



-----534- 538 East Gwinnett Street-----

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History of the Home and Property:

When Oglethorpe's ship landed in 1733 he had a genius new plan. He wanted a new colony founded on equality and modern ideals. He divided the new land up into city lots and garden lots, making sure everyone got equal land. (fig. 1) While

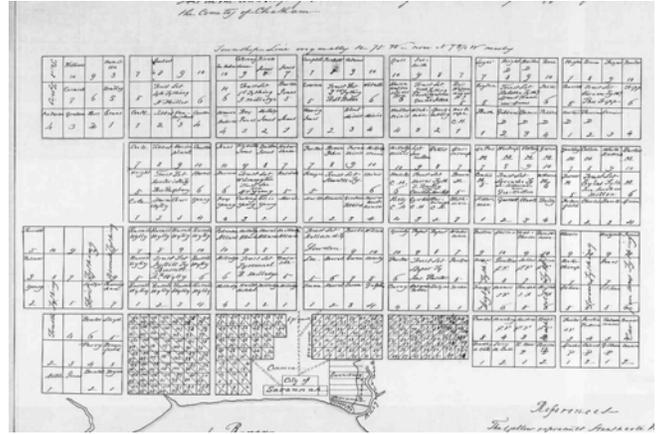


Figure One

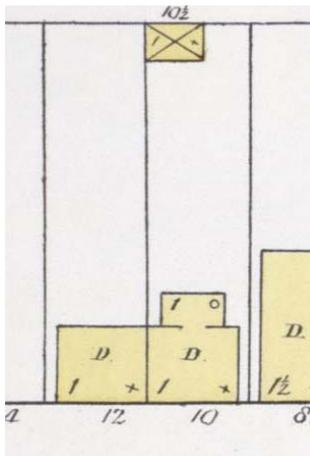
the only remaining part of his plan is the city squares his ideals founded a revolutionary new colony that is the modern day city of Savannah. The city lots were soon taken up and the trustees took over more than their fair share due to their ability to buy more land. From this large plots of land began to spring up in areas meant to be highly separated. One such large land area later became known as Fair Lawn Plantation, originally owned by Josiah Tatnall. Over time even this land was spilt up, after families left and heads of houses died, splitting the land even more. The last owners of this grand plantation were the Bowen Family. The family split the land up at the very beginning of the war, possibly due to financial issues and other issues that arose due to the impending war. In 1861, William P Bowen sold the land to John and Marmaduke Hamilton.¹ The property in question was then known again by its original name of Garden Lot 58 east. The Hamilton family held the property for 6 years until it was sold briefly to Samuel May.² In 1868, the property was then trusted to Mary Ellen

¹ See "Chain of Title"

² See "Chain of Title"

Richardson by Joseph M Solomons.³ She held the property from that time until her death, though she only briefly lived on the property. After this time a series of owners had the property until it fell into disrepair and was saved in 2007 by the current owner.

At the beginning of this project, I decided upon this home because I was told it was an old boarding house; The first boarding house owned and run by a black woman in Savannah.



This hypothesis seemed logical. It was located in an African American neighborhood in a time when the races never intermingled unless forced to. Racism was a way of life, especially in the deep south of Savannah. Sadly this initial hypothesis was never able to be proved

Figure Two true or false. No evidence could be found to back up this theory. The residence did have a string of different people, with only a few staying more than a year or two, which would give some credence to the theory.

There was never a mention of boarders at the residence or of the home being listed as a boarding house, though it did have other uses than just a rental property, it was a barber shop for a short while⁴. The earliest evidence found in the 1888 sanborn maps (fig 2) shows that there were two homes on the property for a number of years, through several address changes. In 1914 the current structure was erected (fig 3) and has almost always been a rental

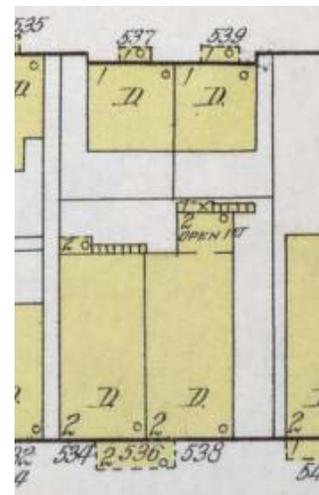


Figure Three

³ See "Chain of title"

⁴ See "City Directory Notes"

property. The house has stayed largely the same since this time; it is still the four residences that it was originally. In 2007, during the renovations, a fire broke out and caused a large part of the building to be destroyed but it was rebuilt in the same floor plan, so although the house is almost all new construction, it still retains the historic design it was built with.

This property was trusted to Mary Ellen Richardson in 1868⁵, just after the civil war ended. Mary Ellen Richardson was born between 1846 and 1859, depending on the source, somewhere in Georgia. Her death certificate says that she was 70 at the time of her death on Oct 9 1929. (fig. 4) This is the only document

that I found that I know for sure is her, as it was referenced later in court documents. Every piece of evidence with her age has a different birth date, with a range of over ten years, making it very hard to pinpoint. She was most likely born into slavery, due to the fact that she was African American born into a pre-civil war south, though no record was found to suggest this. On her death certificate, filled out by her son, under mother and father it says D.K. which

No. 79412	RECORD for	Jackson Richardson
Date,	July 3/1922	
Where born,	Charleston S.C.	
Where brought up,	Same	
Residence,	Charlton near A.S. R.R.	
Age,	36 yrs	Complexion, Dark
Occupation,	Porter	
Works for	A.A. Solomon Leo	
Wife or Husband,	Ellen Record	
Children,	Reia, Joe	
Father,	Washington dead	
Mother,	Reia dead	
Brothers and Sisters,	Adama, Elam Keaton, Ametta, Dafney.	
REMARKS:		

Figure Five

logically is assumed to mean don't know.⁶ This is another sign that she was most likely a slave,

⁵ See "Chain of Title"

⁶ See Attached Images

as they did not always know their lineage. Sometime before she was trusted the land; she was married to Jackson Richardson, as he is made reference to in the deed. He shows up subsequently as John and Jack in the census data collected. Jackson Richardson was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1838, (fig 5) and no mention was made of whether he was born a slave or not, though I suspect he was. No marriage license was found so it is just known that they were married sometime before 1867 when Mary was given the property. Together they had four children, Rhina, Joseph, Charles and John H.. Mary Ellen deeded the property to only Charles and John, in 1911, leading me to believe their first two children died young.⁷ All four of their children are consistently listed as being born in Georgia, do it is assumed that they were

" Lewis, c, chf cook Hicks' Res-
 taurant
 " Mamie E. Miss, bds 512 38th, w
 " Mary, c, r 405 Perry, e
 " Mary E., c, r 514 Gwinnett, e
 " Nan Miss, stngr, C. F. Moses,
 bds 223 Charlton, e
 " Nathan, c, wks All & Ingram, r
 rear 222 Oglethorpe av. w

probably born in Savannah. The family as a whole is never listed as residing at 534-538 East Gwinnett Street, but Charles, Mary and John are listed as living down the street at the modern day 514 East

Figure Six

Gwinnett Street. (fig. 6) Charles is listed as a barber at 536 and elsewhere, as well as later a carpenter, and John is listed as a carpenter as well. When she died in 1929⁸, she willed the property, along with a few others totaling \$20,000, to the Second Baptist Church and Mills Memorial Home⁹. Those legal proceedings are still referenced in the current deed. Her family protested the wording of the will, saying that the Mills Memorial Home in her will was not properly specified as it was only stated as being given to an "Old Folks Home". The legal

⁷ See "Chain of title"

⁸ See Attached Images

⁹ Rev. L. L. Scott, "Here and there Among Colored People," Savannah Morning News, 21 May 1948

preceding went on until May 1948 when the church finally took possession of the home.¹⁰ They only owned the property for a year before they sold it. The property only switched hands one more time before the current owners acquired the property.

Before the current home was constructed in 1914, there were two different buildings on the site.¹¹ A series of people were listed in these residences, none stayed more than a few years until 536 was turned into a barber shop. The first listed barber was Charles Richardson, Mary's son, in 1902.¹² He lived with his mother at the time, who was residing down the street at 514. It was a barber shop till just before the current home was built, in 1913.¹³ It was a barber shop and residence for a few years for the Nathaniel Smith family for a short amount of time, and the Joseph Handy family as well. When the new home was built Mary Ellen moved in, with her or her son John are listed most years until her death in 1929. After May died her son John is listed as a resident until 1940. Most of the other residences have a veritable revolving door of residents. One family lived there from 1916 to 1927.¹⁴ This is the Bythewood family. Julian was the head of the family, working mostly as a barber at another residence. His wife

¹⁰ Rev. L. L. Scott, "Here and there Among Colored People," Savannah Morning News, 21 May 1948

¹¹ Digital Library of Georgia, "Savannah 1888, 1898, 1916," Sanborn Map. Available from Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Georgia Towns and Cities, 1888-1916, <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/sanborn/?Welcome&Welcome>, Accessed 10 March 2013

¹² Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia, City Directory, City of Savannah, Georgia, 1902, s.v. "Charles Richardson."

¹³ Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia, City Directory, City of Savannah, Georgia, 1902-1913, s.v. "536-538 East Gwinnett Street."

¹⁴ Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia, City Directory, City of Savannah, Georgia, 1916-1927, s.v. "Julian Blythewood."

Zimmie lived there until just after his death in 1926 from a stroke, at the age of 58.¹⁵ Julian and Zimmie had only two children, Edith and Julian Jr. Like many of the other families who lived in the home their story has been lost as well.

This home has a long and interesting history. It was part of a plantation and then was given to an African American woman who was most likely born a slave; who could have likely lived and worked on the plantation she now owned a part of. Her history must have been a fascinating one as she died in 1929 with \$20,000 worth of property. How did she get it? Unfortunately most of these answers have been lost to history. No record could be found to lead to her profession beyond being a seamstress and laundress¹⁶. There are no readily available answers to this very crucial question. The biggest question of all is really the question of why she was trusted the land in the first place. There are many conclusions that could be plausible. She could have been a slave on that land and when the civil war was over and the new law required land to be given to the newly freed slave; essentially the right place and right time idea. Though this is not the kind hearted gesture it would have originally seemed to be. This would have meant that the owner at the time, Samuel May, was required by law to give up his land. This is fair to the new slaves, who are trying to put together a new life, but it is not fair to the owner of the land. Though Samuel May only owned the land for about a year, so he might have been a middle man essentially, in making sure the new transfer of land went smoothly. This would make the land transfer fair to all parties. Another plausible theory is that

¹⁵ Georgia, Deaths, 1914-1927 "Julian Bythewood" February 4 1926. <http://familysearch.org>

¹⁶ Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia, City Directory, City of Savannah, Georgia, 1890-1929, s.v. "Mary E Richardson."

Mary befriended either Samuel or Joseph Solomons, the trustee responsible for giving her the property. This is plausible, but not as likely as the first scenario. Another strange thing about her receiving the property is that her husband, Jackson, was mentioned specifically in the deed, but he was only mentioned in the context of Mary's Heirs, who were to receive the land not him. This seems very strange for the time period, where women were not necessarily the heads of their homes, or in charge of land and money. This fact gives some backing to the theory that she was friends with the land owner. Whatever the reason, it is most likely lost in history. No amount of searching found any indication of why she was given this property.

Unfortunately due to political and social issues of the time, a lot of African American history has been lost. There is only a small mention of her when she died and when the court case was decided. There was no big mention of the legal proceedings or mention that there was a long court battle at all. In modern day standards this probably would barely make the news, but since the property was fought over for so long it seems like it should have had a mention in the paper. Lot 26 and west 5 feet of lot 27 of mercer ward has had a very unique history. It was originally a garden lot that was swallowed up by a plantation. That plantation was dissolved and it was turned back into a garden lot for a short while. Progress and city development took over splitting the land into its modern day land lots. Buildings were built, lived in and expanded upon, torn down and rebuilt. It was fought over for many years by a family who thought it belonged to them. It was abandoned for many years following before it was bought, renovated and rented out to modern day tenants. Though its unique history is still covered in mystery, hopefully someday someone can manage to turn over the right piece of paper and stumble upon this homes interesting story.

