



Sargent Mausoleum

History

Allan Cameron Sargent was president of the C. G. Sargent and Sons Corporation and Foundry in Graniteville, Massachusetts. Allan's father, Charles Grandison Sargent, founded the company that made textile manufacturing machinery. Allan married Eva E. Minter of Worcester, who died in 1887 at age 25, shortly after the birth of their son, James M. Sargent. Allan then married Eva's sister, Elizabeth Minter. Elizabeth died in 1931 at age 80. Allan then married Katherine Mackinnon who survived him (she was 24 years younger) and her step-son James who died in 1939 at age 52.

Art and Architecture

Renaissance Revival elements are included in the Sargent mausoleum. The entry is emphasized by the use of a curved pediment above the door and decorative pilasters. This is very different from the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian styles used in other mausoleums in the Cemetery. The structure is massive and ornate. The circular setting adds to its impact. The mausoleum has four equal sides raised slightly on a podium. The central plan is reinforced by the recessed corners. A cornice of decorative moldings and bands top this show-stopper. The entrance is accessed by a couple of stairs.

The stained glass shows the view of the lake visible from the Sargent home. The window incorporates Masonic symbols. The bottom of the window presents two Acacia leaves, a Freemason symbol of immortality. The interlocking triangles of the gold hexagram symbolize the perfect balance of darkness and light, life and death.

Buried in the Sargent mausoleum are:

- Allan Cameron Sargent – 1859-1952 – died at age 93
- Eva E. Minter – wife of Allan – 1862-1887 – died at age 25
- Elizabeth Minter – wife of Allan – 1851-1931 – died at age 80
- Katherine Mackinnon – wife of Allan – 1882-1962 – died at age 79
- James M. Sargent – son of Allan and Eva – 1887-1939 – died at age 52

Family Obituaries

1) Allan Cameron Sargent's Obituary appeared in the *Lowell Sun* on March 6, 1952, Thursday, p.1:

A. C. SARGENT DIES IN GRANITEVILLE. Was President of C G Sargent Corp, and Foundry. Allan Cameron Sargent, president of the C. G. Sargent and Sons Corp., Graniteville, and of the Graniteville Foundry Company, died yesterday at his home on Main Street.

A lifelong resident of this town, Mr. Sargent was born in Graniteville, Feb 24, 1859, and attended the Westford public schools, Westford Academy and was a member of the class of 1881 of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At the age of 19, Mr. Sargent became associated with his father's concern in Graniteville, learning the business in all its details. After the death of his father, Mr. Sargent conducted the business along with his brother, and subsequently became president of the company.

Mr. Sargent was a member of the First Corps of Cadets of Boston, a member of the Lowell Historical Society, the Society for the Preservation of New England antiquities, the Yankee post of the American Ordinance association, the MTY alumni association of which he was the oldest member, and many other organizations. He was always interested in many worthy causes and was a staunch supporter of the Graniteville Methodist church, founded by his father.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine (Mackinnon) Sargent and several nieces and two adopted daughters of his late son, James M. Sargent.

Lowell Sun, March 6, 1952, Thursday, p3:

Died in Graniteville, March 5, at his home on Main Street. Allan Cameron Sargent, in his 93rd year. Funeral services from his home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited. Kindly omit flowers. Burial private. Calling hours from 1 to 5 and from 7 to 9 pm Friday. Interment in Lowell cemetery, Lowell. Funeral directors David L Greig and Sons Inc.

Lowell Sun, March 9, 1952, Sunday, p.3:

Services Held for Allan C Sargent

Pay Tribute to Widely Known Industrialist

WESTFORD - Funeral services for Allan C. Sargent, late president of the G. G. Sargent Sons Corp (should be C.G.) and the Graniteville Foundry Company were held yesterday afternoon at his home on Main street and were largely attended by friends, relatives and business associates.

The Rev. Edward F. Pfluke, pastor of the Methodist church in Graniteville, officiated at the services.

