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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
ISAAC DRUMMOND LaROCHE (1816-1895)

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I. BACKGROUND

Isaac Drummond LaRoche¹ was born in Augusta, Georgia on August 21, 1816.² His parents were Isaac LaRoche, son of Isaac LaRoche and Elizabeth Drummond, and Eliza Sophia McIntosh Oliver, daughter of John Oliver of Augusta.³

Isaac Drummond LaRoche's father, Isaac, died in Augusta in 1822.⁴ According to Robert M. Myers, Isaac LaRoche (d.1822) came from South Carolina and early in life settled in Augusta where he practiced law.⁵ Records show that Isaac LaRoche (d.1822) and Eliza Oliver were married in Augusta in 1809;⁶ however, this Isaac must have lived part of his life in Savannah. The following notice appeared in a Savannah newspaper of 1822: "Died at Augusta on the 6 inst. after a lingering illness Mr. Isaac LaRoche in the 39th year of his age, formerly of this city."⁷ There is an earlier notice, in a Savannah newspaper of May 26, 1821, announcing the dissolution of the copartnership of LaRoche and Watson, signed Isaac LaRoche and Jesse Watson.⁸ Perhaps after the dissolving of this partnership Isaac LaRoche returned to Augusta.

Isaac LaRoche (d.1822) and Eliza Oliver had seven children: Sarah E., James A., Oliver A., Adrian V., Lawrence, John and Isaac Drummond,⁹ the subject of this biographical sketch.

SECTION I - FOOTNOTES

1. Robert M. Myers, ^{The} Children of Pride, p. 1589, calls him Isaac Drayton

LaRoche, but I believe this is an error. In a petition filed August 20, 1901, by his heirs in Superior Court concerning partition of property, he is called Isqac Drummond LaRoche (Superior Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233, at the Georgia Historical Society). William Harden, in A History of Savannah and South Georgia, v.II, p.695, refers to Drummond LaRoche, who died in 1895. According to Harden, p.695, Isaac Drayton LaRoche, b.1859, was the son of Isaac Drummond LaRoche.

2. Robert M. Myers, ^{The} Children of Pride, p. 694; Harden, A History of Savannah and South Georgia, v.II, p.694.
3. Harden, A History of Savannah and South Georgia, v.II, p. 694.
4. Georgian, Sept. 17, 1822, p.3, c.4
5. Robert M. Myers, Children of Pride, p. 694.
6. Warren, Marriages and Deaths 1763 to 1820, p. 64.
7. Georgian, Sept. 17, 1822, p.3, c.3.
8. Georgian, May 26, 1821, p.1, c.5; same notice appears in Georgian, June 11, 1821, p.1, c.5. Additional proof that this Isaac LaRoche lived in Savannah is found in the Tax Digest of 1821, where he is listed as paying taxes on ½ lot 17 Yamacraw, 5 slaves, a carriage and a poll tax.
9. The LaRoche Family History, typescript in the Lila Cabaniss Papers, manuscript collection of the Georgia Historical Society.

II. FIRST RECORDS OF ISAAC DRUMMOND LAROCHE IN SAVANNAH

It is uncertain exactly when Isaac Drummond LaRoche first came to Savannah. He is not listed in Chatham County in the index to the 1820 or 1830 census of Georgia, but no LaRoche is listed at all for these years in any part of Georgia. However, it is clear that Isaac D. LaRoche's father, Isaac, was in Georgia in 1822 when he died,¹⁰ and newspaper, land, tax and marriage records all seem to indicate that Isaac Drummond LaRoche was living in Savannah at least by the late 1830's and probably earlier, although he does not appear in the Georgia census until 1850.¹¹

In 1829 this notice appeared in the Savannah newspaper: "The subscriber has this day put in operation one of Ridgeway's newly invented grist mills in Farm two doors south of Indian street, where grist and meal will be constantly kept for sale at the lowest rates. Corn ground on toll. [Signed] I. LAROCHE"¹² If this notice was placed by Isaac Drummond LaRoche, he would have been in business in Savannah at the age of 17. It could not have been placed by his father because he had already died.

