

Benjamin F. Middleton

(1806 – 17 Feb 1863)

Middleton. On Tuesday the 17th instant after a protracted illness, B.F. Middleton, aged 57 years. His friends and those of the family are requested to attend his funeral from his late residence No. 14 Louisiana ave. on Thursday the 19th instant at 12 o'clock.

Zevely, Douglas, "Old Residences and Family History in the City Hall Neighborhood," Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 7, p. 151

House No. 468 was the home of Mr. B.F. Middleton and was built for him by the father of the late Alexander R. Shepherd, in 1845. Mr. Middleton also owned the adjoining lot, but this was not built upon until the Real Estate Title Insurance Co. erected in 1881 the building which is now there. It has been used by the Police Department as headquarters for about a year.

Mr. Middleton was born in Maryland in 1806 and came to Washington about 1828. A few years later he formed a partnership in the grocery business with Benjamin Beall, which was continued for nearly thirty years. He continued to have his home as above for thirteen years and his death occurred in this city in 1863. Two sons and two daughters are the only children out of a large family who are living. The sons, also one of the daughters, are still residents of this city, and to Mr. Alpheus Middleton, the older son, I am very much indebted for information he has given me. Mr. Middleton is still active in the same business as that his father followed though not numbered with the younger citizens, the firm of Browning & Middleton being well known in the business community.