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PREFACE

The text of this book is largely reproduced from the article I wrote on this topic which appeared in the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* in its 1952 and 1953 issues. Since then I have added some material and made a few corrections. I appreciate the courtesy of the Board of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania in allowing me to use that article here.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the help given me by the Maryland Historical Society staff and by Mr. Roger Thomas, assistant archivist at the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md. At the D.A.R. library in Washington, D. C., I learned that one person had become a "daughter" because of an ancestor of hers, described as "William Middleton of Maryland and Virginia." I was, however, unable to secure her permission to examine her application paper. As a result I can not include data pertaining to his descendants. On the other hand, because of the extraordinarily fine work of Dr. Jean Stephenson, as genealogical records chairman of the District of Columbia Daughters of the American Revolution, I was able to discover in the D.A.R. library many Middleton Bible and cemetery records which I have been able to put to good use herein.

I have made no attempt to follow the lines of the other sons of Robert, the original Middleton immigrant to Maryland, except William's, because in the Semmes printed genealogy so much attention is given to them. Copies of the Middleton data partly used in the Semmes book, running to 404 pages, may be consulted in the Maryland Historical Society library in Baltimore.

My father-in-law, Mr. Jefferson Middleton, spent much of the last twelve summers of his life as our guest at "Green Ledges", Goshen, N. H. He was the only member of the Middleton family, except his children, from whom I obtained the genealogical information recorded in the following pages. So I must assume all blame for any errors one finds in this study.

J. G. H.

Haverford, Pennsylvania 25 November 1954

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THE FIRST GENERATION

1. Robert Middleton 1 was transported into Maryland, along with Benjamin Arnold and Thomas Thornton, by Benjamin Rozer, of Charles County, Md., prior to 16 February 1671,2 but the place of his birth has not yet been established. He was born circa 1651, for in a deposition he filed in August 1681 he gave his age as "about thirty years." He married circa 1672 Mary Wheeler, daughter of Major John Wheeler, of Charles County. She was born 22 March 1658, and died post 6 May 1708. Robert Middleton died ante 5 April 1708, in Prince Georges County, Md.

From the time of his arrival in Charles County, when he was about 20 years of age, until his death in that part of Charles County that had become Prince Georges County, he was active in advancing both his own and his county's interests, in real estate development, and in military, civil, and church affairs.

Law Suits

He early brought suit against one Richard Boughton, who, however, did not appear when on 10 March 1673/4 the case was scheduled for trial.⁴ The Court thereupon adopted the following minute: ⁵

Robert Middleton peticons the Court for an attachmt agt the Est of Richd Boughton for the Sume of eight hundred pounds of tob[acco]: he proveing his debt in Court, it was granted him.

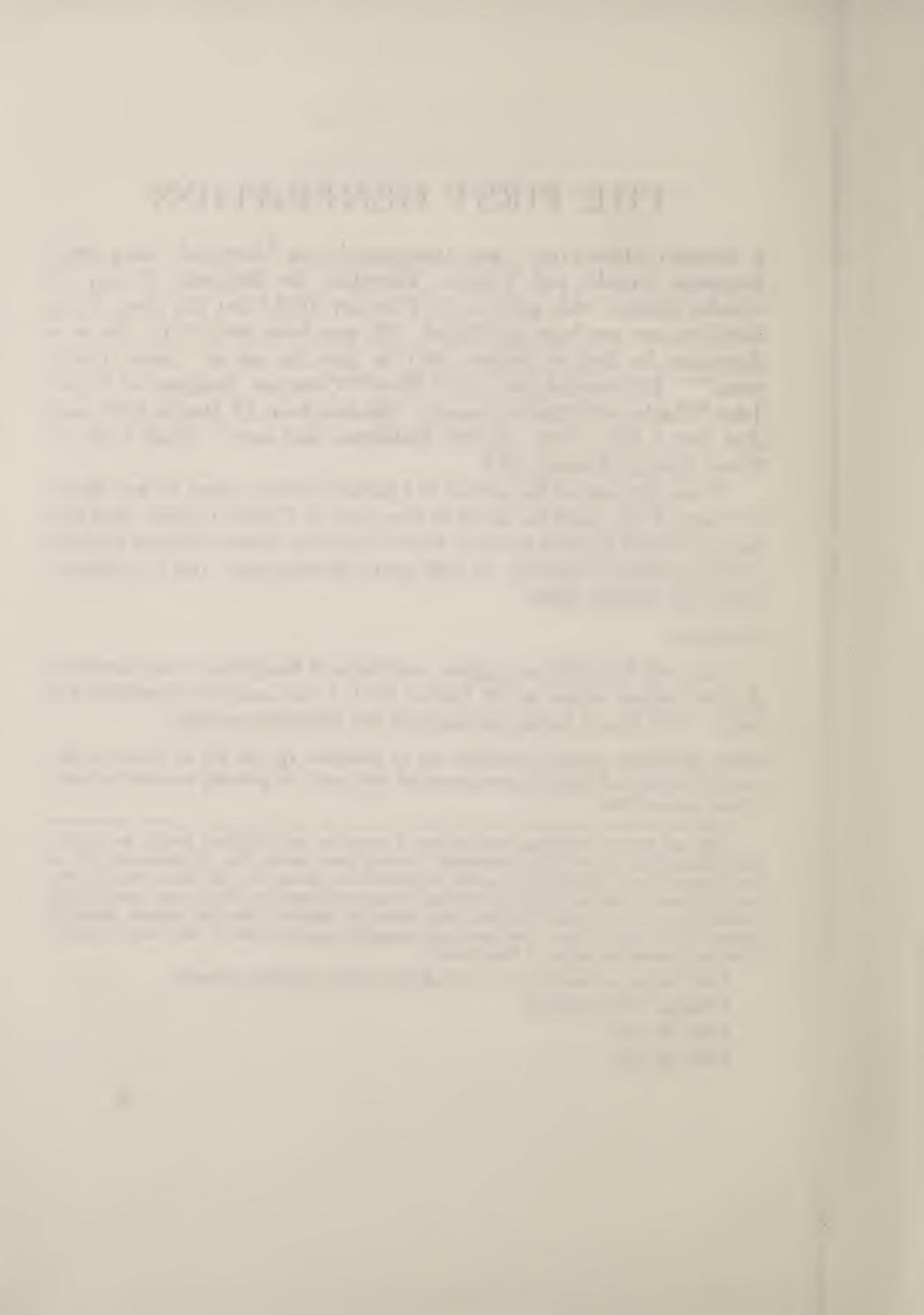
The late Hugh C. Middleton, who was long a student of early Middleton records, was a great-great-great-grandson of this Robert Middleton. Writing from Augusta, Ga., 16 September 1924, to Mrs. Hannah Milnor (Robinson) Ljungstedt, he expressed the opinion that this Robert Middleton was one of the sons of Anthony Middleton who was, he said, of Charles City, Va., in 1623, and that said Anthony was a son of Thomas Middleton who married in England, in the late sixteenth century, a daughter of Dedrick Anthony. He gave many supporting arguments but, in that letter, no proof. [File Case: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania].

² Early Settlers in Maryland, II: 411 (Land Office, Hall of Records, Annapolis).

³ Maryland Archives, XV: 403.

⁴ Ibid., LX: 526.

⁵ Ibid., LX: 549.



Later that same year he was successful in his suit against one Jacob Leah 6 and soon there started another contest, this against one Henry Bennett, which Middleton won 8 January 1677/8.6a

He was defendant in suits brought by Kenelm Cheseldyne, ^{6h} executor of John Jones, 14 August 1678, and by Thomas Hussey, ^{6e} 10 June 1678, and by John Contie ⁷ begun at the April 1705 term for Prince Georges County Court and continued for three years. On 9 August 1687 Robert Middleton, by C. Lomax his attorney, sued Richard Clouden in a plea of trespass. ^{7a} These cases all seem to be without genealogical significance.

Land Grants, Surveys, Certificates, Patents, and Sales

ROBERT MIDDLETON had extensive land interests in Charles and Prince Georges Counties. In order to obtain rent-roll title to land in Maryland the regular procedure was for an applicant to request the Lord Proprietor that a survey be made of the land desired. If favorably considered, a survey was made, and thereafter on the payment of the first annual rent (at the rate of a shilling for each 25 acres) a patent was issued. But if the applicant wished to transfer his right in the land to another person immediately, a certificate would be issued to him and the patent issued to the person he designated. Below are listed all the real estate transactions to which ROBERT MIDDLETON was a party, except a few concerning which there is doubt whether it was Robert Sr. or Robert Jr. who was the interested party.

On 14 July 1679 Wickham a tract of 112 acres at the "easternmost [end] of Panguaya Manor" was conveyed for him. On 18 July 1692 (or 1693) Robert Middleton, planter, and Mary his wife, both signed a deed of conveyance to John Clements, "tayler," the consideration being 8,000 pounds of tobacco.

In 1683 Hard Shift, 160 acres, in Charles County, was patented to Robert Middleton. This property was located on the south side of

⁶ Maryland Archives, LX: 574.

⁶a Charles County Land Records, G-1: 79.

⁶b Ibid., H-1: 26.

Ge Ibid., H-1: 158.

⁷ Provincial Court Judgments, TB-2:88, TL-3:578, PL-1:91, 250 and PL-2:43.

⁷a Charles County Land Records, O-1:5.

⁸ Charles County Rent Rolls, 2:88.

⁹ Charles County Deed Records, S-1:127.

¹⁰ Land Office Records, CB-3: 238.

Goose Bay. On 13 March 1688 Robert Middleton, "tayler", and Mary his wife, sold this tract to Philip Lynes, merchant, of St. Marys County for 2250 pounds of tobacco. Robert signed, but then Mary made her mark.¹¹

In 1686 Saturday's Work, 500 acres in Piscataway Hundred, was patented to Robert Middleton. On 12 March 1688 he sold this tract on the north side of the Maine Run of Kisconto Creek to Robert Doyne, Gent., also of Charles County, for 10,000 pounds of tobacco. Witnesses were Humphrey Warren, John Courts, and Cleborne Lomax. The following day Robt. Middleton & Mary his wife . . . acknowledged ye within written Indenture to be their act & deed. . . . This valuable tract is situated about 12 miles below Washington on the Oxon Hill Road over Anacostia Bridge and adjoins the estate where Sumner Welles, former Under Secretary of State of the United States, has his home.

On 22 March 1687 the following entry was made: 14

By virtue of a Warrant for 2000 acres [we have] granted unto William Hutchison dated 7th of this instant and by assignment to WM. MIDDLETON, son to ROBERT MIDDLETON for 123 acres Godfather's Guift on Eastern Branch of the Potomac about 4 miles of the Riding Place of the Eastern Branch.

Later it was "possessed by Robert Middleton." 15

On 5 July 1687 Apple Hill, a 552-acre tract "in the woods above Piscataway" was surveyed for John Wheeler and Robert Middleton and patented to them 12 June 1688. Later Major John Wheeler transferred his interest in this real estate to William Hutchison. Then on 8 January 1699 "William Hutchison and Sarah his wife, and Robert Middleton and Mary his wife, all of Prince Georges County" sold to Francis Marbury, also of Prince Georges County, this tract for 20,000 pounds of tobacco. This deed was witnessed by Richard Edelin and Hickford Lemon. 17

On 27 March 1688 Apple Dore 607 acres, was surveyed for Robert Middleton and Henry Boteler, 367 acres to Middleton and 240 to Boteler. The next day Middleton's Lott, 96 acres, "on the north side of the main fresh of the Piscataway" was surveyed for Robert Middleton and pat-

¹¹ Charles County Deeds Records, PH-1: 97.

¹² Land Office Records, 22: 227 and NS-B: 432.

¹³ Charles County Deeds Records, P-1: 99.

¹⁴ Land Office Records, 22: 379.

¹⁵ Rent Rolls of Piscataway Hundred, Prince Georges County: 148.

¹⁸ Prince Georges County Rent Rolls, I: 96.

¹⁷ Prince Georges County Deed Records, A: 295.

ented to him 12 June 1688. Then came a shift in locale for next Carrick Fergus, 181 acres, in Charles County, was surveyed and the certificate issued to Robert Middleton who assigned to Robert Doyne his rights therein and the patent was issued to the latter. That same year 1688 The Garden, 160 acres, and Sangwar, 350 acres, were certified to Robert Middleton, who assigned his rights therein to Wm. Hutchison. Two years later, 15 June 1690 Mount Pleasant, 164 acres, was surveyed for Robert Middleton and patented to him 10 November 1695. This tract was situated on Long Point and Piney Branch of Mattawoman Branch and was assigned by Middleton to William Hutchison. Finally mention should be made of Middleton's Kindness, owned by John Clement and Elizabeth his wife, which they conveyed to Thomas and Elizabeth Plunkett, and which the latter couple conveyed to Robert Middleton 14 January 1695.

His wife: Mary Wheeler

Documentary evidence of the identity of Robert Middleton's wife is found in the following quotation from part of a deed of gift from Major John Wheeler to Robert and Mary Middleton: ²⁸

This Indenture ye thirtieth day of Ja:y in ye tenth yeare of Dominion of ye Right Honble Charles L Baltimore Ld Proprietor of the Province of Maryland etc and in ye yeare of Lord one thousand six hundred eighty & foure Between Jno Wheeler of Charles County in ye province of Maryland gent of ye one part & Robert Middleton & Mary his wife of ye aforesaid County & province of ye other part Witnesseth ye sd Jno Wheeler for and in consideration of ye fatherly love and naturall affection which he hath and beareth towards his naturall borned daughter Mary the wife of the aforesd Robt Middleton as also for divers other good causes & considerations him hereunto more especially moving hath given granted and confirmed and by these . . . all that tract called Wheeler's Hope [in Charles County] on a fresh run which runneth into Piscattaway Creek, laid out for 365 acres. . . .

Mary Wheeler, daughter of Major John Wheeler and his wife Mary, was born 22 March 1658.²⁴ The date of her death is not known to be of record.

¹⁸ Prince Georges County Rent Rolls, I: 96.

¹⁹ Land Office Records 22: 373 and NS-B: 570.

²⁰ Ibid., 22: 374.

²¹ Patents, CC-4: 78, and Rent Rolls of Piscataway Hundred: 139.

²² Recorded 28 June 1693, Charles County Deed Records, S-1: 126.

²³ Charles County Deeds Records, L-1: 52.

²⁴ Maryland Archives, LX: 117.

Wheeler Excursus

John Wheeler came to Maryland about 1659, was captain of the Charles County Militia, 1676, and its major, 1689, and was Justice of the County Court in 1685.^{24a}

John Wheeler gave his age as 21 years in a deposition dated 22 January 1652. On 26 October 1658 he was about 25 years of age. As Major John Wheeler he deposed on 22 October 1691 that he was 61 years old. 27

Mary his wife gave her age as 40 years in court on 9 March 1669/70.²⁸ As she was recorded as Major John Wheeler's widow at the August 1694 court, he had died before that date, but the date of her death is not of record. His Will dated 11 November 1693, was probated 9 January 1694/5.²⁹ By its terms he left bequests or legacies to his 5 sons, but none to his daughters, Mary and Winifred. One of the properties he mentioned was Middleton's Lot, 96 acres which he devised to his son Francis Wheeler.

His Military Record

An Act of Assembly of November 1678 directed the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore of Maryland to pay Robert Middleton as reimbursement of his expenses incurred in his services against the Nanticoke Indians.³⁰ What his rank was is not stated.

At the request of Captain Randolph Brandt, dated 20 June 1681, ROBERT MIDDLETON was that day commissioned cornet [second lieutenant in a troop of cavalry].³¹

An Act of Assembly of August-September 1681 awarded to ROBERT MIDDLETON, as reimbursement of expenses incurred by him "for the public good," 4,500 pounds of tobacco for one account, 1,575 pounds for another, and 1,050 pounds of tobacco for still a third account.³²

²⁴a This is the record of John Wheeler as noted by the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland in its 1940 publication, Genealogies of the Members and Record of Ancestors: 389.

²⁵ Maryland Archives, X: 226, but whether 1651/2 or 1652/3 was intended does not appear.

²⁶ Charles County Land Records, A: 25.

²⁷ Ibid., R-1: 275.

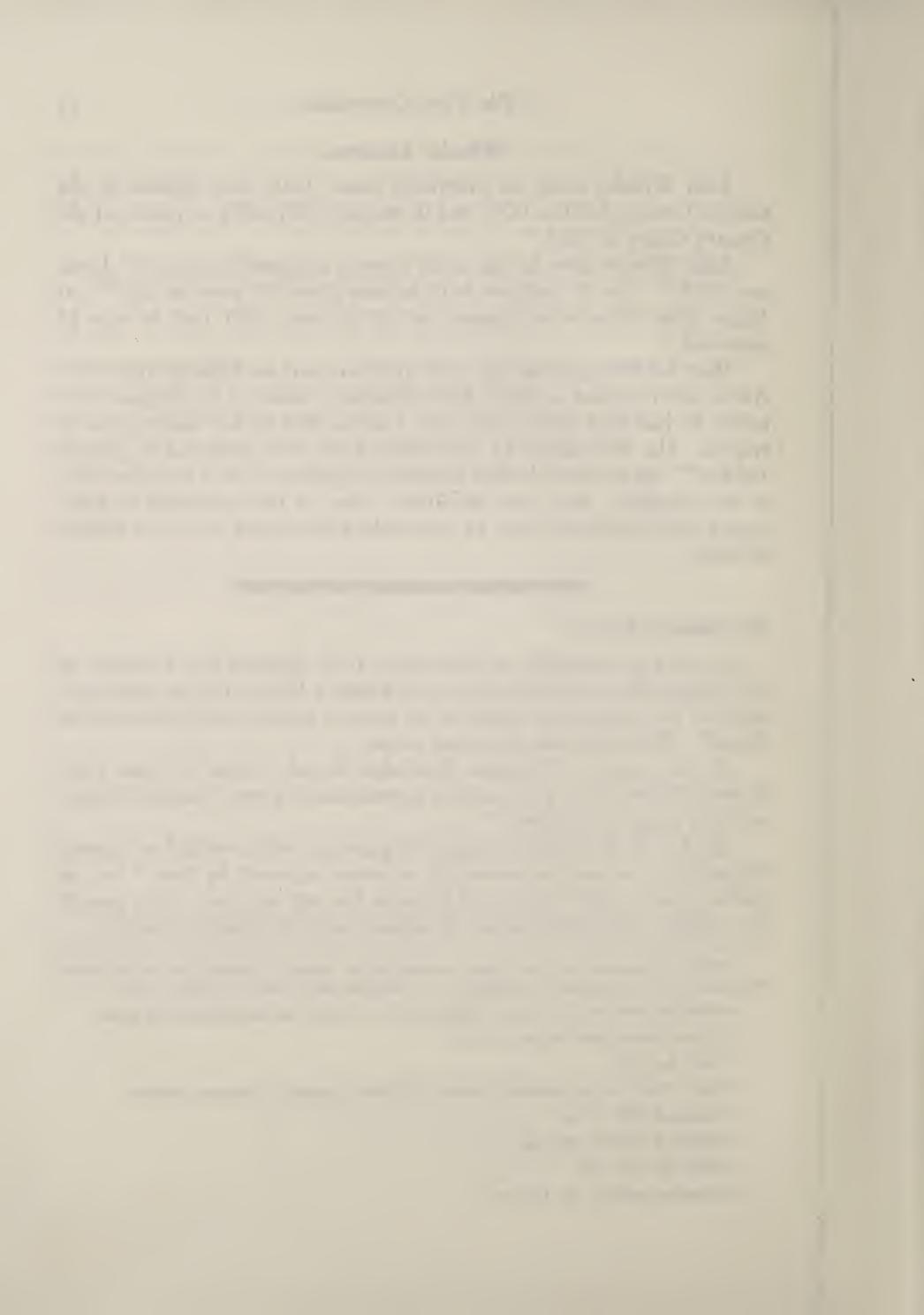
²⁸ Ibid., 3D-1: 150, and Maryland Archives, LX: 254 (apparently in February 1668/9).

²⁹ Maryland Wills, 7: 70.

³⁰ Maryland Archives, VII: 100.

³¹ Ibid., XV: 382, 385.

³² Maryland Archives, VI: 212, 219.



Raphael Semmes 33 in his Captains and Mariners of Early Maryland wrote:

During the same year [1681] Captain Randolph Brandt, a Commander of mounted troops in Charles County found that he needed new commissions for himself and some of his officers. He asked the Governor to send "one for myself, if with your Lordship's good likeing, one for my lieutenant George Godfrey, one for Robert Middleton, Cornett, as Mr. Henry Hawkins has sollicited to be excused his wife being lately dead, and one for a Quarter Master if approved by your Lordship." The commissions were issued as Brandt had solicited.

His Testimony in the Fendall Affair

In "The Tryall of Capt. Josias Fendall at a Provincial Court holden for the Right Honble the Lord Prop^r at St. Johns the 15th day of November Anno 1681" Fendall was accused of attempting to "raise a mutiny and sedition against the person of the said Prop[rieta]ary." he accused was given the right to "except" or "except to "bar any proposed juror and he did so in the case of each who, in answer to the question, "What is your religion?", answered, "Catholic" or "Roman Catholic." One of the evidences, William Boyden, claimed that Robert Middleton had told him in the presence of several other persons that Capt. Fendall was going to call the Lord Proprietary to account and that it was high time to do so. Later William Taylor, another evidence, made a quite similar statement. Soon thereafter when Robert Middleton was called the following interchange took place:

Attorney General: Robert Middleton, what can you say? Let the Court and the Jury hear you.

Middleton: I upon oath do say that what has been declared by Boyden and Taylor that I should report that Capt Fendall was gone to call my Lord to an account and that it was high time to do so is altogether thereto untrue.

Court: If you are Evidence for the Lord Proprietary, you are not then for the prisoner. Speak to the business—what you know in behalf of his Lordship against the prisoner at the Bar.

Middleton: I have nothing to say against him.

³³ He received an A.B. degree from Princeton, an LL.B, from Harvard Law School, and a Ph.D. from The John Hopkins University. His book was published by the Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, 1937.

³⁴ Maryland Archives, V: 312-328 and XVII: 31.

³⁵ The present-day equivalent term is "to challenge."

³⁶ The regularly used term in Maryland. The synonym usually employed elsewhere is "witness", "evidence" ordinarily meaning "that which is legally presented to a competent tribunal as a means of ascertaining the truth of any alleged matter of fact under investigation before it." But in the expression "He turned State's evidence" we mean he became a witness for the state.

³⁶a For record of the trial see Maryland Archives, V: 312-328, and XVII: 31.



After hearing several other persons' testimony the Jury brought in the following amazingly wishy-washy verdict:

We find Josias Fendall guilty of speaking severall seditious words without force or practice and, if the honble Court think him guilty of the breach of the Act of Assembly, we do or else not.

Those were hard times indeed, for on the morrow Capt. Fendall was sentenced to pay 40,000 pounds of tobacco for a fine, to be kept in jail at his own costs until the fine should be paid, and on its payment to be forever banished from the Province. One of the judges then added that the sentence had been "mitigated with all the Moderation possible." Then the Secretary of the Court, William Calvert, announced:

The sentence is as favourable as could be expected. The Law of our Province would have allowed boaring (sic) of the Tongue, Cropping of One or both ears and other corporall punishments but wee have forbourne that and taken this less shamefull way of punishm^t.

His Civil Appointments: (1) Boundary Commissioner

In the autumn of 1679 ROBERT MIDDLETON served as a member of a commission of twelve men appointed to settle the boundaries of the property of certain persons in Charles County.³⁷ His refusal to sign the ward is interesting because of the reference therein to Col. Benjamin Rozer who had brought him into Maryland. The dates mentioned are 18 September, 10 October, and 7 November 1679.

His Civil Appointments: (2) Probate Assignments

On Saturday 9 January 1685/6 ROBERT MIDDLETON and Thomas Wheeler were sureties on the bond of Major John Wheeler [their father-in-law and father, respectively] as administrator of the estate of John Probart, deceased.³⁸

On Die Mercur ³⁰ 4 April 1688 Justice John Wheeler of Charles County made return that he had sworn [James] Thompson administrator of the estate of Andrew Clarke, deceased, and Wm. Hutchison and ROBERT MIDDLETON appraisers of the estate. ⁴⁰

³⁷ Maryland Archives, LI: 308-311.

³⁸ Testamentary Proceedings, 13: 276.

³⁹ In early Maryland records days of the week were often recorded with their Latin names whose full forms were dies followed by Solis or Dominica, Lunae, Martis, Veneris, Mercurii, Jouis, and Salarin

⁴⁰ Testamentary Proceedings, 14: 62.

On 7 May 1702 ROBERT MIDDLETON and Francis Wheeler filed their account as appraisers of the goods and chattels of John Marshall of Prince Georges County.⁴¹

On 7 July 1705 ROBERT MIDDLETON and Francis Marbury filed their first report as appraisers of the "goods and chattels of Mr. Jno. Hawkins of Piscattaway in Prince Georges County, deceased, at his plantacon in Piscattaway." 42

On 1 May 1706 ROBERT MIDDLETON and John Reymond, appraisers of the estate of John Baldwin, late of Prince Georges County, filed their inventory of his goods and chattels, which on 1 October 1706 "was ordered to be entered on the records of the Prerogative Court." 43

His Civil Appointments: (3) Other Court Assignments and Appearances

ROBERT MIDDLETON was a juror at the November 1680 and August 1698 terms of the Provincial Court,⁴⁴ and a witness in numerous other causes heard between September 1692 and September 1707.⁴⁵ He was, as has already been noted, also mentioned by William Boyden and William Taylor, of Charles County, in their deposition dated 4 October 1681 concerning the Fendall affair.⁴⁶

On 10 September 1689 he demanded 200 pounds of tobacco as the price of one wolf head.⁴⁷

At the November term of court in 1704 he recorded the mark of his cattle. 48

He was on the bond of [his son] John Middleton when the latter was licensed 19 December 1704 to keep an ordinary.⁴⁹

His Civil Appointments: (4) Coroner of Prince Georges County

ROBERT MIDDLETON was commissioned one of the two coroners for Prince Georges County 15 May 1696.⁵⁰ Later that year he signed, as

⁴¹ Prince Georges County Inventories, BB: 40.

⁴² Ibid., BB: 79.

⁴³ Ibid., BB: 93.

⁴⁴ Provincial Court Judgments, WC: 258 and IL: 59.

⁴⁵ Ibid., DSC: 159, TB-2: 213, 236, TL-3: 578, 579, PL-1: 156 and PL-2: 7, 11.

⁴⁶ Maryland Archives, XVII: 31.

⁴⁷ Charles County Land Records, P-1: 187.

⁴⁸ Prince Georges County Land Records, C: 171.

⁴⁹ Ibid., B: 338.

⁵⁰ Maryland Archives, XX: 546.

