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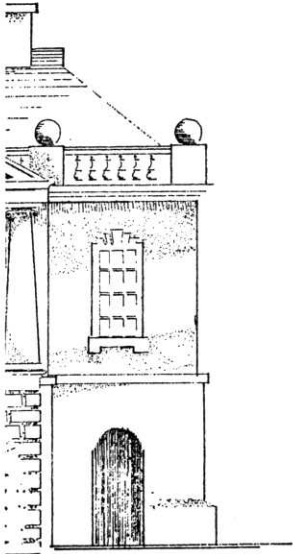
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BOYD, JOHN.

John Boyd, Carolina merchant, was in the province by 1689 when he and his brother James drew a bill of exchange on Peter Albert, a London merchant. The draft was questioned and the resulting litigation continued until 1699. In 1692 Boyd witnessed the will of Arnaud Bruneau who lived near Jamestown on the Santee in Craven County. Five of the six representatives from Craven in the First Assembly (1692-1694) were Huguenots—Boyd was the only Englishman in the delegation. He was a justice of the peace in 1695.

First Assembly

Craven

1692-1694

SOURCES: McCrady, 1: 239n. Moore & Simmons, p. 33. Sirmans, *Colonial SC*, p. 71n. *SCHM*, 10: 2, 87. Wills & Misc. Recs., 1694-1704, 194.

BRAILSFORD, SAMUEL (1728-1800). Son-in-law of ISAAC HOLMES.

Samuel Brailsford, son of Edmund Brailsford, followed his father into trade as a Charleston merchant. At the age of 18 he entered into partnership with his brother Morton Brailsford in the firm of Morton & Samuel Brailsford (1746-1751). Brailsford later entered into partnerships with THOMAS MIDDLETON and John Chapman. The firm of Middleton & Brailsford (1751-1760) was one of the largest in the provincial deerskin and slave trades; Brailsford & Chapman (1763-1769) was also heavily involved in importing slaves. After MILES BREWTON and HENRY LAURENS, Brailsford was the largest slave merchant in the South Carolina of his day. With his partners and others he invested in six vessels that were registered in Charleston. In 1758 he purchased The Retreat, a 508 acre plantation on Charleston Neck, and in 1763 he received a grant for 1,700 acres on Crooked Creek south of the Altamaha River in Georgia.

Closely associated with Charleston, Brailsford served the city as Woodmeasurer (1754-1757), Commissioner of the Work House & Markets (1757-1758), and vestryman of St. Philip (1759-1760). When the Charleston Library Society was founded in 1748, he was one of its original members. He represented the city parish of St. Michael in the Twenty-fifth (1762) and Twenty-sixth (1762-1765) Royal Assemblies. He was still in South Carolina in July 1773, but within the next two years he removed to Bristol where he was listed as a "Carolina merchant." While living in Bristol, he assisted the vestry of St. Michael in their search for an assistant minister. During the Revolution, Brailsford's attorney, THOMAS BEE, lent £2,261.3.4 sterling of his client's funds to the state of South Carolina.

After the war Brailsford returned to Charleston where he died 26 June 1800. He was buried in the Congregational Church graveyard next to his wife Elizabeth,

CHAPMAN, JOHN.

John Chapman married Rebecca Elicott, daughter of Joseph Elicott, from whom they inherited a 600 acre plantation, Joseph Stono, and the Log Tavern in Charleston. From his uncle William Chapman, a tanner, John inherited the stock in his tannery. In 1711 Chapman obtained a grant for 400 acres on the Stono River. John Chapman was a member of the Eleventh Assembly (1708-1709).

Eleventh Assembly *Member* 1708-1709

SOURCES: Moore & Simmons, pp. 46, 52. Royal Grants, 39: 109, 308. Wills & Misc. Recs., 1714-1717, 533-38.

CHASTAIGNER, ALEXANDER THESEE (Chastagner, Chastigner, deChastaigner, deChastaigner deLisle, deChastaigner de L'Isle). Grandfather of ALEXANDER BROUGHTON (d. 1793) and HENRY IZARD (1717-1749); father-in-law of NATHANIEL BROUGHTON and RALPH IZARD (1688?-1743).

Alexander Thesee Chastaigner was the son of Roch Chastaigner, Sieur de Lisle-Cramahe, and Jeanne Chastaigner. A Huguenot, the younger Chastaigner fled France following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and was in South Carolina by 4 September 1686 when he was granted 3,000 acres by the Lords Proprietors. He later obtained town lots in Charleston, a lot in Jamestown on the Santee River, and 1,500 acres in Craven County. In 1692 he was one of five Huguenots elected by Craven County to the First Assembly (1692-1694). Among his other offices were tax assessor (1702) and road commissioner for the county (1703). Chastaigner married Elizabeth Buretel, daughter of Pierre Buretel and Elizabeth Chintre. They had two daughters: Magdalene Elizabeth (m. Ralph Izard) and Henrietta Charlotte (m. Nathaniel Broughton). On 26 March 1707 Governor Sir Nathaniel Johnson granted letters of administration for the estate of Alexander Thesee Chastaigner.

First Assembly *Craven* 1692-1694

SOURCES: BPRO, 2: 165-66. McCrady, 1: 321, 322n. Royal Grants, 38: 255, 291; 39: 71. Wills & Misc. Recs., 1694-1704, 310-12. *SC Statutes*, 2: 183; 9: 4.

CHICKEN, GEORGE (d. 1727). Father-in-law of DAVID CAW and NOAH SERRÉ.