Description of the home as it stands today:

The home today is in the classical revival style, with Greek Revival features. It is a modest style dwelling with no frills on the exterior. The remodel plans state that as much of the original building would be kept as possible so it is fairly safe to assume that this is the original look of the building¹⁷. Unfortunately due to its location, no photographs have been located to tell otherwise, or what the previous buildings might have looked like on the site. It is fairly safe to assume that they were built in a similar style as well, as it was fairly cheap and simple but still visually appealing. The main building contains four residences. All of the residences have essentially the same layout, with one master bedroom, with adjoining bathroom and walk-in closet. There are two other bedrooms with fairly sizable closets as well. Each apartment has one more bathroom, a laundry room, and an open plan kitchen, living room and dining room. The apartments are all fully modernized in appearance and appliances, with all full modern hardwood flooring throughout as well. The two apartments upstairs have an added bonus as the master bedrooms in the front of the buildings open up onto a small front balcony, though the bottom apartments have the advantage of the backyard being easily accessed through the back of the home. There is also a small carriage house in back that contains one unit and four garages. The apartment in back is set up fairly similarly, though it only has one bedroom. Due to the shape of the carriage house, the rooms are all essentially stacked up on one another with only the bedroom and bathroom being walled off. According to the building renovation

¹⁷ "Historic District Board of Review Regular Meeting." Metropolitan Planning Commission. http://www.thempc.org/documents/HRB/Agendas/2007/HRB_Final2_Agenda_3-14-07.pdf (accessed March 13, 2013).

approvals by the Metropolitan Planning Commission¹⁸, the home originally was slightly smaller; the back portion of the home containing the kitchen, living, dining space was added in the 2007 remodel to accommodate the added spaces. In doing this they removed the old porches that were on the back of the home, but due to the state of disrepair, they were going to be removed anyway. The new carriage house was also added at this time to add more rental space on the property as well as adding the four garages that help make these apartments more appealing. The remodel of the home was designed to keep as many existing features as possible, though no pictures were attached to the official write-up. The style of the home today fits well with the neighborhood as a whole, with most of the buildings on the street being built in a fairly similar style.

¹⁸ "Historic District Board of Review Regular Meeting." Metropolitan Planning Commission. [http://www.thempc.org/documents/HRB/Agendas/2007/HRB Final2 Agenda 3-14-07.pdf](http://www.thempc.org/documents/HRB/Agendas/2007/HRB%20Final2%20Agenda%203-14-07.pdf) (accessed March 13, 2013).

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Full Text of article "At this service, the estate of Mary Ellen Richardson who was a member of Second Baptist church for many years and who dies leaving her estate to the church, was formally presented by Pastor Rev. L. L. Scott to the church. This estate was valued at approximately \$20,000"

THE INFORMANT AND UNDERTAKER MUST BOTH SIGN THIS CERTIFICATE

B. V. S.—Form 11.

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. Was death due to insanitary or dangerous conditions or occupations?

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Vital Statistics

26128
 26128
 STATE FILE NUMBER

1 PLACE OF DEATH
 State—Georgia. County CHATHAM Militia District No. _____ Registered No. 1417
 City or Town STATON, GA No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number).

2 FULL NAME Mary Ellen Richardson
 (a) Residence 538 1/2 E. Summitt
(Usual place of abode, street and number) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. If NON-RESIDENT give city or town and state of residence.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 Color or Race Colored 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word). Widow

5a Name of Husband or Wife, if Married, Widowed or Divorced. Widow

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year)

7 AGE Years 70 Months _____ Days _____ If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, Profession or particular kind of work. Domestic
 (b) General nature of Industry Business or Establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Savannah

10 NAME OF FATHER D.K.

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) D.K.

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER D.K.

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) D.K.

14 The Above is True to the Best of My Knowledge.
 (Informant) Jessie H. Richardson
 (Address) 538 1/2 Summitt

15 Filed OCT 11 1929
 Registrar Eva L. Wright

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Oct. 9 1929

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept. 23, 1929, to Oct 9, 1929 that I last saw her alive on Oct 9, 1929 and that death occurred, on the date stated above at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Cerebro apoplexy

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) Cerebro hemorrhage
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. 10 ds.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____
 (duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. 12 ds.

Did an operation precede death? No Date of _____

Was there an autopsy? No 746

What test confirmed diagnosis?
 (Signed) J. J. [Signature], M.D.
 (Address) Savannah

19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal Date of Burial
Laurel Grove. 10/13 1929

20 UNDERTAKER M. Kehey Correll Co.
 Address 7127.3 1st St. Savannah

No. 79412 RECORDS Jackson Richards

Date, Feb 3/32

Where born, Chiles to T. C.

Where brought up, Same

Residence, Charlton near Ch. R. R.

Age, 36 yrs Complexion, Dark

Occupation, Porter

Works for, A. A. Solomon Lee

Wife or Husband, Ellen Record

Children, Rina, Joe

Father, Washington dead

Mother, Rina dead

Brothers and Sisters, Adam, Elean Keaton,
Amaretta, Dafney.

REMARKS:

Freedman's Bank Records 1872

States his wives name as Ellen Richardson with the children Rina and Joe. The names all fit to make it Gwinnett Streets Richardson Family, so it is assumed that this is the right family. Gives the age of Jackson as 36 and born in 1838, his fathers name was Washington and his mothers name was Rina. He had five siblings, Adam, Eleanor, Keaton, Amaretta and Dafney.

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" Ruth, c, r 419 Henry, w
" R., c, helper **Keboe's Iron Works**
" Samuel, c (Katie), porter Mackall & Anderson, r 535 York, e
" Samuel, c (Melinda), r 548 Hull, e
" Wallace, c, porter Hardee & Marshall, r 528 Oak
" William, c, waiter Marshall House
" & Gibbons, c, tailors, 352 Jefferson
Richardson Alice Miss, bds 512 38th, w
" Allen, printer M. S. & D. A. Byck
" Arthur W. (Meyers & Richardson), r Thunderbolt rd
" Bertram, c (Ellen), r 310 Huntingdon, w
" Bessie S. Miss, bds 225 Bolton, e
" Charles, c, porter Youmans & Demmond, r 1009 Lincoln
" Charles A., clk P. System, bds 223 Charlton, e
" Charles H., bkkpr J. F. Minis & Co., r 225 Bolton, e
" Charles W., c, barber 536 Gwinnett, e, r 514 Gwinnett, e
" Clarence, c, r 522 Harrison
" Edward, carp P. System
" Edward, c (Mary), wks P. System, bds 612 Bolton, e
" Edward L. (Julia), wks Sou. Cot. O. Co., bds 518 Bryan, w
" Edward S. Jr., clk C. of Ga., bds 223 Charlton, e
" Emma B. Miss, bds 414 Park av, e
" E. O., bkkpr El Supply Co., r 536 Oglethorpe av, w
" Fannie, c, r 541 Huntingdon, w
" Fred, c (Eva), r 539 Broughton la, e

Richardson Fred, c (Maggie), r 233 Arnold
" George, c (Rachel), bds 564 Mill
" George R. (Heleen), carp, r 519 Margaret
" George W. (Rachel), huckster, r 621 Indian
" G. Bradford (Sallie), clk S. Morris & Co., r 215 Jefferson
" G. W., tinner C. of Ga
" Hannah, c, r rear 113 Gwinnett, e
" Henry J., c (Sarah), carp, r 441 W. Boundary
" James, c (Janie), r 231 Arnold
" James, c (Marie), tailor, bds 462 W. Broad
" James M., wks Sou. Cot. O. Co., bds 716 Habersham
" John, c, r 39 Farm
" John, c, wks F. J. Cooledge & Bro., r country
" J. S., clk S. F. Smith, bds 127 Charlton, w
" Larry, c, r 524 Stewart
" Levy, clk D. Hogan, bds 101 President, e
" Lewis, c, chf cook Hicks' Restaurant
" Mamie E. Miss, bds 512 38th, w
" Mary, c, r 405 Perry, e
" Mary E., c, r 514 Gwinnett, e
" Nan Miss, stngr, C. F. Moses, bds 223 Charlton, e
" Nathan, c, wks All & Ingram, r rear 222 Oglethorpe av, w
" Palmer, c (Lottie), bkkpr Minglethorpe & Co., r 213 W. Boundary
" Rachel H., wid E., r 223 Charlton, e
" Richard, c (Nancy), r 522 Harrison
" Rufus M., clk A. C. Price & Co., bds 716 Habersham
" Samuel, c (Rachel), bds 306 41st, e
" Sarah, wid J. K., bds 301 Henry, e

