CHARLES E. MIDDLETON:

A FREE PERSON OF COLOR
1810 - 1883

HISTORY 300
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Charles E. Middleton was born a "free person of color" between the years 1810 and 1812 in Savannah, Georgia. The first record of the future carpenter and pattern maker (a designer of patterns for machinery and carpentry) dates from January 1823, and places him in the household of C. G. Middleton, a "keeper of the Oyster House", who resided at 18 Green Ward. According to this record his mother was named Sarah and his three sisters were Ann, Sarah, and Mary. The name Charles E. Middleton does not appear with that of the family in later censuses. However, one can assume Charles to have grown up in this household and, when he was able to fend for himself, to have taken up the tools of the carpenter and ventured forth on his own. The next record of Charles E. Middleton appears in 1835 and places him at a York Street address, employed as a carpenter with R.W. Pooler as his legal guardian. Charles' religious affiliation cannot be determined during this time. However, the names of his sisters, the recorded baptismals of his children and his dubious Baltimore origin, may lend support to his having been raised a Catholic. He apparently remained at this York Street address until 1840, when he moved to (1/2) lot 31 Warren Ward (415 - 417 East Congress Street) where he and his future wife, Charlotte,

1Some of the records indicate his birthplace as Baltimore, Maryland. However, most indicate him to have been a native son of Savannah or Georgia. (I:a, I:b, IX:b, X, et al.)

2There are no records of his baptism in the chancery records of Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, 1810 -1855.
established their household in 1841. (II, I; b)

The records of Charlotte Regis, the future common-law wife of Charles, are much more complete during these early years (1810 - 1840). She was born in Savannah at approximately the same time as Charles (1810 - 1812) and lived with her parents, Jackson and Charlotte Regis. (I; a)

Her parents were originally from the Caribbean (her father from Montonico and her mother from Santa Domingo) and apparently immigrated to Savannah during the 1820's, where Jackson found employment as a barber. (I; a) The religious affiliation of Charlotte, considering the nativity of her parents, was in all probability, Catholic. (However, there are no records of her baptismal in the chancery of the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, 1810 - 1855.) Her occupation was that of a seamstress, and she was the legal ward of Mr. James Hunter. (I; a, I; b)

THE MIDDLE YEARS: 1840 - 1876

There is no exact date given on the birth of Charles R. Middleton, their son, but it can be maintained that Charles R. and Charlotte Regis had known each other some time before. Records indicate the blessed event to have occurred on January 3, 1840. (VIII; a) There may have been a cry of alarm and dismay by the parents of Charlotte due to the fact that she was not married (Oh, the embarrassement of an unwed mother in a Catholic family), however, things probably went on as usual. According to the records, Charlotte moved in with
Charles at (½) lot 31 Warren Ward in 1841, but retained her maiden name Regis. A second child, Agatha Susana, was born to the young couple on November 6, 1841, and their family, like the nation, was multiplying at a rapid rate. (VIII:a) On February 28, 1844, in the year of the election of President Polk, the Middleton family received a new member by the name of Josephine into its midst. (VIII:a) During this time, Charles was busy making improvements on his (½) lot 37 Warren Ward which, in 1844, was worth three hundred fifty dollars. (II) He was paying a one percent per annum property tax of three dollars and fifty cents, (II) and was, no doubt, complaining about the burdens of taxation. On January 5, 1848, in the year of revolutions in far off lands and the discovery of gold in California, James R. Middleton, the last child to be born to them at this address, came into the world. (VIII:a)

In 1850 Charlotte's mother at age 65 was also listed at their address, and one can imagine that things were becoming a little crowded for the Middletons at Warren Ward. (II:d) Undoubtedly, taking note of this fact (especially, the fact of his mother-in-law), Charles went to his guardian, Mr. Robert W. Pooler and began to make plans to move to a larger home. Mr. Pooler (sometimes known as Captain Pooler), a well known Savannah attorney, (I:d) made the arrangements for his ward, and in 1852 Charles purchased lot 37½ (northern half) Troup Ward from Mr. Simon Mirauld. (III:a, VIII:b) The tax digest for 1852 has no entry for Charles E. Middleton. Thus, one can surmise that the purchase of 37½ Troup Ward and the move to it
took place in that year. The deed (VIII:b) is unclear as to the price of the land and for some reason, was not filed until 1899 as part of Charles E. Middleton's administration. There is no deed for (¼) lot 31 Warren Ward listed for Charles E. Middleton.