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marsh, Sr. They had five children: Mary Anne (m. Francis Rose), Joseph, Sarah (m. 1st Nathaniel Brown, 2d Jeremiah Savage), Elizabeth, and Thomas (1735?-1768).

Sixth Royal Assembly *St. Andrew* 1729**

SOURCES: Inventories, KK (1739-1743), 73-80. Moore & Simmons, pp. 168-69. *SCHM*, 13: 157, 158, 218; 17: 24; 19: 38. Webber, "Elliott," pp. 62-63. Wills, 4(1736-1740), 140-42.

ELLIOTT, JOSEPH (d. 1740). Son of WILLIAM ELLIOTT (1660-1738); brother of BARNARD ELLIOTT (d. 1758), THOMAS ELLIOTT (d. 1738), and WILLIAM ELLIOTT (1696-1766); brother-in-law of BENJAMIN CHILD and THOMAS FARR, JR.

Joseph Elliott, son of William Elliott, inherited 440 acres at Horse Savannah in St. Paul Parish from his father. But, he made his residence in St. Andrew Parish where he had a plantation worked by 27 slaves. After winning a special election in St. Paul, he qualified for the Eleventh Royal Assembly (1736-1739) on 21 February 1739. He represented St. Andrew in the Twelfth Royal Assembly (1739-1742). He also served St. Andrew as a tax collector and inquirer (1733). In November 1736 Elliott was one of the constituent members of the General (Arian) Baptist Church of Charleston. Joseph Elliott died between 2 February 1740 when he was present in the House and 23 February 1740 when a writ of election was requested to replace him. He was survived by his wife, Mary Chapman, whom he had married 23 January 1724 in St. Andrew. They had no children so he bequeathed £5,333 and property on Charleston Neck to the General Baptist Church. ←

Eleventh Royal Assembly *St. Paul* 1739*
Twelfth Royal Assembly *St. Andrew* 1739-1740*

SOURCES: Inventories, X (1765-1769), 247-48. Moore & Simmons, p. 193. *SCHM*, 13: 24; 15: 159, 161, 162. *SC Statutes*, 3: 353. Townsend, pp. 55, 57. Wills, 4(1736-1740), 328-29.

ELLIOTT, JOSEPH (d. 1767). Son of JOSEPH ELLIOTT (1705-1738?); grandson of THOMAS ELLIOTT (d. 1731?) and JOHN WHITMARSH, SR.; son-in-law of WILLIAM BRISBANE; brother-in-law of JEREMIAH SAVAGE.

Joseph Elliott, son of Joseph Elliott and Edith Whitmarsh, was under 18 when his father wrote his will in 1738. In 1735 he and his brothers and sisters were

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<i>Nineteenth Royal Assembly</i>	<i>St. James Goose Creek</i>	1749**
<i>Twenty-first Royal Assembly</i>	<i>St. George Dorchester</i>	1754–1755*
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<i>Second General Assembly</i>	<i>St. Philip & St. Michael</i>	1776–1778
<i>Fifteenth Royal Assembly</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	1747*
<i>Twenty-first Royal Assembly</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	1754–1755*

SOURCES: *Almanacs*, 1769, 1774. Aud. Accts., 5214. *BDC*. BPRO, 26: 350–53, 356; 29: 132; 32: 337, 413. *CLS Journal*, pp. 1, 203. Cheves, "Middleton," pp. 239–60. *Council Journals*, 18(1751–1752), 391; 23(1754), 58; 26(1757–1758), 80. *DAB*. Grand Jury Lists, 1740, 1751, 1778. Inventories, B(1787–1793), 515–16. Mackey, p. 37. McCrady, 2: 500, 683, 741, 754, 761–62; 3: 22, 83, 103, 110, 115, 280, 535; 4: 587. Rogers, *Evolution of a Federalist*, pp. 28, 38, 40, 45n, 77, 124. Sirmans, "SC Council," p. 392. *SC Gaz.*, 31 Oct. 1765, 2 Nov. 1767, 18 Oct. 1769. *SCHM*, 1: 239–42; 7: 93–94; 20: 140; 23: 170; 27: 108–12, 116–17; 31: 24. *SC Statutes*, 4: 19, 23, 31, 35; 7: 88; 9: 132. Wills, 20(1783–1786), 416–19.

MIDDLETON, THOMAS (1719–1766). Son of ARTHUR MIDDLETON (1681–1737); father of WILLIAM MIDDLETON; grandson of JONATHAN AMORY; brother of HENRY MIDDLETON (1717–1784); son-in-law of NATHANIEL BARNWELL (1705–1775) and JOHN BULL (1693–1767); father-in-law of PIERCE BUTLER, THOMAS FULLER, JR. (1760–1803), and BENJAMIN GUERARD; brother-in-law of JOHN BARNWELL (1748–1800).

Thomas Middleton, son of Arthur Middleton and Sarah Amory, was born in South Carolina. Initially he was a planter in St. James Goose Creek Parish where with other young sports he founded the Goose Creek Friendly Society (1740). By 1749 he had moved to Charleston and entered trade. He and SAMUEL BRAILSFORD were partners in the firm of Middleton & Brailsford (1755–1760). In the city, Middleton was one of the founders of the Charleston Library Society (1748–1766). A decade later he settled in Beaufort as a merchant. Middleton then entered into a short-lived partnership with Brailsford and John Chapman as the firm of Middleton, Brailsford, & Chapman (1762–1763). With Thomas Liston and William Hope he formed the company of Middleton, Liston, & Hope (1763–1766). Both firms were involved in the slave trade. With his various partners,

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