

“ To my son Hugh Middleton, the lease of my dwelling-house in Hackney, provided he make the same the place of his abode. To my younger children seven thirty-sixth parts or shares of the King’s Moyety in the New River Company; one thirty-sixth part a piece to Sarah, Hannah, Anne, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Benjamin, and Hezekiah. My wife, Mary Middleton, my worthy friend John Beckworth, of London, esq., and my brother-in-law Thomas Hartley of London, my executors. To my said brother-in-law £20 per annum in trust for my sister-in-law Mrs. Mary Wicks, now wife of Nathaniel Wicks, mercer. Hezekiah Haynes, overseer. Legacies to my two nephews, William and Henry Middleton, my niece Nye, Dr. Chamberlain’s daughter, my cousin Bartholomew Soame kinsman Dr. Thomas Jacombe, D.D., of London. Dr. Bates, of Hackney; Onesiphorus Rood, late of Hackney, clarke, Mr. Barron, of Hackney clarke; Mr. John Chester, of London, clarke; Mr. Samuel Stancliffe, of Hackney, clarks; Mr. Owen Stockton of Essex, Mr. Parratt, of Warwick Lane, London, Mr. Webb of Hackney, clarke, son Hugh Middleton and wife, my brother and sister Haynes, brother James Smithsby and wife, my cozen Mrs. Rebecca Upsheire, Mr. Rand of Essex, clarke, To the poor of Hackney £5, to the poor of St. Alban’s, Wood Street, London, where I was born, £10. To Mr. Thomas Senior of Hackney, clarke, and Mr. Morland of Hackney, clarke, £5 a piece.” Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 29 Nov., 1680, by Hugh Middleton, Esquire, the son and residuary legatee.

SIMON MIDDLETON was four times married. The name of his first wife is not recorded, but she was probably a sister of the Hezekiah Haynes mentioned in the foregoing will. She seems to have left no issue. His second wife was Mary, daughter of John Soame, of Burnham Market, Norfolk. She died on the 25th November, 1656, and was buried at Edmonton. There is a monumental inscription there, in which she is stated to have been the mother of eight children. Two of these probably died in infancy. The others were—

1. *Hugh Middleton*, eldest son and heir.