Coroner for that County ⁵¹ the Address of Loyalty to their "Dread Soveraign (sic) William III" on receipt "of the news Arriv'd here of the horrible intended conspiracy agt his Royall p'son." ⁵² On 14 June 1697 he was again elected coroner. On that day an attachment of contempt against Thomas Greenfield, administrator of Richard Charlett, deceased, was issued by the Prerogative Court returnable the first day of September 1697 "directed to Mr. ROBERT MIDDLETON, Coroner of Prince Georges County." ⁵³ At the November 1704 term of Court he took again the required oath as coroner. ⁵⁴ He was still so serving when at the September 1706 term of Court the case of Thomas Greenfield, administrator of Richard Charlett, against Elizabeth Bigger, administrator of James Bigger, was heard. ⁵⁵

His Religious Affiliation

In the Fendall affair ROBERT MIDDLETON had avoided being drawn into the religious conflict of his times by either defending Fendall or attaching any blame to the acts of the Lord Proprietary. But his position as a Protestant is beyond question. In the first place, he was one of the 79 signers ⁵⁶ of the "Address of the Inhabitants of Charles County to their most Excellent Majesties King William and Queen Mary", dated 28 November 1689, whose subtitle was "The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Merchants, Planters, Freeholders, and Freemen Their Majesties Protestant ⁵⁷ Subjects in Charles County in the Province of Maryland." Its concluding sentence was:

We daily pray the Divine Providence to protect your Majesties against all your Ennemies, that you may be a lasting and strong sanctuary for the Protestant Interest and at last Crowned with the just reward of your glorious undertakings in the possession of an Immortal and Eternal Diadem.

⁵¹ Ibid., XX: 425.

^{52 1}bid., XX: 538.

⁵³ Testamentary Proceedings, 17: 6.

⁵⁴ Prince Georges County Land Records, B: 335.

⁵⁵ Provincial Court Judgments, PL-1: 17.

⁵⁶ Among the signers were William Hutchison and Robert Middleton, their names next to each other's; but the former was printed in the transcribed copy as Hutchinson and the latter as Edward instead of Robert. There was no Edward Middleton resident in Charles County, Md., at that date. This document appears in Maryland Archives, VIII: 137-138.

⁵⁷ Italics not in the printed copy in the Archives, cited.

His Church Offices

ROBERT MIDDLETON, as one of the Wardens of St. John's Church, was present at a Vestry held at Broad Creek for Piscataway Parish, 26 August 1704 and attended all Vestry meetings thereafter through 9 April 1705, on which date the following entries were made in the Register of St. John's or Piscataway Parish, Prince Georges County: 58

There was elected and chosen Mr. William Tannehill and Mr. Robert Middleton to be vestrymen in the roome of Mr. Thomas Addison and James Beall.

There was elected Thomas Gallon and Daniel Connell to be church wardens in the Roome of Robert Middleton and James Green for the ensuing year.

Then it was noted that on 25 March 1706

Robert Middleton [was] present as vestryman & took the required oaths.

He continued to attend Vestry meetings with great regularity. At one of these it must have given him high satisfaction to be present, when on 13 April 1707 his eldest son, John Middleton, who was also present, was elected to the Vestry "and took the oath of abjuration and the others by law apptd."

ROBERT MIDDLETON was last in attendance as vestryman 10 May 1707. Then among the entries of the Vestry "held at Broad Creek for Piscataway Parish April 5, 1708 being Easter Monday" was this one:

This day likewise was Mr. [John] Langham chosen in the room of Mr. Robert Middleton late deceased.

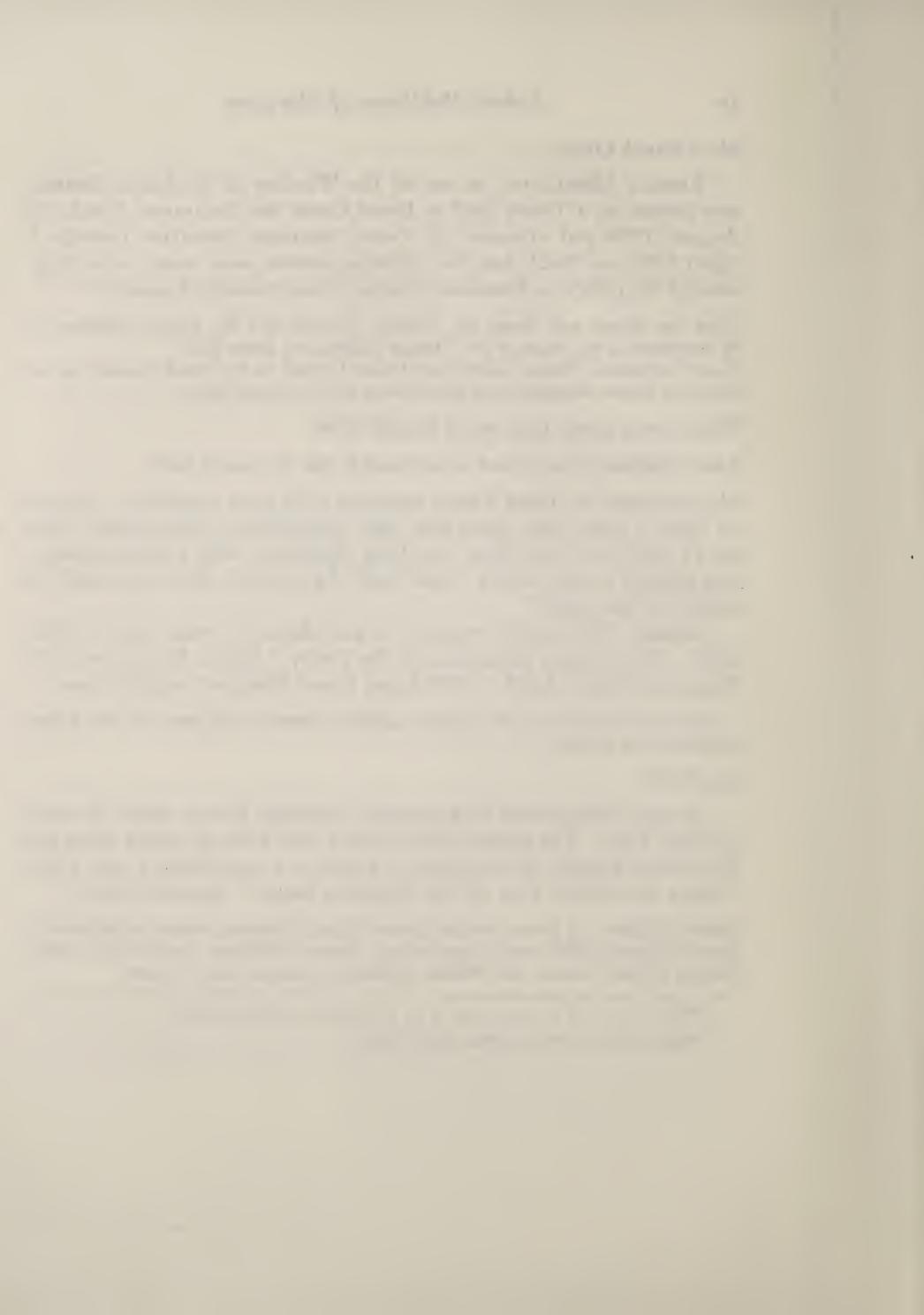
His Death

ROBERT MIDDLETON died intestate, probably late in March or early in April 1708. The second official record (the Church record being the first official record) of his decease is found in a bond dated 6 May 1708, "being the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign", described thus: ⁵⁹

Robert Middleton, of Prince Georges County; Mary Middleton [widow] administratrix John Middleton [eldest son] administrator; Thomas Middleton [second son] surety; Edward Willett, witness, and William Middleton [youngest son], witness.

⁵⁸ Opus cit., 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 for all references to Robert Middleton.

⁵⁹ Box 2, Folder 20, Prince Georges County Bonds.



Under date of 16 June 1708 the following entry appears in the records of the Prerogative Court: 60

The following proceedings returned from Prince Georges Co:

... Mary Middleton and John Middleton adms to Robert Middleton, their administrators bond in comon form, with Thomas Middleton their surety in one hundred and forty pounds sterling, dated the sixth of May 1708.

Children of Robert and Mary (Wheeler) Middleton:

- i. JOHN MIDDLETON (b prob. ca. 1673), administrator of his father's estate 1708; vestryman of St. Johns (Piscataway) Church 1707-1709, 1728-31; heir to Wheeler's Hope, 1709; patentee of Refuse 1713, The Mistake 1714, Maiden Bowers and Nothing Worth 1726; captain in Colonial forces, 1728-1731; gave power of attorney to his brother Thomas, 1734, when he was called "late of Prince Georges County"; constable of Piscattaway Hundred 1719; was taxed 1753 on Nothing Worth which in 1754 was taxed to his heirs; m MARY———, and had issue, a dau., CHARITY MIDDLETON who was married to WILLIAM LUCKETT.
- ii. THOMAS MIDDLETON (b 1674: d 1744, Prince Georges Co., Md.) m 1st PENELOPE, daughter of WILLIAM and MARY HATTON, and had issue: HATTON, THOMAS, MARY (wife of WM. HAW-KINS), PENELOPE, SARAH, ELIZABETH, ELINOR, and SUS-ANNAH MIDDLETON: m 2ndly ALICE, widow of THOMAS SMALLWOOD; m 3dly SUSANNAH, widow of GEORGE BRETT. THOMAS MIDDLETON was patentee of Long Point.
- iii. JAMES MIDDLETON (d testate 1769, Charles Co.) m SARAH, daughter of JOHN SMITH, of Jordan, Calvert Co., Gent., and had issue: SMITH, JAMES, and IGNATIUS MIDDLETON, and daughters ANN (who was married 1st to THOMAS JENKINS, and 2ndly to CHARLES BEAVIN), MARY (who was married to ——HAWKINS), SARAH (who was married to EDWARD JENKINS), CHARITY (who was married to ——DAVIS), and MARTHA (who was married to MARMADUKE SEMMES).
- iv. ROBERT MIDDLETON (b ca. 1681/2 d ca. 1749) m ELIZABETH, daughter of the above mentioned JOHN SMITH, and seems to have had a son WILLIAM MIDDLETON who apparently died young.
- 2. v. WILLIAM MIDDLETON whose line will be continued.

⁶⁰ Testamentary Proceedings, 21: 25.

THE SECOND GENERATION

2. WILLIAM MIDDLETON [son of Robert and Mary (Wheeler) Middleton] was born in 1685, apparently between 5 July and 19 October, according to depositions he made in 1730, 1743, and 1747, or about May-July 1683, according to others he made toward the end of his long life when he may have unintentionally added two years to his age. He died in his native Charles County in the Province of Maryland between 15 May 1769, the date of his Will, and 15 November 1769, the date of its probate. He was married twice.

His First Wife

His first wife, whom he married between 10 July 1710 and 14 July 1712, as will more fully appear in the various family notes which follow, was Elizabeth Teares, widow of John Keech, and daughter of Hugh and Ruth (Holland) Teares. She was born about 1689, and died between 1748 and 1758. She was the mother of all his children.

His Second Wife

His second wife was named HENRIETTA, but her surname has not been learned. They were married between 1748 and 1758, and she was named by him as his executrix in his Will. The date of her death has not been ascertained.

¹ On 19 October 1730 he gave his age as 45 years. 5 Chancery Record IR #2: 453.

² On 4 July 1743 he gave his age as 57 years. 8 Chancery Record IR#5: 329.

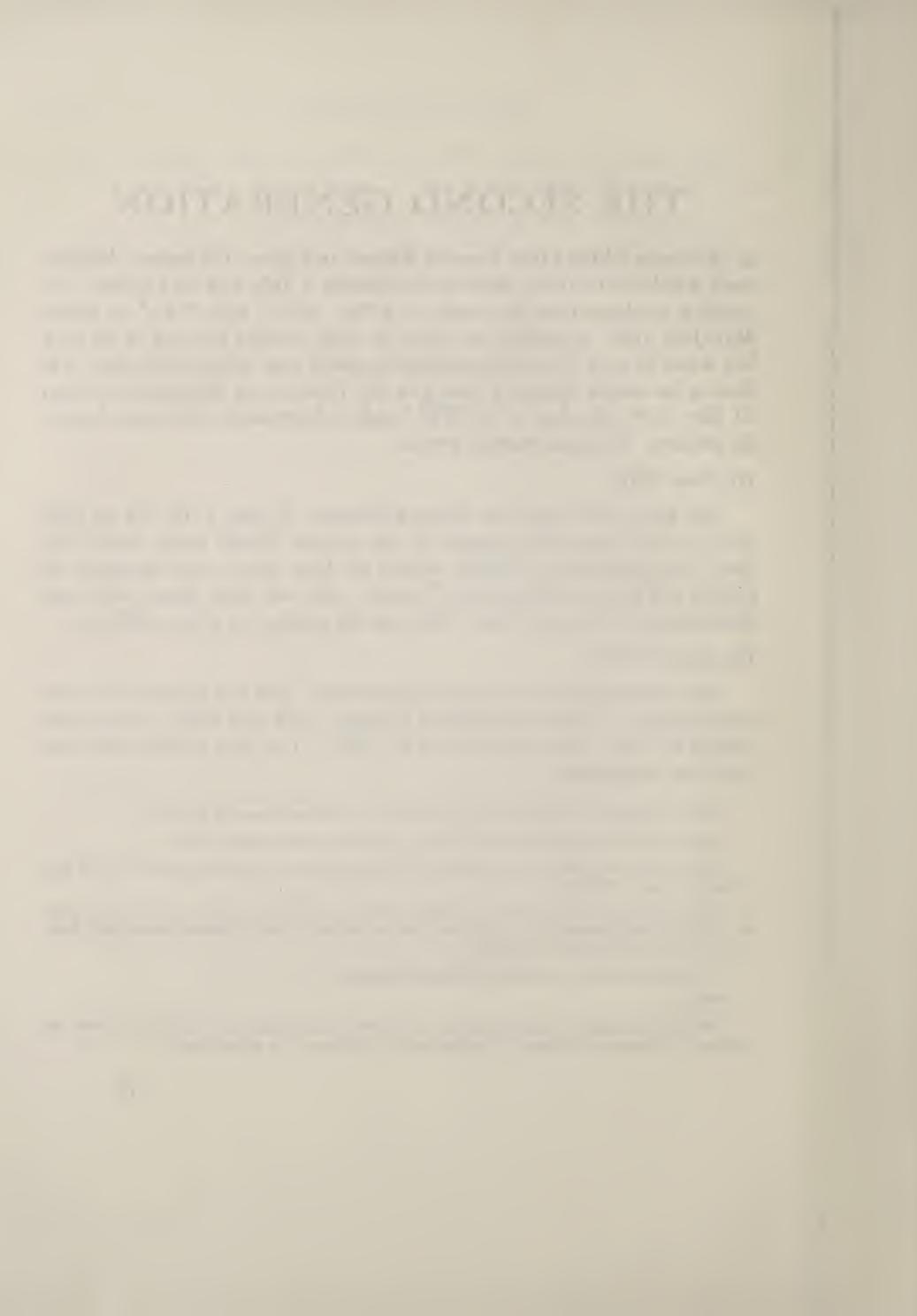
³ On 7 May 1747, when he was described as William Middleton, of Charles County, Gent., he gave his age as 61 years. *Ibid*: 293.

⁴ He gave his age as 82 years on 1 July 1765; as 83 on 25 April 1767, and as 85 on 17 June 1768. See "Charles County Depositions" at Maryland Historical Society, as also in Charles County Deed Books 57 N: 768 and 60 A-3: 190, at Annapolis.

^{5 37} Maryland Wills 393, at Hall of Records, Annapolis.

⁶ Infra.

⁷ Her name is actually written Heniretta and Heneritta in the deeds and in the Will, in which the compiler of this account has found it, spellings which he believes to be scribal errors.



His Designations

In the Deeds to which WILLIAM MIDDLETON was a party he was usually called Gentleman, but occasionally other designations were used: Planter,⁸ Merchant,⁹ Mr.,¹⁰ and Esquire.¹¹ On hundreds of records of the Charles County Court of the years 1739-1748 he is referred to as "one of His Lordship's Justices of the Peace for this County."

His Public Offices

The period of service of WILLIAM MIDDLETON as a Member of the Lower House of the Maryland Assembly, representing Charles County, was continuous from the session which began 11 July 1732 through the one that started 26 May 1741.¹² Then after an interval of several years he was again elected to that Body and served therein, as shown by the following entry: ¹³

Mr. WILLIAM MIDDLETON a member elected for Charles County in the Room of Mr. JOHN COURTS deceased took the oaths etc. 30 May 1748.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON served as one of the Justices for Charles County for nearly ten years. His first and last commissions were dated 18 October 1739 and 22 October 1747, respectively. His service was continuous from 1739 until at least as late as 9 August 1748. 15

Deeds to His Children

A Deed dated 9 March 1735/6 and recorded 30 March 1736,¹⁶ recites that WILLIAM MIDDLETON "for the natural love and affection he beareth unto his daughter Eleanor Tyler, wife of Benjamin Tyler" conveyed to her one moiety of that part of *His Lordship's Favour*, situate between the lands of James Keech and John Abernethy, deceased, which he, William Middleton, had bought of Thomas and James Abernethy.

⁸ For example, from Richard Beale, 25 December 1724, and from James Keech, 7 July 1730. Charles County Deed Book L-2: 185 and M-2: 231.

⁹ For example, to James Griffen, 14 March 1743, and to John Wheatley and John Estep, 9 January 1744/5, ibid X-2: 108 and Z-2: 24.

¹⁰ Testamentary Proceedings #40: 19, citing order dated 14 September 1732.

¹¹ From Stephen Delancy and Co., dated 13 October 1737. Charles County Deed Book O-2: 207-208.

¹² Archives of Maryland, vol. #37: 445; vol. #39: 55, 151, 220, and 438; vol. #40: 39, 122, 169, 280, and 518; and vol. #42: 83 and 192.

¹³ Ibid., vol. #46: 27.

¹⁴ Commission Records, 1726-1788: 45, 55, 61, 62, 66, 68, 70, 71, 76, and 80, in the Hall of Records, Annapolis.

¹⁵ Charles County Deed Book #69: 1.

¹⁶ Ibid., O-2: 120.

In an unindexed Bill of Sale it is recorded that on 16 February 1743/4 Peter White, a carpenter, sold a negro man named Tomacoe to WILLIAM MIDDLETON who then endorsed it, as follows: 17

I hereby assign the within Bill of Sale unto my son SAMUEL MIDDLETON his heirs and assigns.

At the same time another Bill of Sale to William Middleton was recorded. It was from William Bryan who sold for £11 15s. 5d. a negro boy named George. This Bill of Sale was likewise assigned to Samuel Middleton.

By a Deed dated 5 August 1748 ¹⁸ WILLIAM MIDDLETON Sr. conveyed

to HOLLAND MIDDLETON, WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., and ROBERT MID-DLETON, for £10 current money of Maryland and also the natural love and affection which I have unto my sons HOLLAND, WILLIAM and ROBERT

certain tracts which he describes, Holland Middleton to have his portion at the southernmost corner, William Jr. to have his at the northernmost corner, and Robert to receive the southwestern part. He then effected a redistribution of a previous transaction by providing that the land formerly belonging to Robert, containing 110 acres, was to go to William Jr., who was also to receive the tract known as *Griffen's Seat*. The endorsement on this Deed is of especial interest because of its wording:

WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Sr., acknowledged this land to be the right of inheritance of HOLLAND MIDDLETON, WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., and ROBERT MIDDLETON.

By a Deed dated 6 May 1749, recorded 31 May 1749, ¹⁹ WILLIAM MIDDLETON Jr. sold to Hugh Mitchell, also of Charles County, the above-mentioned 110 acres, described as "of manor land called Zachia Manor", subject to a life interest therein of himself, called William Middleton, Jr., party to these presents, Robert Middleton, and Hugh Middleton, sons of WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Sr., of Charles County.

This completes the thus-far-discovered documentary evidence of the names of the children of William Middleton, Sr., viz., Eleanor, Samuel, Holland, William, Jr., Robert, and Hugh.

¹⁷ Ibid., Z-2: 23.

¹⁸ Ibid., Z-2: 287.

¹⁹ Ibid., Z-2: 343.

Certain Interfamily Transactions

The following are merely samples of the many types of interfamily transaction in which WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Senior, figured, in addition to the deeds of gift already cited. Among other things they show how closely tied he was to the entire group of the early Middletons. Religious differences did not affect his fraternal feelings, for his brothers James and Robert had married into the Catholic family of John Smith, of Jordan, Gentleman, while his other brothers, John and Thomas, and their children were ardent Church of England adherents. His own family affiliations were also Protestant. Chronologically arranged, these transactions show him as:

- (1) principal creditor of John Smith, Gent., when the latter's estate was being inventoried; 20
- (2) co-security with Henry Holland Hawkins ²¹ on the bond of Richard Tubman (also a family connection), administrator of the estate of Eleanor Philpott (also a family connection); ²²
- (3) witness to a Deed from Richard Beale to John Diggs, Gent., which recites that Richard Beale was a son of John Beale by Eleanor Bayne,²³ daughter of Walter Beane (Bayne);
- (4) evidence,²⁴ as was also his brother Robert Middleton, in a case heard 19 October 1730; ²⁵
- (5) beneficiary under the Will of his friend Robert Roberson [or Robinson], dated 7 July 1733 and proved 2 October 1734, which was witnessed by James Keech,²⁶ Elizabeth Middleton [probably wife of William], and William Luckett [husband of Charity, only daughter of John Middleton, William's brother];
- (6) joint purchaser ²⁷ with his brother James Middleton of a part of *His Lordship's Favour* from John Abernethy's heirs, which James Keech had sold to John Abernethy. At the same time, 13 March 1734/5, they purchased a part of *Jordan*, formerly sold by Robert Middleton and Elizabeth, his wife, who were brother and sister-in-law of William Middleton;

²⁰ Charles County Inventories, 1667-1717: 419-421 (1716).

²¹ His mother and Elizabeth (Teares) Middleton's mother were sisters.

²² Testamentary Proceedings #16: 144, 20 April 1723.

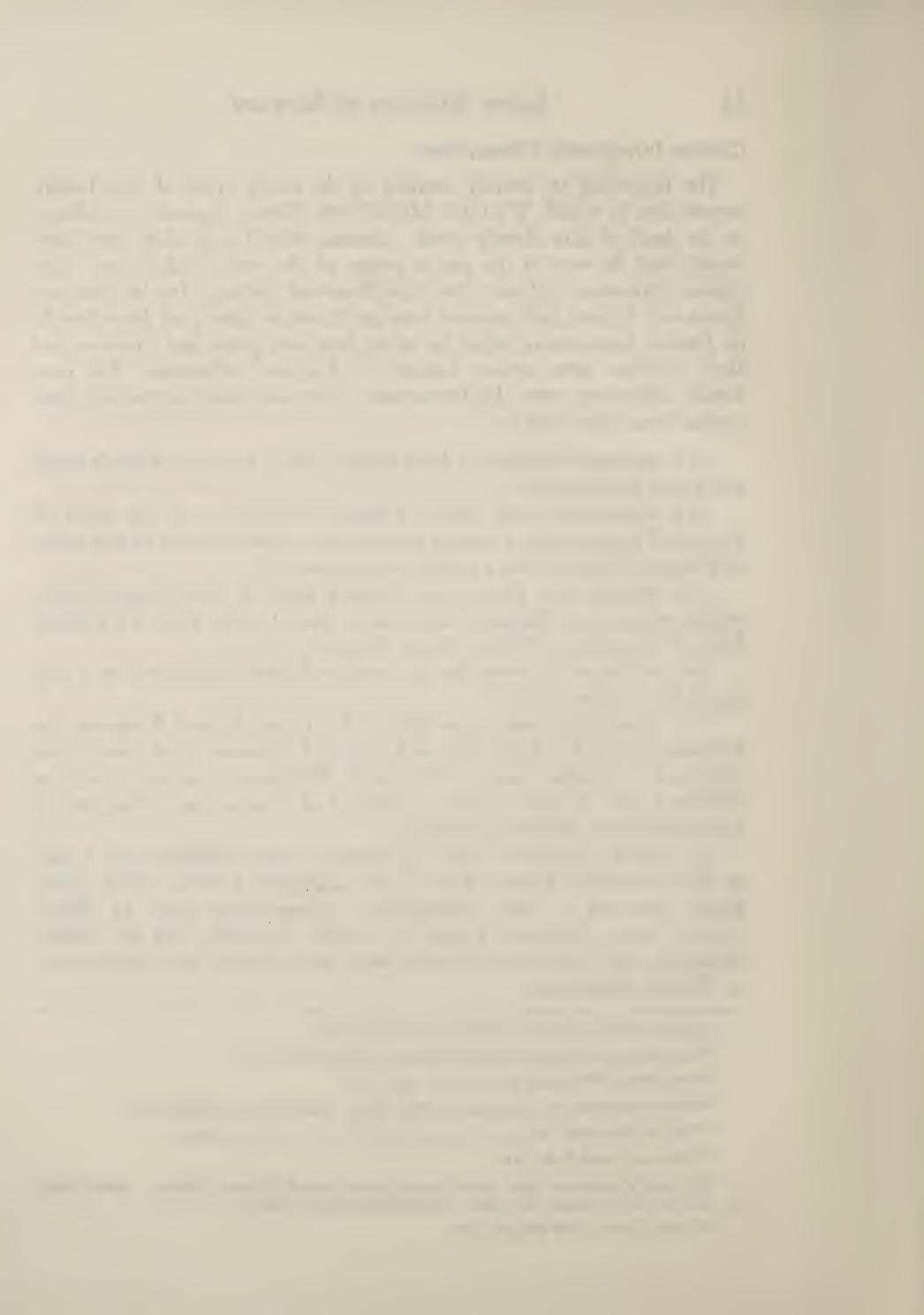
²³ Widow successively of John Stone and Hugh Teares. Deed dated 19 September 1723.

²⁴ That is, he testified. See page 12 supra, footnote 36, for a fuller explanation.

²⁵ Chancery Record IR #2: 453.

²⁶ He was a brother to John Keech, whose widow married William Middleton. James Keech's first wife was Ruth Hawkins, first cousin to Elizabeth (Teares) Middleton.

²⁷ Charles County Deed Book O-2: 77.



- (7) surety on the bond of Mary Gardiner (administratrix of Joseph Gardiner) who subsequently was married to James Keech as his second wife. An appraiser of that estate was Samuel Middleton, William's son; 28
- (8) co-security with his brother James on the bond of their brother Thomas Middleton, who was administrator with *his* wife Alice, then administratrix of the estate of her deceased former husband Thomas Smallwood, the bond being dated 7 May 1735; ²⁹ and
- (9) administrator of his brother Thomas Middleton's estate. His bond was dated 28 January 1744/5.30 His sureties were James Keech and James Griffen.

