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Dear Sargents,

Today we are laying Paul away and we are paying our last respects to one of the world’s great characters: an honest man; truly an accomplished artist and one of the truest friends I shall ever know. The memory of his noble life and the beautiful products of his brush will live on for ages. There was only one Paul T. Sargent and there will never be another one who can portray on canvas the beautiful autumn colors and the water and trees along the Embarrass River. Coles County could very appropriately erect a memorial to him an his life’s work. To me he was a brother and a friend and as for his passing I can only say: My life, a greater, sadder thing for having known you, Forever mine, my friend, from June ‘til life’s December’
Not mine to have and to hold;
But to appreciate and remember.
R.A. Morris