Many business associates were in the congregation. Representing the C G Sargent Sons Corp were Mrs. Harriet S Hildreth, F Stanley Smith, Joseph Haworth, S Weldon Stevens and Robert D Lambert.

John G Shelley represented the Shelley Rubber company of Wellesley, while Thomas E O'Donnell represented the Old Colony trust company of Boston. Edward M Abbott and W W Sargent were delegates from the Abbott Worsted company, and Mrs. John L Buchanan and John H Buchanan represented the Graniteville Foundry Company. There were many flowers.

Bearers were Mark A Palmer Jr., Richard W Hall, Albert G Forty, Chalmers Murray, Raymond D Tellier and F Stanley Smith.

Burial took place in the Mausoleum at the Lowell cemetery where the Rev Mr. Pfluke officiated.

2) Eva E. Minter, (first) wife of Allan C. Sargent, born at Worcester Oct 2, 1862; died at Denver, Colorado, Oct 20, 1887

Elizabeth M. Minter, (Second) wife of Allan C. Sargent, born at Worcester, March 25, 1851; died at Graniteville, April 24, 1931

Obituary for Elizabeth M. Minter appeared in the *Lowell Sun* on April 25, 1931, p.3:

SARGENT - Mrs. Elizabeth Minter Sargent, the wife of Allan C Sargent, died Friday at her home in Graniteville. She is survived by her husband, who is a member of the firm of the Sargent Machine Co. of Graniteville, and one son, James M. Sargent, of Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Sargent had been a resident of Graniteville for the past 35 years.

Lowell Sun, April 27, 1931, p.21:

SARGENT - Private funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Minter Sargent were held yesterday afternoon at 230 o'clock at her home in Graniteville. Rev Alfred Woods, pastor of the Saugus ME church and formerly of the Graniteville ME church, officiating. There were many floral tributes. The bearers were Edward Buckingham, Arthur Nystrom, Roy Blanchard, Samuel Fletcher, Arthur Forty and Richard Hall. The body was placed in the Sargent mausoleum in Lowell Cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Wood read the committal prayers. The arrangements were in the charge of Undertakers David L. Greig & Sons.

3) Katherine Mackinnon, (Third) wife of Allan C. Sargent, born April 4, 1883, died July 15, 1962. Her obituary appeared in the *Lowell Sun* on July 19, 1962, p.35:

Funeral services for Katherine Sargent, of 19 Goodwin's Court, Marblehead, formerly of Graniteville, took place at the funeral home, 24 Worthen Street, Chelmsford, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev W. Wayne Ardis, PhD, pastor of the Graniteville Methodist church, officiated. Entombment took place in the Sargent mausoleum in Lowell Cemetery.

Notice of the death of James Minter Sargent appeared in the *Lowell Sun* on December 21, 1939, p.39:

GRANITEVILLE - The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late James Minter Sargent. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Sargent, two daughters, Dorothy and Eva Patricia, and his father Allan C Sargent, all of Graniteville.

4) James Minter Sargent's obituary appeared in the *Lowell Sun* on December 21, 1939, p.51:

JAMES M SARGENT - James Minter Sargent, a prominent resident of Graniteville, died at his home on Pine Ridge road yesterday morning after a long illness. Mr. Sargent was the son of Allan Cameron Sargent and Eva E. (Minter) Sargent. He was educated in the Sargent school in Graniteville, the Highland Military Academy of Worcester, and the Lowell Textile Institute. He was a director for many years in the C. G. Sargent Son's Corp. of Graniteville, retiring a few years ago due to ill health.

In 1913, Mr. Sargent married Dorothy Reed Stewart of Everett, and in 1915, because of ill health, went to Arizona where he remained until 1934. During his residence there, he was active in social and civic affairs. Mr. Sargent was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the William North lodge, a Knight Templar and also an Elk. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Reed (Stewart) Sargent; two daughters, the Misses Dorothy Stewart and Eva Patricia Sargent; and his father, Allan Cameron Sargent, all of Graniteville.