His Real Estate

The first appearance of the name of this WILLIAM MIDDLETON on any Maryland record is dated 20 March 1687 when a tract of 183 acres lying near Broad Creek in what is now Prince Georges County was surveyed for him. Called Dalkeith, it was patented to him 12 June 1688.³¹ Two days after the first entry another was made, reciting that out of the 2,000 acres granted to William Hutchison, he had assigned 183 acres "to WILLIAM MIDDLETON, son of Robert Middleton" and called Godfather's Guift.³² On 18 June 1719 William Middleton and Elizabeth, his wife, for £20 10 shillings and "divers other good causes and considerations them hereunto moving" deeded God Father's Gift to Benjamin Belt, of Prince Georges County.³³

At various dates WILLIAM MIDDLETON owned, either by patent, resurvey, purchase, or devise, all or part of Ye Meadows, 400 acres, (1720); Long point (1730); Three Brothers, 250 acres, (1734); Mudd's Rest, 200 acres, (1737); His Lordship's Favour, 324 acres, (1738); Griffen's Seat, 254 acres, (1740); Middleton's Rich Thicket, 100 acres, (1742); Middleton's Hope, (1742); Addition to May Day, 120 acres, (1744); Thompson Town, 100 acres, (1747); and Partner's Purchase, 126 acres, (1747). In addition to what has already been said about cer-

²⁸ Testamentary Proceedings #29: 478; Inventories #20: 313, and Accounts #16: 41, dated, respectively, 4 December 1734, 19 February 1734/5, and 15 February 1737/8.

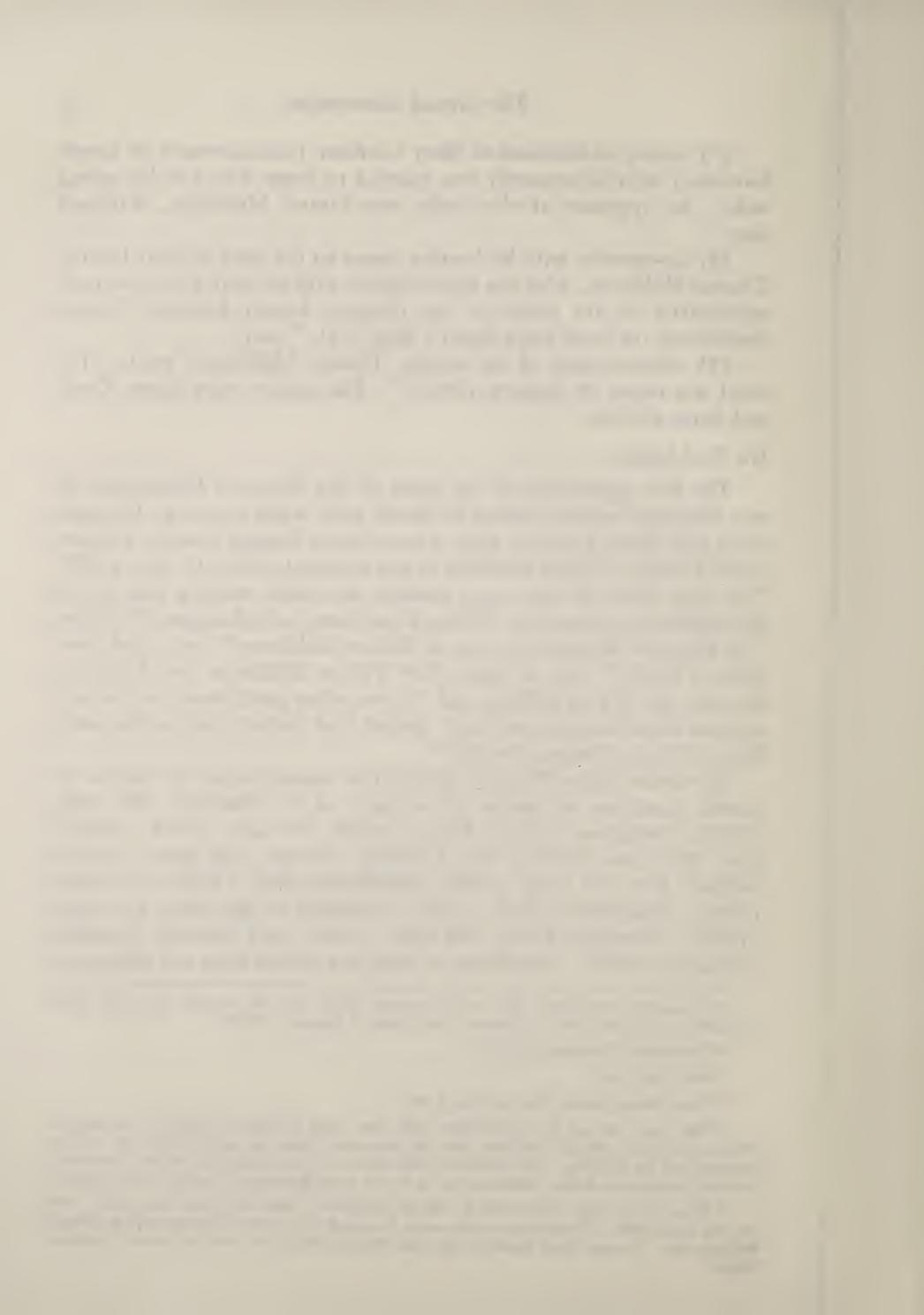
²⁹ Testamentary Proceedings #30: 55.

³⁰ Ibid., #31: 559.

³¹ Prince Georges County Rent Roll, vol. i: 96.

³² Ibid., vol. i: 96, and Land Office Liber #22: 379. Since this gift or assignment was made by William Hutchison to William Middleton when the latter was a baby, we must conclude that William Hutchison was his godfather. The compiler of this record is of the opinion that William Hutchison's wife Sarah was sister to Robert Middleton; but he has not found documentary proof of that assumption.

³³ Prince Georges County Deed Book E: 786 (at Annapolis). What the "other good causes" were can only be surmised. The compiler of this record has found that a son of Benjamin Belt was named Middleton Belt. It seems likely therefore that either Benjamin Belt or his wife was also of Middleton lineage.



tain of his real estate transactions, some genealogical gleanings may be obtained from deeds involving some of the above-listed properties. For example, WILLIAM MIDDLETON conveyed to Jno. Boswell for £22 " for and during the Natural Life of Samuel, Robert, and Hugh Middleton all that tract of Manor Land called Middleton's Hope that lyeth on the West Side of Samson's Branch . . . said to contain one hundred acres, be it more or less. . . . " 34 Again, Samuel Middleton [son of William] conveyed to his brother ROBERT MIDDLETON "for 20,000 pounds of tobacco and for other good causes and considerations him hereunto moving" 83 acres of the tract called Three Brothers as "a good true indefeasable Estate of Inheritance of fee simple", and acknowledged the land "to be the Right and Inheritance of Robert Middleton, his heirs and assigns forever." 35 And finally, there was the indenture dated 30 August 1758 between "WILLIAM MIDDLETON, of Charles County in the Province afsd, Gentl. and Samuel Hanson, of the same County and Province, Gentl." whereby the former "in full possession and . . . firmly seized in his Demesne of an Indefeasable estate of Inheritance in fee simple in the before bargained land and premises [Middleton's Rich Thicket] " sells the same to the latter who "after the decease of the said William Middleton and Heneritta [sic] his wife" shall have, hold, occupy, possess and peaceably enjoy the same.36

His Last Will and Testament

The following is a copy of the Will of WILLIAM MIDDLETON and a record of its being presented for probate: 37

In the Name of God Amen. I William Middleton of Charles County Maryland being sick and weak but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following.

First I desire that all my just debts be paid by my executrix herein after mentioned. Secondly I give and bequeath to my grandsons Isaac and Hugh Middleton all my wearing apparel to be equally divided between them except a druget coat breeches and hatt which said coat breeches and hatt I give and bequeath to my son Robert Middleton provided he makes application for them in ten months after my decease otherwise to my grandson William Morris Middleton.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my wife Heniretta all the remaining part of my personal estate to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do appoint my wife executrix of this my will and testament hereby annuling all other wills by me heretofore made.

³⁴ Charles County. Deed Liber O-2: 516.

³⁵ Ibid., Z-2: 292.

³⁶ Ibid., G-3: 257-259.

³⁷ Maryland Wills, vol. 37: 393, at Annapolis,

In witness whereof I do hereunto affix my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May 1769 Anno Dom.

Signed sealed and declared by the said William Middleton to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us witnesses thereunto requested

/s/ WILLIAM MIDDLETON (seal)

Thos. Thornton Sam. Hanson Geo. Lee

15th. November 1769 Samuel Hanson swears to will before deputy commissary of Charles Co. Maryland.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Teares) Middleton:

i. ELEANOR MIDDLETON, who was married to BENJAMIN TYLER as early as 9 March 1735/6; settled in Virginia.

ii. SAMUEL MIDDLETON, died intestate,³⁸ somewhat ante 28 June 1764; married ELIZABETH WARD, died testate, Charles Co., Md., w.d. 1 July 1783, w.p. 12 September 1784; ³⁹ and had issue, Horatio Middleton, Ann (Middleton) Douglas, and Samuel Ward Middleton.

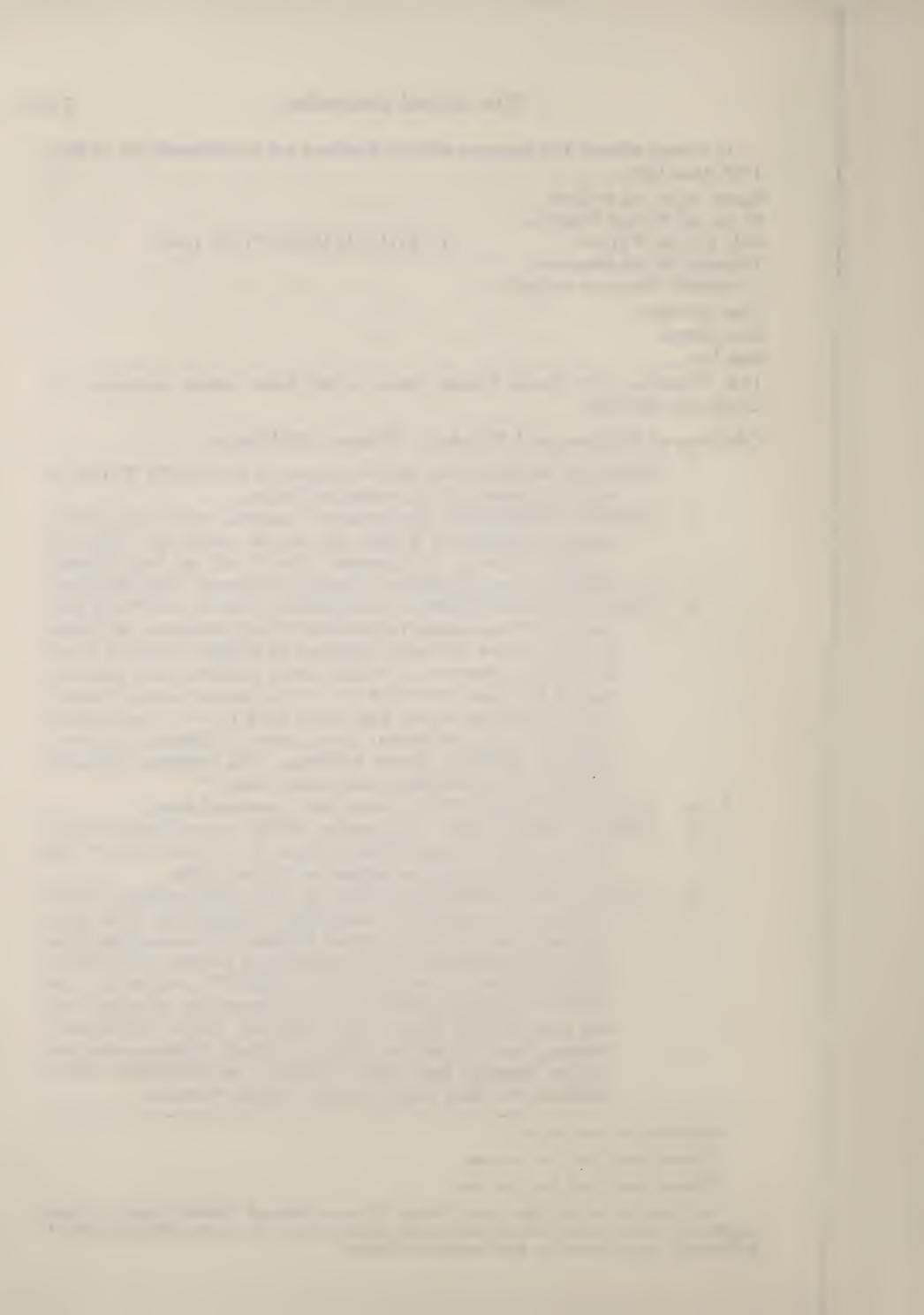
- iii. HOLLAND MIDDLETON, in South Carolina when by deed 40 of 2 February 1767 he conveyed to Elizabeth (Ward) Middleton, of Charles Co., Md., widow of Samuel Middleton, all Holland's rights in a part of Wheeler's Purchase, of which Samuel Middleton died possessed; married by October 1740 SARAH ———; he died, testate, Hancock Co., Ga., 1795/6, leaving wife named MARY ——— and children named Susannah (Middleton) Berry, Sarah (Middleton) Dickinson, Zachariah Middleton, Robert Middleton, John Middleton, Benjamin Middleton, Mary Middleton, and possibly others. 41
- 3 iv. WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., whose line is continued below.
 - v. ROBERT MIDDLETON, who married ANNE ———, and was witness to a deed in Prince William County, Va., 27 April 1761; 41 and removed to Georgia where he lived in 1769 and 1770.
 - vi. HUGH TEARE MIDDLETON, born ca. 1730,41 died intestate, 30 November 1803 at his home "Locust Dale", Edgefield Co., S. C., married four times and had three sets of children, the names of two of his wives being mentioned in the administration of his estate, LUCY WILLIAMS (3rd wife) and AGATHA GARRETT (4th wife). His children were Hugh Middleton who predeceased him and whose wife was born Mildred Martin; John Middleton; Martha (Middleton) Tennent, Sarah (Middleton) Quarles; Elizabeth Middleton who later married Alexander Speer; Mary Middleton; and Philadelphia Adelia Middleton who lated married Andrew Calhoun Hamilton.

³⁸ Inventories, vol. 84: 228-232.

³⁹ Charles County Wills, B-1: 393-394.

⁴⁰ Charles County Deed Book O-3: 149.

⁴¹ As shown in the Middleton papers, Semmes Collection, Maryland Historical Society, in notes contributed by the late Hugh Calhoun Middleton who died at Augusta, Ga., in June 1946, and is buried at Clark Hill, South Carolina, 21 miles northwest of Augusta.



THE THIRD GENERATION

3. WILLIAM MIDDLETON [son of William and Elizabeth (Teares) Middleton] lived most of his life in Charles County, Md., where he was born, probably about 1718. About 1740 or earlier he married MARY COGHILL, daughter of William and Anne (Smallwood) Coghill. They made their home on the tract that WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Sr., had received by devise under the Will of Robert Robertson, and which WIL-LIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., sold 6 May 1749 to Hugh Mitchell, subject to the life interest therein of himself and two of his brothers "these three being sons of WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Sr., of Charles County, Maryland." 1 Whether they had lived a while earlier in Prince Georges County we do not know but one John Stewart, of that County, confessed judgment to WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., for 847 pounds of tobacco 25 July 1745 which Middleton caused to be recorded 25 August 1748.2 He was a witness in the Essex County, Va., Court to a deed between certain of the Coghills, as will more fully appear in subsequent pages,3 a fact that strongly suggests that he was living there at that date, 21 November 1752. In any event all other items known concerning him are found in the records of his native county. His wife MARY came into Court and consented to the sale of the 38 acres of the tract called Griffen's Seat which her husband WILLIAM owned and which he was conveying to George Maxwell by Deed dated 15 August 1753.4

Just before this sale WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr., had been "admitted to keep an ordinary at Charlestown" by the August 1753 Court of Charles County. He gave bond in the sum of £40 with Matthew Stone and Walter Maddox as his sureties. He paid the required fee, called a "fine", of £3 10 shillings. This is the last mention of his name until his death late in 1755.

¹ Charles County Deed Book Z-2: 343.

² Prince Georges County Deed Book BB-2: 491.

³ Infra.

⁴ Charles County Deed Book A-3, Part 2: 123.

⁵ Charles County Land Book E-3: 221.

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On 1 January 1756 William Garnett, who had been appointed WIL-LIAM MIDDLETON'S administrator, furnished bond for £200 with Hugh Mitchell and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, his sureties. The administrator swore to the inventory of the estate of William Middleton, late of Charles County, on 15 June 1756. The appraisal had been made 12 March 1756 by John Hanson and John Theobald in the sum of £53 6s. 6½d. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and Samuel Cannon were listed as creditors and Samuel and Robert Middleton as kin.

There has been preserved no record of the distribution of his estate. Doubtless his widow Mary was entitled to one-third of the net distributable amount and his sons Isaac and Hugh Middleton, mentioned in the Will of their grandfather William, Sr., to two-thirds.

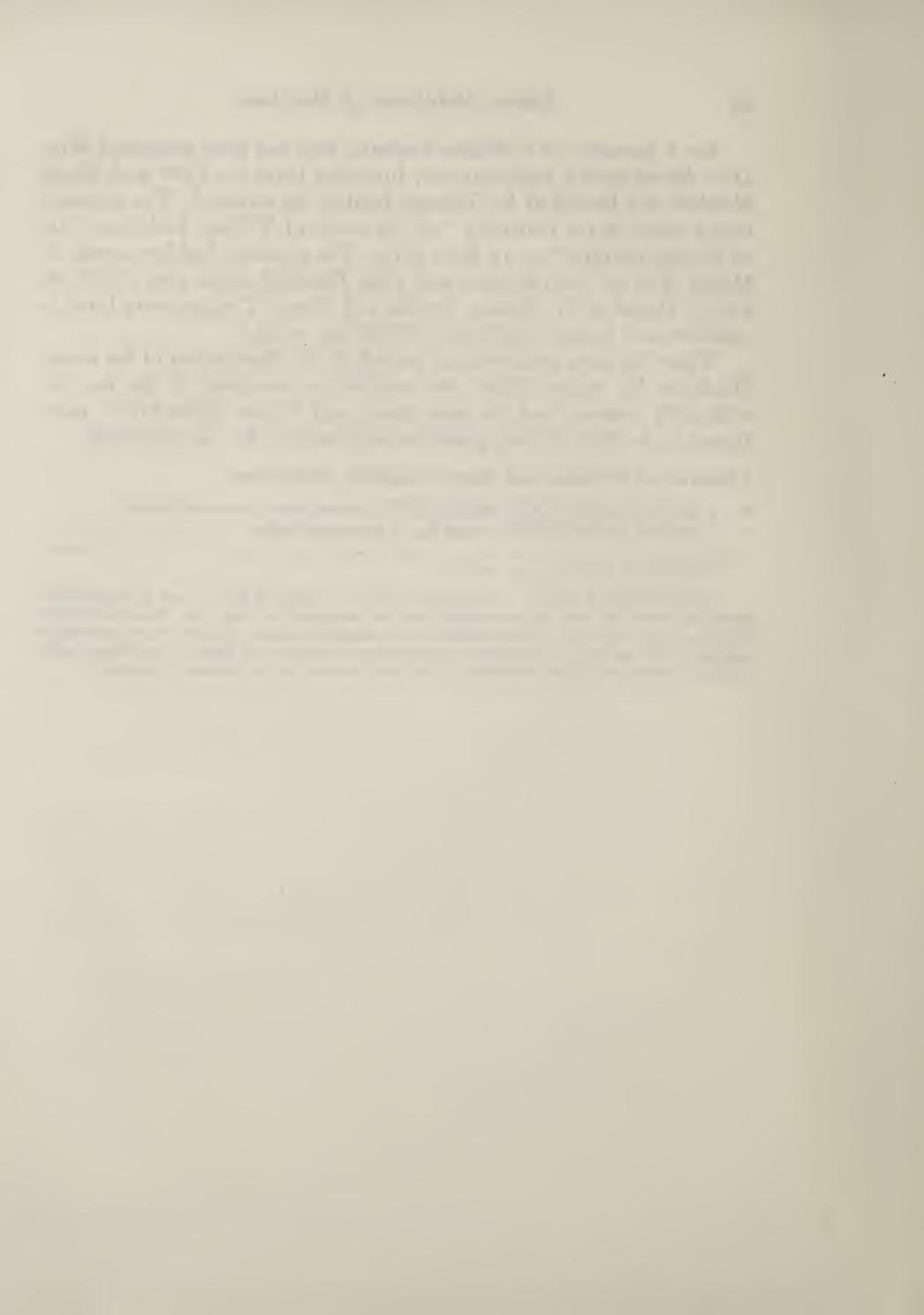
Children of William and Mary (Coghill) Middleton:

- 4 i. ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON, whose line is continued below.
- 5 ii. HUGH MIDDLETON, whose line is continued below.

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⁶ Testamentary Proceedings, vol. 36: 278.

⁷ Inventory Book #60: 696. This expression "Kin" or "Next of Kin" is used in Maryland frequently to record the name of some relatives, but not necessarily the closest kin. Samuel and Robert Middleton were, however, in this case, brothers to the deceased intestate. The John Hanson who was an appraiser in this case was later President of the Continental Congress, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer listed as a creditor of William Middleton, Jr., was later a member of the Continental Congress.



THE FOURTH GENERATION

4. ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON [son of William and Mary (Coghill) Middleton] was born about 1741 in Charles County, Md., and died probably in 1788 or 1789 in Fairfax County, Va. About 1766 he married Eleanor, whose family name has not been discovered, nor has the date of her birth or death.

He was first mentioned in the Charles County records in the Will of his maternal uncle SMALLWOOD COGHILL, dated 23 July 1759, wherein the testator called him "cousin." Secondly he was named in the Will of his grandfather WILLIAM MIDDLETON, dated 15 May 1769, already cited.²

On 11 February 1771 Isaac Smallwood Middleton sold for £270 to Henry Hardy, Jr., of Prince Georges County, a tract containing 290 acres, called Gardeners Meadows Resurveyed, Eleanor Middleton consenting to the sale of this property of her husband's.³

On 12 August 1771 he and his brother HUGH MIDDLETON signed a note for £10 7s. 2d., payable to Samuel Hanson. As the note was not paid when due, Samuel Hanson instituted a suit 4 January 1773 against these brothers "late of Charles County, planters"; and at the trial Peter Griffen came into Court as "pledge for the said HUGH and ISAAC", and Baker Johnson appeared as their attorney. The Court found for Samuel Hanson, but he agreed to take "common money" and to release the defendants from "the payment of any penalty of interest on principal or costs." ⁴

ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON was recorded as S. Isaac Middleton in the 1775-1778 census of Port Tobacco, Upper Hundred, Charles County, taken by Samuel Smallwood, constable.⁵

¹ Md. Historical Magazine, vol xxii (1927), p. 156.

² Supra 24.

³ Prince Georges County Land Book #19 (AA-2): 220-221. Gardeners Meadows, a tract of 1037 acres, was assigned by Charles Digges, of Charles Co., to Luke Gardiner, and patented to the latter 30 September 1717. It passed to Ignatius Gardiner who conveyed it, or a part of it, in 1732 to George Hardy; and in 1750 it was resurveyed for John Wynn, Jr., in accordance with an order dated 25 August 1749. The new patent called the property Gardeners Meadows Resurveyed and included 315 acres of the original survey which passed to John Wynn, Jr. He conveyed 290 acres of these 315 to Smallwood Coghill 9 October 1753. He died possessed of them, and provided in his Will that on the death of his wife Keziah Coghill, the land should become the property of ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON, to whom there should be immediately transferred one slave. On 26 June 1761 Keziah Coghill, executrix of Smallwood Coghill, was shown indebted to the decedent's estate in the sum of £1272 5s. 11½d. John Wynn, of Prince Georges Co., and Henry Action, of Charles Co., were her sureties. To the decedent's "cousin" ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON was transferred a negro girl named Vick, valued at £40. The residue of the personal property went to the widow, Keziah Coghill. On her death title to the 290 acres was vested in ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON who conveyed them, as stated, to Henry Hardy, Jr.

⁴ Charles County Deed Book U-3: 699.

⁵ Gaius M. Brumbaugh, Maryland Records, vol. i: 303.

During the Revolution he served as First Lieutenant in Capt. Small-wood's Company, in the 26th Battalion of Charles County Militia, being commissioned 9 May 1778.⁶ In the same year he subscribed the Oath of Fidelity.⁷

In 1784 or early in 1785 he and his family settled in Fairfax County, Va., where numerous of his relatives had preceded him. In the 1785 tax list Isaac Middleton was charged with the ownership of 4 slaves, 2 horses, and 1 cow and a year later with 4 slaves, 1 horse, and 3 cattle. On 16 March 1787 he accounted for his son William (sometimes called William, Jr., to distinguish from an older relative of the same name who lived nearby), who had then reached his sixteenth year. On 24 March 1787 he accounted for both his son William (then 17) and his son Samuel, who then was 16. Since we have been unable to find any mention of this Isaac Smallwood Middleton in any Virginia or Maryland record after this date, we conclude that he died in Fairfax County, Va., where his children continued to live for several years, and we fix the date of his death as prior to the tax listing of March 1789.

Children of Isaac Smallwood Middleton and His Wife Eleanor-

- i. WILLIAM MIDDLETON, born between 25 March 1767 and 19 March 1768, Charles Co., Md., became Commissioner of the Revenue for Fairfax Co., Va., by 1803 and served until at least 1808; assumed responsibility as head of his father's family in 1789 by accounting to the tax authorities for his younger brothers as they reached 16 years of age and also for his brother Samuel the year before Samuel became 21.
- ii. daughter (?)
- 6 iii. SAMUEL MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - iv. SMALLWOOD COGHILL MIDDLETON, born bet. 23 March 1772 and 19 March 1773, Charles County, Md., resided in Fairfax Co., Va., most of the time from 1785 to 1800, signed a recommendation 8 for a Fairfax County miller, dated 4-10-1796; settled in Loudoun Co., Va., in 1801, where he purchased a lot on the outskirts of Leesburg on 5 January 1804 from John Drish and Eleanor, an then mortgaged it 14 October 1805 to William Elliott, of Loudoun Co. CASSANDRA MIDDLETON, wife of the grantor, signed with a mark. He later in life arranged 24 July 1832 for the digging of a grave for his wife, aged 60 years, in the burial section owned by his brother James Middleton in the Congressional Cemetery. 11

⁶ Archives of Maryland, vol. xxi: 72; also Hodge, Unpublished Records, vol. i: 40 and vol. ii: 239.

⁷ Calendar of Maryland State Papers #5: Item 24: 16; also Hodge Unpublished Records, vol. v: 65.

⁸ William and Mary Quarterly, First Series, vol. 27: 247.

⁹ Loudoun County (Va.) Deed Book 2-D: 383.

¹⁰ Ibid., 2-f: 429.

^{11 &}quot; The Washington Parish Burial Ground, 1820-1839: 50", in the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.