The Middletons lived at 37½ Troup Ward from 1853 to 1857 (see Hogg's map). It was here that the last child, Louis G. (Gilliard) Middleton was born on November 5, 1853. (VIII:a) Also, in the same year, Charles' guardian, Mr. Robert W. Fooler, died, leaving his wife, Mary, and their four children heavily in debt (and at the mercy of the Oglethorpe Loan Association). ³

In 1856 the Middletons were ready to move again and Charles had found a new guardian in Mr. Alvin N. Miller, a factor from New York. (I:d) On August 1, 1856, Charles purchased garden lots, numbers 4 and 5 on Millen's Tract through Mr. Alvin N. Miller from Oliver M. Lillibridge for the sum of five hundred dollars. (III:a, III:1) (These lots consisted of 1½ acres each and can be found on Hogg's immortal map of the era.) He sold his lot 37½ Troup Ward (estimated value of four hundred dollars) (II) on August 20, 1857 through Mr. Miller to Mr. William Mackay for twelve hundred dollars. (III:i) It was indeed a favorable transaction for Mr. Middleton to whom Mr. Mackay was perhaps indebted for some services previously rendered.

The Middletons apparently lived on Millen's Tract, lots 4 and 5 until 1860. According to the deeds, this was the

³Recorded in administration of Robert W. Fooler in Court of Ordinary.
only tract of land owned by him at that time. There is no record of him in the digests from 1857 through 1860. Mrs. Charlotte Regis died at sometime between 1850 and 1860. The Census of 1860 shows Charles employed as a pattern maker, Charlotte as a seamstress and Charles R. as a carpenter apprentice. It also indicates the total value of Charles' property as eighteen hundred fifty dollars. The Middletons, not ones to let grass grow under their feet, moved in 1861. With Alvin N. Miller acting as his guardian, Charles purchased a lot on Charlton Street (which was situated on the "south side of the said street and the second east of Price") on September 5 from James F. Cann for the sum of one dollar. He then sold garden lots 4 and 5 Millen's Tract to Mr. Cann for two hundred dollars.

The new lot on Charlton Street, which is listed as 2 Turnerville in the tax digests, was the home of the Middletons from 1861 to 1873 and remained in the family at least until Lewis G. Middleton's death in 1915. On March 2, 1868, Charles purchased "all of ½ lot number 2 in Bartow Ward" from John Asendorf for seven hundred fifty dollars. (This transaction was fully satisfied and cancelled on December 27, 1869.) This purchase, which consisted of land fronting on Charlton Street, increased the value of his property by eighteen hundred dollars for a total value of forty-three hundred dollars. In 1869 lot

4 Her name was not listed in the vital statistics, but perhaps can be found in the Laurel Grove's Keeper's Record Books (colored) during the time.

5 The tax digests (1861-1883) indicate that the area known as Turnerville was also known as Turnerville-Bartow and eventually became Bartow Ward proper.
Bartow Turnerville became lot 24 Bartow-Turnerville and by 1871 (for the purpose of address) 27 Charlton Street. (VII:a)(II)

The City Directory: 1871 lists Charles E. Middleton as a carpenter working with S. W. Gleason, Charles K. Middleton as a carpenter working with Charles Van Horn, Lewis G. Middleton as a barber with W. Ingliss, and James K. Middleton as a carpenter working with G. Butler. All are listed as living at the same address, 27 Charlton Street. There is no mention of Josephine at this time, or of Agatha Susana. However, it is assumed that by this time Susana Agatha had married Samuel P. Spaulding, a machinist and pattern maker. (IX:c, VII:i) (There is no record of their marriage at the Court of Ordinary). This assumption can be made due to the fact that in 1883, one of their children, James G. Spaulding, was old enough to be employed by the iron foundry of J. W. Tyner. (VII:i)

On November 29, 1871, Charles E. Middleton purchased the western half of lot 78 on Duffy Street from James Waring for five hundred dollars. (III:c) (This purchase is not listed in the tax digest for 1871 or 1872, but is listed in 1873.) The Middleton family lived on Duffy Street fifth west of Price from 1873 through 1876. (VII:b, VII:c)

On March 22, 1876, Charles sold the western half of lot 78 on Duffy Street to John Asendorf for eight hundred fifty dollars and either moved back to 24 Bartow Ward (27 Charlton) or to 18 Jones Street where the City Directory: 1877 places him. It is difficult to establish whether all of his family moved
with him at this time as they are all listed at different addresses in the City Directory: 1877.

