

## Is This Guernsey County's Most Historic Photograph?



(Picture of Main Street, 1886)

What is so significant about the above photograph?

The fact that in one picture there is a direct link between the settlers from the Isle of Guernsey, and modern-day Cambridge.

The low building to the left of the center of the picture is the Thomas Sarchet house, built in 1806-1807, and the tall building to the left of the Sarchet house is the building presently housing Rogers Jewelry store and the offices of Dr. Thomas D. Swan.

Thomas Sarchet, Sr. was born in the parish of Saint Samson, on the Isle of Guernsey on June 29, 1770, and was married to Anne Birchard, daughter of James Birchard and Esther Gallienne, of the parish of La Quartie, in the year 1789. They had four sons and two daughters, all born on the Isle of Guernsey; Thomas, David, Peter B., Moses, Nancy, and Rachel.

In May, 1806, they emigrated to America, landing at Norfolk on June 3, then taking passage to Baltimore, and finally leaving Baltimore on June 16th bound for Cincinnati.

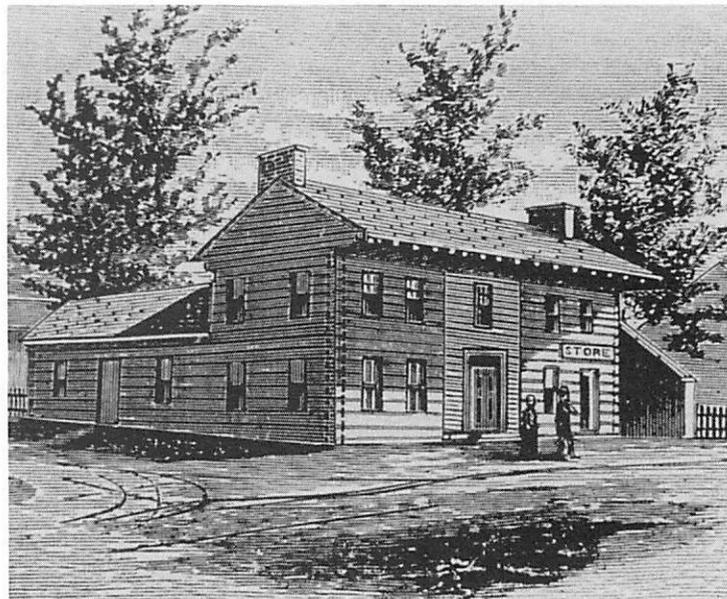
They arrived in Cambridge on August 14, 1806, and, being weary from their travels, decided to stay. Thomas Sarchet, Sr. purchased Lot 58 in the newly-platted town of Cambridge, and began construction of his house, which he completed in 1807.

It was still standing in 1882, when the woodcut below was made, and was still standing in 1886 when the above photograph was taken. The site is now occupied by the Broom building and is commonly known as the Central Drug Store corner.

It will be difficult to find a more historic photograph than this, linking the very beginnings of Cambridge with buildings that are still in use.

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