- v. ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON, born between 20 March 1773 and 19 March 1774 in Charles Co., Md., lived for a while in Fairfax Co., Va., where his oldest brother William Middleton accounted for him in 1790 as living with him and having become 16 years of age; by 1822 was listed in the Washington City Directory as a carpenter, employed at the Navy Yard, and living at the southwest corner of Sixth and G Streets, S.E. His wife, ANNE, died in Washington 29 March 1825, survived by her husband and nine of their children. She was buried two days later in the Congressional Cemetery, where on 1 November 1824 their 5-year-old daughter Elizabeth Jane had also been buried. By 1827 he had become "superintendent of public works at the Navy Yard near Pensacola, Florida." There he and his children lived for many years.
- vi. Daughter (?)
- 7 vii. JAMES MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - viii. ELECTIUS MIDDLETON, found in the records of Alexandria, Va., and known to have been associated with his brother James in Methodist Church interests in Washington, D. C.¹⁵ His wife was ANN PARSONS, a daughter of James Parsons who had died ante 22 July 1799.¹⁶ They are known to have had at least two sons and two daughters.
- 5. Hugh Middleton [son of William and Mary (Coghill) Middleton] was mentioned in the Will of his grandfather William Middleton, Sr., and was associated with his brother Isaac Smallwood Middleton as a defendant in a suit brought by Samuel Hanson, as has been noted. He also removed from Charles Co., Md., to Fairfax County, Va., where he lived for several years. He was there during the later years of the Revolution, as is known from the following item in the records of the February term 1782 of the Fairfax County Court: 1

The STATE OF VIRGINIA

To HUGH MIDDLETON for 4000". Hay 5/- £10:0:0

In others words, Hugh Middleton contributed 4,000 pounds of hay for use by the Quartermaster-General in charge of supplies for the Army, and these were appraised as worth 5 shillings for each 100 lbs., or a total of £10.

¹² National Intelligencer, issue of 7 April 1825, noted in National Genealogical Society Quarterly, vol. 40: 22.

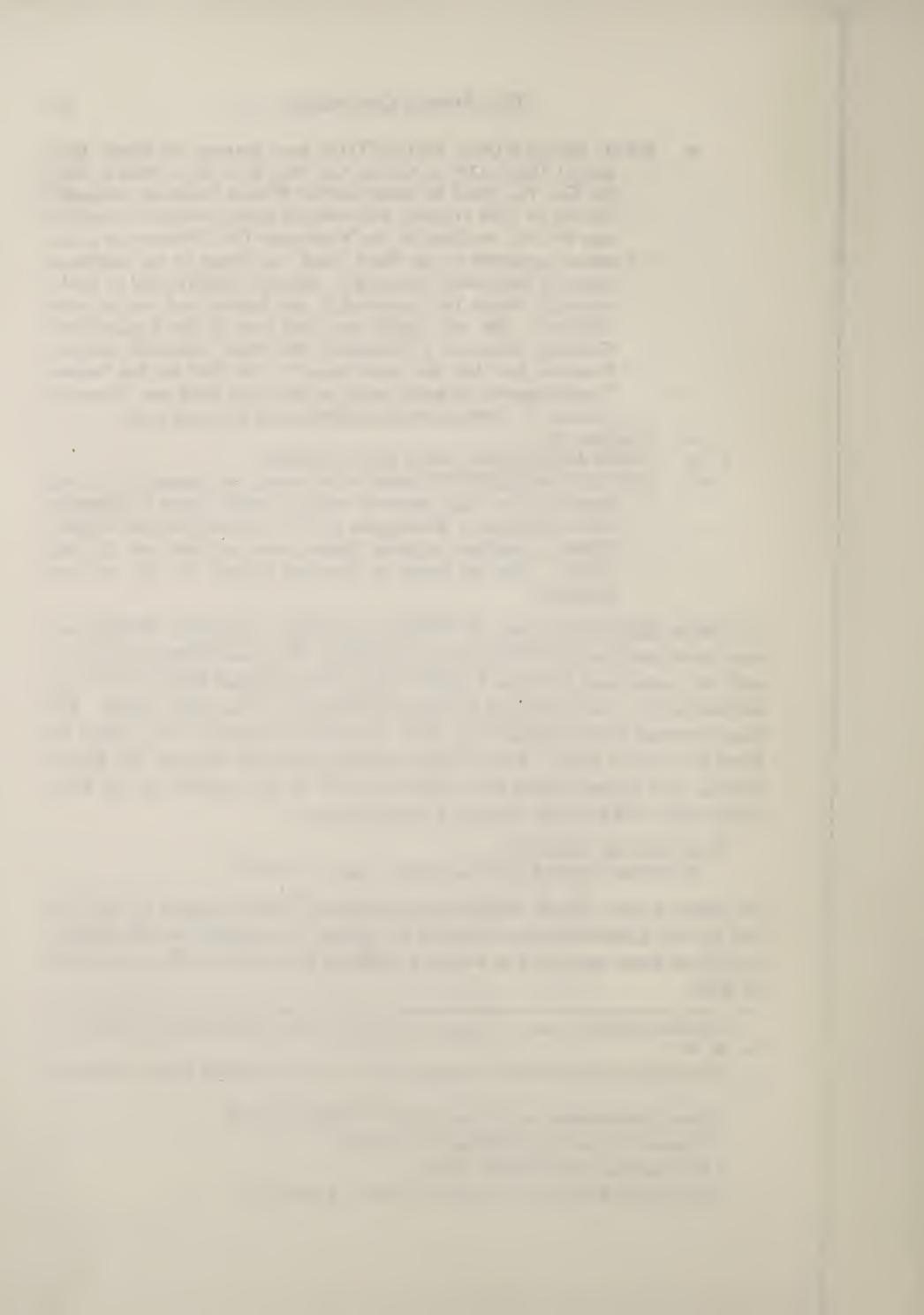
¹³ Congressional Cemetery Records, typescript, vol. 1: 17, 19, in the DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

¹⁴ House of Representatives List of Private Claims, 1834-1842, vol. ii: 476.

¹⁵ Columbia Historical Society Publication, vol. 8: 74-75.

¹⁶ Alexandria County Deed Book M: 116-127.

¹ Fairfux County Booklet, item 10 on page 11, Archives, Richmond, Va.



His name appears on the Personal Property Tax Lists of Fairfax County for the years 1783 and 1784, owning 2 slaves, 4 horses, and 7 cattle in 1783 and 4 slaves, 3 horses, and 4 cattle in 1784. In the latter year he accounted for a son, but did not name him.

HUGH MIDDLETON was plaintiff on a writ of replevin against William Bird 25 November 1786.² William Bird was a vestryman, along with General George Washington, of the Pohick Church. A suit that HUGH MIDDLETON had brought against Thomas Wear was dismissed in 1786.³

Some time between then and 1790 HUGH MIDDLETON had gone to the Evitts Creek District of Western Maryland.⁴ He settled there, in Allegany County, about three miles east of Cumberland. Toward the end of his life, there was patented to him by the State of Maryland, in 1840, a tract of 42 acres called Addition to Head Spring.⁵

Child of Hugh and Rachel (----) Middleton:

i. IGNATIUS MIDDLETON was born 10 December 1772, according to an entry in the Records of St. Johns, Broad Creek Church, but the family name of Rachel, his mother, is not given. He helped to found the Methodist Church in Allegany County, Md., and his son David Middleton helped to found a Methodist Church in Coshocton Co., Ohio.⁶ David Middleton married Sarah Lewman. Their daughter Ann Middleton married Thomas Collier. They had a daughter Margaret Ellen Collier who married James Payne. Their son Albert Ceely Payne married Mary Ladusky Hutchins. Their son, Louis T. Payne was born 5 April 1885, in Dayton, Ohio.⁷

Child of Hugh and Lurenna (-----) Middleton: 8

- ii. JOEL MIDDLETON (b on Warrior Mountain, Allegany Co., Md.) m ELIZABETH THORNBURG, and had
 - (1) William Middleton of Elk Garden, W. Va.;
 - (2) Benjamin Franklin Middleton (b 19 February 1843), m twice, and had issue by each marriage;
 - (3) John Middleton, of Cumberland Co., Md.;
 - (4) Francis Elizabeth Middleton m Lawrence Dolan;
 - (5) Jennie Middleton m Michael C. S. Twiggs;
 - (6) Emeline Middleton m Jacob Harden of Cumberland; and
 - (7) Thomas Middleton, of Spring Gap, Md.

² Fairfax County Court Order Book, 1783-1788: 313.

^{3 1}bid., 242.

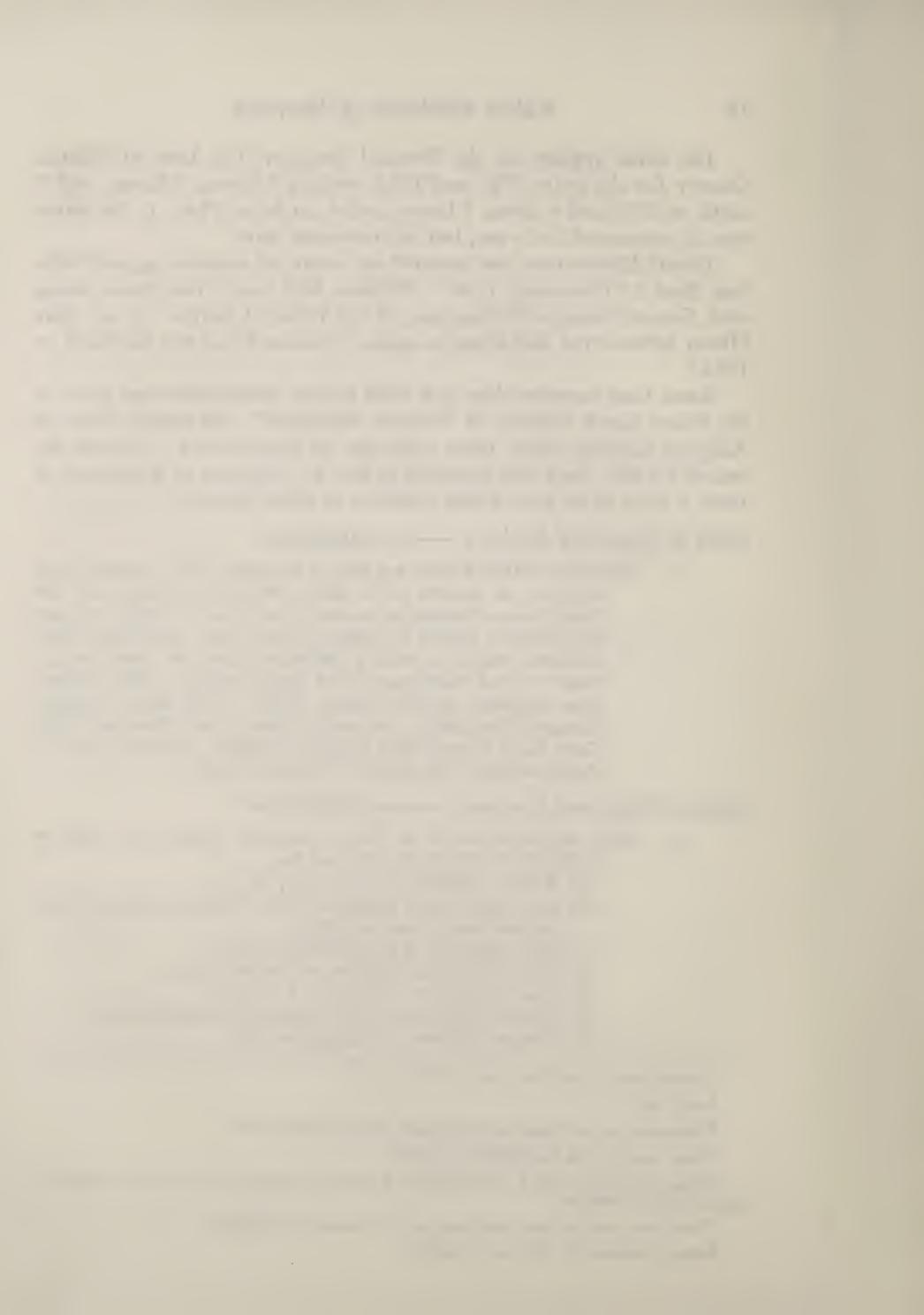
⁴ First Census of the United States-Maryland: Heads of Families, 1790.

⁵ From records of the Land Office in Annapolis.

⁶ From letter dated 18 April 1949 from Louis T. Payne, 135 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 12, Calif., to John G. Herndon.

⁷ From letter dated 6 March 1949 from Louis T. Payne to J. G. Herndon.

⁸ Hist. of Allegany Co., Md., vol. i: 624-626.



THE FIFTH GENERATION

6. SAMUEL MIDDLETON [son of Isaac Smallwood Middleton and his wife Eleanor] was born between 15 April and 11 May 1771, Charles County, Md.; married twice; and died 20 March 1817, Rockville, Maryland.

On the tax list of 24 March 1788, the first prepared in Fairfax County, Va., after Samuel Middleton had reached 16 years of age, his brother William accounted for him. After absence in 1798 and 1790 he returned to live with his brother William who again accounted for him 14 April 1791, when he was 19. There is a tradition that when he was 17 he rode on his horse to near Louisville, Ky., and remained there at least a year or two; but there has been found absolutely nothing to support this claim. It seems likely that he has been confused with his son Thomas Jefferson Middleton who did ride out to Kentucky and did settle there.

When the tax list of 11 May 1792 was prepared, Samuel Middle-Ton was taxed directly for the first time. In his remaining years in Virginia he gradually added to his "wealth", being taxed in 1793 on his ownership of one slave and five horses. A year later he had another horse, and in 1796 another slave. He was taxed there 4 July 1796 for the last time. A few months later he married Ann O'Neale, daughter of William and Sarah (Young) O'Neale, of Montgomery County, Md., and seems to have settled there soon thereafter, if not immediately. Some of the O'Neales had lived near the Middletons in Fairfax County a few years earlier. Among these were Ann O'Neale's uncle Charles O'Neale and his family. It is probable that Samuel Middleton first met his future bride at her uncle's home.

On 23 July 1803 WILLIAM O'NEALE conveyed to Samuel Middleton four lots in the town of Rockville. These the latter transferred 20 August 1804 to Jesse Leach. Not only were these lots given to Samuel Middleton—the consideration was purely nominal, five shillings—but at approximately the same time William O'Neale, by a series of transactions, transferred to Samuel Middleton and to William O'Neale, Jr., a substantial number of slaves. As there was a large family interest in the in the holdings of William O'Neale, it was only

¹ Montgomery Extract Deed Book M-4: 342, in the Land Office, Annapolis.

² Montgomery County Deed Book L: 414, in the Court House at Rockville.

natural that sooner or later there should be instituted a suit in chancery, which is referred to in the notes on the O'NEALE family which follow.³

ANN (O'NEALE) MIDDLETON was buried 7 July 1807 in the Churchyard of Prince Georges Episcopal Church, Rockville. She was the mother of the first five children of Samuel Middleton.

He married, secondly, in Montgomery County, Md., 4 May 1809 ANN CULVER who died 6 September 1831. She was the mother of Samuel Middleton's last four children.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Prince Georges Church on a Saturday in April 1815 the following decisions were reached: ⁷

The Vestry then appointed John C. Redman and SAMUEL MIDDLETON Church Wardens and likewise agree to put about subscriptions immediately for the purpose of raising a sum of money to erect a new church in the town of Rockville.

On 27 May 1815 SAMUEL MIDDLETON qualified as a Church Warden, a part of his oath being:8

I do swear that I do not hold myself bound in allegiance to the King of Great Britain and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland.

On 11 May 1816 Redman and Middleton were reappointed Church Wardens for the ensuing year.9

On 17 September 1816 the Montgomery County Court appointed Samuel Middleton guardian to his two sons, Thomas Jefferson Middleton and Benjamin Franklin Middleton, then under 14 years of age. He, being in Court, accepted the appointment and gave bond with approved security." 10

The Court on 5 November 1816 appointed Isaac and Camden Riley to view and report the annual value of the real estate belonging to the children of Samuel Middleton which descended to them from their maternal grandfather, William O'Neale, deceased, in right of their mother. Their report, dated 12 March 1817, appraised the property at an annual rental of \$100, and listed the following buildings: Frame dwelling, 28' x 16'; log kitchen, 16' x 12'; smoke house, 12' x 12'; log

³ Infra 67-70.

⁴ Gaius M. Brumbaugh; Maryland Records, vol. i.: 571.

⁵ Montgomery County Marriage Register,

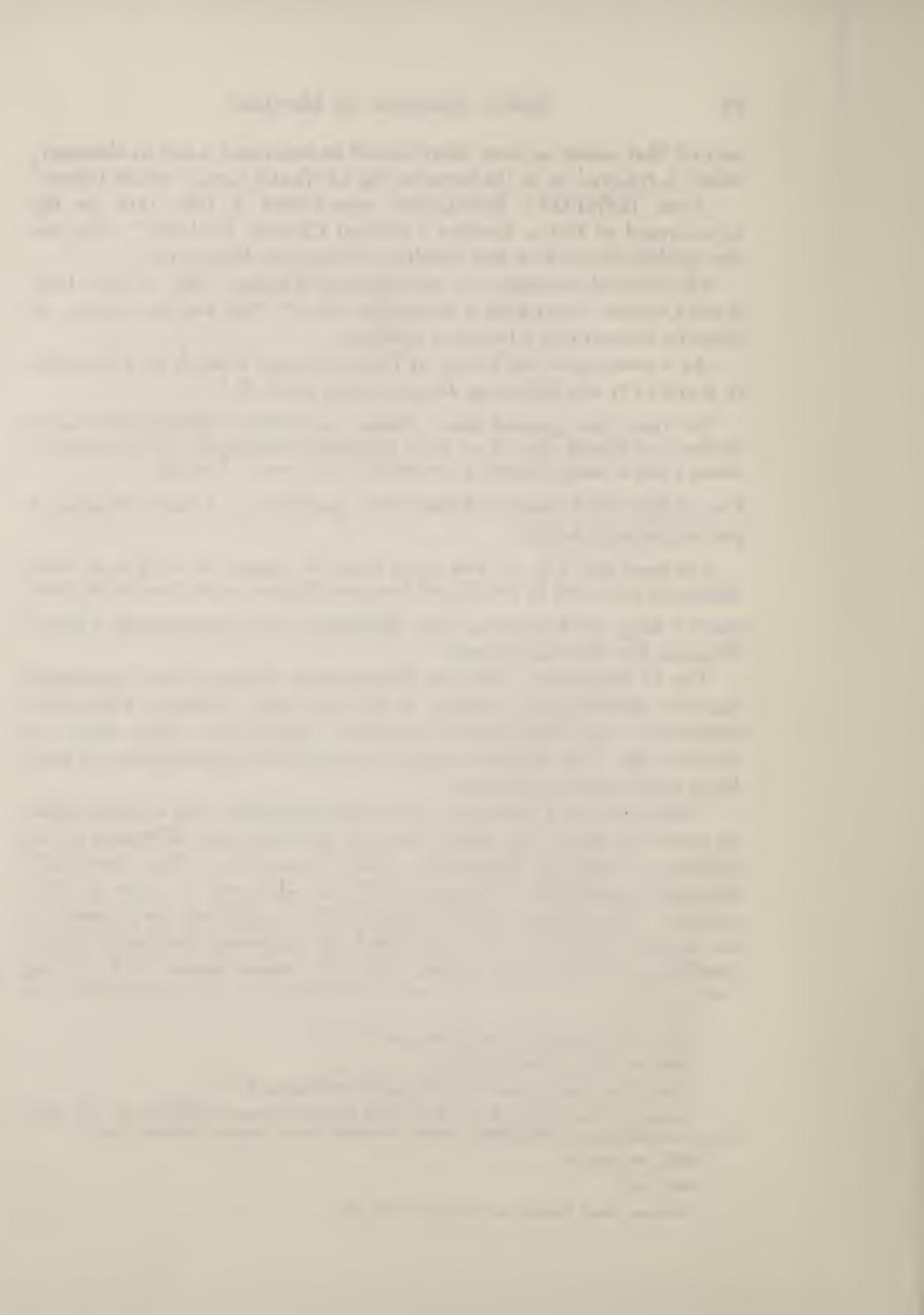
^{6&}quot; Rock Creek Church Records" in DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

⁷ Records of Prince Georges Parish, Rock Creek, Frederick County, 1726-1829: 193. Of course, after the establishment of Montgomery County, this church was no longer in Frederick County.

⁸ Ibid., 194 and 260.

⁹ Ibid., 196.

¹⁰ Orphans Court Minutes, Jan. 1811-Oct. 1816: 179.



quarter, 16' x 16'; log stable, 20' x 14'; log house, 23' x 28' (thatched with fodder); and tenement log house, 18' x 16'.11

SAMUEL MIDDLETON died intestate 20 March 1817.¹² On 13 May 1817 letters of administration on his estate were issued to his brother-in-law William Culver, after Samuel's widow, ANN (CULVER) MIDDLETON had renounced appointment as administratrix.¹³ The inventory was filed 17 June 1817 and a report of sales totaling \$4,383.89 was presented 9 September 1817.¹⁴ The first account was passed 19 January 1819 and the final one 10 December 1822. Of the net estate of \$1222.50½, the widow was allowed \$407.52 and each of the children who was living at the death of SAMUEL MIDDLETON was allotted \$101.88.¹⁵

Children of Samuel Middleton and His First Wife Ann O'Neale:

- 8 i. ELIZABETH MIDDLETON whose line is continued.
 - ii. WILLIAM O'NEALE MIDDLETON (1799-1820); on his death William Culver was appointed administrator of his estate, but on his death Francis Valdenar was appointed admin. de bonis non of Wm. O'N. Middleton, and distributed \$123.76 to the step-mother of the deceased and \$30.94 to each of the eight other children of his father.
 - iii. MATILDA MIDDLETON, b 3 September 1800, d 26 June 1890, m 10 December 1818 ISAAC RILEY, b August 1774, d 5 July 1850, and had issue:
 - (1) Amos Riley, lived in California;
 - (2) Van Buren Riley, lived in St. Joseph, Mo.;
 - (3) Sarah Riley m Edward Viers, lived near Rockville;
 - (4) Martha Riley in Samuel Magruder, of Rockville;
 - (5) Fanny Riley m Frank Mace; and
 - (6) Josephine Riley (b 1841; d 29 July 1933) m John W. Keys, of Rockville.
- 9 iv. THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 10 v. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.

Children of Samuel Middleton and His Second Wife Ann Culver:

- vi. SAMUEL CALEB MIDDLETON, b 16 March 1810; d 26 September 1828.
- vii. HENRY CLAY MIDDLETON, b 17 July 1812; died 1858 or 1859.
- viii. REUBEN MIDDLETON, b 27 January 1814, and baptized 7 October 1814 in Rock Creek Church; an attorney, member of the firm of Hughes and Company, lived in Hyattsville, Md.; m in Prince

¹¹ Montgomery County Orphuns Court Book K: 54.

^{12 &}quot; Rock Creek Church Records," in DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

¹³ Orphans Court Minutes, 1821-1824: 261-262.

¹⁴ Ibid., Liber K: 424-426, 286-288.

¹⁵ Ibid., Liber P: 69.

George County 22 July 1843 MARY ELLEN HYATT, and had issue:

(1) Nellie Middleton; and

(2) Catherine Hyatt Middleton married 22 May 1866 Lemuel Clark, and lived at Hyattsville, Md.

ix. CAROLINE MIDDLETON, b ca 1816, m 13 Feb 1838 BENJAMIN BEALL, and had issue:

- (1) Clarence Beall, who died unm., 1920;
- (2) Elizabeth Beall m De Ford Webb;

(3) Eugene Reuben Beall.

BENJAMIN BEALL married, secondly, Susan A. ----.

7. James Middleton son of Isaac S. and Eleanor Middleton was born 1 April 1777 in Fairfax County, Va., and died 27 June 1860 at the home of his son Lemuel J. Middleton in Washington, D. C. His family Bible 1 states that his wife was Hannah Johnson (born 20 July 1779, Fauquier County, Va.), daughter of Tunis Johnson, of Fauquier County; but oddly omits the date of their marriage, which was probably solemnized in 1800. Late in her life she was baptized 20 July 1841, when her age was recorded as 63 years, by Rev. K. John Stewart, rector of Rock Creek Episcopal Church, in which church her son Erasmus Johnson Middleton was an active member. She died 31 May 1842, and was buried in Congressional Cemetery, her age then being given as 62 years, 1 month, and 20 days. Her mother had been buried there 23 July 1822; but the cemetery entry does not list her name, merely designating her as "James Middleton's mother in law, aged 90 years". In the family Bible James Middleton is described as "son of Isaac Middleton, of Maryland, formerly of England." Isaac was "of Maryland" all right, but the phrase "formerly of England" is, of course, incorrect, except as it might be understood to mean that the family was "formerly of England."

James Middleton was a house carpenter by trade. He and his brother Electius Middleton were proprietors of one of the better known carpenter shops in the early days of Washington, D. C., and it seems likely that they were employed in connection with the construction of the White House. James Middleton was a member of the seven-man committee which in 1800 arranged for the renting of pews in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, the first of that denomination in the emerging Capital City. In an address on "Early Methodism in the

¹ The records of this distinguished Washington City family are preserved in the DAR Library in Martha A. Benn's 1930 typescript entitled, "A Few Notes on Various Branches of the Middleton Family", and in the DAR collection of family Bible records.

¹ W. B. Bryan, "The Beginnings of the Presbyterian Church in the District of Columbia", in Records of the Columbia Historical Society, vol. 8, pp. 43-66, esp., p. 55.



District" there was this reference to him and his brother Electius:

On account of the large increase of the congregation the society moved from Greenleaf's Point to another location. The place of worship now chosen by the Methodists, while more commodious than the one they were leaving, was certainly not more elegant. On New Jersey Avenue, south of D Street, there stood, at the beginning of the last century, a building that had served for years as a tobacco house for the Carrolls of Duddington Manor. . . . It had an interesting history. Before it became a Methodist meeting-house, it was used for the same purpose by the Protestant Episcopalians. . . . It served the double purpose of church and school house. . . . After it ceased to be used as a church, the tobacco house became a carpenter's shop conducted by James and Electius Middleton. It stood until 1817, when it was destroyed by fire through an accident occurring while a workman was boiling glue. . . . The first trustees . . . [of the new church] formally dedicated to the worship of God in November 1811 . . . [included] Electius Middleton [and eight others].

