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Summary of Middlebrooks Maryland Records

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Some researchers have speculated that our Middlebrook ancestors, after leaving Fairfield County, Connecticut, moved to Maryland before settling in Virginia. So far, the connections between the Connecticut-Maryland-Virginia Middlebrooks remains a mystery.

The first record of our Middlebrook ancestors in Virginia is "Isaac ye son of Thomas Middlebrook born Janry ye 12th 1727-8".¹ Isaac Middlebrook is listed on the St. Peter's Parish Register, New Kent County, Virginia. This means Isaac and Thomas are living in New Kent County after the Parishes divided in 1704 and after the formation of Hanover County in 1720. Some also believe that Thomas Middlebrooks (b. 1700) is from Maryland and his wife Rachel's maiden name is Simmonds/Simmons. As you will see below, there is *possibly* a family connection between the Middlebrook and Simmonds/Simmons families.

An Isaac Middlebrook dies in Kent County, Maryland, before August 12, 1790, when his estate was inventoried. Creditors listed on the inventory include Gilbert, William, Thomas, and Rebecca Simmons. The estate appraisers are Samuel Buck and William Anderson.¹ From what we can tell, a wife is not listed. Some family historians believe that Thomas (b. ca. 1700) Middlebrooks's wife's maiden name is Simmonds or Simmons. As previously shown, Thomas was listed as Isaac's (b. 1727) father in St. Peter's Parish records, New Kent County, Virginia.¹

We do know that Thomas's wife's given name is Rachael based on Louisa County, Virginia, court records. The creditors listed in the above estate inventory demonstrate that the Simmons and Middlebrooks families were friends or possibly related. However, we have not been able to find a marriage record in Maryland or Virginia. It is likely they may have been married in Maryland before moving to New Kent County, Virginia.

Next, we find an Isaac Middlebrook is on the 1783 Tax List for Kent County, Maryland, 5th District. He is thought to be the same Isaac whose estate is settled seven years later.¹ An Isaac Middlebrook is serving in the 4th Company, 27th Battalion, 1775-1778, Militia Kent County, Maryland. Archibald, David, Gilbert, James, Lambert, Richard, Thomas, and William Jr. Simmons served in the 27th, along with Isaac Middlebrook.¹

We have not been able to find a Revolutionary War pension or bounty land warrant for Isaac.

Lastly, a Thomas Middlebrooks is listed in the 1790 U. S. Census for Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Two free white males 16 years and upwards, including heads of family and three free white females, are listed for Thomas's household. In addition, no males under 16, other free persons or slaves are enumerated.⁵

In summary, we have barely scratched the surface of Maryland records in searching for our ancestors. From the above information, the most likely place to start our Maryland research is in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Let us know if you are interested in researching Maryland records.

¹ C. G. Chamberlayne, ed. *The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peters Parish New Kent and St. James City Counties, Virginia 1684-1786*. (Richmond, VA.: Library Board, 1937), 482.

² Estate Inventory of Isaac Middlebrook, August 12, 1790, Kent County Clerks Office, Maryland.

³ Henry Peden, *Inhabitants of Kent County, Maryland 1637-1787*, (Family Line Publications, 1994), 7

⁴ Henry Peden, *Revolutionary Patriots of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties MD*. (Willow Bend Books, Westminster, MD, 2000) 181

⁵ Thomas Middlebrooks household, 1790, U. S. Census, Queen Anne's County Maryland (Ancestry.com. 1790 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.)

Who Do You Think You Are? Middlebrook/s Family Reunion/Meeting

The Middlebrook/s Family Association (MFA) will be returning to their Virginia family roots. *The 2011 Reunion/Meeting will be August 18-20 at the Holiday Inn Express, 107 Carter Road, Ashland, Virginia (1-804-752-7889)*. We would like to invite our Middlebrook/s cousins, including any other families connected to our kin, to join us. If you are interested in family history and in meeting and socializing with other relatives, you will have a great time. On August 19, we are planning a field trip to visit our ancestors' homesteads, towns, churches, cemeteries, and other points of historic interest. For more information, please contact Joyce Arnold:

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Or visit the MFA website: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~midregerrata/>

MFA 2011 Meeting/Reunion, Ashland, VA August 18-20, 2011

Affectionately known as the **“The Center of the Universe”** by residents for its central location within the state, Ashland is located in the heart of Hanover County.

Thursday: Aug. 18th

Morning: registration, welcoming and review of agenda etc.

Lunch: Ashland or Richmond?

Afternoon: Research trip to Library of Virginia

Evening: Social & group dinner, Ashland, MFA business meeting after dinner.

Friday: Aug. 19th

All day: Field trip, brown bag lunch.

Caroline County, Virginia, with the focus on John Middlebrooks (b. 1754)

Evening: Social & group dinner, (Tavern on the Rail), speaker

Saturday: Aug. 20th

Morning: MFA business (officer, project reports, elections) and two speakers.

Lunch: at hotel conference room, sandwich's etc.

Afternoon: sharing family histories and discussions etc. close-out.

Evening: Social and group dinner, Ashland or someplace close by.

Our hostesses will be Lana Shelton, Joyce Luck and Stephanie Harris and the meeting will focus on John Middlebrooks (b. 1754) of Caroline County, Virginia. This is the first time for the MFA to feature this Middlebrooks line. Based on DNA results we know John and his descendants are connected to the Caswell County, North Carolina brothers.

One of the appealing things about this area is the proximity to New Kent, Hanover, Louisa, and Orange Counties where our Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1727) and Thomas Middlebrooks (b. 1700) ancestors lived.

Start getting the word out to your relatives and contacts so we can start compiling a mailing list.

Please send Joyce Arnold the addresses of people you think may be interested in attending so we can generate a master contact list for outreach. joycenjim@sbcglobal.net

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Check in 3:00 PM

Check out: 11:00 AM

next to Cracker Barrel and Applebee's.

Please forward the following link and information to the guest for the reservation, they need to **make reservation before July 26, 2011** otherwise room will be released to the market price.

MFA 2011 Meeting/Reunion, Ashland, VA August 18-20, 2011

Guest to reserve the room: go to www.hiexpress.com/ashlandva

Enter the Arrival date:

Enter the block code: MID

Or

For the reservation call the Hotel @ 804-752-7889

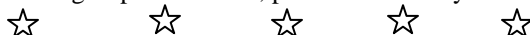
Name of the Block: Middlebrooks (group name), block code: MID

All rooms will be the King Suite price as: King Suite: \$ 84.00 – sleeps 2 people

Free hot and cold breakfast every morning

Coffee and water available during the day

(Any trouble when making your Middlebrooks group reservation, please contact Joyce Arnold, 281-485-8044 or by email)



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!! Calling all Middlebrooks from the New England area & beyond!

We are holding a historical fact finding family reunion in Trumbull Connecticut on July 22, 23, & 24, 2011

Includes speakers, cemetery & historical society tours and a family picnic on Sunday the 24th at the Abraham Nichols Park on the Trumbull Historical Society grounds. If you plan on attending please contact: Karen French; 203-459-0415 or @ shutlles1@aol.com with Middlebrook in the subject field. Also contact Bill Sterling @wgs10@embarqmail.com or Neal Middlebrook @ nealmidbroo1@frontier.com

Check us out on Face-book

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Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc. was founded in 2001 for the purpose of assembling and preserving genealogical and historical material for future generations. MFA has two publications, as below.

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