

# THE MAZE

Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

274 Wilder Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029

March 2009 Edition

*MFA Meeting August 13-15, 2009 Hope, Arkansas: It's not too late to join us.*

*"Bridges From the Past"*

*Sharing Our Family Histories*

*Agenda HIGHLIGHTS:*

## **Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Morning

Lunch

Afternoon

Dinner

### **Bancorp South Farmhouse, Patmos Road**

Registration and Meet & Greet – Review of activities

Williams' Tavern Restaurant at Historic Washington State Park

Tour of Historic Washington State Park

Research at Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives (SARA)

Bancorp South Farmhouse (Catered)

## **Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Morning

Lunch

Afternoon

Dinner

### **Bancorp South Farmhouse**

Registration

Presentations by Neal Middlebrook, Henry Middlebrook, and Charles

Middlebrooks

Hope – TBA

Research at Hempstead County Courthouse and City Library, Genealogy Room

Keynote Speaker: Peggy Lloyd, SARA Archivist

## **Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Morning

Lunch

Afternoon

Dinner

### **Bancorp South Farmhouse**

Registration

Presentation by Mary Nell Turner, Hempstead County Genealogical Society

MFA President's and Projects Reports

Discussion Groups

Farmhouse – Working Lunch (Catered)

Field Trips to Homesteads, Cemeteries, Churches, Schools, and Towns

Meeting Critique and Close-out at Farmhouse

Family Social and Dinner – Restaurant (TBA)

## **Make your reservations:**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**I-30 at N. Hervey St.**

**Hope, AR 71801**

**870-722-6262**

**Group rates of \$89.10 + tax good until July 13, 2009**

Registration fee is \$10.00 per member's family. Non-members pay \$10.00 to register and \$20.00 to become an MFA member through Sept. 2010 (includes registration). Please mail your check payable to the Middlebrooks Family Association Inc., C/O Joyce Arnold, 2904 Trinity Dr., Pearland, TX 77584.

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### ***Middlebrooks Family Register Update Project***

We would like to continue to encourage you to participate in the family register update. If you have Middlebrook/s or allied family information and would like contribute, please contact Leonard Middlebrooks, the project leader, at [gambol@juno.com](mailto:gambol@juno.com). Be sure your ancestors are included in the update scheduled to come out in 2009. Information must be submitted through your team leader listed on page 3. Leonard needs the information from team leaders by October 1, 2009.

### ***Middlebrooks Cemetery Project***

We are continuing to record Middlebrook/s and allied family cemetery information and photos. The goal of the project is to preserve and catalog cemetery information of our ancestors for future generations. If you would like to submit any cemetery information or have questions about the project, please contact J. A. Middlebrooks, the project leader, at [middle3jam@hotmail.com](mailto:middle3jam@hotmail.com).

### ***Middlebrooks DNA Project***

If you would like to participate in the MFA DNA Project, please contact Bob Middlebrooks at [mid293@earthlink.net](mailto:mid293@earthlink.net). If you have hit a brick wall or want to know how—or if—you are related to other Middlebrook/s ancestors, the DNA test may provide the answers. If you go through the MFA, you may also be able to receive a discount.

### ***Civil War Service of Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks (1838-1907)***

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks was enlisted on May 5, 1862, at Battery Harrison by Captain Holland in the 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment, which was part of Harrison's Georgia Infantry.<sup>10</sup> He enlisted for a period of two years and six months, and his enlistment is thought to have ended in November of 1864. However, he was not officially paroled (discharged) until May 5, 1865, at Chester, South Carolina.<sup>11</sup> During this period of service (1862-1865), it is suspected that Samuel returned home periodically to see his wife, Hattie, and recover from his wounds. Samuel's enlistment period ended just a month after the birth of James, his first child.

As a private he was re-assigned to Company A of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Infantry. Samuel is listed as killed, wounded or missing at Cummings Point, Morris Island, South Carolina, from August 20 to the evacuation September 6, 1863. On October 4, 1863, Samuel is listed as wounded and is subsequently transferred to Company E, Captain Stiles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Engineers Troops, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal (Special order # 180/12) on August 1, 1864.<sup>12</sup>

On September 18, 1904, Samuel applies for a Civil War pension while living in Acadia Parish, Louisiana. He lists three witnesses who will attest to his Civil War Service: J. M. Lane, Social Circle, Georgia; J.B. Lane; and Jack Tynar (Turner?) of Cornucopia or Monticello, Georgia. Also, a Nathan C. Fish (officer) of Jasper County, Georgia, signs an affidavit that he served with S.C.

Middlebrooks while in Company A of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Infantry under Colonel Harrison's Regiment and under the command of General Beauregard on the coast. Nathan goes on to confirm that Samuel was wounded in September of 1863 and then transferred in the spring of 1864 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the Engineers Corps. He described Samuel's service as "***faithful, bold and courageous.***"<sup>12</sup>

During this period of his life, Samuel was most likely suffering from the long-term effects of the wounds he received during the Civil War on Cummings Point, Morris Island, South Carolina. In his file for a Civil War Pension on September 18, 1904, in Acadia Parish (filed on March 20, 1905, in Washington D.C.), he describes that a ***7-pound parrot shell exploded 10-12 feet over his head causing head wounds and a concussion.*** Samuel stated that he could not earn a living because of paralysis, especially in the lower part of his body, legs, feet, and arms.<sup>12</sup> It sounds like he may have started to have a series of small strokes.

Around 1905, Samuel moves back to Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas, to live with his son, Charles Deems Middlebrooks, and family.<sup>23</sup> It does not appear that Samuel ever received a pension for his Civil War service before his death. Elder S. C. Middlebrook died at the age of 69 on March 6, 1907, and is buried in the Macedonia Cemetery south of Hope on Patmos Road.

**Notes:** This article is from the book, "*The Ancestors and Descendants of James L. and Francis D. Middlebrooks, Hempstead County, Arkansas,*" published 2008 by Neal Middlebrook. For more information click on the link below <http://www.lulu.com/content/5231134>

**Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks is the son of Isaac R. (b. 1796). Samuel's grandfather is Sims Middlebrooks, (b. 1762) in Orange County, NC.**

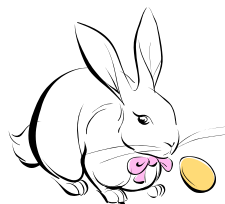
<sup>10</sup> Jones County, Georgia Marriages, Book A, Pg.122, County Clerk's Office, Gray, Georgia

<sup>11</sup> Samuel C. Middlebrooks, *Compiled Military Service Record*, file 256/98, (Atlanta, Georgia State Archives and History), file requested December 5, 1989. A Confederate Pension was not issued to Samuel or his widow. The State of Georgia did not issue land grants for service in the Civil War. A copy of Special Order 180/12 is available at the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.

<sup>12</sup> Louisiana Secretary of State Confederate Pension Applications Index Database (<http://www.sos.louisiana.gov>, Reel CP1.97, Microdex 2, seq. 16, 8 pages) Confederate Pension Record for S. C. Middlebrooks, filed Acadia, LA, September 18, 1904. Samuel states that he has 13 children, five living and eight dead. All but four of the children can be documented through census and other records.

<sup>23</sup> Charles Middlebrooks, Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks family group sheet, November 23, 2001.

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