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" Thomas E., cond St. Ry., bds 116 Anderson, e
" T. E., clk C. of Ga
" William, c, r rear 36 E. Broad
" William A., printer M. S. & D. A. Byck, bds 512 38th, w
" William G. (Mary E.), planter, r 512 38th, w
Riehl Fannie Miss, clk L. Adler
Richman Julius (Freta), notions 131 W. Broad, r 133 same
Richmond Business College. C. S. Richmond, pres; 123 Whitaker
" Charles S. (Nellie), pres Richmond Bus College, bds 4 Oglethorpe av, w
" Clarence, c (Lizzie), r 542 Orange
" Edward A., phosphate rock and fertilizing materials, Citizens Bk bldg, r 109 Liberty, w
" Frank C., bkkpr Hunter, Pearce & Battey, r 14 Harris, w
" Harry L., bkkpr A. B. Hull & Co., bds 109 Liberty, w
" Nellie Mrs., tchr Richmond Bus College, bds 4 Oglethorpe av, w
Richter George H., stngr Lawton & Cunningham, r Guyton, Ga
Ricker Mary Mrs., boarding, r 313 Charlton, w
Ricks Mary A., wid J. C., bds 209 Henry, e
" Thomas, c (Carrie), r 12 41st la, e
Riddle Oscar O., clk Foye & Eckstein, bds 315 President, w
Ridle Rosa, nurse, bds 217 39th, w
" William P. (Rosa), mach Water wks, r 217 39th, w
Riechel H., foremn P. System, bds 507 Bolton, e
Riedel August, appr C. of Ga
" Martha, wid A., r 536 William
" Robert (Clara), contractor 541 William, r 1910 Habersham
Riedeman John (Louise), driver Winter Br. Co., r 107 Habersham
Rieder Frances Miss, clk D. Hogan
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Riggins Alex, c (Hattie), r 65 Randolph
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" Eva Miss, wks F. F. Wheeler, bds 519 Broughton, e
" Julia Miss, wks L. Adler, bds 519 Broughton, e
" Nina Miss, bds 519 Broughton, e
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" Henry Y. Jr., stngr Cohen-Kulman C. & W. Co., bds 410 Taylor, e
" John, c (Sarah), wks J. Flannery Co., r 826 Gwinnett, w
" J. Morris, wks C. of Ga., bds 410 Taylor, e
" William H., claim agt Sav El Co., r 410 Taylor, e
Riley Albert, c (Sarah), r 625 Park la, w
" Allen J. E., clk W. H. Connerat, bds 1109 Barnard
" Benjamin, c (Josephine), r 114 33rd, w
" Charles A., clk, bds 216 Henry, w
" Charles A., c (Mamie), barber C. Richardson, r 750 Perry, e
" Cornelius, c, wks M. Ferst's Sons & Co., r 530 Harrison
" Cyrus, c (Mamie), r 617 Wright
" Daniel, c (Emma), r 313 Taylor, w
" Essie M. Miss, clk F. M. Kirby & Co., bds 435 Barnard
" George M. D. (Eliza), eng water wks, r 404 Henry, e
" Irene, wid J. E., r 435 Barnard
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Rice William M., drayman, r 6 Montgomery	Richards Robert, c, porter A. S. Nichols, r 205 Henry	Richardson Mary E., c, laundress, r 7 Charlton
Rich David L., lineman Brush E. L. & P. Co., bds es Bull, 2d s of 3d	Richards Rudolph R., lawyer, room 7, Southern Bank Bldg, 107 Bryan, r 173 Charlton	Richardson Morris, c, cooper, bds 14 1/2 E. Boundary
Rich Fannie D. Miss, bds es Bull, 2d s of 3d	Richards Sampson, c, cooper, r 173 W. Broad	Richardson Phebe, c, vegetables, Market
Rich Frederick W., physician, r 63 Jones	Richards Sampson, Jr., c, porter Charlton & Mackall, r 173 W. Broad	Richardson Richard, c, porter A. H. Champion's Son, r 22 1/2 Stewart
Rich Henry, r 44 Jefferson	Richards Thomas, music clk Luden & Bates S. M. H., bds 215 S. Broad	Richardson Richard, c, wks A. Jackson
Rich James S., turpentine insp., r 202 Liberty	Richards Thomas, wks McDonough & Co., bds O3 Liberty	Richardson Sarah, wid J. K., r 38 Liberty
Rich Joseph M., clk, r 196 Liberty	Richards Wallace, c, porter, bds 173 W. Broad	Richardson Scott, c, hostler Dr. O. A. Best
Rich Leon, bds 15 S. Broad	Richardson Alexander, c, lab C. R. R. bds 19 Mill	Richardson Thomas E., clk C. R. R., r 243 Charlton
Rich Mathew, asst electrician Brush E. L. & P. Co., bds es Bull, 2d s of 3d	Richardson Alfred, c, driver City & S. Ry	Richardson William, c, driver L. M. Ryals
Rich Sarah Mrs. (S. Rich & Co., r 196 Liberty	Richardson Ann, wid W. F., bds 124 W. Broad	Richardson William G., overseer, r 91 1/2 Whitaker
Rich S. & Co. (S. Rich and A. Sonnenberg), grocers, 11 Barnard	Richardson Charles C., coachman, bds 50 Margaret	Richardson William H., printer Times, bds 15 Lorch
Richards Clarence, c, lab, bds 173 W. Broad	Richardson Charles J., lab C. R. R., r 27 Stewart	Richardson W. H., trainhand C. R. R., bds 49 W. Broad
Richards Clarence, switchman C. R. R., bds 27 Margaret	Richardson Charles O., carp McDonough & Co., r 64 Habersham	Richardson & Barnard (E. C. Richardson, J. M. Barnard and C. S. Connerat) steamship and ship agts, 92 Bay
Richards Edward, c, lab, bds 31 Pine	Richardson Charles Y., real estate and genl collections, 29 Bull, r 56 Gwinnett. (See bottom lines.)	Richmond Edwin A., bkkpr Hammond, Hull & Co., bds 64 Huntington
Richards Isaac, c, wks O. S. S. Co. whf, r ns Bay la, 2d w of Habersham	Richardson Daisy Miss, servt 202 S. Broad	Richmond Henry L., clk Stillwell, Millen & Co., bds 64 Huntington
Richards James, c, carp, r ss 11th, 1st w of Abercorn	Richardson Edward, c, lab C. R. R. whf	Richmond Henry P., mngr Hammond, Hull & Co., r 64 Huntington
Richards James, c, lab, r 31 Pine	Richardson Edward, c, pilot, r 37 Harden	Richmond Mary E. Miss, school 55 Abercorn, bds 69 Henry
Richards James, c, wks G. O. Penton, r ss Duffy la, 2d w of Barnard	Richardson Edward C. (Richardson & Barnard), r Boston, Mass	Ricker H., police S. F. & W. Ry, bds 116 Lincoln
Richards James, Jr., c, lab, bds 31 Pine	Richardson Elizabeth B., wid C.P., bds 76 Gwinnett	Ricks Lot, c, lab, r 18 1/2 Guerard
Richards James H., clk R.R. Richards, r 154 Liberty	Richardson G., wks C. R. R., bds 214 Congress	Ricks Marion, c, baker A. J. Hermes, r 55 Sims
Richards John, c, lab C. R. R. whf	Richardson John F., fireman C. R. E., bds 85 Jefferson	Ricks Thomas H., bds 174 Anderson
Richards John, c, porter H. Schroder, r 47 Broughton	Richardson John O., eng tug Cambria, bds 18 Lincoln	Rico Rannie, wks G. A. Hudson, r 196 Bay
Richards John T., c, carpenter Sav. Furniture Co., bds rear 49 Congress	Richardson Julia, c, laundress, r ss Congress la, 3d w of Lincoln	Ridensaur Mary Miss, servt H. Winter
Richards Loda T., wid A. J., bds 154 Liberty	Richardson J. L., carp S. F. & W. Ry, bds 67 President	Rider George, wks Bacon, Bryan & Co., bds 15 Indian
	Richardson Kate Miss, r 38 Liberty	Ridgely Charles L., clk M. & M. T. Co., bds 65 Henry
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Richardson Mary E., c, laundress, r 7 Charlton	Riedel & Son (A. Riedel and A. Spencer) tailors, 45 1/2 Whitaker	Riedeman John, driver G. Meyer, r 21 1/2 Montgomery
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Richardson Richard, c, porter A. H. Champion's Son, r 22 1/2 Stewart	Riggs Joseph, lab, r ns Bolton la, 5th w of Burroughs	Riggs J. G., clk S. F. & W. Ry
Richardson Richard, c, wks A. Jackson	Righton Henry Y., depot master S. F. & W. Ry., r 42 Taylor	Righton John, c, wks H. M. Comer & Co., r 128 Montgomery
Richardson Sarah, wid J. K., r 38 Liberty	Righton John, c, wks H. M. Comer & Co., r 128 Montgomery	Riley Annie Miss, r 145 Charlton
Richardson Scott, c, hostler Dr. O. A. Best	Riley Alfred, c, wks Smith & Kelly	Riley Charles, c, lab, r 23 1/2 Mill
Richardson Thomas E., clk C. R. R., r 243 Charlton	Riley Annie Miss, r 145 Charlton	Riley David F. Rev., pastor New Houston St. Church, r 177 New Houston
Richardson William, c, driver L. M. Ryals	Riley David F. Rev., pastor New Houston St. Church, r 177 New Houston	Riley George, c, lab Lewman & Co
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Ricker H., police S. F. & W. Ry, bds 116 Lincoln	Riley Rosa Miss, domestic M. Maclean	
Ricks Lot, c, lab, r 18 1/2 Guerard		
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1890 City Directory
The Family lived on Charlton for awhile according to the Freemans Bank record

	John	11	M	73	At Home
	Duay	7	F	73	
	Sandy A	2	M	73	
	Houston Wm	21	M	73	Steward on Steamer
	Richardson Jack	25	M	73	in drug store
	Mary E	22	F	73	Keeping House
	Rina	3	F	73	
	John J	4	M	73	
	Houston Andrew	11	F	73	at School
220262	Colburn Wm	45	M	73	Sabrer
	Betsy	30	F	73	Keeping H
7	No. of dwellings,	7	No. of white females,	2	No. of males, foreign born,
	" " families,	7	" " colored males,	14	" " females, " "
	" " white males,	7	" " " females,	17	" " blind,

1870 Federal Census

Shows Jack Richardson age 25, Mary E age 22, Rina age 3 and John J age?

Quinn 280368	Richardson John	B. M.	39					
	Mary	B. F.	34	Wife	1			
	Rhina	B. F.	11	Daughter	1		Attending school	
	Joseph	B. M.	9	Son	1			
	Charles	B. M.	4	Son	1			
	John	B. M.	3	Son	1			
	Rogers Duay	B. F.	16	Infant	1			

1880 Federal Census

Shows John Richardson age 39, Mary age 34, Rhina age 11, Joseph age 9, Charles age 4 and John age 3

PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION. Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	SEX.		RACE, HEIGHT, COLOR, AND AGE.				CITY.
Street, or other name, etc.	House number or other number.	Room number or other number.	Number of family.			Male or female.	Single, divorced, or widowed.	Color or race.	Age at last birth day.	Height, inches, at last birth.	Year of immigration into United States.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
W. East	536	73	100	Pepler, John C.	brother			W	W	47	S	
	538	74	101	Richardson, Mary E.	Head	1	M	F	B	56	W	
				John H.	son			M	B	32	S	
			102	Summright, Sam	Head	1	R	M	B	53	W	
				Lucy	Wife			F	W	30	W	
				Howard, Mabel	Roomer			M	W	29	W	
				Kulah	Roomer			F	W	22	W	
				Smith, Adel	Roomer			F	B	52	W	
	538	75	103	Dean, David	Head	1	R	M	B	39	W	
				Anna	Wife			F	W	29	W	

1920 Federal Census
Shows Mary Richardson age 56 and John age 32



Diagram of Mercer Ward
 Property in question is 1666

NAME OF MILITIA DISTRICT		REAL ESTATE.								
No. _____ DISTRICT,		Polls.	No. of Acres of Land.	Number.	District.	Section.	Value of Land.	City or Town Property.	Amount of Money and Solvent Debts of all kinds.	Horses, Mules, Cattle and Stock of all kinds.
GEORGIA MILITIA,										
Post Office _____										
NAME OF EMPLOYEE	NAME OF FREEDMAN		ACRES				DOLLARS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS	DOLLARS
Richard	Ellis							500		
Richard	Adison						600			
Richardson	Hary E						200	2000		
Richardson	Asberry	1					200			
Richardson	Hary S							200		

Georgia Property Tax Records 1890

"	Mary	400	...							
"	Geo R	519	Margaret					200		
"	Mary E.	514	Geometric					100		
"	Henry M.	307	Duffy W					500		

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rear 321 Abercorn
Richardson, Jacob, wks Sav. Wood Co., r
612 Henry la, e
Richardson, James (Henrietta), wks Sav.
Elec. Co., h 612 Henry la, e
Richardson, John, prtr Beck & Gregg
Hdwr. Co., r 510 Indian la
Richardson, John (Diana), wks S. A. L.,
r 542 Bryan, w
Richardson, John (Hattie), drvr Thom-
ason & C., r 648 Broughton, w
Richardson, Joseph (Catherine), firm
Sav. Trust Bldg., h 528 Charlton, e
Richardson, Joseph (Florence), h 651
Mill
Richardson, Lindsey (Janie), fishrmn, h
672 St. Thomas
Richardson, Mary E., h 514 Gwinnett, e
Richardson, Neptune (Willie), wks C. of
G., h 542 Stewart
Richardson, Richard, firm Furse & Co.,
r 17 Guernard la
Richardson, Richard, r 415 Wilson
Richardson, Stephen (Martha), h 331 W.
Boundary
Richardson, Thos. R. (Nelle), wks A. C.
L., r 1114 Jefferson
Richardson, Walter (Mary Bell), h 708
31st, e
Richardson, Wm. (Hagar), wks O. S. S.
Co., h 662 St. Thomas
Richardson, Wm. (Louisa), draymn, h
Jackson, Dittmerville
Rickey, Harris (Lula), prtr A. F. Church-
ill, r 216 Henry la, e
Ricks, Henrietta, h 613 Berrien