In the years 1871 to 1876 the records indicate the Middletons to have been representative of a small but growing black middle class in Savannah. For example, Charles E. had made considerable improvements in his properties which, in 1873, had a taxable value of five thousand one hundred dollars. (XI) The Middleton children had learned skills which would carry them respectably through life in times good or bad. Charles E. was involved in local politics as a trustee from the fourth district. (VI:a) Charles R. had been twice elected an officer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons (colored), (VI:b, VI:d) and had served on the grand jury at the municipal Court. (VI:c) The year of 1874 was of particular promise in the Middleton household with both James and Charles R. getting married. James married Kate Goodwin on May 4, (IV:b) and Charles R. married Elizabeth Hardy on January 29. (IV:c) (Charles R.'s marriage was one of doubtful blessing as it ended in divorce six years later, (VI:g) and may have been the reason for his early death in 1881.) (VI:h) The Middletons had indeed come a long way.

THE LATE YEARS: 1876 - 1883

On April 5, 1876, the tragic death of Charlotte struck the Middleton household. (VI:e) She died at the age of sixty-four and after services at St. Benedict's parish, was buried on April 6 at Laurel Grove Cemetery. (X) According to the marriage records,
she and Charles had never married. Yet, even in times grief Charles remained active and was named a representative of the seventh district of the Forest City Benevolent Society (a colored charity organization created to help aid destitute colored persons). (VI;f)

According to the city directories of 1877 through 1882, Charles lived at 18 Jones Street and in 1883 moved back to 27 Charlton Street. It is difficult to verify the Jones Street address as it is not mentioned in the tax digests of those years (as is 24 Bartow Ward), nor is it recorded in the deeds held by him. 7 From 1880 through 1882 Charles was employed as a pattern maker by McDonough and Ballantyne, an iron foundry which was located on East Broad Street. (VII;f,g,h)

The years 1880 to 1883 were the last years of Charles Middleton's life. They are years of tragedy and old age, but not years completely void of comfort for an old man. On July 1, 1880, Charles R. Middleton sued his wife for divorce (VI;g) and died the following year on June 3 at the age of forty-one. (VI;h) He and Elizabeth had apparently had their differences (though they are not mentioned in the newspaper account) and there is no record of them having had children. Considering the conditions, the divorce was understandably discontinued on June 28, 1881. (VI;i) Charles handled the administration of his son's estate. (V;d)

7The city directories seem to be the least valid of the records used, due to the discrepancies involving his occupation (1878) and inconsistencies often found in the addresses.
James was still working as a carpenter at this time and he and Kate lived on Charlton Lane (where they had apparently moved in 1878). There is no record of Lewis G. (Gilliard) Middleton during this time, but he was probably still in the Savannah area cutting hair.

The year 1881 was not completely tragic for Charles as he, at the age of seventy, married a young woman named Theodosia Severille on September 15. Apparently it was a situation comfortable for both parties; he would get the attention and care that an older man needed, and she would inherit part of his estate as long as she remained unmarried after his death (and the furniture under no conditions). On November 11, 1881, in an effort to insure the security of his estate (and probably to keep Theodosia quiet) Charles, by nature a true physiocrat, purchased lot 3, Palligant's Tract in Thunderbolt, Georgia from Mary R. Gilbert for the sum of one hundred dollars. 8

Charles E. Middleton died on June 17, 1883 of Bright's disease and after services at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, was buried on June 18 at Laurel Grove Cemetery. His long time friend and neighbor, Dr. Albert Jackson was named executor of his will. (VI: f, VII: i, XII) The estate after all debts had been paid, was valued at thirty-

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8 It is of interest to note that this acquisition by Mr. Middleton was not recorded in the tax digests of 1882 or 1883. How accurate are they?
six hundred dollars. The inheritors of the estate were Theodosia (with the stipulation that she never remarry), Lewis G. Middleton, James R. Middleton, and Susana Agatha Spaulding. (V: a) His two grandsons, Francis Middleton Spaulding and James Spaulding, also received some of his personal effects. (V: a) The Falligant Tract lot number 3 was sold to the Ladies Branch of Thunderbolt on May 19, 1888, for one hundred dollars, and his will was officially filed in the same year as closed. (VI: a) The will itself leaves some mysteries behind concerning circumstances involving the number of people who were paying rent to Charles before his death. All of the deeds have been accounted for and the names (with perhaps the exception of T. Thomas) have no connection with any of the property owned by him at that time.

