

**"The Sargent House: Past, Present and Future"** will be presented by *Jim and Toni Stoma*  
**Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m. at Wakeman Hall**, sponsored by the Waterville Historical Society.

The PowerPoint program will first give a background of the Sargent family. Edward was a Justice of the Peace and had his office in the 1834 house at 118 South River Road, known originally as Waterville's Main Street. Research revealed a list of the weddings performed by Mr. Sargent as well as other information.

After a capital fund drive and a \$10,000 matching grant from the France Stone Foundation in 1991, the society was able to purchase the house a year later with the intention of tearing it down and using the lot for parking and other activities for the Robbins House Museum next door. However, after further investigation of the neglected house it was determined to be one of the original 20 or 30 homes in the village, with braced-frame construction of hand-hewn oak beams and rafters held together with wooden pegs. The Stomas will tell how the society handled this dilemma.

Jim Stoma is vice-president of the society and his wife Toni is an active volunteer, taking care of museum gardens and grounds. She is an authority in antique textiles and will talk about the amazing sampler sewn by ten-year-old Rowena Sargent while living in the Waterville house. The public is welcome to this free program. Wakeman Hall is located at 401 Farnsworth Road. Refreshments will be served.