Ricks, James, r 613 Berrien
Ricks, Laura, h 615 Berrien
Ricks, Marie, r 613 Berrien
Ricks, Nancy, h 646 Union
Ricks, Viola, wks Sav. Dye Works, r 615
Berrien
Ridgely, Theo. (Annie), wks Gordon
press, r 4 W. Boundary ct
Riddleton, Isalah (Indiana), r 19 Bay Ext.
Rigg, Sydney (Rebecca), cooper, h 773
Perry, e
Riggins, Alex. (Hester), h 106 Randolph
Riggins, Lilly, svt B. E. Middleton, r 5
Liberty la, e
Righton, Edmund (Edna), h 722 Duffy, w
Righton, Ivan, prtr, r W. Sav.
Righton, John (Sarah), wks J. Flannery
Co., h W. Sav.
Riley, Abraham (Ida), h 117 Arnold
Riley, Anson (Nancy), h 570 Bay, w
Riley, Chance (Julia), cotton lab, h 1112
35th la
Riley, Chas., wks S. C. O. Co., r 570 Bay,
w
Riley, Edw. (Gertrude), wks A. C. L., r
509 Bowen
Riley, Elijah, h 756 Hull, e
Riley, Elizabeth, r 640 41st, w
Riley, Emma, h 224 Arnold
Riley, Frances, washwn, h 1711 Randolph
Riley, Halbert, bellman O. S. S. Co., r
1116 Waldburg, e
Riley, Henrietta, h 437 Purse
Riley, Henrietta, h 541 Perry, e
Riley, Ida, h 549 President, w
Riley, Isaac (Carrie), hkmm, h 802 Bolton,
e
Riley, Isaac (Ella), wks cotton, h 608
Liberty, e
Riley, Jacob (Mary), pntr, h 507 Guernard
Riley, Jessie, r 640 41st, w
Riley, John, wks Highsmith's, r 1209 Gas-
ton, w
Riley, John (Ellen), wks Sim's Place, h
Wm. Exley Place
Riley, Lizzie, washwn, h 122 Arnold
Riley, Louisa, r 113 E. Boundary
Riley, Louisa, r 406 33rd, w
Riley, Martha, h 103 Pearl
Riley, Mary, r 549 President, w
Riley, Mollie, r 535 York, e
Riley, Obedah (Mary), h 640 41st, w
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Riley, Saml. (Lizzie), wks M. & M. T. Co.,
h 524 Mill
Riley, Sarah, r 631 Oglethorpe av. e
Riley, Trotty W. (Carrie M.), pstmn, h
610 Henry, e
Riley, Wm., wtr O. S. S. Co., r 1116 Wald-
burg, e
Riley, Wm., bellmn Gelger Hotel, r 804
Gwinnett, e
Riley, Wm. (Florence), h 707 Perry la, e
Ripley, Mary, nurse J. R. Morrissey, r 603
Gwinnett la, e
River, Jessie, h 635 Indian
Rivers, Abraham E. (Mary), wks A. C. L.
Whl., r 139 Houston
Rivers, Albert (Phoebe), h 557 President,
w
Rivers, Alex. (Frances), h 626 Berrien
Rivers, Alex. J. (Mamie), farmer, r W.
Sav.
Rivers, Amella, h 509 Gordon, e
Rivers, Annie, svt A. P. McFarland, r 664
President
Rivers, Arthur H. (Rebecca), carp, h 648
35th, w
Rivers, Asbury D. (Sarah), barber 808
Waters av, h 880 Gwinnett, e
Rivers, Benj. (Frances), wks govt. boat
"Genl. Jackson," h 224 Price
Rivers, Celia, wks T. B. Floyd, h 671 St.
Thomas
Rivers, Chas., r 602 McDonough, e
Rivers, Chas. (Anna), h 608 41st, w
Rivers, Chas. (Irene), firm S. A. L., h
407 Montgomery
Rivers, Clara, r 543 Oglethorpe la, e
Rivers, Cora C., r 310 Waters av
Rivers, David (Louise), h 533 Gordon, e
Rivers, Della, h 114 Habersham
Rivers, Edw., r 210 Reynolds
Rivers, Edw. (Ella), wks S. A. L., h 150
Farm, s
Rivers, Ella, maid Hicks', r 47 Ann
Rivers, Eugene H., whlwr F. C. Kramer,
r 1506 Barnard
Rivers, Florence, r 517 Liberty la, e
Rivers, Frank (Marie), drvr H. J. Sutcliff,
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Ramsey, Hattie, h 548 Hull, e	Reed, Annie, h 606 Anderson la, w
Ramsey, John (Beatrice), uphst C. A. Holman, h 610 34th, e	Reed, Arthur (Della), firmn A. C. L., h 624 Gwinnett, e
Ramsey, Joseph (Sarah J.), h 528 32d, w	Reed, Benl. (Janie), h 301 54th, w
Ramsey, Wm., carp, r 628 32d, w	Reed, David J. (Ella), barber and pressing 652 President, e, tel 2814, h same
Ramsey, Wm. (Rina), carp, h 531 Duffy la, w	Reed, Edw. (Anna), h 8 33d, e
Randall, Agnes, h 533 Gwinnett, e	Reed, Geo. H. (Flossie), h 412 33d, w
Randall, Mattie, h 230 Gaston, w	Reed, Howard M. (Ellen), h 510 Henry, e
Randolph, Ann, tr nurse, r 432 Montgomery	Reed, John, h 415 Bolton, w
Randolph St. Pressing Club (Jerry B. Cooper), 248 Randolph	Reed, Mamie, h 410 Jefferson
Rankin, Eliza, h 612 Park la, e	Reed, Robt. (Eliza), h 715 Broughton, w
Rankin, Frances, h 318 Stone	Reed, Rosa, h 508 Montgomery
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Rawls, Geo. (Wilhelmina), h 659 33d w	Reeves, John (Rebecca), waiter, h 417 1/2 Oglethorpe la, e
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Ray, Henry (Hattie), ptrr Hotel Sav., r rear 208 Harris, w	Regular, Edw. (Lillie), carp, h 119 Laurel
Ray, Isalah (Clara), h 732 W. Boundary	Regular, Edw. (Maria), h 620 Waldburg, w
Ray, Jackson (Annie), h 576 Olive	Reid, Alex (Annie), h 809 Cuyler
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Raymond, John (Marie), carp, r rear 32 Liberty, e	Reid, Benl., ptrr Dekie F. Co., r 301 54th, w
Razor, Benl. (Louise), ptrr Un. Sta., r 532 Berrien	Reid Edw. (Ella), brkmm C. of G., h 546 Orange
Razor, Joseph, h 569 Maple	Reid, James W. (Ada), swtchmn C. of G., h 448 Montgomery
Read, Albert A. (Naomi J.), h 809 Cuyler	Reid, James M. (Bessie), h 603 33d, w
Reed, Saml. T. Rev. (Mattie G.), pastor Butler Pres. Ch. and prin Butler Pres. Sch., h 213 E. Broad	Reid, John W. (Lizzie), blkamth Hull V. Mfg. Co., h 1029 34th, w
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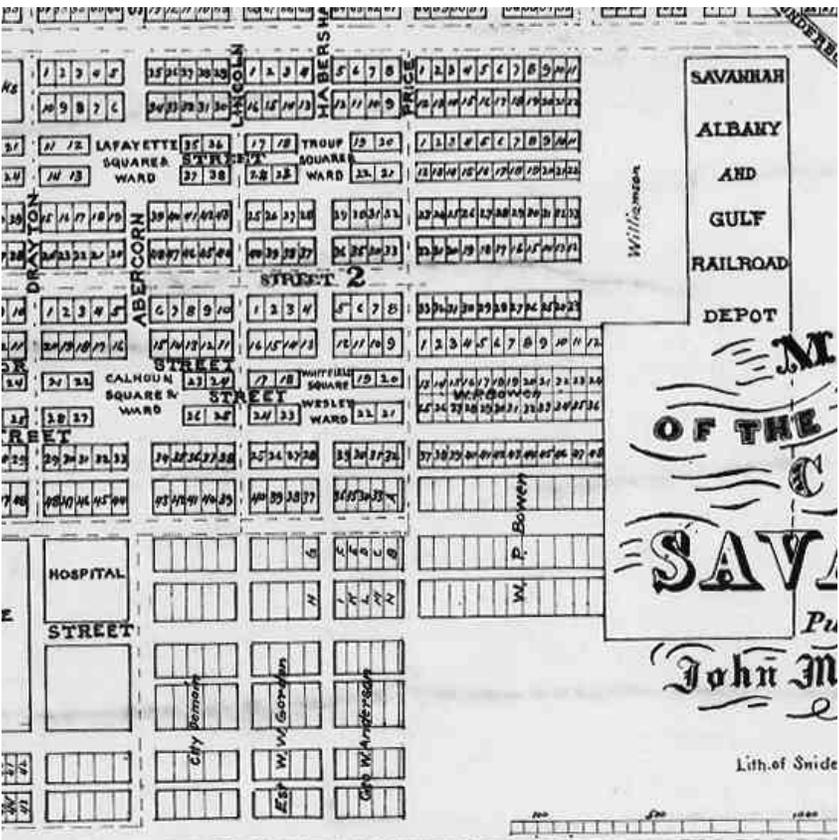
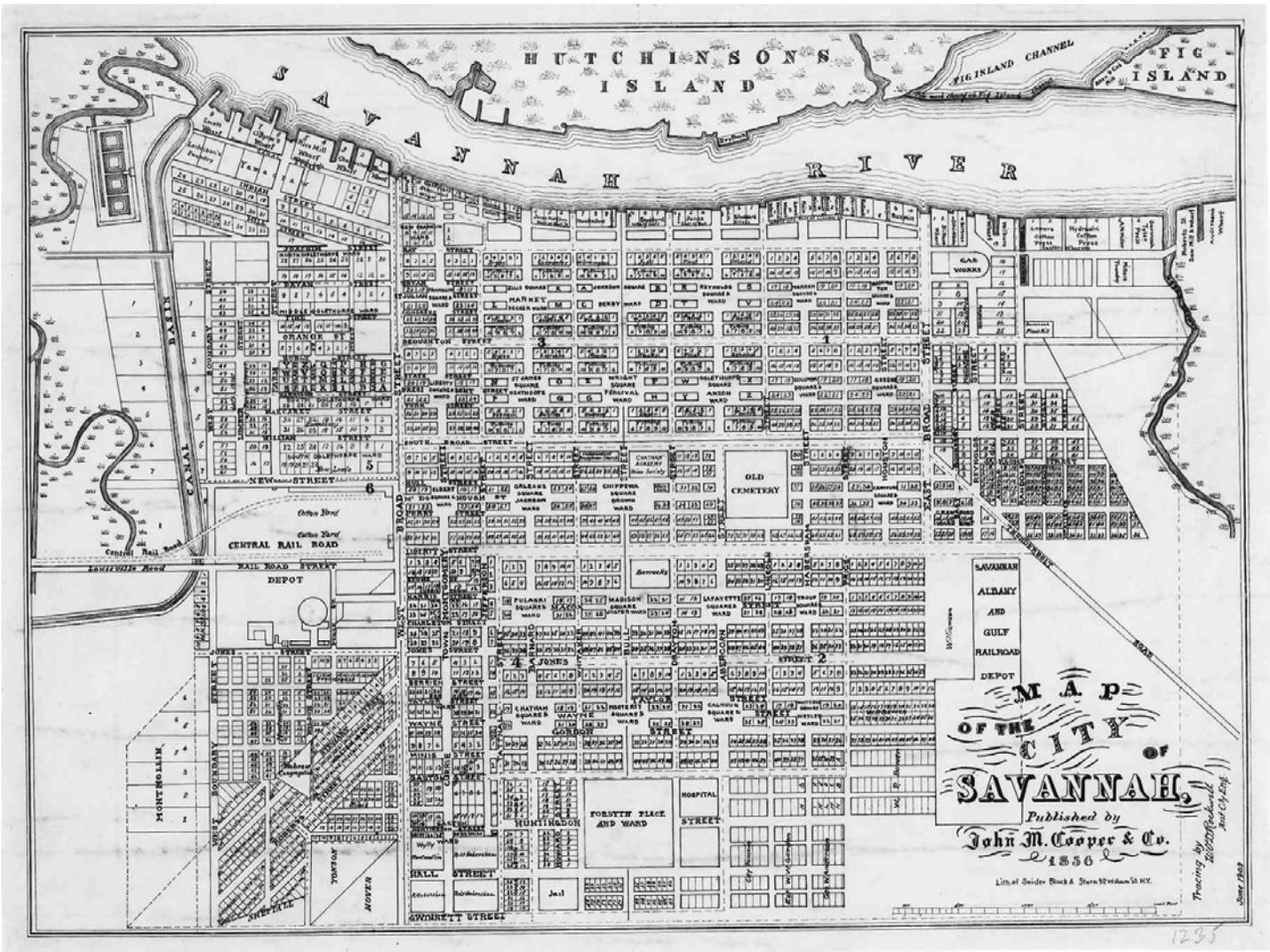
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Reynolds, James (Belle), h 1214 Duffy, w	Richardson, Geo. (Lula), h 26 4th
Reynolds, John, cook Un. Sta., r 317 Berrien	Richardson, Henry (Rebecca), h 207 E. Boundary
Reynolds, John (Flora), h 249 Randolph	Richardson, John (Henrietta), h 605 Duffy la, e
Reynolds, Mattie J. E., tchr E. Broad St. Sch., r 124 33d, e	Richardson, John (Julia), ptrr, h rear 207 Jones, w
Reynolds, Robt. (Mamie), h 108 Anderson la, w	Richardson, Joseph (Catherine), h 416 1/2 State, e
Reynolds, Russell (Savannah), h 527 Roberts	Richardson, Katie, h 549 Perry, e
Reynolds, Saml., h 124 33d, e	Richardson, Maggie, h 433 Lumber
Reynolds, Saml. (Susie), mech, h 729 Magnolia	Richardson, Mary, cook H. Skipper, r 110 Ann
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Rhett, Alice C., grocer Bay ext. W. Sav., h same	Richardson, Mary E., h 536 Gwinnett, e
Rhett, Mitchell C. (Sarah), ins agt, h 65 York, W. Sav.	Richardson, Melvin, shoemkr 311-13
Rhett, Saml., h 807 Frank St. Sch., r	Richardson, Stephen (Marcia), h 725 Broughton, w
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Rhodes, Wm. (Sarah), h 518 Bolton, w	Richardson, Wm. (Louise), h 157 Arnold
Rhoe, Leonard (Norma), h 725 Perry, e	Ricks, Laura, h 615 Berrien
Rice, Asa (Elsie), h 537 Harris, e	Ricks, Nancy, h 648 Union
Rice, David (Hattie), h 3014 Montgomery	Richmond, John, h 109 Park la, w
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Richards, Larry, h 567 Huntingdon, w	Riley, Eljah, h 117 Randolph
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Richards, Robert (Phyllis), wks J. J. McDonough, h 626 President, e	Riley, Ida, h 549 President, w
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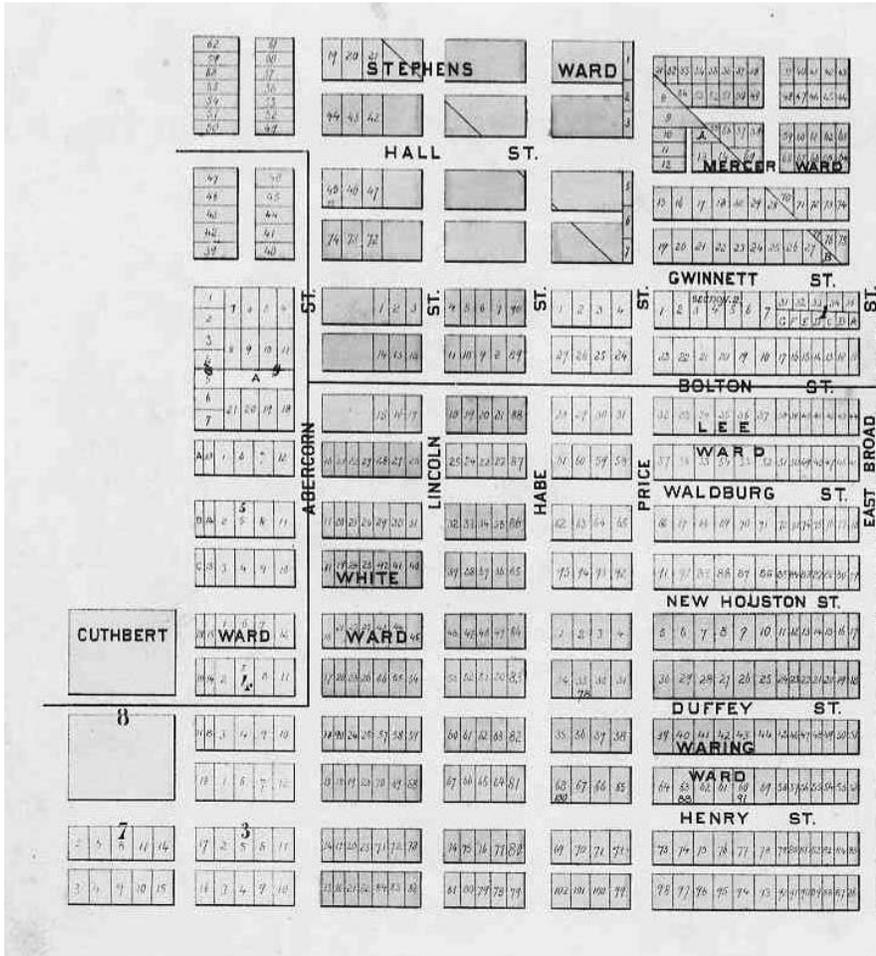
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1856 Map Showing the Land as it was when W.P. Bowen owned it

