Burrell L. Boulineau

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Abstract

George Burrell Lathrop Boulineau was born in Georgia on April 12, 1831. His parents were Augustus Boulineau, native of Havre, France and Mary Ann Kemp, a native of Savannah, Georgia. He was baptized at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist when he was four years old. He was an employee of the Central Railroad during the 1860's and 1870's in Savannah, Ga. Burrel L. Boulineau married twice and had a total of eleven children. Boulineau left Savannah around 1879 and probably moved to Liberty County, Georgia. He died on September 24, 1903 and is buried in Flemington Cemetery in Liberty County.
Burrel L. Boulineau was a local figure in Savannah's railroad history. In this paper I will discuss this man's life from his birth to his experiences with the Central Rail Road and, finally, up to his death. However, this discussion does not end at that point because of the children he left behind who continued this family to the present.

George Burrell (or Burrell) Lathrop Boulineau was born in the state of Georgia on April 12, 1831. His parents were Augustus Boulineau (born in Havre, France in December 1799) and Mary Ann Kemp (born in Savannah, Georgia in 1809). They were married on December 9, 1829 (location unknown). When Burrel Boulineau was four years old, he was baptized at Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist along with his sister Anne Matilda Boulineau (age 2 years) and his brother Edward Augustus Boulineau (age six weeks). According to the Chatham County Census of 1850 Augustus Boulineau's occupation was listed as a clerk and his family members consisting of his wife Mary Ann (who had 3,000 dollars in real estate), and his children: Burrel (the eldest child), Ann, Mary, Josephine.

1. The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.

2. Chatham County Record of Marriage Licenses, 1805 to 1852, Nabel F. LaPar, 1939.

3. The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.
Idelia, Louise, Augustus and Eli. The 1860 Census of Chatham County lists additional information. By this time Augustus Boulineau was a lumber merchant (his real estate: 11,000 dollars, his personal estate: 500 dollars), his wife, Mary Ann, had 7,000 dollars in real estate, plus they had a few more children: Ernestine, Edward and Manso. Burrel Boulineau is not listed in this household in the 1860 census. He must have moved out sometime before the record was taken. Augustus Boulineau died on January 27, 1862 in Savannah, Georgia and his wife, Mary Ann, died only two years after him on June 19, 1869. Augustus and Mary Ann Boulineau are buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia.

Burrel Boulineau was working for the Central Railroad as an engineer when he was nineteen years old. The records of the 1870's and the Walter Hartridge Collection reveal a good bit of information on Burrel Boulineau's family and occupation. In 1870 he was machine shop superintendent of the Central Railroad and lived at the corner of Montgomery and Charlton Streets. He also had a per-

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4Ibid.

5The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society, and Workers of the Works Progress Administration, General Index to Keepers' Record Books, 1852-1938, Volume I, A-F, Official Project Number 465-34-3-14-8-1939.

6Ibid.
By this time, Burrel Boulineau had married and lost a wife, Maria Beal Dove (born in Savannah in 1834), who died November 3, 1869. Maria Beal Dove and her child Grace (who died at age 17 months) were buried in a cemetery in Richmond County, but were later reburied in Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah, Georgia. It is not certain how many children Burrel Boulineau had by this first wife. Boulineau married twice and had a total of eleven children.

Records show the following children to be the offspring of Maria Beal Dove: Burrel Dove Boulineau (born July 31, 1856), Maria Boulineau (born December 2, 1865), Grace Boulineau, Adolph Boulineau (born 1856), and Leila Boulineau (born August 14, 1858). There were three other sons by one of the marriages: William W., Augustus, and Lathrop; three other daughters, also (names unknown).

Sometime after Maria Beal Dove's death in 1869, Burrel Boulineau married Alice Gertrude Lathrop (born on

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8The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.

