

# THE MAZE

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Nathaniel and Mary Middlebrook of Orange County, Virginia

Nathaniel Middlebrook (b. 1764) is not recorded in *The Register of the Middlebrooks Family*, published in 1909. However, some researchers suspect Nathaniel's brother may be Garland (b. 1757), who is listed in the 1909 *Register* as the son of John (b. 1726). Furthermore, we do not know the place of birth of Nathaniel's parents. The connection to John Middlebrook (b. 1754) of Caroline County, Virginia, or the connection with the Orange/Caswell County, North Carolina, Middlebrooks has not been established. Recent DNA testing concludes that, when we compare a male descendant of John's (b. 1754) line to one of Nathaniel's descendants (Garland, b.1786), they do not have a very recent common ancestor.

Based on the age of Nathaniel's children, it is suspected he married Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ about 1782 in Orange County, Virginia. Some researchers have speculated that Mary was a Thompson (b. 1763), or Mary (Odell) Turney. We have not been able to locate a marriage record for Nathaniel and Mary. Nathaniel named the executors of his estate on November 3, 1829, and his will was filed November 29, 1829. Two of his sons, Garland and Anderson, were named executors of his estate. On December 28, 1829, the will was recorded and the executors posted a bond of \$1,000 with James Terill as their security. Nathaniel died on or near the date the will was recorded (December 28, 1829). His children listed in the will are: Garland (b. 1786), Anderson (b. 1790), Susan (b. 1795), Archibald (b. 1796), and Martha ("Patsy," b. 1798). A John Middlebrook (b. 1783) is also thought to be one of Nathaniel and Mary's sons. John's death (circa 1819) was partially confirmed by him not being listed in his father's will.

Per additional court records, the probated will is as follows: The monthly court held for the County of Orange, at the courthouse, on Monday, eighth of December 1829. "This last will and testament of Nathaniel Middlebrook, deceased, was proved by [?] of the H. Fackler, Richard Taulcome Waller Grambrel by the witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Garland Middlebrook and Anderson Middlebrook, the executors therein named who made oath thereto, according to law and together with James Terrill, their security entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the considered certificate was granted them for obtaining a [probate?] in due form."

If you would like to share information about Nathaniel (b. 1764) of Orange County, VA, please let us know.

\*\*\*\*\*The Orange County area is one of the suggested meeting locations for 2011 – let us know what you think.\*\*\*\*\*



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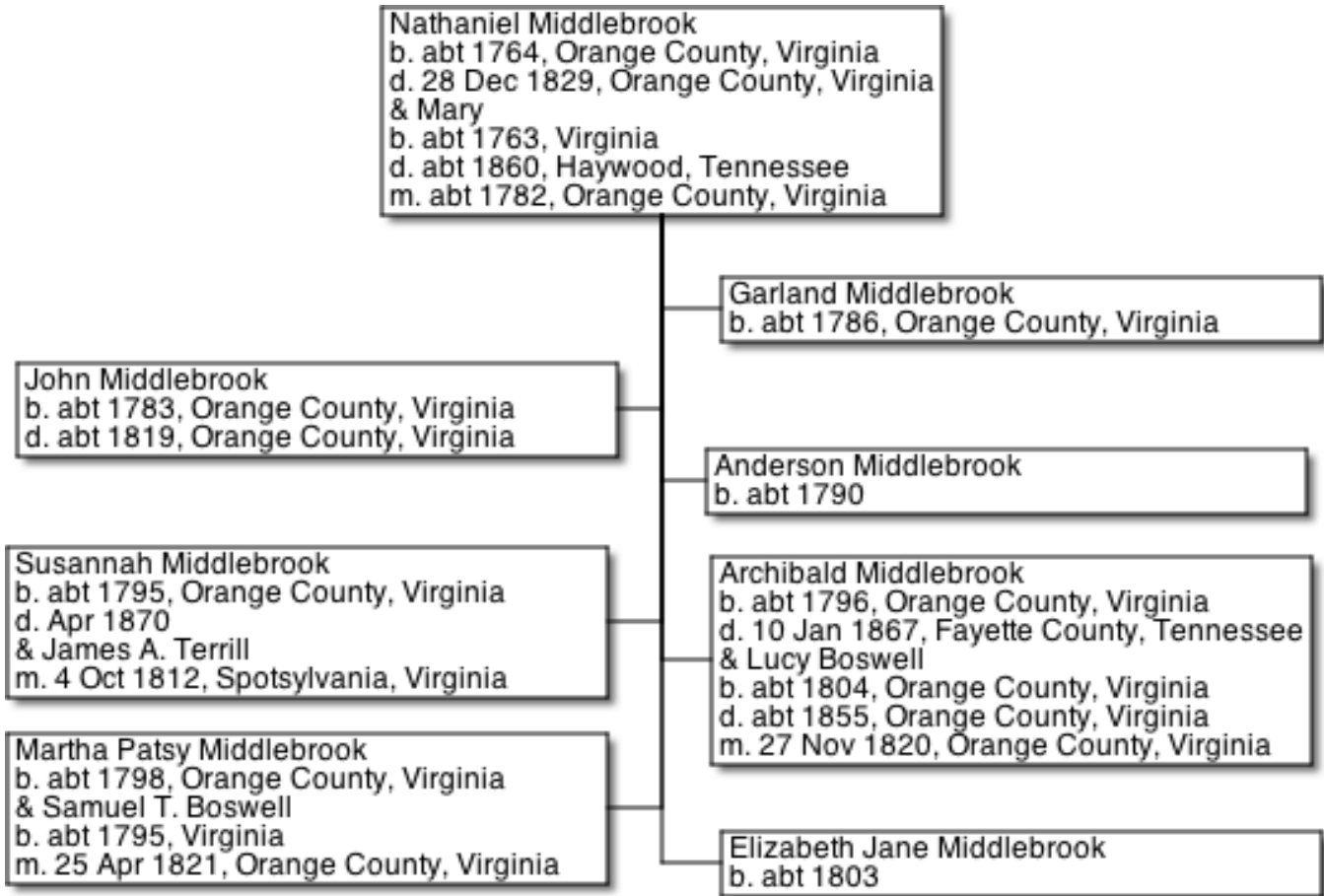
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Picture taken at the Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site, Juliette, GA

The original was the farm of John Fitz Jarrell and wife Elizabeth Middlebrooks Jarrell and family-owned for 140 years.

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