JAMES MIDDLETON was listed in the Washington directories of 1822, 1827, 1830, and 1834. In the first of these, his place of business is shown as on the west side of New Jersey Avenue, between K and L Streets. Next it was at the Union at Greenleaf's Wharf. In 1830 he lived with his son Erasmus on 6th Street, S. E., between D and E Streets. Four years later he was shown as a house carpenter on the west side of 12th Street, between E Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

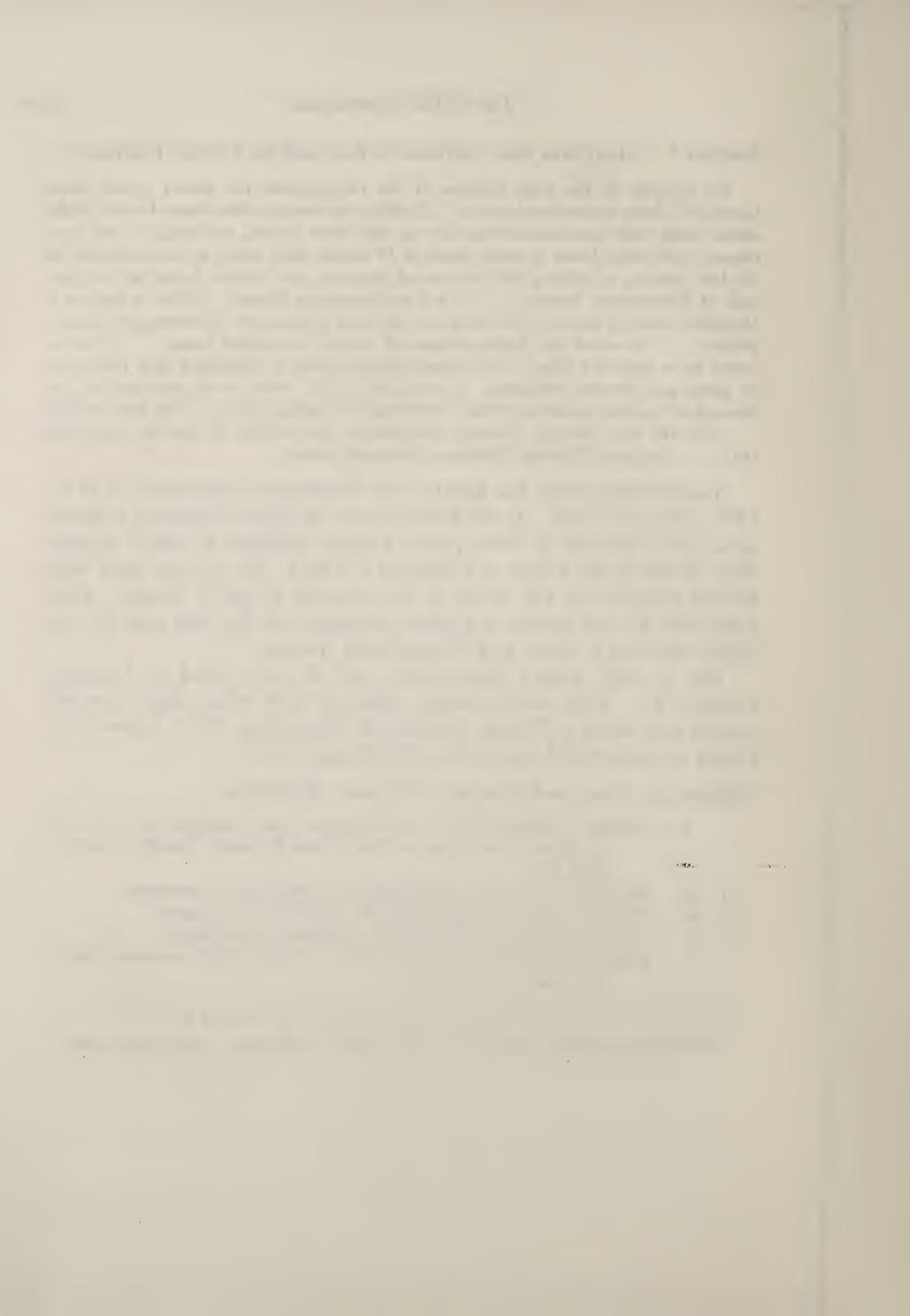
For a while JAMES MIDDLETON and his wife lived in Loudoun County, Va. They were residents there in 1809 when they conveyed certain real estate to George Coryell, of Alexandria, D. C. [now Va.], but by 1816 they had returned to Washington City.³

Children of James and Hannah (Johnson) Middleton:

- i. NORAH MIDDLETON, b 10 September 1801; confirmed 29 May 1837 by Bishop Wm. Stone, in Rock Creek Episcopal Church, d unm. 7 April 1841.
- 11 ii. ERASMUS JOHNSON MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 12 iii. DANIEL WESLEY MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 13 iv. LEMUEL JAMES MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - v. HORACE MADISON MIDDLETON, b 27 May 1809, Loudoun County, Va., d unm. 7 May 1838.

² Rev. Dr. W. M. Ferguson's address, in the same publication, pp. 67-77, esp. pp. 74-75.

³ Alexandria County Deed Books Z: 373 and D-2: 324-327, in Alexandria, Virginia, Courthouse.



THE SIXTH GENERATION

8. ELIZABETH MIDDLETON [daughter of Samuel and Ann (O'Neale) Middleton] was born 18 October 1797, Rockville, Md., died 27 June 1876, Washington, D. C., and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery there. She was the second wife of her husband, WILLIAM BIRCKHEAD. They were married 3 March 1814 by the Reverend Samuel Martin, rector of the Rock Creek Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM BIRCKHEAD was born in Ann Arundel County, Md., in 1780. He was a cabinet maker by trade. He married, first, in Montgomery County, Md., 14 March 1811 Mary Culver who died about a year later. He served from 19 August 1814 to 8 October 1814 as a corporal in Capt. Benjamin Burch's company of District of Columbia militia; was wounded during the battle of Bladensburg; and honorably discharged at Washington. His widow's pension application papers show that he died 5 September 1832 in Washington. Her bounty-land application, designated as M 55-160, Wt. 43031, was presented by her brother Benjamin Franklin Middleton and her brother-in-law Edward Birckhead.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Middleton) Birckhead:

i. ELIZA ANN BIRCKHEAD (b 5 February 1815; d August 1887, Washington, D. C.) m GEORGE GORDON, as his second wife, and had issue, 4 sons and 4 daughters, among whose descendants were Judge Peyton Gordon (1870-1946), associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and Rear Admiral Malcolm Gordon Slarrow, also of Washington.

¹ A photostatic copy of the birth records of herself and her children is in the collection of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

[&]quot;In the File Case in the DAR Library, Continental Hall, Washington, D. C., there is a "Report on the Birckhead Family of Maryland" which shows that Christopher Birckhead and his wife Joan Day had a son Nehemiah; that that Nehemiah Birckhead (d 1720) married first Elizabeth Hope, and had a son Nehemiah Birckhead; that that Nehemiah Birckhead (b 17 August 1683, d 1744) m in 1706 Sarah Hutchins [daughter of Francis and Sarah (Billingsley) Hutchins], whose older sister Margaret married six years later Nehemiah's father as her second husband and his second wife; that Nehemiah and Sarah (Hutchins) Birckhead had a son John Birckhead who married "the sixth day of the 12th month 1745" Christian Harris, daughter of Joseph and Ann Harris, of Calvert Co.; that John and Christian (Harris) Birckhead had three sons, the eldest of whom was Nehemiah Birckhead born "the 29th of the 10th month called December 1746"; that that Nehemiah Birckhead who served during the American Revolution as a private in Capt. Righard Chew's Company, Col. John Weens' Battalion, married during or about 1769 Anne Harrison, one of the daughters of William and Mary (Freeland) Harrison, of Calvert County; that Nehemiah and Anne (Harrison) Birckhead had 8 children, the sixth of whom was William Birckhead who married first Mary Culver and secondly Elizabeth Middleton.

ii. WILLIAM NEHEMIAH BIRCKHEAD (b 23 August 1816) m JANE BIRCH, of Staten Island; a printer by trade; settled in California; had a daughter Jennie Birckhead who m —— Farless.

iii. MARY ELIZABETH BIRCKHEAD (b 27 October 1819; d 14 October

1820).

iv. ANGELINA MATILDA BIRCKHEAD (b 17 December 1822; d unm February 1907).

v. ISABELLA SARAH BIRCKHEAD (also b 17 December 1822; d unm August 1892).

vi. MIDDLETON BIRCKHEAD (b 22 January 1842; d early in 1911, Washington, D. C.) m twice; no issue.

vii. MARY ELIZABETH BIRCKHEAD (b 18 January 1826), m her first cousin SAMUEL CALEB MIDDLETON, son of Thomas Jefferson Middleton.

viii. FRANKLIN MIDDLETON BIRCKHEAD (b 26 August 1828; d unm 25 July 1875, Washington, D. C.).

ix. OLIVER H. BIRCKHEAD (b 12 October 1830; d unm 18 March 1872).

9. THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLETON [son of Samuel and Ann (O'Neale) Middleton] was born either 4 October 1803 or 4 December 1804, Rockville, Md. In 1816 Samuel Middleton was appointed guardian to his sons Thomas Jefferson Middleton and Benjamin Franklin Middleton in order to enable him to take title to land about to descend to them from the estate of their grandfather William O'Neale; but since the transaction was not completed until 10 April 1821, four years after Samuel Middleton's death, it became necessary for the Court to appoint a substitute guardian for the Middleton boys. It so designated Judge Jesse Leach.

With the passage of a few years Judge Leach noticed a growing romance between his daughter Mary Ann and young Tom Middleton, and was determined to prevent their marriage, if he could. A method seemed readily available—he would send her to Kentucky to visit her married sister Eliza, wife of Nathan Brown, formerly of Montgomery County, Maryland. So off Mary Ann Leach traveled to the Blue Grass State; but Tom was determined also not to be thwarted in his plans. Mounting one of his horses, he rode out to Paris, Kentucky. There he and MARY ANN LEACH (born either 20 March 1803 or 22 March 1802, Montgomery County, Md.) were married 21 February 1827 at the home of Nathan and Eliza Brown.

Thereafter he and his wife returned but once to their native Maryland, and that was soon after their marriage. On that trip East, Thomas J. Middleton sold to his brother-in-law Adam Riley all his remaining interest in the estate of his grandfather William O'Neale plus the share he had previously purchased from his sister Elizabeth and her husband Wil-

liam Birckhead. In a book called Reminiscences compiled by Dr. Jesse Willett Leach, half-brother to Mary Ann (Leach) Middleton, the author refers to Thomas Jefferson Middleton as "a gentleman of wealth [who] came back to settle his affairs after which he never returned to Maryland."

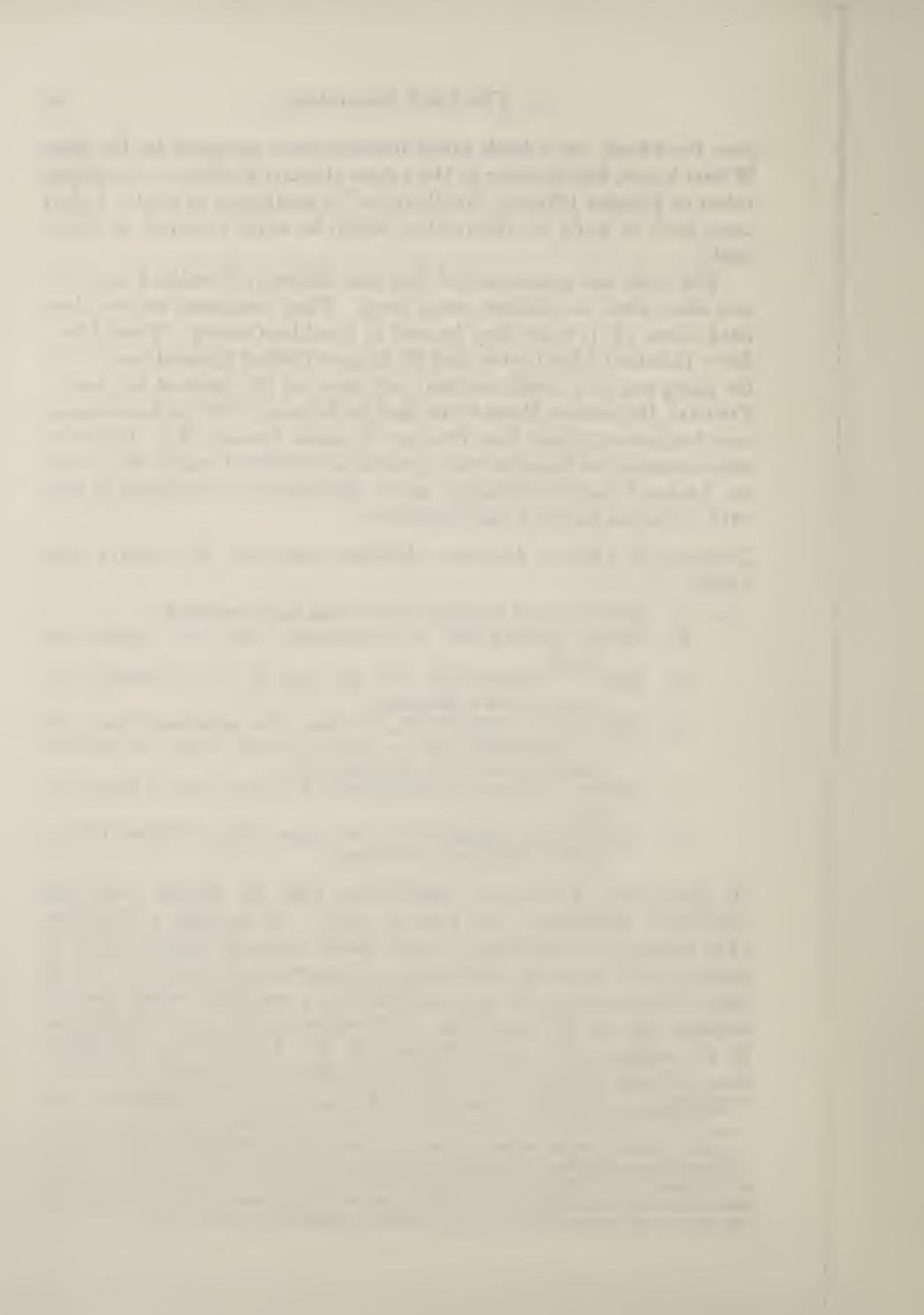
The bride and groom settled first near Midway, Woodford Co., Ky., and there their six children were born. They continued to live there until about 1851, when they located in Franklin County. There Mary Ann (Leach) Middleton died 27 August 1860 of typhoid fever "like the going out of a candle without any move of the limbs of her body." Thomas Jefferson Middleton died 26 February 1885 at his residence near Bridgeport, Cedar Run Precinct, Franklin County, Ky. Letters of administration on his estate were granted in Franklin County, Ky., to his son Reuben Franklin Middleton and in the District of Columbia 29 May 1885 to his son Samuel Caleb Middleton.¹

Children of Thomas Jefferson Middleton and His Wife Mary Ann Leach:

- 14 i. SAMUEL CALEB MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - ii. OSCAR MIDDLETON, b 26 September 1830; d in Virginia City, Nevada.
 - iii. MARY T. MIDDLETON, b 22 May 1832, m FINNEY; born, lived, and died in Kentucky.
 - iv. JESSE RIGGS MIDDLETON, b 27 June 1834, served under Genl. John
 C. Breckinridge, and was killed in action during the battle of Murphreesboro, Tenn., 2 January 1863.
 - v. REUBEN FRANKLIN MIDDLETON, b 27 March 1836, a Baptist minister.
 - vi. ANN ELIZA MIDDLETON, b 29 August 1844; d 8 March 1869; m JOHN SANDERS, and had issue.

10. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLETON [son of Samuel and Ann (O'Neale) Middleton] was born in 1807. He married 8 December 1834 ELIZABETH CONNELLY, whose death occurred shortly before 27 January 1853 when she was buried in Congressional Cemetery. At the time of his marriage he was established as a merchant whose place of business was on the south side of Pennslyvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., between 4½ and 6th Streets, N. W. Later he was in business there with his brother-in-law BENJAMIN BEALL, transacting business as "Middleton and Beall", wholesale and retail grocers. In addition to the

¹ For a detailed account of the life and family of THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLETON see "Thomas Jefferson Middleton, of Maryland and Kentucky: Reminiscences and Two Letters", published in The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, vol. 50: pp. 340-346. In that account there are two slight errors which are here called to the reader's attention. The last word in the first footnote should have been any, not many, and in footnote #21 Adam Riley should have been Isaac Riley.



children named below, he and his wife had three others whose burials (but not their given names) are noted in the Records of the Congressional Cemetery under dates of 2 July 1847, 1 July 1948, and 9 November 1859. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLETON'S Will was probated 21 February 1863.

Children of Benjamin Franklin Middleton and His Wife Elizabeth Connelly:

- i. ALPHEUS MIDDLETON, formed a partnership with Horatio Browning and transacted business as "Browning and Middleton"; married JENNIE DUVALL, daughter of Washington Duvall. Alpheus Middleton was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, D. C.
- ii. MARIAN MIDDLETON m JOHN HYATT, and had:
 - (1) Helen Hyatt, m McCeney, and had Houston McCeney.
 - (2) Belle Hyatt; and
 - (3) Houston Hyatt.
- iii. HELEN MIDDLETON b J. BUCHANAN HOUSTON, president of the Pacific Mail Company.
- iv. JESSE MIDDLETON, d unm.

11. Erasmus Johnson Middleton [son of James and Hannah (Johnson) Middleton] was born 28 July 1803, Washington, D. C., and died there 9 November 1882. His firt wife, Sophia Weston Howard (b 16 November 1808; d 23 June 1834), daughter of Thomas and Ann Howard, and he were married by the Reverend Mr. Wilson, a Methodist minister, 27 April 1826. He and his second wife, Mrs. Ellen (Ross) Noble, were married 17 April 1842 by Rev. W. A. Harris, rector of Rock Creek Church. She was a daughter of Richard Ross, of Washington.

ERASMUS J. MIDDLETON was clerk of the Circuit Court, with offices in City Hall, Washington, as early as 1853 and probably as early as 1834. The Washington City Directory for 1863 say that he was clerk of the District Court. The next year he is "deputy clerk, Supreme Court of the D. C.". In later years he was designated either as clerk or assistant clerk of that court. His home was the beautiful estate called "Sidney", which after his death was sold to the Roman Catholic Church which established on it what is now the Catholic University of America.

In the History of the Rock Creek Episcopal Church 1 the following is one of the many references to the Middletons:

¹ Montgomery County, Md., Will Book JWS-1: 133, in which Alpheus Middleton, John Hyatt, and J. Buchanan Houston were named executors.

¹ Copied from "Rock Creek Church Records", typescript, in "Genealogical Records Committee DC DAR; vol. 16", DAR Library, Washington, D. C.



In 1870 it was decided to use the unproductive ground for a larger churchyard, a charter was taken out and the result may be seen. Dr. Buck [Rev. Charles E. Buck, the rector] was most ably assisted in this undertaking by Mr. ERASMUS J. MIDDLE-TON, Jr., in fact he often said it could never have been accomplished without Mr. Middleton. . . . Mr. Middleton's grandfather, Mr. Richard Ross, was a vestryman about 1830, his uncle Mr. Richard L. Ross about 1850, his father Mr. ERASMUS J. MIDDLETON many years, and he himself was faithful vestryman, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher.

The MIDDLETON window [was] given by the Sunday School and Mr. Middleton's mother.

The MIDDLETONS owned "Sydney" now the Roman Catholic University.

Children of Erasmus Johnson Middleton and His First Wife Sophia Weston Howard:

- i. JAMES HOWARD MIDDLETON, b 20 June 1827, d 8 June 1848, Saltillo, Mexico.
- ii. MARY VIRGINIA MIDDLETON, b 22 February 1829.
- iii. THOMAS HOWARD MIDDLETON, b 8 March 1831, buried in Congressional Cemetery, in the burial section of his grandfather James Middleton, 9 July 1832.
- iv. SOPHIA WESTON MIDDLETON, b 21 April 1833, d 2 August 1833, and buried the next day in the above-mentioned ground.

Children of Erasmus Johnson Middleton and His Second Wife Ellen Ross:

- v. ERASMUS JOHNSON MIDDLETON, Jr., b 29 November 1844; d 17 February 1881.
- vi. RICHARD ROSS MIDDLETON, b 19 March 1846; d 18 February 1849.
- vii. ELIZABETH MIDDLETON, b 8 January 1848; d 16 November 1848.
- viii. ELLEN MIDDLETON, b 4 November 1849; d 13 July 1850.

12. Daniel Wesley Middleton [son of James and Hannah (Johnson) Middleton] was born 1 May 1805, in Washington, D. C., and died there 28 April 1880. His funeral service was held in the Chamber of the Supreme Court of the United States, at the request of that Court on whose staff he had served 58 years, the last 33 as its clerk. When he died, he was said to have had a personal acquaintance with more of the great lawyers of the United States than any person then living. It is unfortunate for us that in none of the tributes paid him is there any mention of his family. How many children he had we do not know, nor the date of the death of his wife. He married in Washington 31 May 1836 HENRIETTA VAN DYKE. His home was at 568 New Jersey Avenue, N. W. He was a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church for many years.

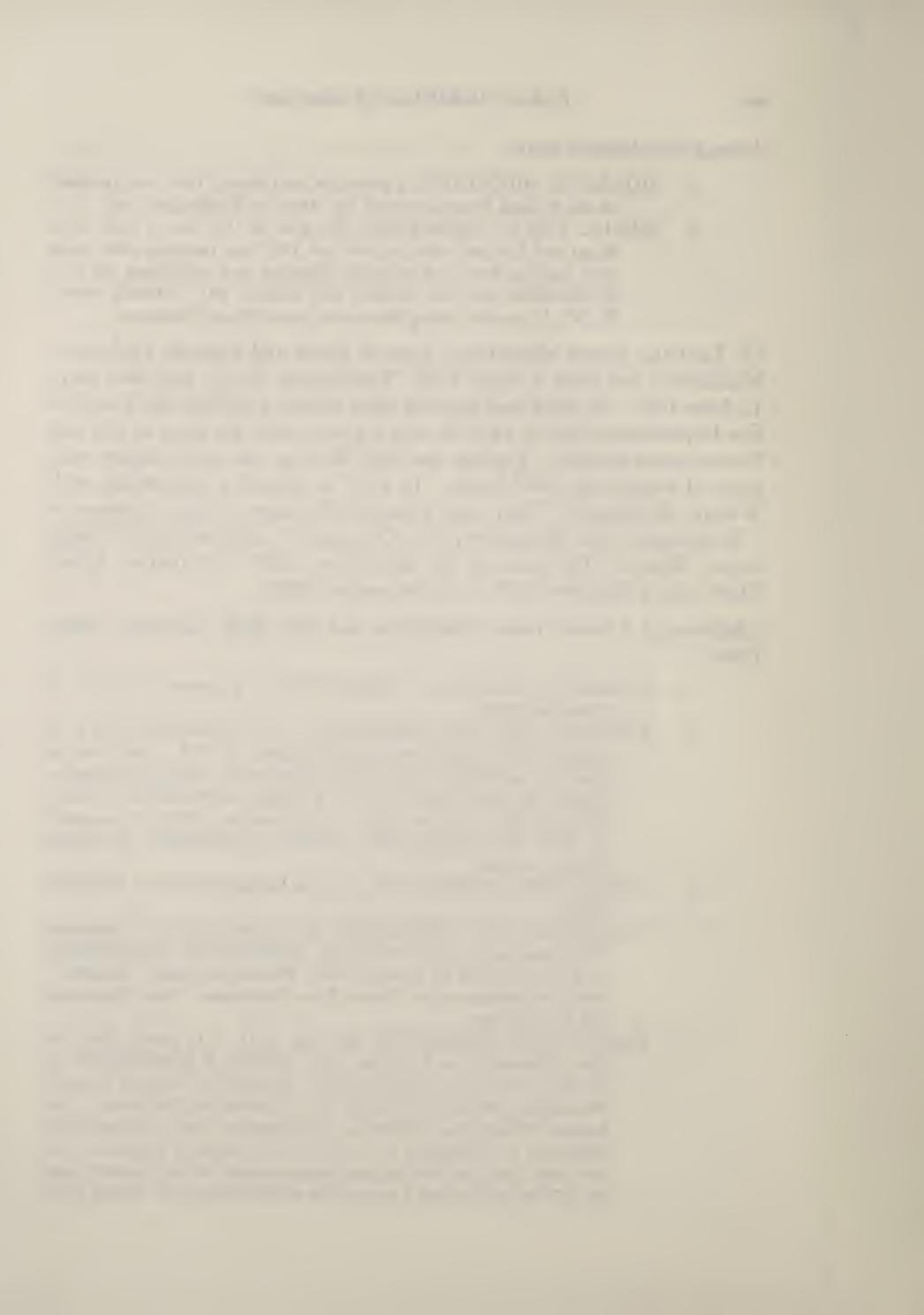
¹ These were collected and published. Copies are in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania and The Library of The U. S. Supreme Court,

Among his children were:

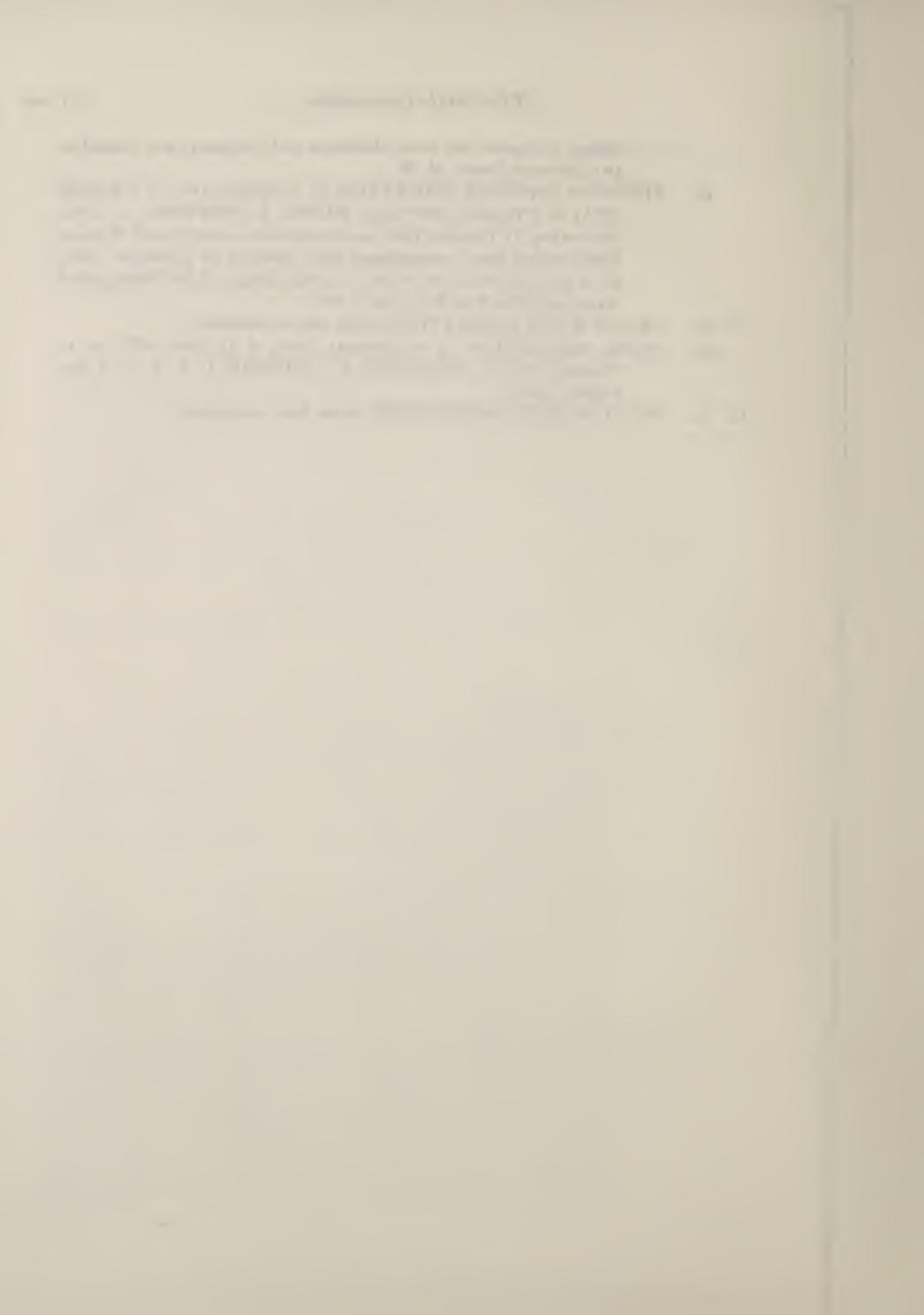
- i. HORACE P. MIDDLETON, a physician who during 1865 was attached to the Medical Headquarters of the Army in Washington; and
- ii. DANIEL WESLEY MIDDLETON, Jr., who in 1865 was a clerk with Riggs and Co., and who in 1869 and 1870 was receiving teller with that banking firm; and who the following year established the firm of Middleton and Co., bankers and brokers, 601 Fifteenth Street, N. W., his partner being his cousin Samuel Eliot Middleton.
- 13. LEMUEL JAMES MIDDLETON [son of James and Hannah (Johnson) Middleton] was born 8 April 1807, Washington, D. C., and died there 12 June 1875. In 1834 and again in 1853 he was a clerk in the Post Office Department; but in 1846 he was a grocer with his store at 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue. During the Civil War he was an ice dealer with place of business at 303 F Street. In 1865 he formed a partnership with William M. Russell. They soon changed the name of their business to "Washington and Georgetown Ice Company", and located at Tenth Street Wharf. He married 16 September 1829 CATHERINE MARY ELIOT (b 24 October 1807; d 16 December 1888).