EPILOGUE - IN SEARCH OF ANCESTORS

The immediate members of the Middleton family remained in Savannah after Charles' death. Lewis G. Middleton took up residence and remained at 27 Charlton Street (which later became 505 East Charlton Street) until his death at the age of 60 on June 3, 1915. (IX: a) He married Miss Amanda F. Curly on December 29, 1885, (IV: d) but according to the vital figures at the health Department, died a widower. He left no will nor administration.

Susana Agatha Spaulding died on December 23, 1909, (IX: d) at the age of sixty. Services were held for her at St. Benedict's, but no mention was made of next of kin. (VIII: b) Her husband Samuel had died on February 10, 1905, (IX: c) at the age of fifty-
eight. Neither one of them left a will.

James R. Middleton died a widower on December 20, 1929, (IX:b) at the ripe old age of eighty-one. He had been an employee of the United States Custom House and the United States Navy since 1884, (VII:j) and he was a "very popular figure" along the river front. The attendance at the funeral was expected to be large. (VI:k) The administration of his estate was managed by James W. Baldwin as principal and Mrs. Johnie L. Burke and Rachel Baldwin (minor) as beneficiaries. (V:b) In the attempt to find Mrs. Johnie Burke (whose name was traceable from the vital statistics as Virginia) a Virginia Burke was called with no results. There may still be a link to the Baldwins.

Theodosia Middleton died in 1923. Her will is extant, (V:c) and she named her two nieces as inheritors of her estate. Due to biological circumstances the possibility of tracing a direct descendant through her are somewhat slim.

Of the two grandsons mentioned in the will, neither one left a will, nor is there an administration recorded. Francis is not mentioned in the city directories and James can only be found in a few after 1884. (A link to James may still be found through the directories.) There are no records of either Francis or James in the death records of the vital figures at the Chatham County Health Department.9

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9 There is a James Spaulding mentioned in the vital figures (1910), but he was not the son of Susana and Samuel Spaulding.
In desperation, a Charlotte and a James C. Middleton who are listed in the Savannah Telephone Directory (1979) were called with no results.

Since there is no mention of Josephine Middleton in Charles' will, it is possible that she, like Charles K., died before 1883. (She may be listed in the Laurel Grove records, colored.) There is a record of a Josephine Middleton in the marriage records (file-J-423) in 1894, but it is unlikely that it is the same person.

Thus ends a partial history of Charles E. Middleton and his descendants.
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Location: Georgia Historical Society

II. Tax Digests of Chatham County, 1840-1883 - Unusquique Ad Annum

Location: Georgia Historical Society

III. Deeds

   a. Volume 3P  423p
   b. 3U  379
   c. 4L  500
   d. 5G  45
   e. 5J  443
   f. 5P  137
   g. 5J  441
   h. 8B  214

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   i. Volume 3Q  498p
   j. 3U  393
   k. 4A  106
   l. 3P  420
   m. 6I  313
   n. 4T  14

Location: Superior Court of Chatham County

IV. Marriage Records

   a. Book: 1881-1883 (colored) - Charles E. Middleton
   b. Book: 1873-1877 (colored) - James R. Middleton
   c. Book: 1873-1877 (colored) - Charles R. Middleton
   d. Book: E.584 - Lewis G. Middleton

Location: Court of Ordinary, Chatham County

V. Wills

   a. File 616 - Will (1883)
   b. File 1584 - Administration (1929)
   c. File 1416 - Will (1923)
   d. File 587 - Administration (1881)

Location: Court of Ordinary, Chatham County

VI. Newspapers and Newspaper Digests

   a. Jan. 9, 1871
   b. Jan. 1, 1873
   c. July 7, 1874
   d. Dec. 22, 1875
   e. Apr. 6, 1876
   f. Sept. 13, 1876

Savannah Morning News
g. July 1, 1880
h. June 4, 1881
i. June 28, 1881
j. June 18, 1883
k. Dec. 22, 1928

Location: Georgia Historical Society

VII. City Directories (Entry in Directories Under Name)
   a. 1871
   b. 1874
   c. 1875
   d. 1877
   e. 1878
   f. 1880
   g. 1881
   h. 1882
   i. 1883
   j. 1884