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1872 Map showing the division of the land at the time

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 11st Sheet No. 11
Enumeration District No. 74

Township or other division of county 1/2 N. District Name of Institution, X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Savannah City Ward of city, Mercers
Enumerated by me on the 6th day of June, 1900, John A. St. Brewer Enumerator.

IN OTHER	LOCATIONS	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION				FREED if BORN				
				Sex	Color	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person			Years of school attended	Can read and write English	Can speak English	Can read and write English		Can speak English			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
	514 78 238	William G. ...	Head	M	W	June 1871	28	W	0	0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Boardman	0	Yes	Yes	R	H
		Straight William	Boarder	M	W	May 1853	46	S			Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Painter (RR)	0	Yes	Yes		
		Georgia Jerry	Boarder	M	W	July 1853	46	S			Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Porter (Census)	0	Yes	Yes		
		Orlough Edward G.	Boarder	M	W	Apr 1834	66	S			Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Logyer (RR)	0	Yes	Yes		
		Clarkland Robert	Boarder	M	W	Jan 1850	50	W			North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Bartholomew (RR)	0	Yes	Yes		
	514 179 239	Richardson Mary C.	Head	F	W	April 1855	45	W	4	3	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Housewife	0	Yes	Yes	0	H
	240	Conroy Thomas	Head	M	W	Oct 1866	33	M	2	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Barber (RR)	0	Yes	Yes		H
		Carrier	Wife	F	W	Oct 1879	20	M	2	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia		0	Yes	Yes		
		Thomas	Son	M	W	May 1899	1	S			Georgia	Georgia	Georgia		0	Yes	Yes		
	241	William ...	Head	M	W	July 1873	27	W	4	3	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Sailor	0	Yes	Yes		H
		Harriet	Wife	F	W	April 1877	23	W	4	0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia		0	Yes	Yes		
	242	Cherry ...	Head	M	W	Jan 1872	28	W	1	0	Georgia	Georgia	Florida	Cook (Retail)	0	Yes	Yes		H
		J. ...	Wife	F	W	Oct 1874	25	W	1	0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Housewife	0	Yes	Yes		
	243	Herbert ...	Head	M	W	Apr 1871	29	W	3	1	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Student of Law	0	Yes	Yes		H
	244	Raymond ...	Head	M	W	Apr 1873	27	W	3	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Student	0	Yes	Yes		H
	514 180 245	Robert ...	Head	M	W	July 1857	42	W	4	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Farmer	0	Yes	Yes	R	H
		Elizabeth ...	Wife	F	W	May 1856	44	W	3	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Farmer	0	Yes	Yes		
	246	Lydia ...	Head	F	W	Jan 1853	47	W	3	2	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	Teacher	0	Yes	Yes		H
		Thomas	Wife	F	W	Aug 1858	41	W	3	2	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Housewife	0	Yes	Yes		
	247	Anna ...	Head	F	W	May 1860	40	W	2	2	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Cook	0	Yes	Yes		H
	248	William ...	Head	M	W	Apr 1871	28	W	1	0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Charcoalman	0	Yes	Yes		H
	510 181 249	Mary ...	Wife	F	W	Oct 1862	37	W	2	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Housewife	0	Yes	Yes	0	H
		Mary ...	Wife	F	W	Jan 1890	10	W	2	1	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia		0	Yes	Yes		
	501 182 250	King ...	Head	M	W	Nov 1863	36	W	3	3	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	Wagoner	0	Yes	Yes	R	H
		John ...	Wife	F	W	Nov 1877	22	W	1	0	Georgia	South Carolina	South Carolina	School	0	Yes	Yes		
		Allen	Son	M	W	Jan 1881	19	W	1	0	Georgia	South Carolina	South Carolina		0	Yes	Yes		
	504 183 251	M. ...	Head	M	W	Apr 1860	40	W	3	1	South Carolina	South Carolina	North Carolina	Boardman	0	Yes	Yes	0	H
		William ...	Boarder	M	W	Apr 1877	23	W	1	0	South Carolina	West India	West India	Porter (RR)	0	Yes	Yes		
		James ...	Boarder	M	W	Jan 1878	22	W	1	0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	School	0	Yes	Yes		
	252	M. ...	Head	M	W	Apr 1861	39	W	2	1	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	Water Carrier	0	Yes	Yes		H
		Ellen	Wife	F	W	Oct 1873	26	W	2	1	Florida	Florida	Florida	Housewife	0	Yes	Yes		

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1910 Federal Census

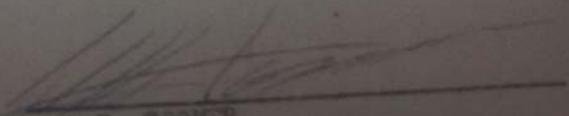
THIS AFFIDAVIT IS CAPTIONED IN COMPLIANCE WITH CODE SECTION 38-640 AS FOLLOWS:
PRESENT OWNER: JANETTE B. HAYES.
REFERENCE TO RECORDED INSTRUMENT: Deed from CECILE H. CALLEN dated November 29, 1939 recorded in Record Book 34 R's, page 268, Records of deeds of Chatham County, Georgia, to D. E. FERREBEE.



Before me, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared, L. B. TOOMER, who after first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he knew Catherine S. Hazard, the mother of Cecile H. Callen. That Catherine S. Hazard was a resident of Savannah, Ga. until the time of her death which occurred in Savannah prior to November 29, 1939. That Cecile H. Callen referred to in the above captioned deed is Cecile Hazard Callen, the daughter and sole heir at law of Catherine S. Hazard. That Cecile Hazard Callen has arrived at the age of 21 years prior to November 29, 1939.

That Cecile Hazard Callen was the only child of Catherine S. Hazard and that the husband of Catherine S. Hazard pre-deceased her.


L.B. TOOMER

Sworn to and subscribed

Affidavit Referenced in Chain of Title under LB Toomer and Janette B Hayes

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SOL C. JOHNSON, DUNCAN S PRINGLE
AND EDGAR C. BLACKSHEAR, AS EXECUTORS
AND TRUSTEES UNDER THE WILL OF MARY
ELLEN RICHARDSON

JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF COURT

VS

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (COLORED) AND
"AN OLD FOLKS HOME", ET AL AND
MILLS MEMORIAL HOME, INC. OTTIS
HOUSTON, CLARENCE HOUSTON AND
MARY ELLEN HOUSTON.

1. This cause came on for hearing on the petition of the SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (COLORED) for an order directing the Trustees under the will of Mary Ellen Richardson, to convey to it and to MILLS MEMORIAL HOME all property belonging to the Estate and for a final settlement and for other equitable relief.

2. On February 3, 1947, this Court decreed in this cause that the Trustees under Item 5, of the will of Mary Ellen Richardson pay and deliver to the Mills Memorial Home, a corporation, Respondent herein, one-half of the net trust funds in their hands. It is clear from the will of Mary Ellen Richardson that Second Baptist Church (colored), also Respondent herein, is entitled to receive the other one-half thereof.