In 1832 and 1835 Isaac D. Laroche's name appears in the lists of recipients of letters which were published in the Savannah newspapers at that time.¹³ In December of 1834, Mr. Isaac D. LaRoche was married to Miss Georgiana J. Roberts in Christ Church by the Rev. Edward Neufville.¹⁴ In 1839 the friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. James A. LaRoche and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac D. LaRoche were invited to the funeral of Mrs. James A. LaRoche.¹⁵ It appears from these newspaper references that Isaac D. LaRoche was established in Savannah by the 1830's and perhaps earlier, if the 1829 notice signed by I. LaRoche does refer to Isaac D. LaRoche.

The earliest piece of Savannah property purchased by Isaac D. LaRoche appears to be ½ of a lot in Ogelthorpe Ward, bounded on the south by Joachim Street, which he bought in 1839 from his brother James A. LaRoche for \$1,000.00.¹⁶ Isaac D. LaRoche first appears in the Tax Digest in the year 1840 when he paid taxes for part of lot and improvements on lot number 19 Yamacraw. In this year he also paid poll tax and tax on one saddle horse.¹⁷

SECTION II - FOOTNOTES

10. Georgian, Sept. 17, 1822, p.3, c.3.
11. Ohio, 1850 Census of Georgia (Chatham County) p.58.
12. Georgian, Feb. 11, 1829, p.2, c.6.
13. Georgian, July 13, 1832, p.3, c.3; Georgian, Jan. 1, 1835, p.2, c.6;
Georgian, March 2, 1835, p.2, c.6.
14. Records of Christ Church, Savannah, Georgia, 1822-1851, p.47.
15. Georgian, Nov. 6, 1839, p.2, c.7.
16. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 2Z, p.461.
17. Savannah Tax Digest, 1840.

III. FAMILY AND HOMES

Isaac D. LaRoche was married three times and had a total of 21 children, many of whom died in infancy or as children.¹⁸ His first wife, whom he married on December 1, 1834, in Christ Church was Georgiana J. Roberts, daughter of James Roberts.¹⁹ Georgiana LaRoche died on September 11, 1860, at the age of 40.²⁰ She was survived by the following children: Alice Augusta, Ruth E., Amie Taylor, Georgia Ellen (called Nellie), Ida A., Isaac Drayton, John David and Robert D.²¹

On November 6, 1861, Isaac D. LaRoche was married to Josephene S. Adams by the Rev. C. B. King, paster of the White Bluff Church.²² Josephene LaRoche died on March 3, 1864, at the age of 34.²³ One child of Isaac D. and Josephene LaRoche was living at the time of her death; this was Walter P. LaRoche.²⁴

Isaac D. LaRoche married his third wife, Marie Antonia Richards, on December 20, 1864; they were married in St. John's Church by the Rev. Cameron F. MacRae.²⁵ Marie Antonia survived her husband.²⁶ A child of Isaac D. and Marie Antonia LaRoche named Eva was alive in 1901.²⁷

Isaac D. LaRoche appears to have lived in houses on lot 5 and lot 6 Pulaski Ward and also to have spent time in homes he owned at White Bluff and Isle of Hope.

By an indenture made on May 10, 1845, Bernard Constantine sold to Isaac D. LaRoche lot 5 Pulaski Ward for \$300.00 plus annual ground rent of \$38.65.²⁸ On December 15, 1846, LaRoche sold lot 5 to Robert H. Griffin for one dollar along with the following negro slaves: Lydia, Clarissa, Osborne, Jim and future offspring. Robert H. Griffin held lot 5 in trust for Georgiana

LaRoche, wife of Isaac D. LaRoche, and any child or children of Georgiana and Isaac D. LaRoche, begotten or to be begotten.²⁹

Lot 5 Pulaski Ward does not appear in the Tax Digests for the years 1845-1848 under the name of LaRoche or under the name of Bernard Constantine, former owner. In the 1849 Tax Digest the lot is under Georgiana LaRoche's name, and lots and improvements are valued at \$2,500.00. Apparently what is today 210 West Harris Street was built in 1848. Vincent's map of 1853 shows a brick building on the western corner of lot five, the location of 210 West Harris.³⁰ What is today 208 West Harris was added a few years later. In the 1855 Tax Digest lots and improvements for lot 5 Pulaski Ward are valued at \$3,500.00, in the 1856 Tax Digest improvements for lot 5 Pulaski Ward are valued at \$7,000.00. 208 West Harris was probably built in 1855, the year before the \$7,000.00 valuation. Lot 5 Pulaski Ward remained in the LaRoche family until December 14, 1901, when it was sold by commissioners, acting on behalf of the children of Isaac D. LaRoche, to the firm of Rivers and Gibbes (Horace Rivers and Charles H. Gibbes) for \$7,100.00, subject to annual ground rent of \$38.64.³¹ A photograph of the houses built by Isaac D. LaRoche, and still standing on Lot 5 Pulaski Ward, is included at the end of this section.

