

James Sargent, Sr.

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Maryland

James Sargent Sr. immigrated to Maryland from London, England before 1735. He settled at Anne Arundel County, where he met Eleanor Taylor, whom he married on 9 December 1735, at St. Margaret's Parish.

Eleanor was the daughter of Anthony Taylor and Elizabeth Bassett. Anthony was born about 1694 in either England or Maryland. He resided at Fishing Creek, Dorchester County, Maryland. His Will was probated in 1733.

It is unknown whether James' parents were Quaker, or if he and his wife Eleanor were. His son, James Jr., was a known Quaker.

The Sargent family moved near Sugar Loaf Mountain, in Frederick County, Maryland, sometime around 1754, where he had land. This section of country was then the edge of the wilderness, where Indian attacks did occur.

Despite their possible Quaker leanings, the Sargent family was a patriotic one and the sons served in the American army.

James served on the "Committee of Observation and List of Associators" for Frederick County in 1777 and as a Juror to the Oath of Allegiance in 1778.

He was also the Father-in-Law of Sergeant Samuel Phillips, my primary patriot ancestor.