

64. ARGALUS THOMAS (Samuel Beals)⁴ (son of Dr. William,³ Amos,² William¹) was b. Aug. 28, 1779, in West Brookfield, Mass. He resembled his brother Orsamus very closely, with the exception of his eyes, which were black. Visiting Provincetown after the death of Orsamus, this similarity of looks excited much interest among the people there who so missed and mourned their friend. In disposition they were also alike, with charity and kindness for all, yet with that strong, clear sense of justice that made right right and wrong wrong, without one thought of compromise. The same habits of thought and expression and the same gentle yet dignified bearing belonged to both.

Argalus Thomas taught school before his marriage, and remained on his father's farm for several years after that event. After the latter's death, he shared the farm with his brother Sylvanus for some time, but finally sold out his interest in it to Sylvanus and became proprietor of the hotel in West Brookfield, on the Plain.

Before leaving the farm, his name was changed by act of Legislature from Argalus to Samuel Beals. This was done at the request of Major Samuel Beals, of Hardwick, with whom he was a great favorite. Major Beals m. Abby, sister of Dr. William Thomas and aunt of Argalus, and had no children.

After remaining at West Brookfield a year or two, he removed to Western, afterward Warren, at the solicitation of friends. He next took charge of the hotel in South Brookfield, and a few years later settled permanently in Worcester.

Colonel Sykes, proprietor of the hotel in Sheffield, Conn., at which Miss Sarah Kellogg boarded, and at which her marriage with Argalus Thomas took place, afterward removed to Worcester, Mass., and purchased