

# THE MAZE

Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

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## MFA 2009 Meeting

**The date is rapidly approaching.** Reserve August 13, 14, 15th to attend the annual meeting of the Middlebrooks Family Association. We hope that you will make your plans to join us and to share this invitation with other family members. This year's meeting will be in Hope, Arkansas, and will explore the common ties of the Middlebrook/s families of this area. There will be two presentations on Middlebrooks from this area, a special presentation by a SW Arkansas historian, research time at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, tours of the Hempstead and Nevada Counties area, cemetery "hopping" in Hope and Hempstead Counties, and family socializing.

**Accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn Express, I-30 at N. Hervey St, Hope AR, 71891, (870) 722-6262. Group rates are \$89.10 + tax through July 13, 2009.**

## MFA DNA by Bob Middlebrooks

The surname of an individual is an important component of analyzing Y-DNA results and sets the outer boundary for the time frame of a match. It is characteristic of surnames that all members of a particular family normally have the same surname. A surname therefore follows with the Y-DNA result, which makes the testing of Y-DNA a very powerful tool.

Our Middlebrooks Family Association has started on a path to assist in this interesting and rewarding quest through the use of DNA. We are working with Y-DNA tests using a well-established laboratory called FamilyTree DNA that has the largest database of potential matches. The results are then processed by a well-respected company called WorldFamilies.net that posts the correlated results on their web site. When an acceptable number of markers match, this means that there is a calculated relationship between the individuals who submitted tests.

The testing process is simple. A Test Kit is mailed and the recipient swabs the inside of the cheek and sends the swab to the lab. The lab does the rest and results are reported to the individual. There is one basic requirement for a test to be meaningful and that is having another test or tests to compare it with. That is where our MFA DNA project comes in. When joining our MFA DNA project by ordering a related test, you not only are able to see how your DNA matches with other Middlebrook/s individuals, but you also receive a group discount.

**In fact, for the month of July 2009 there is a special discount offered:**

Y-DNA37 – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149) Y-DNA67 – promotional price \$199 (reg. price \$238) mtDNAPlus – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149)
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I will be glad to arrange to order the test kit for anyone that would like that assistance. Kits can be ordered and then the fee can be sent in when the kit is returned to the laboratory, before the July 31 deadline. We recommend that participants order tests with at least 37 markers. The 67-marker test provides even more opportunity for comparisons with other participants.

This brings us to two invitations:

Interested in finding out how your male DNA matches with others in the Middlebrook/s clan? Join the MFA DNA project. You can email me – [mid293@earthlink.net](mailto:mid293@earthlink.net) – for more information, and of course I can even order the test for you with the invoice arriving along with the test kit.

The other invitation is to join the Middlebrooks Family Association and gain access to the informative newsletter that is issued quarterly. Of course you will want to attend the MFA August 2009 meeting where there are presentations, field trip tours, and discussions about the Middlebrook/s family ancestors.

**Now for some exciting news. We are working toward establishing contacts in England in order to further our genealogy lines through DNA research.**

As you can see, the Middlebrooks Family Association offers an outstanding way to further your own family history. What a wonderful gift to leave those that follow us.



**September, 2005 - World record watermelon weighing 268.8 pounds**

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