9The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society, and Population Schedules of the Ninth Census of the United States, Chatham County, City of Savannah, 1870, page 43, Roll 141.
December 28, 1948). Alice Lathrop is not listed in the Boulineau household in the 1870 Census of Savannah. It is not clear how many children there were by this marriage as far as the records go. This marriage and the previous one to Maria Beal Dove are not listed in the Chatham County Index of Marriage Licenses. Alice Lathrop Boulineau died on April 26, 1919 and was buried in Flemington Cemetery in Liberty County.\(^{10}\)

I have found that the next addresses I will list as residences of Burrel Boulineau are merely vacant lots today. In 1871 Burrel L. Boulineau lived at 67 Tatnall Street and kept the same position as the year before.\(^{11}\) However, in December of 1872 Burrel Boulineau resigned from his position as master of machinery. The reasons for this are not known.\(^{12}\) In 1877 he was listed as living at 151 South Broad; once again, a new address for him.\(^{13}\) In 1879 Boulineau lived at 202 Charlton Street and held a job as an engineer. Two of his sons, Burrel D. and William

\(^{10}\) *The Walter Hartridge Collection*, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.


\(^{13}\) George H. Rogers (Compiler and Publisher), Rogers'
W. lived at that same address and held positions at the railroad also. Burrel D. was a clerk for the Central Railroad and William W. was a machinist at this same place. After 1879 Burrel L. Boulifneau was no longer listed in the Savannah City Directories. At this time he probably moved to Liberty County (Georgia), although some of his children remained behind in Savannah. It was here in Liberty County that Burrel L. Boulifneau was buried. Burrel L. Boulifneau died on December 24, 1903, at the age of 72 and was buried in Flemington Cemetery. He is buried in the same lot as his second wife, Alice Lathrop, along with one of his daughters (Lella) and her husband, Thomas Spencer Layton, M.D.

Back in Savannah, Burrel D. Boulifneau gradually moved up in rank at the Central Railroad. By 1891, he had worked up to the position of chief clerk. When he died on February 7, 1937, Boulifneau left behind three daughters: Miss Alice Boulifneau, Mrs. N.A. Sevier, and Mrs. E.G. Rogers; also, a grandson, Nelson A. Sevier, all of Savannah. Maria Boulifneau (one of the daughters

14 A.E. Sholes (Publisher), Sholes's Directory of the City of Savannah, January, 1879, Volume, Walker, Evans, and Cogwell, Printers, Charleston, South Carolina.

15 The Walter Hartridge Collection, box number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.
of Burrel L. Boulineau) was raised by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. West (Savannah) from the age of three. (Her mother, Maria Beal Dove Boulineau, died at that time). She married Joseph Bacon Fraser when she was twenty. She had two daughters, Mary and Adelaide (Hinesville) and five sons, Donald (Savannah), Harry (Greenwood, S.C.), Layton (Clinton, S.C.), Joseph Bacon Jr., and Charles West (Hinesville). One of Maria's sons, Joseph Bacon Fraser Jr., was commanding general of the 48th Armored Division, Georgia-Florida National Guard. He was also a prominent citizen of Hinesville, Georgia in various civic activities including the Protestant Lay Committee of the National Boy Scout Organization.16 Maria Boulineau Fraser was survived by not only all of her children at her death, but also by six grandchildren, Olin (Hinesville), Harry (Greenwood, S.C.), Charles (Hinesville), Hugh (Savannah), Donald and Joseph.

There are descendants of Burrel L. Boulineau still living in Savannah: two granddaughters, Mrs. Macintyre Williams and Mrs. E.G. Rogers, and two great-grandsons, Ir. Nelson A. Sevier and Mr. Hugh H. Fraser. A family

16 A.E. Sholes (Manager), Sholes's Directory of the City of Savannah for 1891. Volume 12, Savannah, The Morning News Print, 1891. The Walter Hartridge Collection, mox number 6, located at the Georgia Historical Society.
which has lived in Savannah for more than a century is continuing its line to the present time.\textsuperscript{17}

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George Pauline

married

Mary Magdalene

Children

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American Society

married Malcom Kent

They had 11 Children

including Russell Pauline

married

1. Morris Real Dove

and

2. Alice Beatrice Hamburg

11 Children by the two

marriages including

Barrel Dove

Pauline

End 1870

Children

First: one daughter (still living)

Second: four sons

In 1875

Today known

William & Thomas

still living in

Township
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