By an indenture of August 4, 1862, William Vroom sold lot 6 Pulaski Ward to Isaac D. LaRoche for \$5,000.00 plus annual ground rent of \$38.40.³² In January of 1868 Isaac D. LaRoche gave lot 6 to his wife Marie Antonia LaRoche and children Alice Augusta, Ruth Elizabeth, Amie Taylor, Ellen Georgia, Ida D., Isaac Drayton, Robert D., and Walter P., and infant and other children who may be born and survivors until the death of the last survivor. He declared himself trustee for his wife and children.³³

When Isaac D. LaRoche bought lot 6 in 1862 there was already a

building at the site of 216 West Harris, the corner of Harris and Tattnall.³⁴ Although LaRoche gave lot 6 Pulaski Ward to his third wife Marie Antonia in 1867, the lot is listed in the Tax Digests under the name of Georgiana LaRoche, who had died in 1860. In the 1868 Tax Digest the value of improvements on lot 6 was listed at \$3,000.00; in the 1869 Tax Digest the value of improvements on lot 6 jumped to \$6,000.00. It is likely that Isaac D. LaRoche built the houses at what are today 212 and 214 West Harris in 1868. In 1879 LaRoche, acting as trustee for his wife and children, sold lot 6 Pulaski Ward to Thomas Daniells for \$3,000.00 plus annual ground rent of \$38.40.³⁵ A photograph of the houses built by LaRoche at 212 and 214 West Harris is included at the end of this section.

It is difficult to tell which houses LaRoche lived in at what time. Some of the city directors from 1870-1879 list LaRoche's address as 176 Harris;³⁶ this could be the structure on the corner of Harris and Tattnall, which was already standing when LaRoche bought lot 6 Pulaski Ward, on the site of what is today 216 West Harris. In 1880 LaRoche's address is listed as 168 Harris,³⁷ which is probably what is today 208 West Harris, the last section of the house LaRoche built on lot 5 Pulaski Ward. From 1881 until his death in 1895, LaRoche's address is 170 Harris,³⁸ which is probably today 210 West Harris, and is the original structure LaRoche built on lot 5 Pulaski Ward. The city directories list these addresses on Harris Street for LaRoche before 1870

1849	42 Harris Street ³⁹
1850	25 East Harris Street ⁴⁰
1859	Harris between Tattnall and Barnard ⁴¹
1860	5 Harris ⁴²

LaRoche would have to have lived at what is today 210 West Harris

between 1848 and 1854, because it was the only structure he had on Harris Street at that time. From 1855 through 1870 he could have lived at either of the houses on lot 5 Pulaski Ward. But from 1862, when he bought lot 6, until 1870 he could also have lived in what is today the site of 216 West Harris, which was standing when he bought lot 6, or he could have lived in what is today 212 and 214 West Harris, which he built in 1868 on lot 6.

Isaac D. LaRoche also owned homes outside the city limits. In 1859 he bought 45 acres on the Vernon River in White Bluff District for \$2,000.00.⁴³ The Savannah paper of May 20, 1865, published the following: "Seventy-five ladies and gentlemen went yesterday to White Bluff for a day's pleasure. The ladies were known to be of the highest social circles in the city and the men about two-thirds officers.... A bountiful dinner was served under the auspices of Mrs. LaRoche and Mrs. Cabbage in the house of Mr. Isaac LaRoche who has a beautiful home at this point."⁴⁴

In 1863 Isaac D. LaRoche bought from Hill Gowdy 50 acres at Isle of Hope, bounded north by lands of Grimbball, south and east by the Skidaway River, west by lands of William P. White.⁴⁵ In 1867 he gave the property at Isle of Hope in trust to his wife Marie Antonia and his children as a "sign of love and affection, to be used as a county seat".⁴⁶ In 1872 Ruth E. LaRoche was married to Rudolph R. Richards at Isaac D. LaRoche's home at Isle of Hope. Another daughter, Ida D., was married from this home in 1874.⁴⁷