Locations: Georgia Historical Society and Savannah Public Library

VIII. Church Records
   A. Baptismal Records (1810-1855)
      Location: Chancery of St. Johns Cathedral
   B. Records of St. Benedict's Parish (Sister Brigette)
      Location: St. Benedict's Cathedral

IX. Vital Records
   a. Book Number 5-Death-1915
   b. Volume Number 40 Death- Pg 1840
   c. Book Number 4-Death-1905
   d. Book Number 4-Death-1909

Location: Chatham County Health Department

X. Cemetery Records
   Index to Keeper's Record Books-Colored (1876-1883)
   Location: Laurel Grove Cemetery

XI. Tax Assessment of 1873

Sources Checked

I. Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
   Note: Records from the late nineteenth century are assumed to have been lost in the cathedral fire of 1896. However, one can also assume them to be extant and still a possible source of information.

II. Vital Records
   Charles E., Charlotte, Charles R., and Josephine Middleton are not listed in the death records at the Chatham County Health Department. The record for Josephine's death could perhaps be found in the Laurel Grove Record Books (colored), but as of yet has not been confirmed in these records.
III. Cemetery Records

As "persons of color" none of the Middletons are listed in the cemetery records available at the Georgia Historical Society.

IV. City Directories

- 1848
- 1849
- 1850
- 1858
- 1859
- 1860

Location: Savannah Public Library—Microfiche

V. Marriage License

- Number J-423, Josephine Middleton to Henry Singleton on March 29, 1894

Location: Chatham County Court of the Ordinary

VI. Newspapers

- The Georgian
  
  a. 3/1 -1834 p-3/c-1
  b. 5/1 -1837 p-3/c-2
  c. 5/2 -1837 p-3/c-2
  d. 11/2 -1841 p-3/c-1 (the Daily Georgian)
  e. 11/3 -1841 p-3/c-3 (the Daily Georgian)

VII. Alien Immigration Records

- No listing for the name Middleton

Location: Georgia Historical Society

VIII. Census of Population

- 1820
- 1830

Location: Georgia Historical Society

IX. Warren Ward Book

Location: Georgia Historical Society

X. Telephone Calls

In the attempt to find a living descendant, the following people were contacted:

- Charles Middleton—Address: 215 West 41st Street, Savannah, Georgia
- James C. Middleton—Address: 262 Ferrell Road, Savannah, Georgia
- Virginia K. Burke—Address: Garden City Mobile Estates, Garden City, Georgia

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Chatham County

I, Charles E. Middleton of the city of Savannah in said county and state being of sound mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament.

First, I give and bequeath to my wife, Thedona Middleton, the following property to wit: The eastern half of my lot situated on Charlton Street, second lot from Price Street, bounded on the north by Charlton Street and south by Charlton Street lane and the improvements thereon consisting of the two eastern tenements for her own proper use, benefit, and behoof during her natural life as long as she remains single and unmarried. And upon her death or marriage, the said eastern half of said lot and improvements thereon shall become the property of and vest absolutely in my children Agatha Spaulding formerly Susana Agatha Middleton, James R. Middleton, and Lewis G. Middleton for their own proper use, benefit, and behoof forever.
to my children Susana Agatha Spaulding and James R. and Lewis G. Middleton the same before mentioned the western half of the before described lot on Charlton street and Charlton street lane in the said city, county and State of said, and the improvements thereon consisting of the two western tenements, for their own support use benefit and bequeath forever.

Item third I direct that the certain lot now by me at Thunderbolt in said county and State known as lot number three (3) said part thereof measuring 105 feet by 51 1/3 feet be sold at private or public sale and the proceeds thereof be devoted to paying any debts for which I may be chargeable and the residue if any togetther with all other money that I may be possessed of after paying my said debts to be divided equally between my wife Theodoria, and my children Susana Agatha Spaulding and James R. and Lewis G.
tools to my grandson James Spaulding.

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend and testator, Albert Jackson, Executor of this my last will and testament. This is hereby relieving him of the necessity of making inventories and returns, or giving bond as such Executor.

Dated this the Eighteenth day of May, 1883.

Charles E. Middleton

Signed, declared, and published, by Charles E. Middleton, as his last will and testament, in the presence of us the subscribers, who subscribe our names hereunto in the presence of said testator (at his instance and request) and of each other, he signing in our presence and we signing in his presence—

the words “this the” of the fifth line from this page being first cancelled.

Mrs. Pace

J. B. Savage

Albert Jackson

John H. Fawcett