3. Messrs, E.J. Feiler, and William S. Jackson have asked the Court to allow them reasonable attorneys' fees for their services as Counsel for the Trustees. They have asked that their fees be paid out of the trust property. Also, it is necessary to ascertain the commissions to which Sol C. Johnson, Duncan S. Pringle and Edgar C. Blackshear and their predecessors are entitled for their respective services as Trustees.

4. In pursuance of the orders of this Court, Donald F. Stewart submitted, on December 11, 1947, an audit of the Trust Estate, and his bill for services amounts to \$545.00 which the Court finds to be reasonable.

5. Except for Court costs of approximately \$75.00 incurred in this proceeding, there are no other unpaid bills of the Trust Estate.

6. From the audit hereinbefore referred to, the Court finds that the receipts of all Trustees on which they are entitled to be paid commissions amount to \$30,268.74 after excluding the receipts of \$6,000.00 representing sums borrowed from banks, and that the commission thereon at 2 1/2% is \$756.72, and that the disbursements of all Trustees on which they are entitled to be paid commissions, after excluding the loans of \$6,000.00 repaid to banks, but including commissions of \$2004.03 paid to real estate agents, amount to \$32,608.61, and that the commission thereon at 2 1/2% is \$815.22 making the total Commissions \$1571.94

7. It further appears that Sol C. Johnson has served continuously as Trustee since 1930, for a period of approximately 18 years; that John F. Jones served as Trustee until his death about 1937, a period of approximately 7 years, when Edgar C. Blackshear was appointed in his stead and has served continuously since that date, for a period of approximately 11 years; that C.B. Tyson served as Trustee until his death about 1937, a period of approximately 7 years, when Duncan S. Pringle was appointed in his stead and has served continuously as Trustee for approximately 11 years.

The Court finds that from the total Trustees' commissions of \$1571.94, Sol C. Johnson is entitled to \$523.90; Duncan S. Pringle to \$320.20 and Edgar C. Blackshear to \$320.20, and the Trustees are directed to pay said sums to them in full for their services as Trustees. The Court also finds that, during the periods of their respective services as Trustees, John J. Jones and C.B. Tyson each earned \$203.80 in commissions. No claim for these commissions have been filed. The Trustees are directed to continue to hold these sums for not more than six (6) months from this date, and to pay said sums to whoever they may be advised by Counsel are entitled to receive them. At the end of six (6) months, any unpaid balance in their hands shall be divided equally between Second Baptist Church (Colored) and Mills Memorial Home.

8. On evidence introduced and with consent of all parties, Court finds a reasonable fee for the services of both Messrs. Feiler and Jackson is \$1500.00 and same is allowed and ordered paid.

9. From the audit aforementioned, it appears that the cash, certificates of deposit and securities belonging to the Trust Estate have a value of approximately \$2900.00, which will not be enough to pay the claims hereinbefore allowed. It is therefore ordered (a) that said claims be paid by the Trustees in the following order: costs of Court in this proceeding, Trustees' commissions, bill of Donald F. Stewart, the fees of Messrs. Feiler and Jackson, and (b) that, if the cash and the proceeds of the certificates of deposit and stock belonging to the Trust Estate are not sufficient to pay said claims in full, then the unpaid claims shall be paid one-half by the Second Baptist Church (colored) and one-half by Mills Memorial Home.

10. The Trustees are hereby authorized to sell at private sale, for such price as may seem best to them, the two shares of the capital stock of Chatham Real

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Memorial Home prefer to receive the interest in the real estate to which they are entitled in kind rather than have it sold by the Trustees, It is Ordered that Sol C. Johnson, Duncan S. Pringle and Edgar C. Blackbear, as Trustees under the will of Mary Ellen Richardson, convey to each of said beneficiaries the fee simple title to an undivided one-half interest in the following property and the improvements thereon:

*Eastern one-half (1/2) of Lot Number Thirty-three (33) Lee Ward, and known as Premises Nos. 541 and 541 1/2 East Gwinnett Street, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and also known as Premises Nos. 512-514-516 East Gwinnett Street, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

*Lot Number Twenty-one (21) Mercer Ward, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and also known as Premises Nos. 512-514-516 East Gwinnett Street, and 515 1/2 and 517 East Hall Street, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

*Lot Number Twenty-six (26) and the Western Five (5) feet of Lot Number Twenty-seven (27) Mercer Ward, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, also known as Premises Nos. 534 to 538 1/2 East Gwinnett Street and Nos. 537 and 539 East Hall Lane.

12. It further appearing that said Trustees have title to only an undivided one-half interest in the Northern one-half of Lot Number Thirty-one (31) Bartow Ward, originally the Northern one-half of Lot Number Nine (9) said Ward, known as Nos. 537 and 539 East Charlton Street and the improvements thereon, the title to the other one-half interest therein being vested in Clarence Houston, Ottis Houston and Mary Ellen Houston, Intervenor herein, It is further ordered that said Trustees convey to Second Baptist Church (colored) and to Mills Memorial Home, and to each of them, an undivided one-quarter (1/4) interest in said land and improvements, and to Clarence Houston, Ottis Houston and Mary Ellen Houston jointly, an undivided one-half (1/2) interest therein.

13. On making the conveyance hereinbefore directed and on filing, as required of the record in this cause, receipts for the payment of the claims listed in Paragraph 9 (a) of this decree, or for the payment of so much thereof as the assets of the Trust Estate, excluding of real estate, are sufficient to pay, Sol C. Johnson, Duncan S. Pringle and Edgar C. Blackbear shall stand discharged as Trustees under the will of Mary Ellen Richardson, except that they shall continue to be liable as Trustees for the \$407.60 which they are directed in Paragraph 9 (a) to disburse, until they have filed in this Court final receipts therefor.

14. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Court that the trust purpose and intent of the said Mary Ellen Richardson has become definite and certain under the prior decrees entered in this case, and that said trust is, therefore, executed and it is hereby decreed that the title to any and all property, whether herein referred to as not formerly belonging to Mary Ellen Richardson, is now vested in the Mills Memorial Home and the Second Baptist Church (Colored), subject to the provisions and conditions set out in this decree.

This cause is kept open for such further proceedings as may be necessary or advisable.

In Open Court, this April 16, 1948.

D.S. Atkinson
Judge E.J.C. of Georgia
Edwin J. Feiler
William S. Jackson
Attorneys for the Trustees.

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Pages from Civil Minutes Book 159 Concerning Mary Ellen Richardson May 15 1848

Grantor	Grantee	Book	Page	Date	Notes
William P Bowen	John and Marmaduke Hamilton	3U	204	April 1 1861	Garden lot 58 east
Hamilton, John F & M	May, Sam	3Y	492	April 1867	April 2, 1867- Between John F & M Hamilton and Sam May for \$200. Known as No. 26 "Bowenville" fronting and lot 27.
May, Samuel	Richardson, Mary E	4A	436	June 23 1868	
Richardson, Chas W & J M	Richardson, Mary E	8K	449	September 1899	Between Charles W Richardson and John H Richardson and Mary Ellen Richardson given to them by party of the second with love and affection for their mother and the sum of ten dollars. Known as Lot 26 Bowenville fronting South on Gwinnet Street and the first five feet of Lot 27 Bowenville. By the Deed between Samuel May to Joseph M Solomans Trustee dated June 31 1868 book 4A page 436 and the deed from Prince Rogers to said Jim Solomon Trustee 4T 470
Bowen, John S	Richardson, Mary E	10N	133	May 29, 1911	Quit Claim
Richardson, Mary E	Second Baptist Church	47 B	28	May 15 1948	Wills the lots to the church following the death of Mary Ellen Richardson on the 9 th of October 1929 and the subsequent legal preceding following her death
Second Baptist Church and Mills House	Hannah T Ferreebee (Ferrabee)	49O	383	August 11 1949	Deed
Hannah T Ferebee	Louis B Toomer	77W	59	August 1957	Warranty Deed
LB Toomer	Janette B Hayes	78V	291	May 24 1959	Affidavit concerning Catherine S Hazard, mother of Cecile H Callen (See attached for full text)
Janie R Toomer	Koller, Terry and Caroline M Koller	274L	188	July 28 2004	Warranty Deed
Koller, Terry and Caroline M Koller	Mary Pizzementi, Willard Smith and Bernard S Kapinus	315M	538	Dec 4 2006	Warranty Deed
Mary Pizzementi, Willard D Smith, Bernard S Kapinus	Colony Bank Southeast	318M	542	December 4 2006	Debt Deed
Mary Pizzementi, Willard D Smith, Bernard S Kapinus	Second Generation Holdings, LLC	324G	152	February 27 2007	
Seconds Generation Holdings	Mary Pizzamenti	357A	388	November 2 2009	

534-538 East Gwinnett Street

City Directories (all subject considered colored unless otherwise stated)

- 1884
No listing
- 1885
Address is listed at 4th ns – Isaiah Dozier (colored) Laborer
- 1886
Address is listed at 4th ns – Isaiah Dozier (colored) Laborer
- 1887
4th ns- Isaiah Dozier (colored), laborer
- 1888
4th ns- G. Green (colored) drayman, residence
Not sure of second address as the addresses changed
- 1889
10- George Nash (colored) Laborer
12- George A.J. Green (colored) drayman, residence
- 1890
10- George Nash (colored) works S.F. & W. Ry, residence
12- George A.J. Green (colored) laborer, residence
- 1891
10- George Nash (colored) Brakeman, S.F. &W. Ry.
12- George A.J. Green (colored) works E.C. Gleason
- 1892
10- David Deal (colored) works paterson, Downing & Co.
12-George A.J. Green (colored) drayman
- 1893
10- David Deal (colored) works David J Cooper
12- Vacant
- 1894
10- Vacant
12- Edward Jenkins (colored) Laborer, residence
- 1895
10- Francis Bartow Lee (colored) driver Est. S.W. Branch
12- Edward Jenkins (colored) Laborer, residence
- 1896
10- Francis Bartow Lee (colored) Est. S.W. Branch
12- Lewis Tyson (colored) laborer, residence
- 1897
536- Patience Cannon (colored) no listing
538- Francis Bartow Lee (Ella), Est. S.W. Branch
- 1898
536- Sarah A Troup (colored) residence

1899 538- Albert Graham (Sally) (colored) laborer, residence
 536- J.C. Bowman (colored) no listing
 538- Turner Washington (Sarah) (colored), fireman Plant system

1900 536- T.H. Green (colored), no listing
 538- Turner Washington (colored), fireman Plant System

1901 536- David Roberts (Martha) (colored), laborer
 538- Turner Washington (Sarah) (colored), fireman Plant System

1902 536- Charles Richardson (colored), barber at 536, residence at 514
 Gwinnett
 538- Turner Washington (Sarah) (colored), fireman Plant System

1903 536- Nathaniel A. Smith (colored), barber at 536, resides as well
 538- Frank Raines (colored), cook, residence

1904 536- Nathaniel A. Smith (colored), barber at 536, resides as well
 538- Andrew J Green (Dora) (colored), laborer O.S.S. Co., residence

1905 536- Nathaniel A. Smith (colored), barber at 536, resides as well, house
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), house

1906 536- Nathaniel A. Smith (colored), barber at 536, resides as well, house
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), wagoner, house

1907 536- Nathaniel A. Smith (colored), barber at 536, resides as well, house
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), wagoner, house

1908 536- J. Hanley (colored) Barber at 536, house at 539 Gaston
 538- James F Merriweather, (colored), house at 538

1909 536- Joseph Handy (colored) Barber at 536, house at 539 Gaston
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), painter, house
 James F Merriweather, Porter E.O. Hinson & Co, resides at 538 Gwinnett

1910 536- Joseph Handy (colored) Barber at 536, house at 524 Gwinnett
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), painter, house
 Ella Merriweather, cook, J.W.Daniel, residence at 538

