

viving him both a wife and daughter. Who this Dame Elizabeth Middleton was, and when she married Sir Hugh, have so far not been ascertained. Neither is it known what became of the daughter, Susannah. A Susannah Middleton, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, married in 1692, George Searle, of Dockmersfield, co. Southampton. The marriage licence is dated 25 August, 1692. He is described as—aged 35, a bachelor, she, aged 28, a spinster. Whether she was the daughter of Sir Hugh Middleton, however, is not certain.

That the Baronetcy did not cease to be assumed after the death of Sir Hugh in 1675, has been conclusively proved by the late Colonel Chester. (*Vide Westminster Abbey Registers*, p. 21), but the precise relationship between the third and fourth Baronets remains still doubtful.

Notwithstanding that in his will, Sir Hugh Middleton mentions a daughter only, it is by no means certain that he did not leave a son. In the Parish Register of Croydon, Surrey, occurs the following entry of a marriage—

Sr [added later] Hugh Midilton was
maryed to frances Morton 10 November,
1650.

A recent examination of this entry shows that the word "Sr" has been added to the name of Hugh Middleton, probably after 1652, when he succeeded to the Baronetcy. There is a blurr after the words "frances Morton," which might possibly be Whitehouse (believed to be the residence of that family), but which looks more like the words "was maryed" written again in error, and obliterated.

The following entries also occur in the same Register :—

1653. Hugh Midleton ye Sonne of Sr Hugh
borne ye 6th of Aprill and bapt., &c.

1655. June. Sr Hugh Midl[e]tons Sonne
buried 22.

These three entries clearly refer to Sir Hugh Middleton, the third baronet, in which case his widow Elizabeth, living in 1675, must have been a second wife. And unless the son,