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Carolyn Maloney and Larry Rockefeller

according to the *Times*—the only old guy in the prison. That's about as sympathetic as the paper of record could be toward the man. The article pointed out that he will get no special treatment. That's good, because aside from being unable to stand up or walk for any prolonged period of time, he should be comfortable and be able to "learn the lessons of justice" for the crimes he was accused of by his mother's devoted friends and supporters.

This drama began more than 60 years ago when Vincent Astor was married to another woman named Minnie Cushing. Minnie, who was wife number two, was famous in New York and some

parts of the world as one of the Cushing Sisters, daughters of the great **Dr. Harvey Cushing**, America's first neurosurgeon.

The sisters were famous, not because of their father, but because they followed their mother's guidance and each married rich (very rich) men. The first to marry was **Betsey**, the middle sister, who married **Franklin Delano and Eleanor Roosevelt's** eldest son, **James**, a couple of years before F.D.R. was elected President. This marriage was not a success because Roosevelt *filis*, evidently, fooled around. However, through much of the 1930s, Betsey Cushing Roosevelt was a favorite of her father-in-law and often substituted as official hostess

for her mother-in-law, the First Lady, when Eleanor was traveling or unavailable.

Betsey and James Roosevelt had two daughters and the marriage was dissolved in 1940. Two years later, Betsey married **John Hay ("Jock") Whitney**, one of the richest Americans at the time.

During the 1930s, Minnie, the eldest, then in her late 20s, was the mistress of Vincent Astor, who was 14 years her senior and the principal heir to the American branch of the Astor real estate fortune. Astor had been married to **Helen Huntington Astor** since 1914, when he was 23. The Astors had known her since childhood, as their families had nearby estates

near Rhinebeck.

The Huntington-Astor marriage was a distant one by the time Minnie came along, and it surprised no one that Vincent had taken up with her. In 1940, at what was said to be at the urging of Minnie's mother, **Kate Cushing**, to make her daughter a respectable woman, Vincent divorced Helen and married Minnie.

The third Cushing sister, inarguably the most famous, was **Barbara**, always known as "Babe," the youngest and only real beauty of the three. Babe first married **Stanley Mortimer**, a patrician heir to part of a Standard Oil fortune, with whom she had two children. They were divorced