

Ashley's Sack

A Provisional Timeline **S**

Birth of Robert Martin, Sr.,
in South Carolina
(later Charleston merchant,
planter, slave owner)

1799

Death of Robert Martin, Sr.
Charleston, SC.

1852

Inventory of Robert Martin, Sr.
estate lists a Rose and Ashley, at
different locations, and about 100
other enslaved persons.

1853

1860

125 slaves listed at Milberry Place
Plantation, Barnwell County, SC. held
by estate of the late Robert Martin,
Sr. by Robert Martin's widow, Serene
Milberry Martin, for their son, Robert
Martin, Jr.

**End of Civil War.
Emancipation.**

1865

1880

est. birth of Rosa Clifton (later Rosa
Jones), mother of Ruth Jones

Marriage of Rosa Clifton
and Austin Jones,
Columbia, SC

1902

1903

Birth of Ruth Jones in Columbia, SC to
Rosa Clifton and Austin Jones

Marriage of Ruth Jones to Arthur
Middleton in Philadelphia, PA. (Ruth
residing in the home of chemical engineer,
Edward Linch, presumably as a domestic)

1918

1919

Birth of Dorothy Helen
Middleton, daughter of Ruth and
Arthur Middleton

1921 *

Ruth Middleton embroiders Ashley's Sack

Ruth Middleton employed as domestic
servant, Bryn Mawr, Montgomery County, PA

1930

1940

Ruth Middleton confirmed at St. Simon's
the Cyrenian, Philadelphia, PA

1942

Death of Ruth Middleton, Philadelphia, PA

Death of Dorothy Helen Middleton
(Page), Wyncote, PA

1988

2007

Discovery of Ashley's Sack in flea market.
Springfield, TN. Later that year, donated to
Middleton Place, Dorchester County, SC

**Ashley's Sack, on loan,
displayed at the new
Smithsonian National Museum
of African American History and Culture**

2016

2009-2013

Display of Ashley's Sack in
Historic House Museum,
Middleton Place