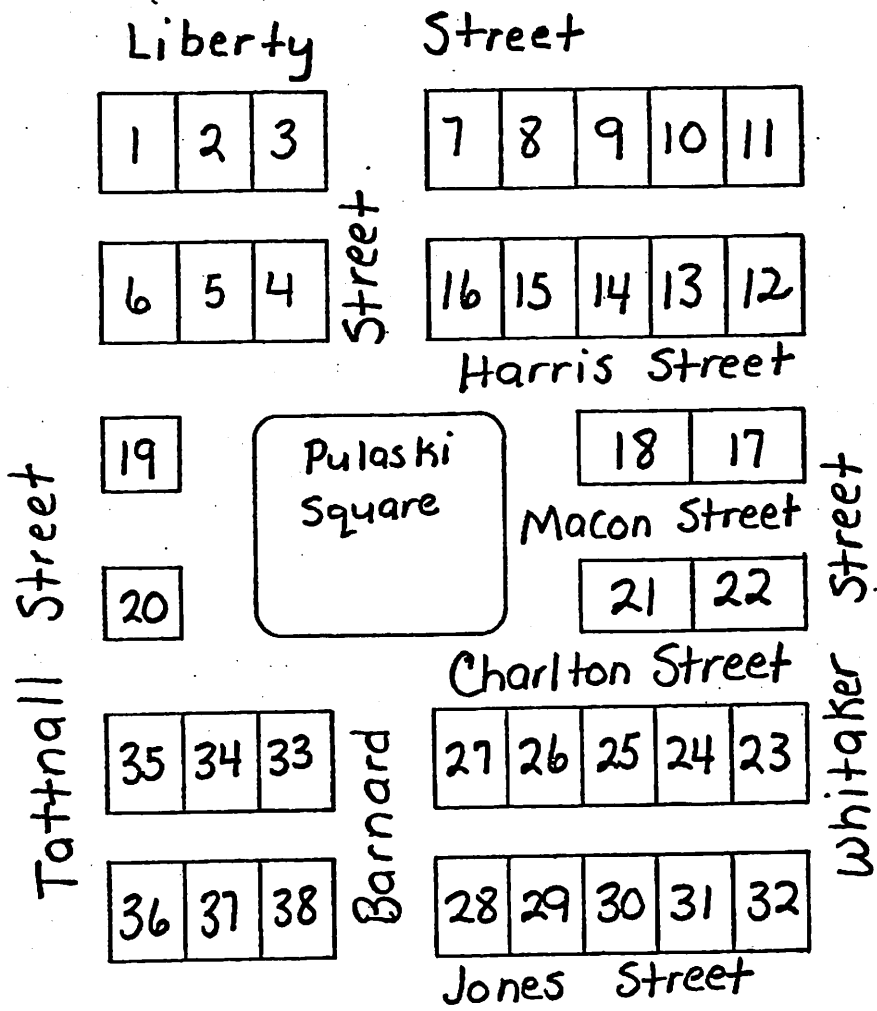
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18. Mrs. Edward R. Banks, Sr., granddaughter of Isaac D. LaRoche, supplied me with the information that her grandfather had 21 children.