1911 536- Joseph Handy (colored) Barber at 536, house at 524 Gwinnett
 538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), painter, house
 Chas. Merriweather, Laborer, residence at 538

1912

536- Joseph Handy (colored) Barber at 536, resides at rear
538- Andrew J. Green (Dora) (colored), bricklayer, house
James Merriweather (colored), porter E.O. Hinson & Co. resides 538
Gwinnett

1913

536- Rebecca Glover (colored), cookshp 536 Gwinnett, house at 524
Gwinnett
538- Albert J. Green (Dora) (colored), painter, house
James Merriweather, Driver Hardee & Marshall, resides 538 Gwinnett

1914

536- G.H. Eubanks (colored), ??????????
538- Maria Adams (colored), house

1915

534- Virginia Holmes (colored), house
534 ½ - J.A. Lee (Carrie), waiter Desoto, house
536- Mary Ellen Richardson (colored) house
538- Thomas Reeves (Daisy) (colored), house

1916

534-Vacant
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie) (colored), barber, house
536 ½ - John Richardson (colored), carpenter, residence
538- Thomas Reeves (colored), house
538- J. Francis (Geneva) (colored), cook Hicks, House

1917

534- Estelle Curtis (colored), maid J.G. Smith, residence 534
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie) (colored), barber J.D. Sanders (546 E
Gwinnett), house
536 ½ - Jamie Holmes (colored), Cook, J.G. Smith, residence
538- Thomas Reeves (Sarah) (colored), house
538- Jas. Francis (Marie), resides 538
538-Celia A Francis, seamstress, residence 538
538- Stella Reeves, residence
538- Stephen Reeves, residence

1918

534-Vacant
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie) (colored), bellman Hicks, house
536- Edith Blythewood, teacher, West Broad Street, resides 536
536 ½ - William Miller (Ella), house
538- John Richardson, carpenter, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), works Natl. Bis. Co., House

1919

534- Eliza Snowden, house
534- Esther Snowden, residence

536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie), house
536- Julian Junior Bythewood, residence
536- Edith Bythewood, teacher, West Broad Street, resides 536
538- Mary Ellen Richardson, house
538 ½ - David H. Dean (Annie), works A.C.L., House

1920

534- Eliza Snowden (Widow Paul), house
534- Esther Snowden, clerk Pilgrim H. & L. Insurance Co., residence
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie), house
536- Edith Bythewood, teacher, West Broad Street, resides 536
538- Mary Richardson (widow Jack), house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), works Natl. Bis. Co., House

1921

534- Eliza Snowden (Widow Paul), house
534- Esther Snowden, stenographer Pilgrim H. & L. Insurance Co., residence
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie) (colored), barber S. Gerst, house
538- Mary Ellen Richardson, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), works Natl. Bis. Co., House

1922

534- Eliza Snowden, house
536- Julian Bythewood (Zimmie), barber, house
536- Julian Junior Bythewood, tailor, residence
538- John Richardson, house
538- Mary Ellen Richardson, residence
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), truckman Natl. Bis. Co., House

1923

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, hlper Benton Bros, house
536- J.S. Bythewood (No listing)
538- Moses Howard (Eula), mechanic General Building & Supply Co., house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), driver Natl. Bis. Co., House

1924

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, hlper Benton Bros, house
536- John S Bythewood (Zimmie), bellman, house
538- Moses Howard (Beulah), house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), driver Natl. Bis. Co., House

1925

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, carpenter, house
536- John S Bythewood (Frannie), house
538- Mamie Ellen Richardson, house
538- Moses Howard, works General Building Supply Co., resides 538
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House

1926

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, carpenter, house
536- John S Bythewood (Zimmie), house
538- M. Richardson, House
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House

1927

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, carpenter, house
536- Zimmie Bythewood, house, tele. # T2073
538- M.E. Richardson, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House

1928

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, carpenter, house
536- Irene Moultrie, residence
536- Mozella R Moultrie, clerk GA Mutual Insurance Co., residence, tele.
T2471j
538- M.E. Richardson, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House

1930

534- Silas (Cyrus) Lee Annie, carpenter, house
534- Annie Lee, cook Mrs. Marie Crotty, resides 534
536- Irene Moultrie, residence
538- John Richardson, carpenter, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House
538 ½ - Arthur G. Dean, residence

1932

534- Lourina Lindsey, no listing
534- Rena Lindsey, Cook L. Drew, house
536- Florence Cannon, house
538- John Richardson, carpenter, house
538 ½ - David H Dean (Annie), porter Tiedman M.&S. Co., House

1934

534- Vacant
No 536
538- Issac Green (Laura) house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, house

1936

No 534
536- Herman Quillan (Mable), porter Strachan Shipping Co, residence
538- John Richardson, house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, house

1937

534- Louis Hannah, house
536- Herman Quillan (Mable), Porter Strachan Shipping Co., house
538- John Richardson, house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, house

1938

534- Lester Small (Mollie), baker Derst's Baking Co., house
536- Herman Quillan (Mable), Porter Strachan Shipping Co., house
538- John Richardson, house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, house

1939

534- Lester Small (Mollie), baker Derst's Baking Co., house
536- Ethel Green, works Ludlow Bag Co., house
538- John Richardson, house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, works Brown Derby, house

1940

534- Willie May Lott, house
536- Henry Grant (Suzie) works Ocean Steamship Co., house
538- Laura Scott, seamstress, house
538 ½ - John Richardson (no listing)
538- Anna Bell Prichard, maid M. Rabhan, residence

1941

534- Nora Smith, house
536- Irene Rogers, house
538- Anna Prichard, works Morris Rabhan, house
538 ½ - Laura Scott, seamstress, house

1942

534- Maltida E McPherson, maid J.G. Smith, house
536- Irene Rogers, house
538-Thomas Morrell, residence
538- Catherine Morrell, maid J. Deese, residence
538- Anna Bell Prichard, maid Morris Rabhan, residence
538 ½ - Allen Singley (Daisy), works Seven Seas Café, house

1947-1948

534- Matilda E. McPhearson, listed maid Dean Smith, house 52? E Jones
536- Aaron Green (Maggie) works Savannah Electric & Power Co., house
538- Thomas Morell (Janie) works A C L, house
538 ½ - Allen Singley (Daisy), house

1952

534- Washington Florrie
536-Wright Marie
538- Smalls Richard
538 ½ - Patrick Thomas

HOUSTON ET AL.

v.

MILLS MEMORIAL HOME, INC., ET AL.

The opinion of the court was delivered by: Candler

Mary Ellen Richardson died a resident of Chatham County, Georgia, on October 9, 1929. Her will and codicil, executed June 5, 1922 and June 7, 1929, respectively, were probated in solemn form on January 9, 1930. Items 5 and 6 of the will are as follows:

"5. At the death of the first of said sons, the proceeds of said estate shall inure to the benefit of the other; providing said deceased son shall be without issue as above stated, and at the death of both of said sons, without legitimate issue of the blood, I desire and direct that the entire estate shall be constituted as a fund for the benefit of the 'Second Baptist Church, Colored,' and to 'An Old Folk's Home,' in equal interest subject to the good judgment and discretion and management of my said executors, whom I hereby constitute a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees for the purpose (expressed) of executing this trust fully, and confer upon them the power and authority in the premises to replace any of their number whenever for any reason such shall become necessary and their duties are to continue until the full execution of this trust. The power hereby conferred upon said trustees carries with it power to make such Disposition of my estate after the death of the two sons without heirs of the body as will best secure the end hereof including the power to sell and make a proper and sufficient conveyance of said property and said executors are to hold over as trustees for the purpose outlined after this my last will has been fully executed.

"6. I hereby nominate and appoint my friends, Messrs. Sol C. Johnson, John F. Jones, Dr. Tyson, and T. E. Williams to be executors of this my last will and testament and to hold over as trustees for the purpose of executing the trust created for the benefit of the charitable institutions above designated and I expressly confer upon them ample power as such executor to administer my estate in manner above set out and I expressly relieve them of the necessity of giving bond, making returns and appraisements to the Court of Ordinary and of securing the order of any court for the purposes herein enumerated. And I fully authorize and empower both as trustees and executors to discharge the duties herein imposed as to their judgment may seem best and proper; looking always to conform to the several items, devises, and bequests on the one hand and the uses and trust on the other as the same are set out herein."

The present suit was filed by the executors and trustees under the will for direction as to whether the term, "An Old Folk's Home," is "sufficiently definite to create an interest under said will in favor of any person and directions, if it does create such an interest, as to which and what beneficiary this item refers." The court judicially recognized The Mills Memorial Home Inc. as a charitable institution, chartered as an old folks home for colored people in Savannah, Georgia, on June 19, 1925, and directed that it and the Second Baptist Church, Colored, be made parties defendant. Both filed separate answers and interventions, and each claimed a one-half interest in the estate. The Mills Memorial Home Inc. contends that it is entitled to receive the one-half interest devised to "An Old Folk's Home," since it is the only corporation or institution now operating a home in Chatham County, Georgia, for the benefit of aged colored people; that it was the intent of the testatrix that this devise should not lapse, since the trustees "are authorized to apply that portion of the trust estate which is devised to 'An Old Folk's Home' to any other purpose or to any other beneficiary which will accord with the charitable intent of the testatrix, which was to leave one-half of the trust estate which she created for the benefit of a home for the care of aged negroes."

Ottis Houston, Clarence Houston, and Mary Ellen Houston filed an answer and intervention, in which they contend that the term, "An Old Folk's Home," is not sufficiently clear and definite to create any right under the will in any person, and as to this one-half interest in the estate there is an intestacy, to which they, as the sole surviving heirs at law of the testatrix, are rightfully entitled.

It was stipulated by all the parties concerned: (1) When the testatrix made her will and when she died, there was not in existence in Chatham County any corporation of the name of "An Old Folk's Home," and the records fail to disclose that a charter was ever granted to any corporation of that name; (2) by recorded deeds, dated January 23, 1903, and December 24, 1913, certain lots in East Savannah were conveyed to "The Colored Old Folks and Orphans Society of

Savannah," and to the "Old Folks and Orphans Home;" (3) no charter has been issued in Chatham County to either organization; (4) on June 5, 1927, by recorded deed, the lots were conveyed by the "Old Folks and Orphans Home, sometimes designated Colored Old Folks and Orphans Society of Savannah," to the Charity Hospital and Training School for Nurses, for a consideration of \$10 and other valuable considerations; (5) the "Old Folks and Orphans Home, sometimes designated Colored Old Folks and Orphans Society of Savannah," was commonly known in Savannah as "The Old Folks Home;" (6) Mills Memorial Home is an existing corporation chartered by the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, June 19, 1925, as an eleemosynary corporation, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a home for aged negroes; (7) the intervenors, Ottis Houston, Clarence Houston, and Mary Ellen Houston, are the sole surviving heirs at law of the testatrix.

At the hearing, Sol C. Johnson, one of the executors and trustees under the will, testified: Mills Memorial Home is the only concern in Savannah or Chatham County which takes care of aged colored people. An organization existed at one time which is said to have operated a home for old colored people in East Savannah; it owned property and solicited funds among the colored people and was commonly referred to as the "Old Folks Home." His information is that Mary Ellen Richardson was interested in that organization in some way, but he has no personal knowledge of such fact. He thinks that the Old Folk's Home was in existence in 1922 when the will was made, but is not sure when it became inactive.

Robert E. Scott, a witness for Mills Memorial Home, testified: He knew the testatrix; he was a member of the organization known as the Old Folks Home; it solicited funds among the colored people for the establishment of an Old Folks Home and acquired several lots in East Savannah. In 1927 it conveyed these lots to the Charity Hospital and Training School for Nurses, and was referred to in the deed as the "Old Folks' and Orphans' Home, sometimes the Colored Old Folks and Orphans Society in Savannah." He was not a member in 1927, but thought that they decided to sell because they couldn't do much with what resources they had. He does not know the official name of the concern, and the only thing he heard it called was the "Old Folks Home." All persons taken care of at Mills Memorial Home are colored, and there is no expense to them.

