. 3/4 OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY ARE UNDER THE THUMB OF THE PRIEST AS MUCH OR MORE THAN THE LOWEST OF THE COUNTRY PEOPLE. THERE ARE A FEW PALLATIAL PLACES, MANY FINE STORES, BANKS LOTTERY OFFICES INSURANCE OFFICES CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS THAT ARE FINISHED WITH VERY LITTLE HARDWARE INSIDE BUT WITH FINE AND COSTLY HINGES, LOCKS & KNOBS LETTER-BOXES DOOR PULLS - VERY MASSIVE, BUT ALL MADE IN PARIS—OUR LOCKS WOULD NOT BE USED IF GIVEN TO THE



BUILDERS. IN ORDINARY HOUSES AND IN THE COUNTRY, THE CHEAPEST & MEANEST OF GERMAN HARDWARE IS MAINLY USED. BUT AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL MACHINES AND TOOLS ARE MOST USED, AND SOME FEW MECHANICS TOOLS. MERCHANTS HERE WILL NOT TRY TO INTRODUCE BETTER GOODS IN OUR LINES.

"I EXPECT TO LEAVE HERE IN ABOUT 10 DAYS, STAY IN MONTEVIDEO, A WEEK OR TWO, GO TO RIO DE JANEIRO SAY 17TH OR 23D AND LEAVE RIO FOR LONDON ABUT 4TH JULY, BE IN LONDON JULY 26TH FOR ONE WEEK THEN TO PARIS FOR TWO WEEKS PROBABLY—AND THEN

"ADDRESS TO BE IN LONDON CO. OF N.M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS, LONDON, FOR JULY 26TH TO AUGUST 10. TELL MRS. HOTCHKISS OR MISS WINCHESTER.

"J.B.S."

THOMAS MERRICK (1620-1704), ANCESTOR OF MOST OF US, WAS BORN IN WALES IN 1620. (SEE GENEALOGICAL CHART IN SARGENTRIVIA OF MARCH 20, 1951, WHICH CONTINUES THAT OF FEBRUARY 24, 1949.) "GENEALOGY OF THE MERRICK-MIRICK-MYRICK FAMILY", BY GEORGE BYRON MERRICK (1902) STATES (PAGE 266) THAT THOMAS MERRICK CAME TO AMERICA IN 1636 WITH THREE BROTHERS AND ONE SISTER, AND THAT THEY ALL SETTLED IN DIFFERENT PLACES. THOMAS WAS THAT YEAR IN ROXBURY. HE WAS IN AGAWAM (NOW SPRINGFIELD) IN JANUARY 1638 WHEN HE WAS ONE OF SIX (ANOTHER BEING OUR ANCESTOR JEHU BURR) APPOINTED TO "SET OUT THE BOUNDS OF YE PLANTATION UP YE RIVER ON BOTH SIDES OF YE RIVER AND TO MARKE YE TREES FOR CLEARING OF IT." THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT IN 1636 HAD GRANTED THE RIGHT TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS ON THE GREAT RIVER (THE CONNECTICUT), AND OUR ANCESTORS JEHU BURR AND MATTHEW MITCHELL WERE TWO OF THE EIGHT MEN, WHO UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WILLIAM PYNCHON SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO UNDERTAKE A SETTLEMENT ON THE RIVER. THEY PURCHASED THE LANDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER FROM THE INDIANS FOR "18 FATHOMS OF WAMPUM, 18 COATS, 18 HATCHETS, 18 HOES AND 18 KNIVES."

THOMAS MERRICK MARRIED 1ST, JULY 14, 1639, SARAH, DAUGHTER OF ROWLAND AND SARAH STEBBINS. THEIR SECOND CHILD, SARAH, OUR FOREBEAR, WAS BORN MAY 9, 1643, MARRIED NOVEMBER 4, 1667, ELIAKIM HITCHCOCK "OF NEW YORK". SARAH STEBBINS MERRICK DIED AFTER THE BIRTH OF HER FIFTH CHILD, AND THOMAS MERRICK MARRIED 2D, AUGUST 21, 1653, ELIZABETH TILLEY, WHO BORE HIM EIGHT CHILDREN. BETWEEN 1640 AND 1669 HE ACQUIRED 96 ACRES OF LAND IN OR NEAR SPRINGFIELD. HE WAS ON MANY IMPORTANT COMMITTEES: IN THE ALLOTMENT OF LANDS, TREATING WITH THE INDIANS, BUILDING THE CHURCH (IN WHICH HE WAS ALLOTTED THE SECOND SEAT FROM THE FRONT AT THREE DIFFERENT DIVISIONS), VIEWING THE FENCES, AND OTHER PUBLIC DUTIES. HE WAS SERGEANT IN THE TOWN MILITIA. HIS SECOND WIFE DIED AUGUST 21, 1684. HE DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1704. BOTH ARE BURIED IN THE CEMETERY AT SPRINGFIELD.

BELOW ARE PICTURED TWO DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907) WITH THEIR FIRST BORN: AT LEFT ALICE BESSIE FORBES SARGENT, WIFE OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT (1862-1944) HOLDING ELEANOR STRONG SARGENT (DIED 1892), AND AT RIGHT HELEN LAWTON SARGENT, WIDOW OF EDWARD RUPERT SARGENT (1858-1940), HOLDING LAWTON GRISWOLD SARGENT. THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE MADE OVER 60 YEARS AGO.