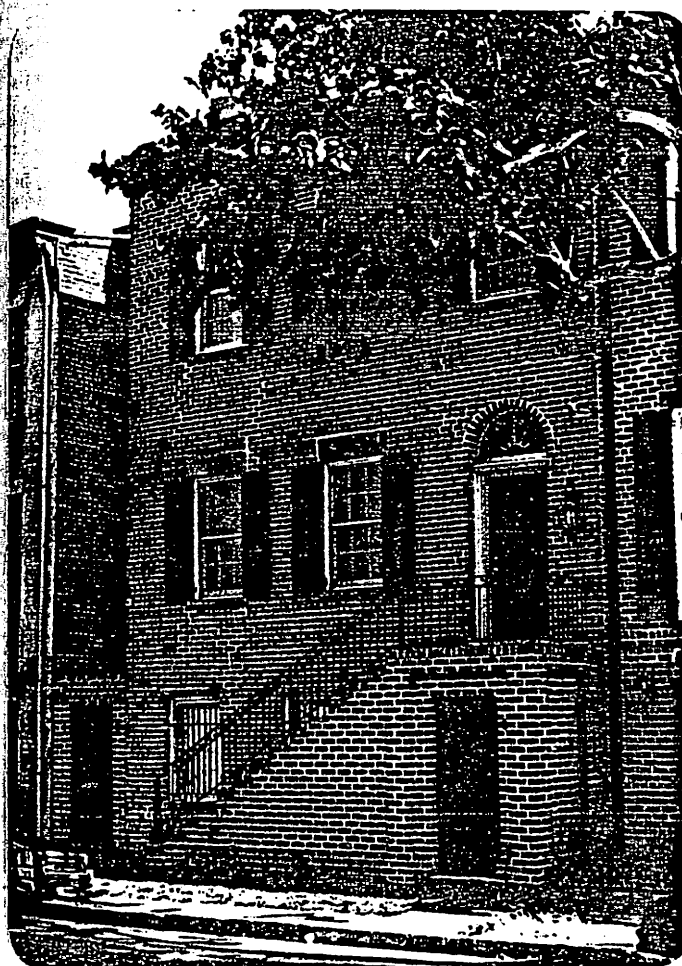
19. Records of Christ Church, Savannah, Georgia, 1822-1851, p.47; Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage records, file 1714 says Isaac D. LaRoche and Georgiana J. Roberts were married July 29, 1833, by Henry MacDonnell, justice of the peace. Isaac and Georgiana LaRoche must have had a civil ceremony in July of 1833 and a church wedding in December of 1834.
20. Recorded on tombstone, lot 628, Laurel Grove Cemetery and in Chatham County Vital Statistics, Death Records.
21. These children are listed in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233.
22. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1851-1866, p. 144.
23. Chatham County Vital Statistics, Death Records.
24. Named in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233.
25. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages 1851-1866, p. 146; White and Bidez, St. John's Parish Register: Marriage Records 1846-1903, p.3.
26. There is no will or death record of Marie Antonia LaRoche in Chatham County which would indicate her date of death; *she is not buried with her husband in Laurel Grove Cemetery.*
27. Named in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233.
28. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Books 3C, p. 208.

29. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 3E, p.16 and 17.
30. Vincent's Subdivision Map of the City of Savannah, 1853.
31. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 8K, p. 165 and 166.
32. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 3V, p. 23 and 24.
33. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 4A, p.7 and 8.
34. Vincent's Subdivision Map of the City of Savannah.
35. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records, Deed Book 4Z, p. 202 and 203.
36. Alex Abrams and Co., compilers, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1870;
George H. Rogers, compiler, Rogers City Directory of Savannah, 1877;
A. E. Sholes, Sholes Savannah Directory, 1879.
37. A. E. Sholes, Sholes City Directory, II, 1880.
38. A. E. Sholes, Sholes City Directory, III-XVI, 1881-1895.
39. Joseph E. Brancroft, compiler, Census of the City of Savannah, 1849.
40. David H. Galloway, compiler, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1850.
41. Eugene Ferslew, compiler, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1859.
42. John Cooper, publisher, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1860.

43. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Land Records of Chatham County, Deed Book 3S, p.255.
44. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1865, p.23; article originally in Savannah Daily News and Herald, May 20, 1865, p.2, c.1.
45. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Deed Book 3V, p.462.
46. Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, Deed Book 4A, p.6.
47. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1872, p.261, and for 1874, p.357; notices originally appeared in Savannah Morning News, April 11, 1872, p.3, c.1 and in Savannah Morning News, August 19, 1874, p.2, c.4.



MAP OF PULASKI WARD,
 SHOWING LOTS 5 AND 6, LOCATION OF HOMES OF ISAAC D. LaROCHE AND
 HIS FAMILY



210 West Harris



208 West Harris

HOUSES AT 208 AND 210 WEST HARRIS STREET,
 LOT 5 PULASKI WARD, BUILT BY ISAAC D. LaROCHE IN 1848 (210 WEST HARRIS) AND
 1855 (208 WEST HARRIS)