Walter S. Scott, a witness for Mills Memorial Home, testified that he had heard of the organization which owned property in East Savannah known as the "Old Folks Home;" and that they tried to raise money to build a home, but were never able to do so.

Mrs. Henry W. Hodge testified: She chartered, endowed, and erected the home known as Mills Memorial Home in Savannah, which takes colored people exclusively and without expense to them. The present income from the trust fund which she created is insufficient to support the home and it is a member of the Community Chest. When the home was started, it was self-supporting. She had heard that the colored people were trying to solicit money for the Old Folks Home, and she told them that, if they would buy one acre of land, she would build and equip the home. The colored people bought the acre of land on which the home is located. She saw the lots owned by the Old Folks Home in East Savannah, but there were no buildings on them.

After considering the will and the evidence the court found as follows:

"(1) The bequest of one-half of the net estate to Second Baptist Church, colored, a corporation, is sustained.

"(2) The bequest for the benefit of 'An Old Folk's Home,' contained in the 5th item of the will of the testatrix, was a bequest for the benefit of aged colored people, and as such, was a charitable bequest under the laws of Georgia.

"(3) When the testatrix made her will, there was in existence in Chatham County, Georgia, an organization created for the purpose of providing a home for aged colored people, which was commonly referred to as 'An Old Folk's Home,' of which the testatrix was a member and to which she contributed. This organization had ceased to exist when the testatrix died.

"(4) It was the intention of the testatrix, expressed in item 5 of her will that, in the event that either of the beneficiaries therein named should be unable to take the legacy, there should be no lapse, but that her trustees should make such Disposition of the legacy as would best carry out her intent.

"(5) For this reason, and because the bequest to 'An Old Folk's Home' was a charitable bequest under the laws of Georgia, no intestacy exists, and the intervenors, Ottis Houston, Clarence Houston, and Mary Ellen Houston, are not entitled to take the legacy left for the benefit of 'An Old Folk's Home.'"

The intervenors, Ottis Houston, Clarence Houston, and Mary Ellen Houston, filed a motion for new trial, based on the usual general grounds only, which was overruled, and the exception is to that judgment.

The only question presented for determination by the writ of error is whether the will of Mary Ellen Richardson created a valid charitable trust by the use of the language, "for the benefit of . . . 'An Old Folk's Home.'" An affirmative answer will necessarily dispose of the present controversy, since it is not contended that the trial court's Disposition of the one-half interest in the trust estate under the doctrine of cy pres (Code, § 108-202) was erroneous, provided there was no lapse of this legacy. The plaintiffs in error take the position that the designation of the beneficiary to this one-half interest in the trust fund, as "An Old Folk's Home," is not legally sufficient to create a charitable trust; that the language used is too indefinite and uncertain to be given effect, and even if effective, the home was not in existence at the time of the death of the testatrix; that, there being no residuary clause in the will, an intestacy resulted and there was a lapse as to this interest in the estate, which the plaintiffs in error, as the sole surviving heirs at law of Mary Ellen Richardson, are entitled to take by operation of law.

"A devise or bequest to a charitable use will be sustained and carried out in this State; and in all cases where there is a general intention manifested by the testator to effect a certain purpose, and the particular mode in which he directs it to be done shall fail from any cause, a court of chancery may, by approximation, effectuate the purpose in a manner most similar to that indicated by the testator." Code, § 113-815. "Equity has jurisdiction to carry into effect the charitable bequests of a testator, or founder, or donor, where the same are definite and specific in their objects, and capable of being executed." § 108-201. "When a valid charitable bequest is incapable for some reason of execution in the exact manner provided by the testator, donor, or founder, a court of equity will carry it into effect in such a way as will as nearly as possible effectuate his intention." § 108-202. Under the Code, the following are among the subjects declared to be proper matters of charity for the jurisdiction of equity: relief of aged, impotent, diseased, or poor people; and "other similar subjects, having for their object the relief of human suffering or the promotion of human civilization." § 108-203.

Relief of the aged is generally recognized as a proper object of charity (14 C.J.S. 447, § 16; 10 Am. Jur. 637, § 68), and specifically recognized as such by our Code, § 108-203. And the fact that poverty is not imposed as a condition to the receipt of benefits under such a charity does not invalidate the bequest. 3 Scott on Trusts, 1979, § 369.3. "Charity is not confined to the relief of poverty or distress, but has a wider signification, which embraces the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind." Barr v. Geary, 82 Ind. App. 5 (142 N.E. 622).

Certain principles to be followed by the courts in the construction of charitable bequests were laid down in the early case of Beall v. Fox, 4 Ga. 404, 427. It was there said: "It is a cardinal rule in the construction of wills to give effect to the intention of the testator, when the same can be done without violating any settled principle of the law. The authorities cited at the bar, in our judgment, establish the following propositions: that in the construction of charitable bequests, the court will be liberal, so as to carry into effect the intention of the testator; that where the charitable intent can be discovered from the will, a court of equity will carry such intent into execution, and support the charitable purpose; that the court will not suffer an equitable interest to fail for want of a trustee to support it; that it never has been considered as an objection to a charitable use, because it was general, and in some respects indefinite, unless there was an uncertainty as to the amount intended to be given, or the general object of the use was of so uncertain and indefinite a character, that it could not be executed; that a court of equity has an inherent jurisdiction in cases of charitable bequests and devises; and that cases of charity in the courts of equity in England were held valid, and executed independently of, and previous to the Statute of 43 Elizabeth." And in Beckwith v. Rector &c., 69 Ga. 564, 569, 570, it was held: "The rules of charitable trusts, in their establishment and administration, are very different from those that

are applicable to private trusts, in giving effect to the intention of the donor and in establishing the charity . . . But if a gift is made for a 'public charitable purpose,' it is immaterial that the trustee is uncertain or incapable of taking or that the objects of the charity are uncertain and indefinite, still it will be sustained. A public charity begins where uncertainty in the recipient begins. Courts look with favor upon such trusts, and take special care to enforce them, to guard them from assault, and to protect them from abuse. 'Charity in thought, speech and deed, challenges the admiration and affection of mankind.' 'Christianity teaches it as its crowning grace and glory, and the inspired apostle exhausts his eloquence by setting forth its beauty and the nothingness of all things without it.'" In this connection, see also *Newson v. Starke*, 46 Ga. 88; *White v. McKeon*, 92 Ga. 343 (17 S.E. 283); *Huger v. Protestant Episcopal Church*, 137 Ga. 205 (73 S.E. 385); *Bolick v. Cox*, 145 Ga. 888 (90 S.E. 54); *Egleston v. Trust Co. of Ga.*, 147 Ga. 154 (93 S.E. 84); *King v. Horton*, 149 Ga. 361 (100 S.E. 103); *Hodgson v. Hodgson*, 150 Ga. 51 (102 S.E. 525); *Goree v. Georgia Industrial Home*, 187 Ga. 368 (200 S.E. 684); *Moss v. Youngblood*, 187 Ga. 188 (200 S.E. 689); *Perkins v. Citizens & Southern Nat. Bank*, 190 Ga. 29 (8 S.E.2d 28); 163 A.L.R. 784.

Under the foregoing authorities, it cannot be said that the bequest here under consideration was too indefinite and uncertain to be executed. From a consideration of the entire will and the extrinsic evidence introduced at the hearing, it is apparent that the devise of one-half of the trust fund for the benefit of "An Old Folk's Home" was not intended for the benefit of any particular institution or individual, but was a devise or bequest to a general charitable use, the beneficiaries being such old colored people as might from time to time become inmates of a home for old colored people located at Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. The evidence shows that at the time the will was executed there was an organization in existence in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, having for its purpose the purchase of property on which it desired and expected to erect and maintain a home for old colored people in or near Savannah; that the testatrix was a member of this organization, which was commonly referred to among the colored people as "The Old Folk's Home;" that this organization was unable to carry out its original plans and conveyed its property to the Charity Hospital at Savannah in 1927, soon after Mills Memorial Home was chartered (in 1925) as an eleemosynary institution having as its purpose the establishment and maintenance of a home for aged negroes; and that the latter institution was being operated as an old folk's home for colored people when the testatrix died October 9, 1929.

The trial Judge very clearly expressed the view that we have of this case when in his judgment he said: "It is the opinion of the court that the purpose of the bequest was to provide a home for old folks and, being the bequest of a colored woman, would reasonably be construed to mean 'An Old Folk's Home' for colored people . . . At the time the will was drawn there was an Old Folk's Home for colored people holding property in East Savannah, in process of organization, of which testatrix was a member. It was very probable that testatrix had in mind the Old Folk's Home to be established in East Savannah at the time the will was drawn, and being a member of the organization, very probably knew of the construction of the Mills Memorial Home and its purposes and for that reason concurred in the abandonment of the original plan for building an old folk's home for colored people in East Savannah. The Mills Memorial Home having succeeded to the original idea for an Old Folk's Home for colored people, she could very well have left this provision in the will so that the bequest would go to the Mills Memorial Home as a refuge for aged colored people -- provided there was a failure of issue of testatrix. Under the law, the provision of the will takes effect from the date of the death of the deceased (Code, § 113-105). At that time, according to the evidence, Mills Memorial Home was 'An Old Folk's Home' constructed, endowed, and in operation, a charitable institution furnishing free of charge a very nice home for aged colored people. This bequest was a generous act on the part of testatrix, as was the construction of the Mills Memorial Home and its endowment by Mrs. Hodge. These two persons were far removed in the common affairs of life, but were each motivated by the same spirit of helpfulness to those who are not as fortunate as they, and it is a happy coincidence that this fund coming from this colored woman, may be used to -- supplement the trust fund of Mrs. Hodge -- a generous friend of the needy and unfortunate -- to help support a fine institution that well cares for and supports, aged, indigent, and helpless colored persons."

We think that this case is controlled by *Goree v. Georgia Industrial Home*, supra. In that case the testator provided in a codicil to his will that one-half the balance of his estate was to be paid to "the governing authorities of the Central Howard Association, same being an Orphans' Home located at Macon, Georgia." In a petition for direction it was alleged that there was no such organization or institution in the City of Macon or Bibb County, Georgia, but that one Mrs. McGann, who resided near Atlanta, was carrying on certain charitable work under the name of Central Howard Association; that the place where she lived appeared to be equipped to care for orphans, but had little or no facilities;

and that the testator had contributed to this organization over a period of years. Certain persons, as heirs at law of the testator, filed an answer and cross-petition claiming that the legacy to the "non-existent Central Howard Association" had lapsed. On exceptions to the judgment sustaining the motion to dismiss the answer and cross-petition, this court held: "1. It is apparent from the entire will and codicil that the bequest 'to the governing authorities of the Central Howard Association, same being an Orphans' Home located at Macon, Georgia,' was intended as a charitable trust for the benefit of orphans as a class, and that the designated 'governing authorities' were merely to perform the office of trustee. 2. Such being the general charitable intention of the testator, the bequest was sufficiently definite and specific to be capable of execution."

The decision in the present case is not in conflict with the rulings made in *Bramblett v. Trust Co. of Ga.*, 182 Ga. 87 (185 S.E. 72), relied upon by the plaintiffs in error. There, only "gentlewomen" were designated as the beneficiaries. The devise was held to be void for indefiniteness, and not a charitable bequest. The trust there would have applied to all women in the world, of whatever race, station, age, or class, and regardless of their wealth or need; provided only they were "gentlewomen," whatever that may have implied.

It is insisted by the defendants in error that the testatrix gave her executors in their capacity as trustees ample authority to apply the trust funds to any other similar object of charity in order to carry out her charitable intent; but since the executors in their capacity as trustees have declined to exercise such power, if it was in fact given by the will, and have applied to a court of competent jurisdiction for direction, it becomes unnecessary to pass upon this question.

Upon application of the principles announced, we think that the trial court properly held that the will created a valid charitable trust, not too indefinite or uncertain to be enforced by a court of equity, and therefore did not err in overruling the motion for new trial.