Children of Lemuel James Middleton and His Wife Catherine Mary Eliot:

- i. ELIZABETH GREENLEAF MIDDLETON, b 6 January 1831; d 19 November 1832.
- JOHNSON VAN DYKE MIDDLETON, (b 15 December 1834; d 29 January 1907), appointed assistant surgeon, U. S. A., 1861, was assigned to the Office of the Medical Director by 1863, and retired as Deputy Surgeon General; m 1st 8 March 1859 HELEN ELIZABETH BURR (b June 1833; d 16 November 1863); m secondly 13 June 1865 MARGARET HAINES THOMPSON (d March 1910); no issue.
- iii. LEMUEL JAMES MIDDLETON, Jr., b 1 December 1836; d 27 March 1838.
- iv. CATHERINE MARY MIDDLETON (b 23 April 1839; d 1 November 1922) married 24 June 1858 Capt. ALEXANDER HENDERSON, U. S. N., who died 12 January 1901. He had purchased "Woodley" from his brother-in-law Frank Eliot Middleton. The Hendersons had five children.
- v. SAMUEL ELIOT MIDDLETON (b 7 July 1841; d 13 March 1903, St. Paul, Minnesota) m 8 August 1861 SOPHIA WASHINGTON (b 29 May 1839; d 11 August 1872), daughter of Richard Conway Washington and his wife Sophia May Roberts, and had issue, a son, Richard Washington Middleton, b 2 September 1862. Samuel Eliot Middleton was employed as a clerk in the Treasury Department in 1864 and 1865; by 1868 he had become cashier of the Treasury; and by 1870 he had formed a partnership with his cousin D. Wesley Mid-



- dleton, Jr., under the name Middleton and Company, and located at 601 Fifteenth Street, N. W.
- iv. HANNAH JOHNSON MIDDLETON (b 7 October 1843; d 6 January 1923) m 3 October 1865 Capt. HENRY L. HOWISON, U. S. N., who retired 10 October 1899 as commander-in-chief, South Atlantic Fleet, having been commissioned Rear Admiral 30 September 1898. He d.s.p., 31 December 1914. For the details of his distinguished career, see Who Was Who, vol. i: 579.
- 15 vii. FRANK ELIOT MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - viii. NORA MIDDLETON (b 10 February 1848; d 21 May 1875) m 16 October 1872 Dr. AUGUSTUS A. DeLOFFRE, U. S. A. (d 4 September 1899).
- 16 ix. WILLIAM ELIOT MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.



THE SEVENTH GENERATION

14. Samuel Caleb Middleton [son of Thomas J. and Mary Ann (Leach) Middleton] was born 28 June 1828 near Midway, Ky., and died 13 April 1892, Washington, D. C., and buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington. On 15 April 1855 he married in Washington, D. C., his first cousin Mary Elizabeth Birckhead (b 18 January 1826, that city; d there 1 August 1913). There were early members of the Methodist Chapel on M Street, between 9th and 10th, which in 1869 became the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church. There their children were baptized in their infancy. After coming to Washington, Mr. Middleton was long employed by William I. Mitchell, whose carpet business was established at 813 Market Place, just off Pennsylvania Avenue. From 1870 until their deaths, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton lived at 948 L Street, N. W.

Children of Samuel Caleb Middleton and His Wife Mary Elizabeth Birckhead:

- i. HENRY OSCAR MIDDLETON (b 26 May 1856; d 8 June 1925) m STELLA TOWNSEND (living 1953, Los Angeles), and had issue, a daughter Edith who m Henry Boesche. They have no issue.
- ii. MARY ISABEL MIDDLETON (b 11 October 1859; d 21 March 1936, Boston, Mass.) m ca. 1883 WILLIAM H. BUTLER, as his second wife. She had no issue. By his first wife he left a daughter May who married Fred Behrens. They also died without issue.
- 17 iii. JEFFERSON MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
 - iv. ROSE FLORENCE MIDDLETON (b 2 April 1862, twin of Jefferson Middleton) died 10 September 1863. She and her twin brother were buried in graves in the same family plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D. C., nearly ninety years apart.
- 15. Frank Eliot Middleton [son of Lemuel James Middleton and his wife Catherine Mary Eliot] was born 10 August 1845, and died 28 February 1923. He married 6 September 1870 Ella King Clark (b 9 March 1953), daughter of John F. Clark, of Maryland. Like his brothers before him, he began his career with a clerkship during the Civil War. By 1869, however, he was "on his way up" with the First National Bank of Washington. During the next two years he was receiving teller there. His advancement continued and his financial position likewise.

On 25 October 1877 he purchased "Woodley." Concerning "Woodley" the following was written by Wm. Bogardus Bryan, in his A History of the National Capital: 1

[By 1794 Mr. Forrest] sold to his brother-in-law Philip Barton Key 250 acres of the Rosedale tract which Mr. Key named Woodley. Mr. Key, who practised law in the District up to the year 1806, when he transferred his business in the District to his nephew Francis Scott Key, built a house on the south side of Woodley Road, still standing, and between 30th and 31st streets, where he lived, except during the summer, until his death in the year 1817.

Francis Scott Key's name is etched on a window pane in its front hall. Presidents Van Buren, Tyler, Buchanan, and Cleveland spent certain summers during their terms as our Chief Executive in residence at "Woodley." Colonel Edward M. House, as President Wilson's personal representative, held pre-war conferences there with foreign diplomats. President Polk's distinguished Secretary of the Treasury, Robert J. Walker, owned "Woodley", but sold it in 1865 to W. S. Huntington, as trustee. After 12 years the Huntingtons sold it to Frank Eliot Middleton; and he sold it, 17 years later, to his brother-in-law Alexander Henderson, who then held the rank of commodore in the U. S. Navy. In 1929 Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson purchased it.

Children of Frank Eliot Middleton and His Wife Ella King Clark:

- i. FRANK ELIOT MIDDLETON, Jr. (b 13 November 1877) m 2 June 1913 Mrs. GERTRUDE ALDER NEWMAN; issue, one daughter.
- ii. SOPHIE BELLE MIDDLETON (b 27 August 1879), lived at 3511 Lowell Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in 1935.
- iii. JOHN CLARK MIDDLETON (b 5 October 1883) m 5 October 1909 MARGARET COYNE; issue, two daughters.
- 16. WILLIAM ELIOT MIDDLETON [son of Lemuel James Middleton and his wife Mary Catherine Eliot] was born 23 May 1851, and died 12 June 1912. He married 15 November 1877 ANNA WHITWELL (d 7 January 1926), and had issue:
 - i. WILLIAM WHITWELL MIDDLETON (b 27 January 1881) m 12 June 1906 KATE MUNSON, of Virginia.
 - ii. HARRY MIDDLETON (b 2 October 1882) m LOUISE LAMB.
 - iii. NEWTON MIDDLETON (b January 1885) m 12 October 1909 FLORENCE SHARPE.
 - iv. FREDERICK ELIOT MIDDLETON (b 27 July 1892) m 29 January 1916 Mrs. REBECCA SIMMS, of Baltimore. He was, according to one contributor of Middleton data, president in 1935 of the Washington D. C. Real Estate Board; but another gave the name of that official as Frank E. Middleton.

¹ Opus cit. (1914), pp. 413-414.



THE EIGHTH GENERATION

17. JEFFERSON MIDDLETON was born 2 April 1862, Washington, D. C., and died 3 April 1953 at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, his residence being at the home of his son Frederic A. Middleton, 4717 Ellicott Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

He was educated in the Washington public schools and later took studies preparatory for a medical degree at Columbian College (now George Washington University). He changed his mind, however, and after thoroughly equipping himself as a stenographer he entered the government service. He soon became recognized as a statistician, and as such became the author of certain government publications on ceramics. He served in the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines from the Administration of Chester A. Arthur in 1884 until his retirement in 1932. He had served under eleven Presidencies.

Mr. Middleton was a member of the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, Sons of the American Revolution, and became in 1906 Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in the District of Columbia. In the 1880's he was an active member of the Washington Operatic Society founded by John Philip Sousa.

He lived all his life in Washington and told many interesting stories of the early days in the Capital. He remembered the annual ice carnivals when Pennsylvania Avenue would be flooded for skating and of the ice queen being chosen. One story of his boyhood always pleased his children. He was out front of his L Street house playing when Gen. Grant walked by. He patted little Jeff on the head and said "What's your name, little boy"? When he replied, "Jefferson," Gen. Grant replied, "I think I've heard that name before"!

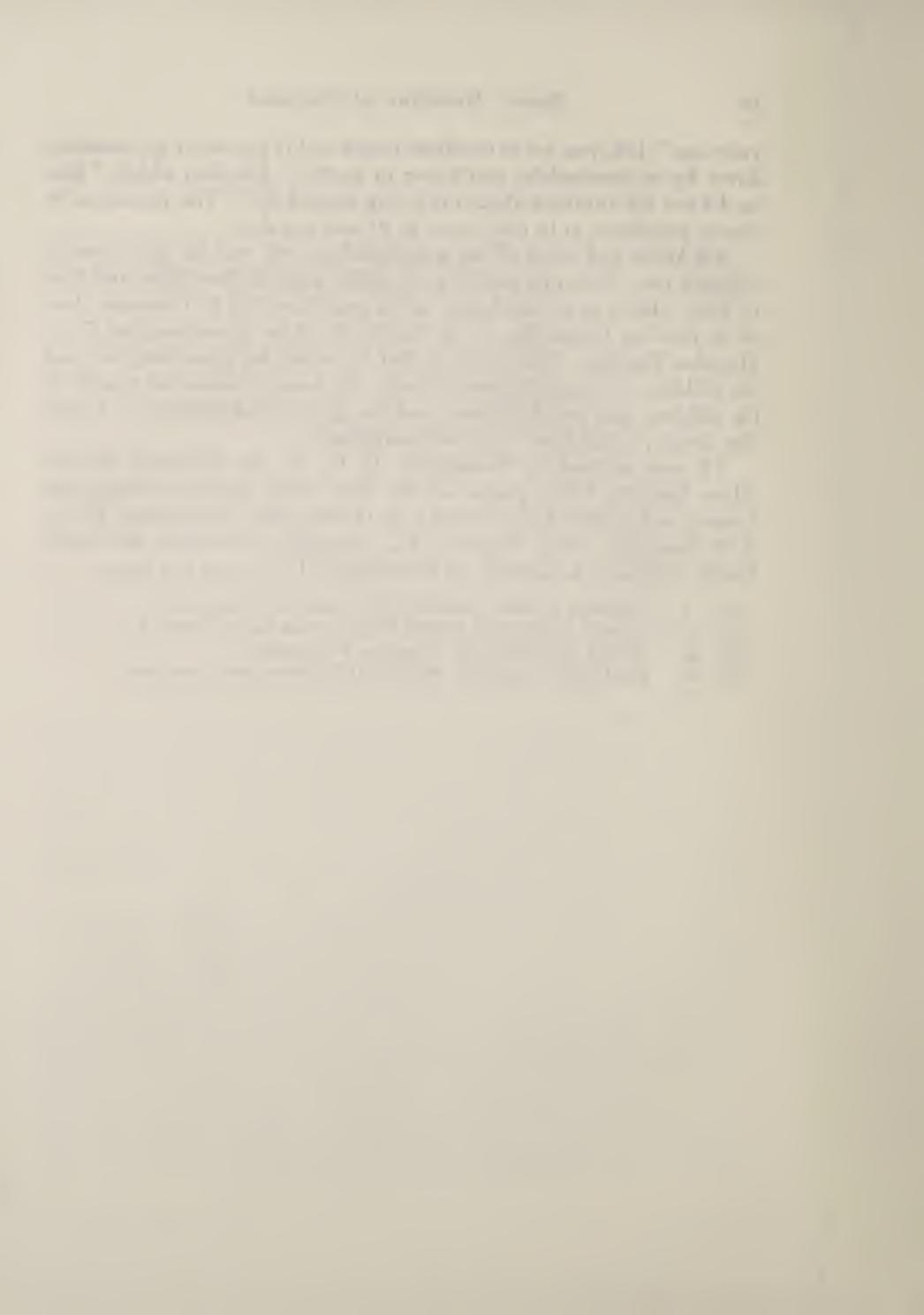
The family had a birthday party for him on his 80th birthday at the house of his daughter Mrs. Felix Morley, then living in Haverford, Pa. All his living descendants were present and it was a very happy occasion. They were his 4 children, their husbands and wives, and his 11 grand-children. There was also a family party on his 90th birthday at the Morley house in Washington and again his four children, and their husbands and wives were present and as many grandchildren as possible. They were grown up and scattered by then. But at 90 years he had 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He made a fine talk after dinner on his 90th birthday and told what his physician had said many

years ago "Jeff, you are in excellent health and if you don't get knocked down by an automobile, you'll live to be 90." He then added, "But he did not say anything about my living beyond 90." This proved to be almost prophetic, as he did live to be 91 and one day.

He knew and loved all his grandchildren well and his great-grand-children too. When he was 89 years old he took his first flight and flew to Flint, Mich., to see the family of his grandson Dale L. Herndon, then on to Bowling Green, Ky., to see the family of his granddaughter Carol Herndon Burford. Shortly after that he visited his granddaughter and the children of Anne Middleton Stout. He loved to make the rounds of his children and grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren, all loving him deeply, called him "Great-Grandfather."

He was married in Washington, D. C., by the Reverend William Alvin Bartlett, D.D., pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church to Eva Belle Cauldwell (b 19 May 1867, Washington, D. C.; d 29 November 1930, Ardmore, Pa., (daughter of Andrew and Mary Sutliff (McGay) Cauldwell, of Washington, D. C., and had issue:

- 18 i. GEORGE ELMER MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 19 ii. GRACE CORDELIA MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 20 iii. ISABEL MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.
- 21 iv. FREDERIC ANDREW MIDDLETON, whose line is continued.



THE NINTH GENERATION

18. George Elmer Middleton [son of Jefferson and Eva Belle (Cauldwell) Middleton] was born in Washington, D. C., 12 January 1890. He received the degree of Ceramic Engineer, 1912, from Ohio State University, and that of Bachelor of Arts, 1916, from George Washington University. After employment in the United States Bureau of Standards and the Patent Office he entered the service of the patent law firm of Pennie, Davis, Marvin, and Edmonds in February 1920. He became a partner therein in 1930. He continues now as partner, its present name being Pennie, Edmonds, Morton, Barrows, and Taylor, with offices at 247 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Mr. Middleton was elected to the Session of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J., in 1942 and served thereon until 1945, at which time he and Mrs. Middleton moved to New York City. He is a member of the Canadian Club of New York City, the American Bar Association, and the New York Patent Law Association. He once described himself as "a prolific writer of briefs some of which have been effective for their intended purpose." He has contributed articles on trade-marks to the *Trade-Mark Reporter*.

On 19 August 1915 he married in Chicago, Ill., ESTHER ANNE ENGELHORN (b Helena, Mont.), daughter of Herman T. and Emma (Lenz) Engelhorn. She was graduated from the University of Washington at Seattle, 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

Their address is 277 Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. Their summer home is at Dennis, Mass.

Children of George Elmer Middleton and His Wife Esther Anne Engelborn:

i. JOHN ENGELHORN MIDDLETON, born 24 June 1916, Washington, D. C., died 20 February 1920, New Rochelle, N. Y.

ii. ANNE MIDDLETON, born 7 June 1919, Washington, D. C.; graduated, 1937, The Hartridge School, Plainfield, N. J., and A.B., 1941, Vassar College; member, Junior League of America, elected, 1941, Plainfield, N. J.; was married 10 March 1943, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J., to ARTHUR DUNHAM STOUT, Jr., (born 21 October 1915), son of Arthur and Josephine (Culbertson) Stout. During World War II he served as Lieutenant in the Air Force, and is now associated with Scott-Choate Publishing Co.

Their home is at 967 Madison Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. They have the following children:

(1) Arthur Dunham Stout, III, born 15 January 1945, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

(2) Sarah Middleton Stout, born 13 August 1947, Plainfield, N. J.

(3) George Jefferson Stout, born 18 April 1952, Plainfield, N. J.

19. GRACE CORDELIA MIDDLETON [daughter of Jefferson and Eva Belle (Cauldwell) Middleton] was born in Washington, D. C., 15 February 1893. In 1912 she was graduated from Washington Normal School (now called Wilson Teachers College). On 7 April 1915 she was married to John Goodwin Herndon (Jr.), at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, the Reverend Dr. Earl Wilfley, officiating. [For details concerning John G. Herndon see the 1956–57 edition of Who's Who in America, and for data about his parents see Who's Who in the National Capital, 1926.]

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon are members of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where they have served respectively as President of the Men's Union and the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Herndon is also secretary of the Pennsylvania Medical Missionary Society; was registrar of the Philadelphia Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (1948–53), of which Society she is a member by right of descent from Nehemiah Birckhead et al.; was president of the Haverford Branch of the Needlework Guild of America (1937–1945); a canteen worker with the Red Cross (1942–1945); and member of National Society of Colonial Dames in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by right of her descent from William Middleton et al. She is also a member of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon reside at 1 College Lane, Haverford, Pa. Their summer home is "Green Ledges", Goshen, N. H.

Children of John Goodwin Herndon and His Wife Grace Cordelia Middleton:

i. DALE LINTON HERNDON, born 24 April 1917, Washington, D. C.; B.A., honors course, 1939, Swarthmore College; M.Sc., 1943, University of Pennsylvania; Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Xi; served 1942–46 as ensign, later lieutenant (j.g.), USNR; chemist with E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co., now (1954) a supervisor, Marshall Laboratory, Philadelphia, Pa.; member, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Presbyterian; resides at 923 Wilde Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa.; married 26 September 1942, at Wayne, Pa., FRANCES ELIZABETH MacNALLY. She was born 4 March 1918, Bryn Mawr, Pa., daughter of Paul Howard MacNally and his wife Ruth Marquart, now of Telford, Pa. She was graduated 1936 from the Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, and from Wells College, Aurora,



- N. Y., B.A., 1940: She was chosen "mother of the year", 1952, Flint, Michigan. She is a member, Junior League of America, elected 1949, Flint, Mich.; Huguenot Society of America (by right of her descent from Cornelys Melyn et al.), and Descendants of the Colonial Clergy (by right of her descent from Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dickinson, first president of Princeton College); Presbyterian. They have the following children, all born at Bryn Mawr, Pa.:
- (1) Elizabeth Linton Herndon, born 4 February 1944;
- (2) Sarah Robbins Herndon, born 29 March 1946;
- (3) Paul Howard Herndon, born 9 February 1949; and
- (4) Carolyn Cauldwell Herndon, born 8 October 1952.
- RICHARD MIDDLETON HERNDON, born 21 October 1919, Philadelii. phia, Pa.; B.A., magna cum laude, 1941, Washington and Lee University; Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Sigma; graduate fellow, Haverford College, 1941; entered service, State Department, 11 December 1941; various grades, private through captain, AUS, 1941-1953; in active service overseas, 1943-45; commissioned, Foreign Service Officer, 1946, served as vice consul, Montreal, 1946-47; assigned to Yale and Harvard Universities for Japanese language study, 1947–1948, vice consul and later chief language officer and second secretary at Tokyo, 1949-1952, returned to United States, June 1952, and assigned to State Department (Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs), promoted to consul, September 1954; member, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Episcopalian; present address, McLean, Va.; married 4 April 1943, at Calvary Episcopal Church, Dinwiddie, Va., FRANCES VIRGINIA STERNE. She was born 25 January 1922, Dinwiddie, Va., daughter of William Potter Sterne, Esq., and his wife Helen Cornell Russell; B.A., 1942, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; member, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta Pi (honorary educational fraternity); student also at Yale Graduate School and George Washington University; member, first corps of Gray Ladies in Tokyo, 1949–1952, Order of First Families of Virginia (by right of her descent from Major Abraham Wood and Edward Sheppey); president, National Tokyo-Washington Women's Club, Washington, D. C., 1953-54; Episcopalian. They have the following children:
 - (1) Martha Anne Herndon, born 7 March 1944, Richmond, Va.; and
 - (2) John Potter Herndon, born 24 November 1947, Boston, Mass. CONSTANCE HERNDON, born 22 May 1923, Philadelphia, Pa.; die
- iii. CONSTANCE HERNDON, born 22 May 1923, Philadelphia, Pa.; died 23 June 1923; buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Easton Road, Philadelphia.
- iv. CAROL MAY HERNDON, born 21 August 1924, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia; graduated with honors, Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 1942; student, Bryn Mawr College, 1943, 1944–1946; member, Daughters of the American Revolution (by right of her descent from Pomfrett Herndon and 23 other soldiers or patriots); member, Women's, Literary, and Browning Clubs of Bowling Green, Ky.; Presbyterian; resides at 16 Highland Drive, Bowling Green, Ky.; married 1 June 1943 in the Chapel of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian

Church to NOBLE ALBERT BURFORD, Jr. He was born 10 January 1920, Louisville, Ky., son of Noble and Florence (Gayle) Burford; B.A., 1942, Haverford College; a partner in the firm of William L. Burford and Company, tobacconists and warehousemen; member, Boots and Saddle Club, Bowling Green, Ky.; Presbyterian; served during World War II, first as an enlisted man and later as an Ensign, USNR, taking the first minesweeper into Tokyo Bay. He is a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Ky. They have the following children:

- (1) Alice Addison Burford, born 17 August 1945, Bryn Mawr, Pa.;
- (2) Frances Herndon Burford, born 13 May 1948, Bowling Green, Ky., and
- (3) John Noble Burford, born 13 June 1952, Bowling Green, Ky.

20. ISABEL MIDDLETON [daughter of Jefferson and Eva Belle (Cauldwell) Middleton] was born 20 August 1896 in Washington, D. C. There she was married 8 December 1917, at her parents' home, to Felix Muskett Morley (born 6 January 1894, Haverford, Pa.), son of Frank and Lillian Janet (Bird) Morley. [For details concerning him see the latest edition of Who's Who in America and for data about his parents see Who Was Who: 1897–1942, p. 867.] Mrs. Felix Morley is president of the Woman's Christian Association of Washington, and is the author of a series of sketches of Washington in the years 1913–1933 which appeared in the Washington Post about 1938. She and her husband have lived many years in Oxford and London (England), Geneva (Switzerland) and in Baltimore, Md., Haverford, Pa., Washington, D. C., and at Gibson Island, Md. They maintain homes at present in the two last named places.