214 West Harris



212 West Harris

HOUSES AT 212 AND 214 WEST HARRIS STREET,
LOT 6 PULASKI WARD, BUILT BY ISAAC D. LaROCHE IN 1868

IV. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

From 1850 on, records show that Isaac D. LaRoche was associated with several firms of commission merchants and auctioneers and real estate brokers.⁴⁸ The firm of LaRoche, Browne and Company, dry goods and merchants, appears in the city directory for 1850.⁴⁹ Throughout most of the 1850's Isaac D. LaRoche was associated at various times with Alfred T. Browne, Edward S. Kempton and Richard H. Marshall in firms called LaRoche, Brown and Company, LaRoche & Browne and LaRoche, Browne & Kempton.⁵⁰ In 1859 Isaac D. LaRoche and Samuel P. Bell were partners in a firm of commission merchants, auctioneers, general dealers in hides, skins and country produce.⁵¹ Newspaper advertisements of 1860 show that Messrs. LaRoche and Bell were also dealers in items of a more aesthetic value such as choice oil paintings, Italian statuary, glassware and fancy goods.⁵² An advertisement for LaRoche & Bell, from the Directory for the City of Savannah, 1860, (John M. Cooper, publisher) is at the end of this section. In the later 1860's LaRoche and Bell formed a co-partnership with M. Edgar Williams, which was dissolved in 1867.⁵³ Williams and LaRoche then formed the firm of I. D. LaRoche and Company, while Bell became associated with D.B. Hull.⁵⁴ The period of Civil War and after was one of economic hardship for many, and a commission merchant like LaRoche who dealt largely in cotton and other produce must have found it especially difficult to keep a business going. In February of 1870 a petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court in Bankruptcy by Isaac D. LaRoche and M. E. Williams at Savannah, Georgia.⁵⁵ Sometime in the 1870's LaRoche formed a firm with his old partner Samuel P. Bell and Isaac Drayton LaRoche, his son. This firm was dissolved in 1879 by the withdrawal of Isaac D. LaRoche and Isaac Drayton LaRoche.⁵⁶ Isaac D. and Isaac Drayton continued a business association under the name I. D. LaRoche and Son. In 1882 Isaac D. LaRoche is listed in

the city directory as working at I. D. LaRoche's Sons;⁵⁷ apparently at this time Robert, another son, came into the firm. Robert D. LaRoche withdrew from the business in 1888, becoming associated with the firm of LaRoche and McLaughlin.⁵⁸ After Robert's withdrawal, Isaac D. and Isaac Drayton continued their partnership, going back to the name I. D. LaRoche and Son.⁵⁹ After 1892, no place of business is given in the city directories for Isaac D. LaRoche, who retired in 1891 after suffering a stroke.⁶⁰

Newspaper advertisements appearing throughout the time of LaRoche's business career show that as an auctioneer and commission merchant, he often sold real estate. The grantor and the grantee indexes to deeds in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court show that LaRoche himself bought and sold a great amount of property. I. D. LaRoche and Son was an auctioneer and real estate agent firm.

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48. Except for the add of 1829 in which I. LaRoche advertises operating a grist mill, there is a scarcity of available information about LaRoche's business activities in the 1830's and 1840's. Part of the reason for this lack of information is that the Savannah newspapers for 1846, 1847, 1848 and 1849 are not indexed.
49. David H. Galloway, compiler, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1850.
50. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1853, p.187, and for 1855, p.7 and 8. Notices originally in Daily Morning News, Jan. 15, 1853, p.3, c.2; Daily Morning News, Jan. 1, 1855, p.4, c.3; Daily Morning News, Jan. 6, 1855, p.2, c.6.
51. Eugene Ferslew, compiler, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1859.

52. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1860, p.9 and 10; advertisements originally in Daily Morning News, March 2, 1860, p.2, c.1 and Daily Morning News, April 14, 1860, p.2, c.1.
53. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1867, p.322; notice originally in Daily News and Herald, p.2, c.6.
54. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1870, p.18; originally in Savannah Morning News, Oct. 19, 1870, p.2, c.6; Alex Abrams and Co., compilers, Directory of the City of Savannah, 1870.
55. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1870, p.18; originally in Savannah Morning News, Feb. 17, 1870, p.3, c.1.
56. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1879, p.391; originally in Savannah Morning News, May 15, 1879, p.2, c.6.
57. A. E. Sholes, Sholes City Directory, IV, 1882
58. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1888, p.375; notices originally in Savannah Morning News, March 31, 1888, p.2, c.6.
59. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1889, p.733; notice originally in Savannah Morning News, Nov. 21, 1889, (page and column missing) and A. E. Sholes, Sholes City Directory, XI-XIII, 1890-1892.
60. Robert M. Myers, The Children of Pride, p.1589.

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PATENT HYDRAULIC CEMENT AND LIME.