Lowell Sun, December 23, 1939, p.3:

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for James Minter Sargent at his home in Pine Ridge Road, Graniteville. Rev William F Preston, pastor of the Graniteville Methodist church, officiated. A favorite hymn of Mr. Sargent's was sung by the Orpheus Male Quartet of Lowell.

The Pilgrim Commandery of Lowell conducted the Masonic rites . . . Burial took place in the Sargent mausoleum in the Lowell cemetery.

5) Information about Charles G. Sargent, the founder of the company:

Charles Grandison Sargent, died July 16, 1878, age 58 years, 11 months, 29 days.

Born Hillsboro, NH, on July 16, 1819. Married Harriet Read on April 14, 1842 in Lowell

Died of Bright's Disease (kidney disease) and apoplexy.

Wife Harriet Sargent. Children Abbie Ann Jones, Harriet R Evans, Lois Maria Sargent.

Buried on Lincoln Ave in Lowell Cemetery.

Charles G. Sargent's obituary:

In the death of Mr. Sargent the town of Westford and the village of Graniteville lose one of their most prominent and esteemed citizens, and it is a loss which will really be irreparable. In Graniteville, Mr. Sargent has been a leading spirit and to his energy and good sense are due many of the improvements and enterprises of that thriving village. The deceased has been in failing health for some time, his trouble being Bright's disease. He was associated with his son in business, in the manufacture of cotton and woolen machinery, and both he and the son have shown marked inventive genius. They have invented and manufactured a cotton lapper and opener which has been used extensively throughout the country; and have also manufactured a machine for sashing and scouring wool, and other inventions. Mr. Sargent was always eminently liberal and public-spirited. He worked his way up from poverty to competence, and his fine home at Graniteville has been open to many guests from Lowell, who have often enjoyed the unostentatious hospitality of his pleasant family. Indeed, so well-known was he in Lowell that we almost feel that he was one of our own citizens. He was a director of the Prescott National Bank, and a trustee and vice president of the Central savings bank, a member of Pentucket Lodge of Masons and was very often seen in our streets, and we shall speak the feelings of all who have ever known him either socially or in a business way, when we say that few of our own residents would be more missed, and none would be more sincerely mourned than Charles G. Sargent. Deceased leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, one of the latter being the wife of the Rev M. A. H. Evans, who is pastor of the Methodist church at Graniteville; the house of worship of which church was built largely from funds furnished by Mr. Sargent. He was also brother of Mr. Frederick W. Sargent, of the firm of Chase, Sargent & Co of this city. Mr. Sargent has been prominently interested in the summer resort at Juniper Point ever since the Lowell colony removed thither from Marblehead Neck, and he will be much missed by the frequenters of that place. We believe he is the first adult person whose death has occurred at Juniper. The remains have been removed to Graniteville, and the funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock pm, the services to be held at the church. The remains will be interred at the cemetery in this city, where services will also be held. We are asked to say that friends are requested not to send flowers.

Funeral of Charles G. Sargent

The public funeral services occurred at the church in Graniteville this afternoon, at one o'clock, there having been prayers at his residence half an hour previous. There was a large attendance at the funeral, including a good representation of Pentucket Lodge of Masons, of which deceased was a member and of the banking institutions with which he was connected. Rev. Mr. Hulburd of St Paul's M E church conducted the services; and the singing was by the Masonic quartette consisting of Messrs. Wirth, Howarth, Farrington and Worcester. The bearers were Messrs. Francis Carll, Samuel C Eaton, Luke C Dodge, Z. E. Stone, Edwart T. Wilson and A. C. Sawyer, members of Pentucket Lodge. The remains were interred in the family lot at the Lowell cemetery. The trustees of the Central savings bank were represented at the funeral by Henry C. Church, Jonathan P. Folsom, Ephraim Brown and Samuel A. Chase. The Prescott National Bank was represented