Children of Felix M. and Isabel (Middleton) Morley:

i. LORNA JANET ("Lannie") MORLEY, born 8 February 1923, Baltimore, Md.; graduated 1940, Miss Madeira's School; B.A., 1944, Bryn Mawr College; since then in government service.

ii. CHRISTINA BIRD ("Teenie") MORLEY, born 3 October 1924, Baltimore, Md.; graduated 1942, Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; student, Vassar College, 1942–1946, the Boston Nursery Training School, 1947–49, and George Washington University, B.A., 1952; taught in Maryland and United Nations kindergartens, 1949–1951; was married 23 May 1953, at St. Christophers By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Gibson Island, Md., to RICHARD LERAY BORDEN, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Borden, of Washington, D. C.

iii. ANTHONY JEFFERSON ("Tony") MORLEY, born 17 January 1930, Geneva, Switzerland; graduated 1947, St. Albans School, Washington, D. C.; Haverford College, B.A., 1951; Fulbright Fellow, 1951–1952; married in Vienna, Austria, 2 February 1952 JANE AUGUSTINE (born 6 April 1931), daughter of Waldemar R. and Marguerite (St. Clair) Augustine, of Berkeley, California. She is a Bachelor of Arts,



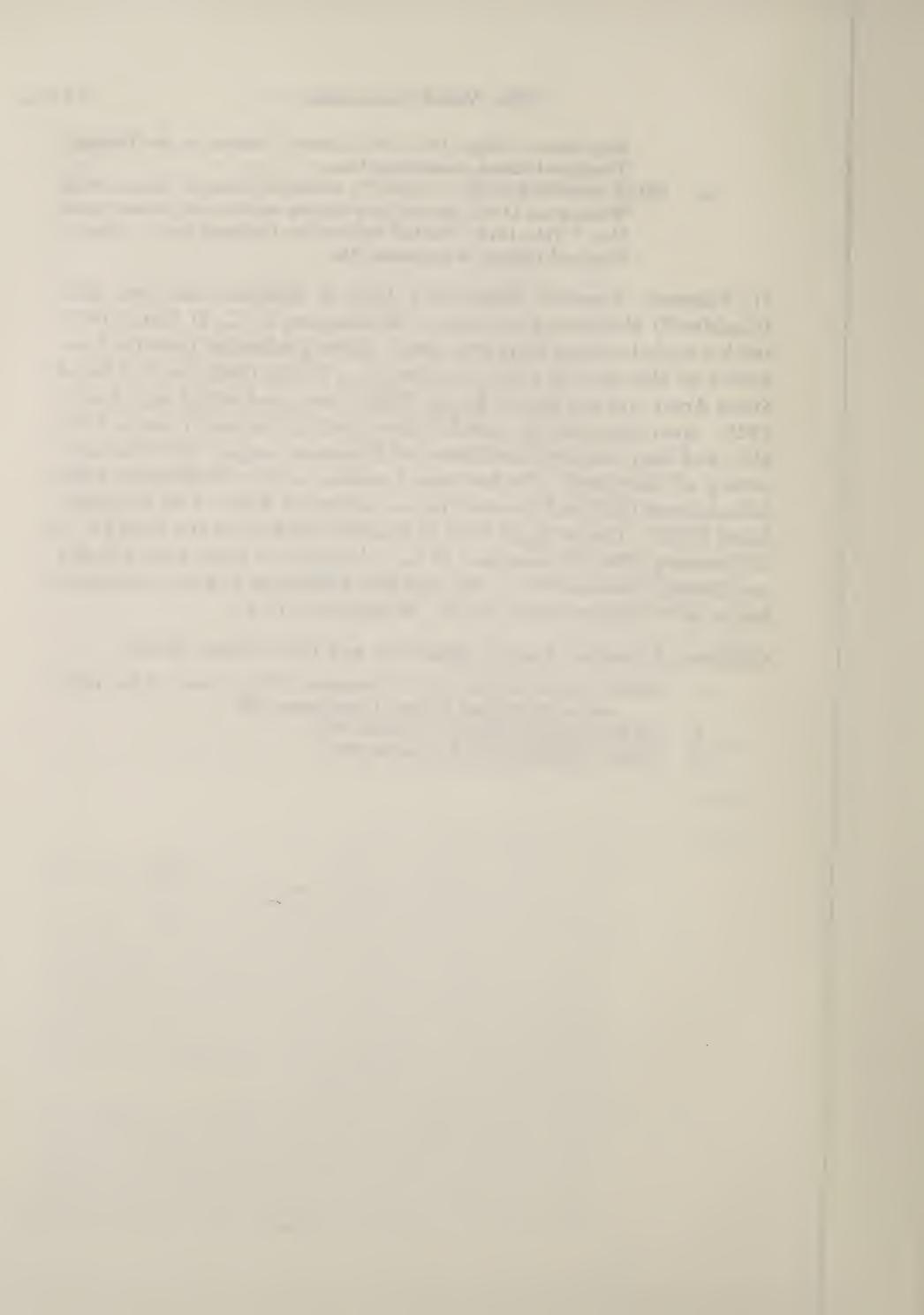
Bryn Mawr College, 1952. He is now a student at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

- iv. FELIX WOODBRIDGE ("Woody") MORLEY, born 31 August 1932, Washington, D. C., drowned in a boating accident, off Gibson Island, Md., 5 July 1952. He had finished the freshman year at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.
- 21. Frederic Andrew Middleton [son of Jefferson and Eva Belle (Cauldwell) Middleton] was born in Washington, D. C., 21 March 1903, and has made his home there ever since. After graduation from the University of Maryland in 1928, he enlisted as a Flying Cadet in the United States Army and was sent to Brooks Field, Texas, and served until March 1929. Soon thereafter he attended Bliss Electrical School, Takoma Park, Md., and later received the Master of Education degree from the University of Maryland. He has been a teacher in the Washington High Schools since 1932, and is one of the co-authors of Before You Fly (published 1942). On 14 April 1933 he married Helen Splain Kelley (b 20 February 1904, Washington, D. C.), daughter of James Henry Kelley and his wife Florence West. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton and their daughters live at 4717 Ellicott Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Children of Frederic Andrew Middleton and Helen Splain Kelley:

- i. JANET MIDDLETON (b 27 November 1933), is now in her junior year at Washington College, Chestertown, Md.
- ii. CAROL MIDDLETON, b 15 March 1937.
- iii. MARY MIDDLETON, b 5 March 1939.

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HUGH TEARES OF MARYLAND

Notes on Hugh Teares, of Charles County, Maryland

The first reference to HUGH TEARES which we have found in the Charles County records recites that he, as administrator of the estate of Nicholas Skidmore, of Charles County, deceased, furnished bond for £60, dated 26 January 1694/5, with Henry Hawkins as his surety.¹

On 2 September 1699 a tract called Our Lordship's Favour, supposed to contain 1,000 acres, was surveyed for him, "Beginning at a Bounded Red Oak and Corner Tree of Notley Rosier's Land", but at a later date its possessors were listed as Joseph Lancaster, 603 acres; Samuel Hawkins, 250 acres; James Keech, 250 acres; and Robert Brent, 33 acres. The poor job of estimating the acreage or of surveying it caused an entry to be made in the record, reading, "136 acres more than the survey." A resurvey was ordered. The patent to Our Lordship's Favour was issued, however, to Major Boarman who deeded this tract to HUGH TEARES.

Within five months of the original survey HUGH TEARES had died. The following is a rather full abstract of his Will 4 which was dated 23 January 1699/1700 and proved in Court 20 February 1699/1700 by three of the witnesses to his Will, viz., Thomas Smoot, William Deere, and Eliz⁸. Dutton:

In the Name of God Amen. I HUGH TEARES of "Nangemy", Charles County, Province of Maryland, Gent., being of perfect health of body and mind do hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

I bequeath my body to the earth to be decently interred and my soul to Almighty God, hoping for a Joyfull Resurrection in and through the merits of his dear Son Christ my Redeemer.

I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife ELINOR TEARES one moiety at Sinah, to her and her heirs forever;

I give the other moiety to my dear child ELIZ^A. TEARES and to her heirs forever; but if the aforesaid ELINOR TEARES should dye without issue to her body, the whole to descend to ELIZABETH TEARES and to her heirs forever. If ELIZA. TEARES shall dye without issue, then the whole shall descend to ELINOR TEARES aforesaid; but if both ELINOR and ELIZA. TEARES shall dye without issue, I will and bequeath 300 acres to ANN BAYNE, Jr., and EBSWORTH BAYNE, another 300 acres to HENRY and RUTH HAWKINS, another 300 acres to ELLENOR and ELIZABETH STONE, and 100 acres to CHARLES and EDWARD PHILPOT, Jr.

¹ Testamentary Proceedings #15-C: 167.

² Charles County Rent Roll #1: 40.

³ Charles County Deed Book M-2: 309.

⁴ Maryland Will Book #11: 204-208.

I further give and bequeath to ELIZ^A. TEARES aforesaid all my DECEASED WIFE's wearing apparel and rings, together with the bed I usually lay upon when at home, with one pair of HOLLAND sheets and one diaper tablecloth and half a dozen diaper napkins, and a pair of HOLLAND sheets which I have with Mr. [HENRY] HAWKINS.

And my further will and desire is that ELIZABETH TEARES, aforesaid, do live with her Aunt ELIZA. HAWKINS, and whatever legacies I have bequeathed to her be delivered unto the aforesaid ELIZA. HAWKINS for the use of my said daughter ELIZABETH TEARES: one mare known by EDWARD PHILPOT that I formerly gave unto her to be delivered to the aforesaid Aunt ELIZABETH HAWKINS, for the use of ELIZA. TEARES, and also one man servant, having at least five years to serve and being in perfect health of body and under twenty-five years of age, to be delivered to ELIZA. TEARES when she shall arrive at the age of Sixteen years or at the date of her marriage, by my wife ELINOR TEARES, my executrix.

I name my friends Capt. JOHN BAYNE, Major JAMES SMALLWOOD, and Mr.

JOHN HAWKINS as assistants to my executrix.

In the records of the Prerogative Court of Maryland three entries concern Hugh Teares. The first, dated 3 May 1702, reads as follows:⁵

The Will of HUGH TEARES of Charles County, naming ELLINOR TEARES exec. was proved by three persons.

The second, dated 12 May 1702, recites that JNO. and ELLINOR BEALE, administrators of Hugh Teares, furnished bond, dated 8 December 1701, in the sum of £378, with W. Stone as their surety. The third, dated 7 July 1702, states that on 27 February 1699 [i.e., 1699/1700] the estate of Hugh Teares was appraised at £189 8s. 11d., by John Cage and Jos. Fendall.

Elsewhere 8 it is also noted:

That the Inventory of Mr. HUGH TEARES, late of Charles County, was appraised 23 February 1699 for 189/7/11 but that JOHN CAGE one of the appraisers died before signing [it].

The fact that HUGH TEARES was styled "Mr." and "Gentleman" shows his standing in the Charles County neighborhood where he lived; but what office, if any, he held has not been ascertained.

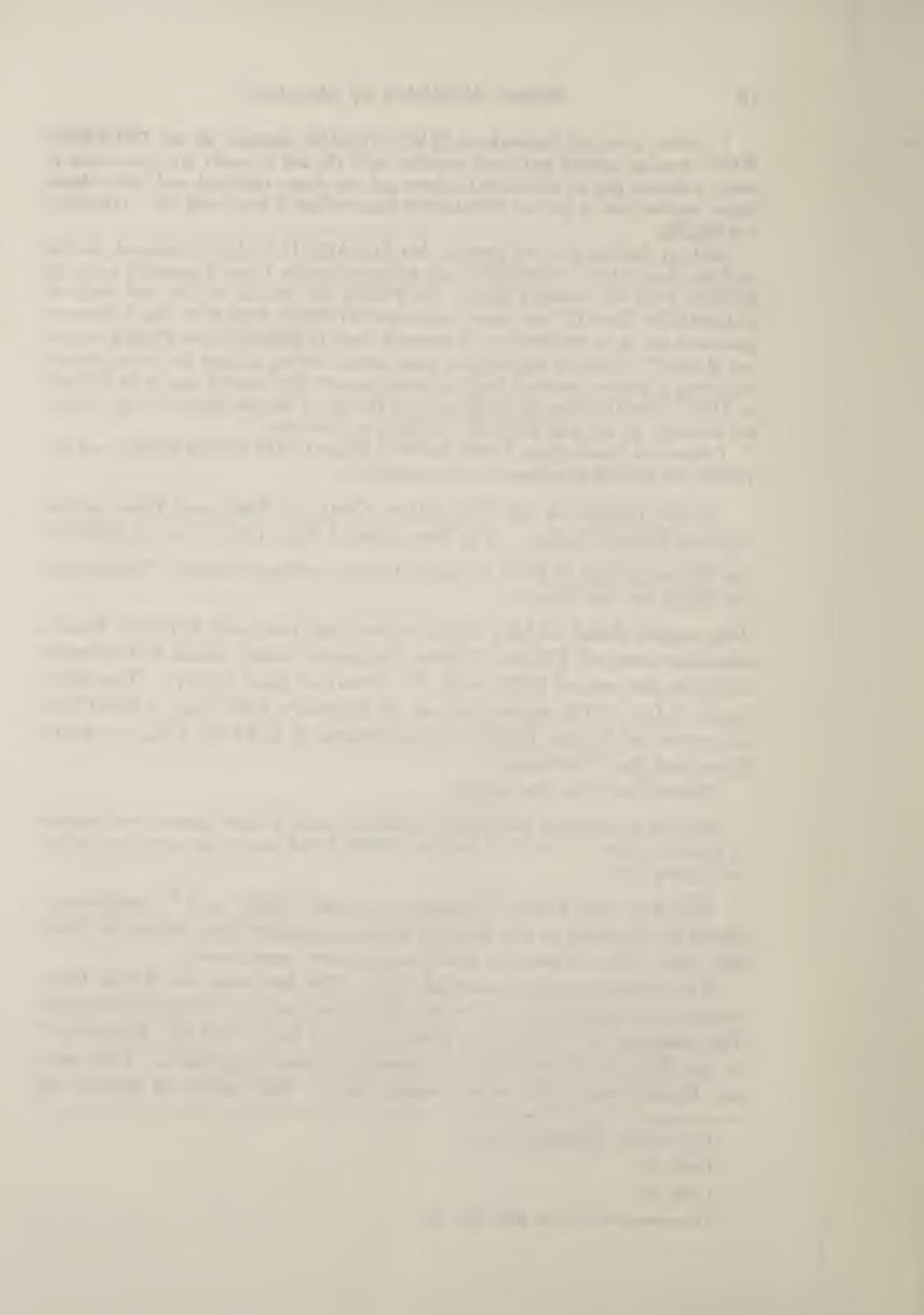
He is known to have married twice. His first wife was RUTH HOLLAND whose sister ELIZABETH was the second wife of HENRY HAWKINS. The mention of "HOLLAND sheets which I have with Mr. HAWKINS" in the Will of HUGH TEARES is interesting and important. They were not Dutch sheets, but were family linen. The father of RUTH and

⁵ Testamentary Proceedings 19 A: 75.

^{6 1}bid., 78.

⁷ Ibid., 85.

⁸ Inventories and Account Book #21: 262.



ELIZABETH HOLLAND was probably named HENRY HOLLAND, and he may have been, as one student of family records claimed, a grandson of Philemon Holland (1552-1637) who was called "translator-general in his age."

Note on Ellinor Bayne, of Charles County, Maryland

How long Hugh Teares remained a widower we do not know, but concerning his second wife we have a great deal of information. She was born about 1667, named Ellinor Bayne, 11 youngest daughter of WALTER BEANE (BAYNE) who died testate in 1670 and his wife EL-LINOR BAYNE who died testate in 1701. When 17 years of age she was married, in 1684, to John Stone, a son of Governor William Stone. JOHN STONE died about July 1698, testate, and provided in his Will that his wife ELLINOR should have administration on that part of his estate which would pass to her and her children. These were ELLINOR, ELIZABETH, and WALTER STONE. She was married to HUGH TEARES just about one month when he died in the early part of 1699/1700. Somewhat before 8 December 1701 she had been married to her third husband, JOHN BEALE, for on that date they were designated by the Charles County Court as administrators of Hugh Teares' estate. She and JOHN BEALE had one son RICHARD BEALE, born in 1705. She died ante 1717. In an Act for the Relief of JOHN BEALE, Gentleman, and RICHARD BEALE, a minor, introduced in the Maryland Assembly in 1717 some details of her family relationships are recorded.12

Notes on Elizabeth (Holland) [Wine] Hawkins, of Charles County, Maryland

Let us now return to consider further data concerning blood relatives of ELIZABETH (TEARES) MIDDLETON, the first wife of WILLIAM MIDDLETON. Her mother, for example, is identified in the following recital: ¹³

Know all men by these presents that I Henry Wine of Pitchley in ye County of Northamptonshire doe by these presents exchange a parcell of land left to me by my father

¹⁰ Hugh C. Middleton; notes in Genealogical File, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania.

¹¹ See especially Provincial Judgments #21: 516; but also the Wills of Walter Beane, Elinor Bayne, and John Stone in Maryland Wills, vol. i: 386, vol. xi: 298, and vol. vi: 153; as well as deeds from "Richard Beale, son of John Beale by Eleanor Bean (Bayne), daughter of Walter Bean (Bayne)" to John Diggs and from Richard Beale, planter, of Essex County, Va., to John Ebernathy, Innkeeper, of a part of His Lordship's Favour recorded in Chas. Co. Deed Book L-2: 117 and 380. William Middleton was a witness to each of these two Deeds, dated 19 September 1723 and 14 August 1727, respectively.

¹² Archives of Maryland, vol. xxxviii: 256.

¹³ Charles County Deed Book P-1: 78.

Francis Wine in Maryland in Wiccocomico River near ye head there of the quantity of ninety acres of ground commonly called by ye name of Burton something below William Marshalls with my mother Mistress Elizabeth Hawkins wch [she] is free to dispose of at her own pleasure and I am content, [and I] do by these presents forever quit any title or claime whatsoever to ye above menconed ninety Acres of Land commonly called Burton. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this fifth day of October 1688 in ye fourth yeare of ye Reign of our Sovereign Lord James ye Second of England Scotland France & Ireland King defender of ye faith etc. Witness

Nicholas Colborne Priscillya Bradley

/s/ HENRY WINE (Seal)

The above Mrs. Elizabeth Hawkins came here and freely acknowledged in open Court all her right title and interest in ye above menconed land [and conveyed it] unto her sister Ruth Tears wife of Hugh Tears and to ye heirs of her [Ruth's] body lawfully begotten.

This June Court Annoq Domi 1689 /s/ Rd: Boughton Clerke

ELIZABETH (TEARES) MIDDLETON is called kinswoman in the Will of her aunt, Mrs. ELIZABETH (HOLLAND) [WINE] HAWKINS, of which the following is a full abstract:

In the Name of God Amen: I, ELIZABETH HAWKINS, of Charles County, Maryland, widow, being sick and weak of body but of sound memory, do make this my last Will.

Imprimis To my three grandchildren, Francis Wine, Elizabeth Wine, and Mary Wine, son and daughters of Henry Wine, late of the Kingdom of Great Britain, deceased: £10 sterling in lieu of all claims any of them may have.

Item To my daughter Elizabeth Lewis, wife of ---- Lewis, of Great Britain aforesaid: 5 shillings.

Item To my granddaughter Elizabeth Keech: one set of calico curtains and counterpane, three cane chairs, one table, one side saddle, one cow and calf, and one breeding mare, being in Zachia [Manor], with all her future increase; and my negress Elly and her increase, except that her first female child is to go to my granddaughter Martha Keech.

Item To my granddaughter Martha Keech: One featherbed, the next to the best that I commonly lie upon, and its furniture; three cane chairs, one table, two pair of sheets, one pair of pillow cases, half a dozen napkins, one table cloth, one cow and calf, a breeding mare being in Zachia [Manor] with all her increase, and my negro Peter. If either granddaughter die before arriving at the age of sixteen years or without issue, the negroes with their increase are to return to my son Henry Holland Hawkins.

Item To my grandson Henry Holland Hawkins, son of Henry Holland Hawkins aforesaid: my negro Jack, the featherbed I commonly lie on with its furniture, one table, one looking glass, one diaper tablecloth, and seven diaper napkins.

Item To my granddaughter Elizabeth Hawkins: 500 acres, called Jamaica, lying in Prince Georges County, also a featherbed and furniture, table cloth, and seven diaper napkins, and my negress Pegg.



Item To my grandson John Hawkins: my negro Jimmy.

Item To Richard Tubman, son of the Reverend Richard Tubman, decreased: one servant lad not under five years to serve.

Item To my kinswoman Elizabeth Middleton, wife of William Middleton: I give and

bequeathe all the best of my wearing apparel.

Item To my son Henry Holland Hawkins: my negro Congo and my negress Betty with all her future increase, for life; then afterwards to be equally divided amongst his children. To him I give also the remaining part of my estate which, after his death, is to be divided equally amongst his children. But if my son die before any of his children arrive at the age of 21 years, then all the estate bequeathed to him is to be put and remain in the hands of Michael and John Martin or the survivor of them for the use of my said son's children, when they arrive at age or marry.

Lastly I appoint my son Henry Holland Hawkins to be my whole and sole executor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 12 June 1716.

Signed, sealed, published, and delivered

in presence of

Matthew Stone William Howard

her ELIZABETH (x) HAWKINS (seal)

On 14 June 1717 the above Will was proved in common form by the oath of Matthew Stone, one of the witnesses, before A. Contee, D.C.

Notes on Francis Wyne, of Charles County, Maryland

Francis Wyne is first mentioned in the Maryland records in the following items in Land Office Patent Series Liber 4: 584 as follows:

5th October WILLIAM MARSHALL Enters rights as followeth Vizt. for Nicholas Grosse his transportation into this province in Anno 1651 and one other right by assignment from Humphrey Warren, and one other right by assignment from WALTER BEANE which assignments are as followeth:

I do assign Mary Bennett to serve WILLIAM MARSHALL from the tenth day of December 1660 the full and just term of seven years according to the Conditions of the Indenture. Witness my hand this 20th Day of february 1660. /s/ HUMPHREY WARREN

I WALTER BEANE do assign and sett over my whole right Title and Interest of my Servant FRANCIS WYNE unto WILLIAM MARSHALL or his assigns. Witness my hand 29th September 1660.

Testes:

John Hatch James Walker

Wittness FRANCIS WYNE

WALTER BEANE / his mark

Mem.^m No warrant hath as yet been issued for the above rights.

Other entries relating to Francis Wyne are found in Charles County Court Procedings in Archives of Maryland, vol. liii:

He was named as defendant in a suit at a court held 25 September 1661; witness on a power of attorney, dated 8 July 1662, from THOMAS STONE to EDMUND LINDSEY; called a "cooper" in an apprenticeship contract with THOMAS MARIS,

3 October 1662; a "coopet" also in assignment of a patent from WILLIAM COD-WELL, 12 May 1663. In a deposition, apparently dated 30 April 1664, but at latest 5 April 1665, he gave his age as "thirty years or thereabouts." On 25 April 1665 FRANCIS WINE "Cooper" sells to HENRY HAWKINS for 10,000 pounds of tobacco and caske 700 acres on the north side of the Potomac River and the west of the main fresh of the Wicomoco.

In those Proceedings as reported in Archives of Maryland, vol. lx, Francis Wyne is mentioned in connection with two transactions:

The deed from ELIZA. EMANSON to FRANCIS WYNE, dated 16 June 1671 was printed, and at a Court held 8 August 1671

ELIZA. EMANSON came & acknowledged to FRANCIS WINE a parcell of land Glovers poynt in Nangemy Creeke as by Convey: hereafter recorded may appeare.

At a Court 10 September 1672

FRANCIS WYNE entreth this ensuing marke of a mare given to his daughter, vizt, one flower delence on his (sic) buttock.

He seems to have continued to prosper, for on 2 March 1679/80 this entry was made in Land Office Patent Liber WC#2: 100-101:

Came FRANCIS WYNE of Charles County and prod. rights to Three hundred acres of Land for transporting George Goodman Willm Harbinger Francis Herman Elizabeth Ealor and Mary Gubins into this province to inhabit

Warr^t, then granted to FRANCIS WYNE of Charles County for three hundred and fifty acres of land three hundred acres thereof are as aforegoing—fifty acres more due for transporting Jn^o. Curtis into this province to inhabit.

FRANCIS WYNE was twice married. By his first wife whose name is not of record he had a son John Wyne, named in his Will. Sometime before 1672 Francis married Elizabeth Holland, for on 10 September 1672 he caused to be entered the mark on the mare he had given to his daughter. She was mentioned in his Will and in her Mother's Will. In the latter she was designated as Elizabeth Lewis of Great Britain.

When WILLIAM MARSHALL made his Will 22 April 1673, he designated Francis Wyne, whom he called brother, one of his executors. When Francis Wyne made his Will 14 November 1681, he owned two properties in Northamptonshire which he devised equally to his son Henry Wyne, then of London, and his daughter Elizabeth; and nine tracts in Charles County, Maryland, totaling 1134 acres, which he left to his son John Wyne. To Elizabeth (Holland) Wyne was left the residuary estate, real and personal, and she was named executrix. Francis Wyne's Will was proved 6 March 1682 and recorded in Maryland Will Book, vol. ii: 173.



Notes on Henry Hawkins, of Charles County, Maryland

HENRY HAWKINS, of Charles County, in his Will dated 18 October 1698 and proved 12 May 1699, recorded in Maryland Will Book 6: 310, named his wife ELIZABETH (who was the widow of Francis Wyne) and his six children. Of these two were by his first wife. They were HENRY HAWKINS and ELLINOR (HAWKINS) TUBMAN. The others were children of his second wife and were John Hawkins, Henry Holland Hawkins (so named to distinguish him from his half brothers, Henry Hawkins and Henry Wine), Ruth Hawkins and Mary Hawkins. Henry Holland Hawkins became "whole and sole executor" under his mother's Will. Ruth Hawkins became the first wife of James Keech, Gent., and had daughters named Martha and Elizabeth Keech, mentioned in the Will of their grandmother Elizabeth Hawkins already cited.

HENRY and ELEANOR HAWKINS were early settlers. They and their son John were in Charles County by 25 April 1665, when HENRY HAWKINS purchased 700 acres there, as recorded in Charles County Deed Book B-1: 231-232.

Notes on the Keech Family of Charles County, Maryland

JOHN COURTS, of Charles County, Maryland, died testate between 1697 and 1702, and named in his Will his daughter ELIZABETH, wife of JAMES KEECH.

Capt. James Keech, of St. Marys County, died testate in 1708, and named in his Will his children, James, John, Courts, and Margaret Keech, and his wife Elizabeth Keech. The last named died testate between 1718 ad 1730, and named in her Will her son Courts Keech.

With the sons James and John Keech we are directly concerned. James married, as his first wife, Ruth Hawkins, daughter of Henry Hawkins and Elizabeth Holland, and by her had issue, two daughters Martha and Elizabeth Keech, named in the Will of their grandmother already cited. The second wife of James Keech was Mary Gardiner. John Keech was the first husband of Elizabeth Teares whose second husband was William Middleton.

As an illustration of the confusion one may encounter in examining old records we cite these entries made in *Testamentary Proceedings*, vol. xxii: 98, 136, the first two at the Court of April 1712 and the last at the Court of July 1712:

At the request of Mrs. ELIZA. KEECH, executrix of JAMES KEECH, deceased, late of St. Mary's County, ordered that no further citation issue against her until further order. . . .

Commission issued to Mr. Joseph Manning, Deputy Commissary of Charles County, to pass the account of WILLIAM MIDDLETON et ux., admrs of JOHN KEECH, decd., on their petition for the same.

The proceedings returned from Charles Co., by Mr. Joseph Manning Deputy Com-

missary are as follows, viz-

the account of WILLIAM MIDDLETON and ELIZA. his wife, administrators of JOHN KEECH, decd.

Other items of interest in the settlement of the estate of JOHN KEECH, first husband of ELIZABETH TEARES, are as follows:

At a Court held 10 July 1710 one of the proceedings from Charles County reads as follows:

ELIZA. KEECH adm of JOHN KEECH

Her administration bond in common form with HENRY HAWKINS her surety in £100 sterling dated 12 May 1710.

At a Court held April 1711

JOHN KEECH's inventory mentioned as having been reported by Joseph Manning Deputy Commissary for Charles County as filed.