ISAAC D. LaROCHE,

SAM'L P. BELL.

V. CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Newspaper records indicate that Isaac D. LaRoche was involved in city politics. In 1853 at a meeting of the Whig Party he was appointed to a committee to report upon the expediency of nominating candidates for mayor and alderman for the ensuing municipal election.⁶¹ During the 1860's LaRoche himself ran for alderman. In the 1861 election he received 410 votes;⁶² apparently this was not enough to get LaRoche elected because his name is not on the roster of alderman of Savannah from 1790 to 1901, in Thomas Gamble's History of the Municipal Government of Savannah from 1790 to 1901, LaRoche ran again for alderman in 1864.⁶³

In 1861 Isaac D. LaRoche was a contributor to the St. John Episcopal Church Soldiers' Aid Society, and in 1863 the firm of LaRoche and Bell contributed to a committee for the distribution of funds for relief of Georgia soldiers engaged in the defense of Charleston.⁶⁴ LaRoche himself became acting assistant quartermaster, with the rank of second lieutenant, of Company C, 1st Battalion Georgia Reserves, on April 16, 1864, according to Robert M. Myers.⁶⁵

Isaac D. LaRoche was a founding member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a vestryman.⁶⁶

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61. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1853, p.280; originally in Daily Morning News, Nov. 29, 1853, p.2, c.3.

62. Thomas Gamble, "History of the Municipal Government of Savannah from 1790 to 1901," included in Report of the Hon. Herman Myers, Mayor, Together with the Reports of the City Officers . . . for 1901, p.16 and 17.

63. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1864, p.64; originally in Daily Morning News, October 12, 1864, p.1, c.2. The article in the digest p.64 says that LaRoche was elected alderman, but his name is not included in the roster of alderman of Savannah, 1790 to 1901, compiled by Thomas Gamble in his "History of the Municipal Government in Savannah from 1790 to 1901". The original newspaper or a microfilm copy is not at the Georgia Historical Society or the Savannah Public Library so I could not check and see if the newspaper digest is in error.
64. Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1861, p.326; originally in Daily Morning News, November 21, 1861, p.2, c.5 and Savannah Newspaper Digest for 1863, p.253; originally in Daily Morning News, August 8, 1863, p.1, c.2.
65. Robert M. Myers, The Children of Pride, p. 1589. I could not find Isaac D. LaRoche's name in the index to the Confederate States of America. Army Papers, a manuscript collection at the Georgia Historical Society. *Also this company is not in Lillian Henderson, Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of the State of Georgia.*
66. Robert M. Myers, The Children of Pride, p.1589. I could not find any reference to this in Malone, The Episcopal Church in Georgia 1733-1957.

VI. DEATH AND DESCENDANTS

Isaac Drummond LaRoche died at his home at 170 Harris Street (210 West Harris Street) on June 23, 1895 at the age of 78.⁶⁷ He was survived by his wife, Marie Antonia and seven of his children. The grave of Isaac D. LaRoche is in lot 627 of Laurel Grove Cemetery.

Although he left no will, other records helped me to identify LaRoche's children and some of their children. A list showing his children and some grandchildren is attached to the end of this section.

Mrs. Edward Banks, Sr., daughter of Robert D. LaRoche and granddaughter of Isaac Drummond LaRoche lives in Savannah today. She was kind enough to let me talk with her about her grandfather and furnished me with some information about him and other members of the LaRoche family.

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67. Chatham County Vital Statistics, Death Records.

LIST OF DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC DRUMMOND LaROCHE (1816-1895) COMPILED IN SEARCH
FOR A LIVING DESCENDANT IN SAVANNAH

- I.A. Children of Isaac D. LaRoche and Georgiana J. Roberts LaRoche living at the time of her death in 1860.
- II.1. Ruth E., married Rudolph Rufus Richards, April 16, 1872^a
 - II.2. Alice Augusta married Frank Edgar Williams, December 7, 1860^b
 - II.3. Amie Taylor married William E. Dunwoody of Marietta, Georgia, January 3, 1870^c
 - II.4. Georgia Ellen (Nellie) married Felix Lessing, August 11, 1870^d
 - II.5. Ida D. married Theodore Lawrence Hunt of Marietta, Georgia, August 12, 1874^e
 - II.6. Isaac Drayton married first, Martha _____, no record of marriage in Chatham County, divorced; married second, Emma Ernst, November 25, 1884^f
 - II.7. John David, died in 1865 at the age of 8 years^g
 - II.8. Robert D., married Mary (Mamie) C. Olsen, September 2, 1886^h
- I.B. Child of Isaac D. LaRoche and Josephene S. Adams LaRoche living at the time of her death in 1864.
- II.9. Walter Paul LaRoche, married Hannie A. Dewson, April 14, 1891ⁱ
- I.C. Child of Isaac D. LaRoche and Marie Antonia Richards LaRoche, alive in 1901.
- II.10. Laura Eva LaRoche, married Gilbert W. Allen, January 5, 1899^j
- II.1. Ruth E. Richards, d. June 11, 1899^k, and Rudolph Rufus Richards, d. May 9, 1923^l
 - III.1. Rufus G. Richards, d. 1936; wife Burmah McFarlane Richards who is still alive^m

II.2. Alice Augusta Williams, d. 1875 and Frank Edgar Williamsⁿ

III.2. Grace Williams, married William E. Groves

III.3. Maud Williams^o

II.3: Amie T. Dunwoody and William E. Dunwoody

No wills recorded in Chatham County to indicate who their children were.

II.4. Georgia Ellen Lessing and Felix Lessing

No wills recorded in Chatham County to indicate who their children were.

II.5. Ida D. Hunt, d. January, 1895^p and Theodore Lawrence Hunt

III.4. Edward Hunt

III.5. Georgia Hunt

III.6. Ida Hunt Brumby

III.7. Amie Hunt

III.8. Coryell Hunt

III.9. Sarah Hunt

II.6. Isaac Drayton LaRoche d. June 20, 1925^q and 1. Martha _____,

2. Emma Ernst LaRoche

I find no records to indicate who children were. Petition for probate of the will of Isaac Drayton LaRoche names grandchildren, not children, as heirs.

II.7. John David LaRoche, died as a child, unmarried.

II.8. Robert D. LaRoche, d. January 1, 1899^r and Mary C. Olsen LaRoche

III.10. Annie M. LaRoche

11. Mary C. LaRoche, married Thomas Carter Farr, February 8, 1911^s

12. Marguerite LaRoche, married Edward R. Banks, August 8, 1910^t

13. Nellie L. LaRoche

14. Amie D. LaRoche

II.9. Walter Paul LaRoche and Hannie A. Dewson LaRoche

No will recorded for Walter Paul LaRoche

II.10. Laura Eva LaRoche and Gilbert W. Allen

No will recorded for Gilbert W. Allen

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO LIST OF DESCENDANTS

- a. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1866-1873, p.207
- b. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1851-1866, p.282
- c. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1866-1873, p.52
- d. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1866-1873, p.139
- e. Chatham County Probate Court, Index to Marriages, 1873-1877, p.103
- f. I. Drayton and Martha LaRoche were divorced June 3, 1884 (Savannah News-
paper Digest, 1884, p.154; originally in Savannah Morning News, May 17,
1884, p.4, c.3); date of marriage to Emma Ernst in Savannah Newspaper
Digest, 1884, p.421, originally in Savannah Morning News, November 29, 1884,
p.4, c.5.
- g. Chatham County Vital Statistics, Death Records
- h. Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage Liscenses F, p.181
- i. Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage Liscenses H, p.589
- j. Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage Liscenses M, p.352
- k. Named in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior Court of Chatham County,
judgment no. 16233
- l. Chatham County Probate Court, Will of Rudolph Rufus Richards, file R-659
- m. Chatham County Probate Court, Will of Rufus G. Richards, file R-855; there
is a Burmah M. Richards in the current Savannah telephone directory; Mrs.
Edward R. Banks, Sr., also confirmed that Burmah M. Richards is still alive.
- n. Death date of A. A. Williams comes from petition, August 20, 1901, Superior
Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233.
- o. Named in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior Court of Chatham County,
judgment no. 16233.
- p. Death date and children of Ida D. Hunt in petition, August 20, 1901, Superior
Court of Chatham County, judgment no. 16233.

- q. Chatham County Probate Court, Will of Isaac Drayton LaRoche, file L-603
- r. Chatham County Probate Court, Administration of Robert D. LaRoche, file L-362.
- s. Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage Liscenses W, p.394
- t. Chatham County Probate Court, Marriage Liscenses W, p.119

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