Notes on the Coghill Family of Virginia and Maryland Introduction

WILLIAM MIDDLETON was one of the witnesses to two indentures recorded in the Essex County, Va., Court 21 November 1752, both dated 8 May 1752. The first of these 1 is between

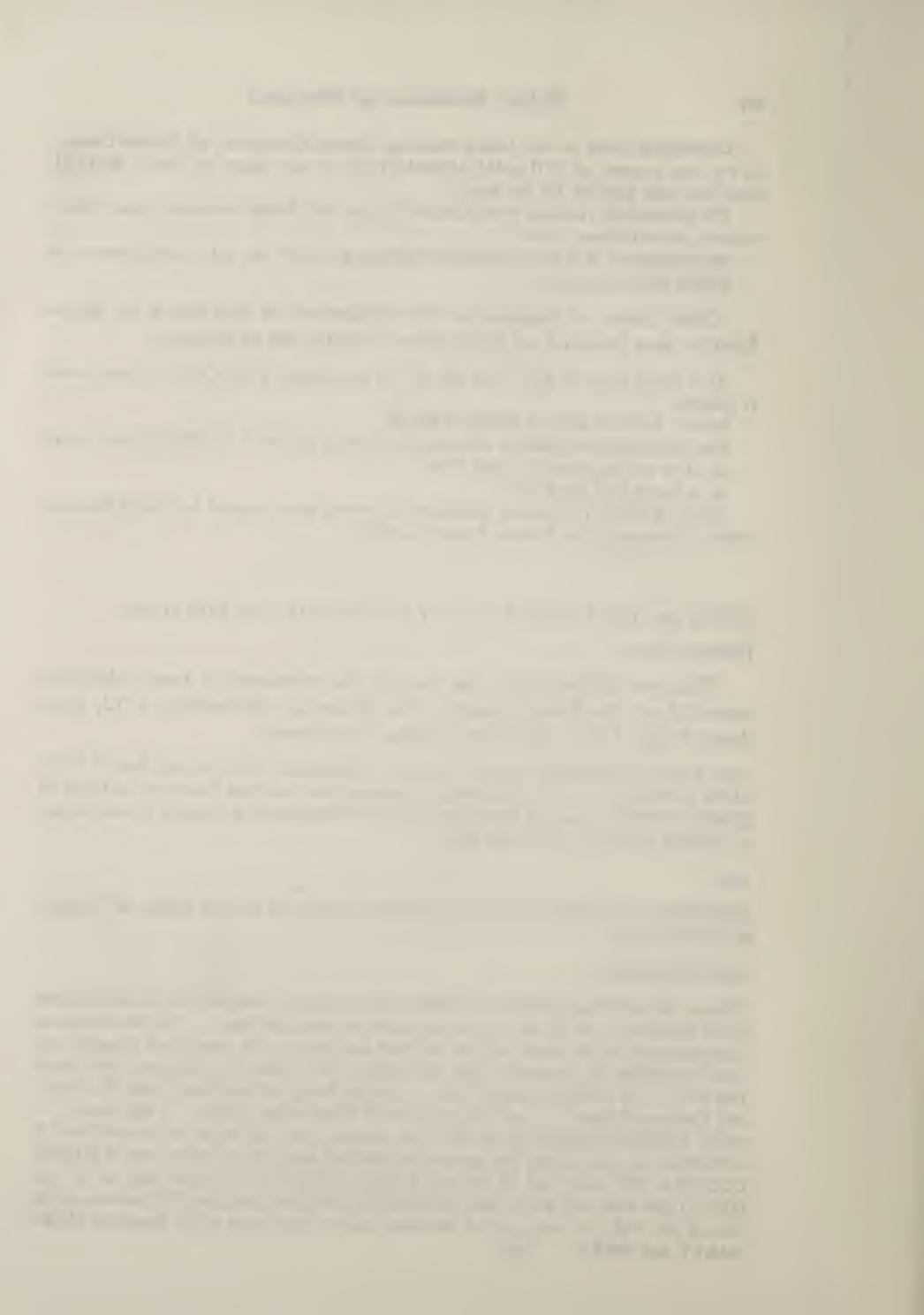
SMALLWOOD COGHILL of the Province of Maryland, eldest son and heir of WIL-LIAM COGHILL, late of said Province deceased, who was the eldest son and heir of JAMES COGHILL, late of Sitterburn Parish in Rappahannock County in the Colony of Virginia deceased, of the one part

and

FREDERICK COGHILL the younger of Essex County, in the said Colony of Virginia, of the other part

and recites that

Whereas the aforesaid JAMES COGHILL was in his life time and at his death seized in his demesme as of fee of and in one tract or parcel of land . . . in the freshes of Rappahannock on the south side of the river and now in the countys of Caroline and Essex containing by estimation and according to the patent for the same 1050 acres and also . . . of another tract of land . . . in the Parish of Sitterburn (now St. Anne) and County of Essex . . . on the branches of Occupation Creek . . . 600 acres . . . which JAMES COGHILL by his Will 5th October 1684 did devise to his wife MARY COGHILL for and during her natural life and did devise to his eldest son WILLIAM COGHILL 225 acres and to his son JAMES COGHILL 225 acres and to his son DAVID 200 acres and to his son FREDERICK 200 acres, and the child unborn at the date of the Will 200 acres, and of the other tract of 600 acres to his daughters MARGARET and MARY . . . and



Whereas MARY, the widow of the said JAMES COGHILL, and his sons WILLIAM, JAMES, DAVID, and the child unborn at the date of the said will, and also his daughters MARGARET and MARY, have since died, whereby the rights in fee to the said two tracts of land have descended and come to the said SMALLWOOD COGHILL, as eldest son and heir of WILLIAM COGHILL, eldest son and heir of JAMES COGHILL, except such parts as have been sold by WILLIAM and JAMES COGHILL, and except the part devised to FREDERICK COGHILL their brother, the reversion in fee simple expectant on the death of FREDERICK COGHILL being also descended and come to the said SMALLWOOD COGHILL, by which he, the said SMALLWOOD, conveys to FREDERICK COGHILL, Jr. (the son of FREDERICK above named), all his interest in the tracts mentioned and also the parcel devised to FREDERICK COGHILL, Sr. [father to FREDERICK Junr.].

- 1. James Coghill, founder of the family in America, is first mentioned in the records of Virginia when on 24 March 1664/5 he received a patent to 246 acres in Rappahannock County on the south side of the Rappahannock river.2 This tract was on Lucas Creek, and it was granted him for transporting five persons to Virginia. He assigned this land to Thomas Kirk 4 August 1666.3 The following year he received a patent to 1050 acres beginning about a mile from Port Tobacco Creek in the same County for transporting 21 persons to Virginia, and another patent for 600 acres for transporting 12 persons. He was a planter who bought and sold other lands. Deeds dated 16 October 1665 and 11 October 1667 were signed by JAMES COGHILL and his first wife ALICE. Deeds signed by him with no wife joining were dated 9 November and 18 December 1667, thus revealing that ALICE had died between 11 October and 9 November 1667. He and his second wife MARY signed a deed dated 17 May 1673, thus showing that they were married between 18 December 1667 and that date. His Will, dated 5 October 1684, was proved 1 September 1685 in the Rappahannock County Court. His widow subsequently married a Mr. Ducksbury, by whom she had a son George, mentioned in her Will, dated 21 April 1715 and proved 5 November 1715.
- 2. WILLIAM COGHILL [son of JAMES and ALICE COGHILL] was born probably about 1666 in Rappahannock County, Va. On 26 March 1689, however, he and his first wife, then living in Charles County, Md., executed a deed for the conveyance of his Rappahannock County lands, recorded in the court records of Essex County, Va. He married again,

¹ Essex County Deed Book #26: 157-161, in the Archives, Virginia State Library, Richmond. The first part of this long quotation was copied by the compiler of this record, JGH, but the last paragraph is copied from the abstract found in J. H. Coghill: The Family of Coghill: 101.

² N. M. Nugent: Pioneers and Cavaliers: 523.

³ For this and the other information in this paragraph JGH acknowledges his indebtedness to J. H. Coghill, The Family of Coghill: 95 et seq.



about 1719, Anne Smallwood. She was a daughter of James Smallwood (b October 1668; d 1723) and his wife Mary (Boyden) Griffin, daughter of John Boyden; ⁴ and a granddaughter of Col. James Smallwood and his wife, Hester.⁵ William Coghill's Will was dated 24 April 1729 and probated 4 June 1729.⁶ He left to his son Smallwood Coghill 70 acres near Broad Creek and certain personalty to be turned over to him when he reached 16 years of age; and to his daughters Mary and Lydia he gave certain personalty to be theirs on their 16th birthday or the day of their marriage; and to his wife Anne he gave the residue of his personalty, named her his executrix, and provided that in the event of her death Mrs. Mary Smallwood should have the care of his children.

ANNE COGHILL made her Will 20 November 1729 and it was probated 18 March 1730 in Charles County, Md.⁶ It is genealogically valuable, because it mentions other relationships. She bequeathed to her son SMALLWOOD COGHILL certain personalty, but provided that he was not to sell it before he was 21 without the consent of her mother MARY SMALLWOOD or his uncle MATTHEW SMALLWOOD, and stated that SMALLWOOD and her daughters MARY and LYDIA were then under 16 and that the girls should not receive their share of the personalty she was giving them until they were 16 or married. She named her mother MARY SMALLWOOD to be her executrix.

Children of William and Anne (Smallwood) Coghill:

- 3 i. SMALLWOOD COGHILL m KEZIAH -.
- 4 ii. MARY COGHILL m WILLIAM MIDDLETON, Jr.
- 5 iii. LYDIA COGHILL, no further information.

3. SMALLWOOD COGHILL [son of William and Anne (Smallwood) Coghill] was one of the "sundry inhabitants of Prince Georges County" who on 16 October 1742 petitioned the Governor and the Maryland Assembly to divide the County "from the mouth of Rock Creek south to a bridge near Kennedy Farril's and east to the Patuxent River and along the river to Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties." He was a warden of Broad Creek Church in 1759. His Will, dated 23 July 1759 and probated in Charles County 27 August 1759, left a slave named Vick to his "cousin" ISAAC SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON, and provided that on the

⁴ Md. Hist. Magazine, vol. xxii: 156.

⁵ Ibid., vol. xxii: 147.

⁶ Ibid., vol. xxii: 156.

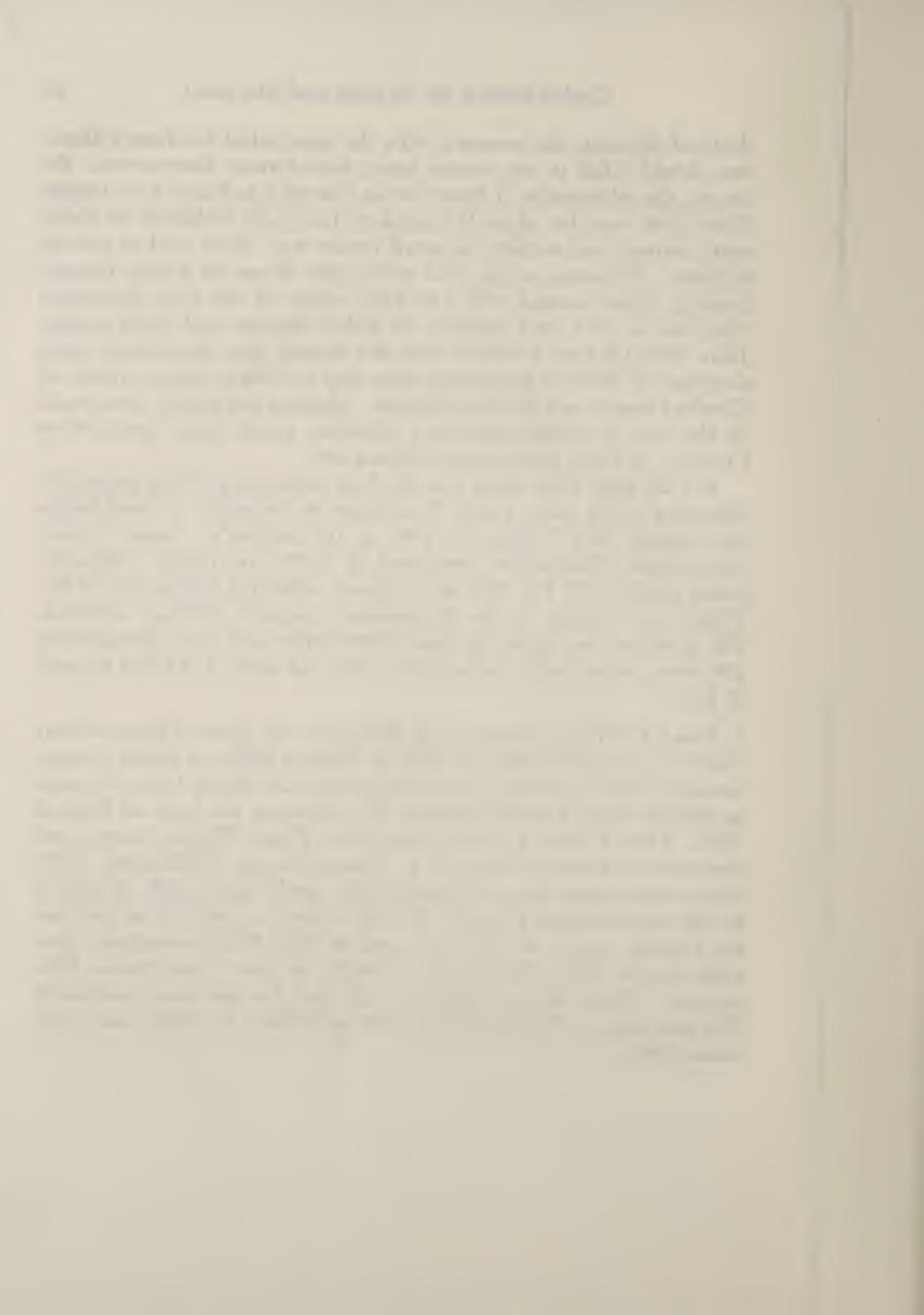
⁷ Calendar of Maryland State Papers, No. 1, The Black Books; item 454.



death of Keziah, the testator's wife, the tract called Gardener's Meadows should "fall to my cousin Isaac Smallwood Middleton. Of course, the relationship of Smallwood Coghill to Isaac Smallwood Middleton was that of uncle to nephew, but in the middle of the eighteenth century and earlier, the word cousin was often used to include nephew. Witnesses to the Will were John Wynn of Prince Georges County [whose second wife was Ann, widow of the John Smallwood who died in 1765, and daughter of Ralph Marlow, and oddly enough John Winn (Wynn)'s mother was also named Ann Smallwood, being daughter of William Smallwood who died in 1706], Henry Acton, of Charles County, and William Marlow. Mention has already been made of the way in which Gardener's Meadows passed from Smallwood Coghill to Isaac Smallwood Middleton.

On 26 June 1761 there was the final accounting of the personalty belonging to the estate which, in addition to the legacy of "one Negro Girl named Vick" valued at £40, to the testator's "cousin" Isaac SMALLWOOD MIDDLETON, amounted to £1272 5s. 11½d. Disbursements totaling £37 13s. 10d. were allowed, while the residue, £1234 12s. 1½d., was retained by the Accountant executrix Keziah Coghill. The inventory was signed by Mary Middleton and John SMALLWOOD who were, respectively, the testator's sister and uncle, and called his next of kin.

4. Mary Coghill [daughter of William and Anne (Smallwood) Coghill] received under the Will of William Bally, of Prince Georges County, dated 22 March 1724/5 and proved 26 March 1726, 270 acres on Muddy Hole, Stafford County, Va., adjoining the lands of Richard West. From 1730 to 1742 this tract was in Prince William County, and thereafter in Fairfax County, Va. General George Washington, in his diary, refers many times to Muddy Hole, for he had to ride through it on his way to Pohick Church. It is of interest to note that in the Fairfax County tax list of 1782 the name of Sybil West immediately precedes that of Hugh Middleton, brother of Isaac Smallwood Middleton. When Mary disposed of this land has not been ascertained. The marriage of William Middleton and Mary Coghill took place about 1740.



NOTES ON THE O'NEALE AND BALL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND

THOMAS BALL, "taylor", of Prince Georges County, Md., "in good sound mind but weake in body" made his Will "December ye third 1748" and probated 4 April 1749, by which he left:

To LAURENCE O'NEALE part of a tract called *Token of Love*, containing 197 acres; but if Laurence should die before he reaches 21 years of age, then the land should "fall" to WILLIAM O'NEALE, Jr; and if they should both die under age, the land should fall to their father to do with as he pleases;

To SUSANNAH EVANS [Ewens] one mourning gold ring;

To ELEANOR O'NEALE one wedding gold ring; and

To ARDEN EVANS [Ewens], whom he designated executor, all his movables, wearing apparel, and ready money.

Taking this Will and that of WILLIAM O'NEALE, SR., into consideration, there is no doubt that Thomas Ball had two daughters: Susannah who was married to Arden Evans [Ewens] and Eleanor married to William O'Neale, Sr. When Thomas Ball wrote his Will, all of western Maryland was in Prince Georges County. Frederick County, though erected in June 1748, first functioned 10 December 1748. Upon the creation of Montgomery County, the tract *Token of Love*, which is just below Rockville, was included in the new County.

In the Maryland records the surname O'NEALE is found in many counties with various spellings. Because the various members of the family seem to have invariably written it themselves O'NEALE, that spelling is used throughout this article.

1. WILLIAM O'NEALE was among the residents of Prince Georges County who, somewhat before 11 May 1744, petitioned the Maryland Assembly to divide that county into two counties.³ He made his Will 2 December 1759 and it was proved 17 December 1759,⁴ and therein:

referred to himself as a planter, infirm in body but of sound mind and memory; bequeathed personalty to his wife ELEANOR and his ten children all of whom he named;

named two of his tracts Wheel of Fortune and Come by Chance; stated that a patent for a third tract containing 50 acres had been applied for; directed that the two named tracts be divided into four parts, his sons WILLIAM, JOHN, HENRY, and DAVID to choose their parts serially by seniority; and

¹ One copyist says "November 3d."

One copyist says "24 April 1749." The Will was recorded in 26 Md. Wills, Hall of Records, Annapolis, and in Frederick County Will Book A-1: 18, Courthouse, Frederick, Md.

³ Archives of Maryland, vol. xlii: 459, 472; and Calendar of Maryland State Papers—The Black Books—Item 461.

⁴³¹ Maryland Wills 132-133, Hall of Records, Annapolis; and Frederick County Wills Liber A-1: 135, Courthouse, Frederick, Md.



gave to his eldest son LAURENCE [who had already been provided with land by the Will of his grandfather Thomas Ball] a horse.

Children of William O'Neale and His Wife Eleanor Ball:

- i. LAURENCE O'NEALE (b 1738), sheriff of Frederick Co., 1774; member, House of Delegates, from Montgomery Co.; judge, Orphans Court, Montgomery Co., 1790-92; married HENRIETTA NEILL (daughter of Charles Neill), of Montgomery Co.; and had issue, possibly among others, Henry, John, Mary Ann, and Eleanor O'Neale. [Eleanor m Francis Jamison.]
- ii. JOANNA O'NEALE (b ca. 1740) was married to WILLIAM LODGE, and had, probably among others, a daughter Elizabeth.
- iii. ANN O'NEALE (b ca. 1742), mentioned in her father's Will.
- 2 iv. WILLIAM O'NEALE, whose line is continued.
 - v. MARY O'NEALE (b ca. 1746), said to have died in 1820, aged ⁵ " about 70", buried in Rock Creek Parish, wife of EVAN JONES, and to have left issue.
 - vi.-x. ELEANOR, ELIZABETH, JOHN, HENRY (b 1755), and DAVID O'NEALE, all mentioned in the Will of their father.
- 2. WILLIAM O'NEALE, called "Jr." in Thomas Ball's Will, was a petit juror in 1774 in Frederick Co., in the case of Proprietary v. Wm. Vermillion 6 and in an early case in Montgomery Co., and was one of the first two persons appointed to a guardianship in that county. He served in the Montgomery Co. militia during the Revolution and subscribed the oath of fidelity and allegiance in that county. He was twice married, first about 1766, his wife being Sarah Young (ca. 1742-ante 1806), daughter of William and Eleanor Young, of Prince Georges Co. She was the mother of his three children. His second wife and he were married in 1806, she being Sarah (Beall) Adams (1743-1814), daughter of Robert Beall who died about 1788 in Montgomery Co., and widow of Benjamin Adams, to whom she had been married about 1768. WILLIAM O'NEALE paid for pew 31 in Prince Georges Parish Church, Rock Creek. He died 13 February 1812.

His widow, SARAH (BEALL) O'NEALE, made her Will two weeks later. It was probated 5 November 1814. Therein she called herself

³ According to a letter dated 23 February 1948 from Mrs. Martha Sprigg Poole. 4340 Verplanck Place, Washington 16, D. C., to JGH.

⁶ Calendar of Maryland State Papers—The Black Books—Item 1511.

⁷ Sharf's History of Maryland, vol. i: 659.

⁸ Index to the Maryland Militia in the Revolution, 99, 114, DAR Library, Washington, D. C.

⁹ The name William O'Neale appears both in the list of subscribers reported by the Worshipful Joseph Wilson 19 January 1778 and in the Prince Georges Parish list of 9 March 1778. Brumbaugh and Hedges: Revolutionary Records of Maryland, Part I, p 5 (21), and 279.

¹⁰ See its Vestry Records, 226, his death being also noted.

¹¹ Dated 27 February 1812, recorded in Montgomery County Wills, Liber #1: 35.



"widow and relict of WILLIAM O'NEALE" and appointed "Alexander Adams my son and my son-in-law Richard West executors" and to them left all her property "to be equally divided between them."

On 26 February Sarah O'Neale, widow of William O'Neale, Sr., renounced appointment as his administratrix, and William O'Neale, Jr., was instead appointed administrator, his surety bond being fixed in the sum of \$10,000.00.¹²

On 21 June 1813 WILLIAM O'NEALE, JR., brought a suit in chancery "to divide the lands of WILLIAM O'NEALE, SR., who died intestate" ¹³ and on the same day John Wade and Ann his wife brought another suit to divide the land of Thomas West, whose wife had been Eleanor O'Neale. As a result of these suits we have the names of the children and all or most of the grandchildren of William O'Neale, Sr., as well as the names of his tracts owned at the date of his death 13 February 1812, which were Exchange, New Exchange Enlarged, Piney Grove, Pig Pen, Wheel of Fortune, The Risque, Spital Fields, Adamson's Choice, Hard Bargain, Allison's Discontent, Smock Alley, Constant Friendship, Thompson's Adventure, Cleared Marsh, I Am Content, and Pleasant Mountains.

In the first of the suits above mentioned it is recited that WILLIAM O'NEALE, SR., left "three children, to wit: William O'Neale, Jr.; Eleanor West, widow of Thomas West; and Ann Middleton, wife of Samuel Middleton, [Ann] who is since dead, leaving William O'Neale Middleton, Thomas Jefferson Middleton, Benjamin Franklin Middleton, Elizabeth Middleton, and Matilda Middleton, all under 21."

The matter was not then settled, for William O'Neale and his sister Eleanor West filed a petition 5 August 1825 in another chancery proceeding 14 then pending, which shows that "their father Wm. O'Neale of Montgomery County died possessed of 180 acres, being part of Resurvey on Wheel of Fortune, Partnership, and Hard Bargain, intestate some years ago, leaving them of full age, as also Samuel Middleton, the husband of Ann, daughter of the said Wm. O'Neale, deceased, who died sometime previous to her father's decease, Samuel Middleton since died, leaving as his heirs living: Elizabeth Burkit [Birckhead], Matilda, since married to Isaac Riley, and Thomas J. Middleton and Benja. F. Middleton, both minors."

Children of William O'Neale and His First Wife Sarah Young:

i. WILLIAM O'NEALE. (b 1769) m his first cousin ELIZABETH LODGE, daughter of William and Joanna (O'Neale) Lodge, and had Ann,

¹² Montgomery County Wills, Liber H: 39. 55.

¹³ Montgomery County Record for 1807-1816: 543, Rockville, Md.

¹⁴ Chancery Papers #3888, Land Office, Annapolis, involving division of land under the Will of William O'Neale, who died testate in Frederick County, December 1759, as result of suit by William Lodge, assignee of Henry O'Neale, in the partition of tract named Wheel of Fortune.



- wife of Samuel Spates, Elizabeth West, Mary Jones, Joanna Peddicord, Sarah Nichols, Catherine O'Neale, and Eleanor O'Neale.
- ii. ELEANOR O'NEALE m THOMAS WEST (d ante 21 June 1813), and had Ann, wife of John Wade; Sarah, wife of Evans Jones; William O'Neale West; and the following who were minors in 1813: Emmaline E. West, Julius West, Richard West, Thomas West, Erasmus West, Henry West, and Eliza C. West.
- iii. ANN O'NEALE m SAMUEL MIDDLETON, as his first wife. For their descendants, see pages 155-156, 158-160, 163-164.

The following is a list of most of the Middleton estate settlements up to 1919 recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills, U. S. Court House, John Marshall Place, Washington, D. C., which was obtained after the preceding article had been completed. Full names, where known, are used in this list, even though only initials may have appeared on the original. Details as to the books in which records of particular settlements are to be found are on file among the Middleton papers in the Collections of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. The numbers opposite certain names correspond to the numbers assigned to them in the text. Those without such cross references have not been identified by the compiler of this record.

ALPHEUS MIDDLETON #10-i	Administration				
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIDDLETON #10	Probate of Will		31	Jan.	1908
CATHERINE MARY [ELIOT] MIDDLETON	Will	dated	21	Feb.	1863
wife of $\frac{44}{77}$ 13		proved	19	July	1886
EDWARD MIDDLETON	Will	dated	19	Oct.	1900
		proved	2	Dec.	1871
ELECTIUS MIDDLETON #4-viii	Administration		8	June	1883
ELLEN ROSS MIDDLETON, wife of #11	Will	- dated	17	Apr.	1815
	Codicil		7	Apr.	1898
	Will-codicil	filed	22	May	1903
	`	proved	20	Apr.	1904
ERASMUS JOHNSON MIDDLETON, Jr. #11-v	Will	dated	2	July	1904
		filed	6	Dec.	1878
FRANCIS G. MIDDLETON	Will	dated	28	Feb.	1881
		filed	18	Aug.	1882
		proved	3.0	Mch.	1885
HARRIET E. MIDDLETON	Will	dated	4	Apr.	1885
		filed			1900
		proved	18	Apr.	1900
JESSE MIDDLETON #10-iv	Administration		18	May	1900
J. BENJAMIN MIDDLETON	Will	dated	29	May	1914
		filed	20	Nov.	1902
JOHN H. MIDDLETON	Administration		11	Apr.	1919
JOHN W. MIDDLETON	Will	dated	24	Apr.	1891
		filed	19	Oct.	1889
JOHNSON VAN DYKE MIDDLETON #13-ii	Will	dated	3	Feb.	1892
		filed	8	Oct.	1892
MARGARET HAINES [THOMPSON] MIDDLETON	Will	dated	2.5	Mch.	1907
wife of #13-ii	Codicil		28	Apr.	1909
	Will-codicil	filed	4	Jan.	1910
RICHARD MIDDLETON	Will	dated	10	May	1910
		filed	20	Oct.	1883
		proved	25	May	1886
SAMUEL CALEB MIDDLETON #14	Will	dated	7	July	1886
		filed	10	Apr.	1892
		proved	28	May	1892
THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLETON #9	Petition for Le	tter of	28	May	1892
	Administration				
	Grant of Letter		8	May	1881
	Bond of \$4000 ft	urnished	29	May	1885











