

## MAZE 2012 November Edition

Submitted by Jarrelyn Lang

**Telemon Cuyler Collection, University of Georgia Archives:  
Court Records of Various Thomas 1763 descendants**

Upon learning that the Georgia Archives were closing, MFA commissioned a researcher to have Jones County Middlebrook/s –related records copied. Those that were in the Thomas 1763 line are mentioned below. I am not proficient at understanding court terms or at trying to decipher extremely faded, age-old copies of records. These are mentioned in order of date and, for the most part, summed up in my own words. However, when terms were of interest, I quoted them. by Jarrelyn Lang

**Joseph Middlebrooks** and Carter B. Karrijon (Carrijon?) were called to court for unspecified debts and damages: \$41.04 for debts, \$12.30 for interest, and &\$10.00 for "costs laid out and expended in the recovery thereof." The money was adjudged to a man named William Watts, "indorsee." His signature was witnessed by "the honorable Stephen W. Harris, judge of the Superior Court of Jones County, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1816 and the forty first year of the Independence of the United States of America." (I could not ascertain which Joseph Middlebrooks this was about.)

**William S(ims) Middlebrooks**, son of Thomas 1763, and a man named James S. Tison were summoned to court to pay \$51.84, principal, and \$3.84 for interest "up to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1820; also \$12.50 for costs with interest on the principal sum from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1820. (The writing on this document is very faded, and the handwriting is very small, so I could not even guess what this one was all about.)

**Thomas Jefferson Middlebrooks**, brother of William Sims Middlebrooks, as executor of Thomas L. Barker, was summoned to court. Barker, whose death occurred about 1845, was married to Thomas and William's sister, Micha Middlebrooks. Thomas was ordered to show Letters of Administration, to certify that he was indeed administrator of his brother-in-law's estate, and he was faced with a problem almost immediately.

John B. Childs, maternal grandfather of John Floyd Middlebrooks, on October 31, 1838, wrote a promissory note, in his own hand, for a debt to Thomas Barker in the amount of \$310.13, and he delivered the note personally to Thomas Barker. However, Childs reneged on his promise. According to the court summons, Childs was guilty of deceiving Barker and did not pay any of the money owed before Barker's death, "though often requested." Childs was ordered to personally appear in court or be represented by his attorney "to answer the plaintiff's assumpsit." (An assumpsit is a contract off the record; an oral or written agreement, contract, or promise that exists without being on the record or under seal; legal action; an attempt to recover damages from a breached assumpsit.) Childs was issued a copy of the writ, which was left "at his most notorious place of abode," by Sheriff W.G. Glover.

On April 22, 1845, the jury ruled in favor of the plaintiff (Barker's estate) in the amount of \$310.13, principal, and \$156.93 for interest.

**Anderson Joseph Middlebrooks**, father of John Floyd Middlebrooks, married Emily Childs in 1841. Anderson Joseph Middlebrooks, along with his brother-in-law, William Childs, were executors of William's father, John Childs. In April 1852, they were commanded: "That of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, you cause to be made the sum of thirteen dollars and forty six cents for costs, for which William Childs and Anderson J. Middlebrooks, Executors of John Childs, decd., lately in our Superior Court for said (Jones) County, and that you have "several sums of money" before the court on the third Monday in April next to render

to the said William Childs and Anderson J. Middlebrooks, Executors, the costs of aforesaid. before the Judge of the Superior Court of Jones County, Georgia, by December of that year. Total costs amounted to \$13.46. The writ issued for this amount was witnessed by "the Honorable H. Johnson, Judge of said Court," and signed by Morris Draper, Clerk.

(*Chattels* – movable articles of personal property, or any articles of tangible property other than land, buildings, and other things annexed to land, including slaves.)

"We command you, That of the Goods, Chattels, Lands, and Tenements of **A(nderson) J(oseph) Middlebrooks** of said county (Jones) you cause to be made the sum of Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars Principal, and the further sum of Seventy two Dollars Eighteen Cents, Interest up to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1871. And also the further sum of Nine Dollars Eighty Seven Cents for Cost, with interest on the principal sum, from the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1871, which Samuel T. Bragg and Henry H. Patterson, Exrs of Hearndon Patterson decd., lately in our Superior Court for said County, recovered against Said **A.J. Middlebrooks** for Principal, Interest and Cost; and that you have the said several sums of money before the Judge of said Court on the Third Monday in April next, to render to the said Samuel T. Bragg and Henry W. Patterson Exrs of Hearndon Patterson for Principal, Interest and Cost aforesaid; and have you then and there this Writ."

R.P. Cook, Deputy Sheriff wrote that he "this day received the sum of one thousand & Eigy [eighty] seven dollars on the within fi fa in full principal, interest, and cost this March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1871."

(*fi.fa.* – a writ commanding a sheriff to levy and sell as much of a debtor's property as is necessary to satisfy a creditor's claim against the debtor.)

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## Deal, Kemp to keep Georgia's Archives open

October 18, 2012

Gov. Nathan Deal and Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced today that the state will restore \$125,000 to Kemp's budget to keep the Georgia State Archives open to Georgians for the remainder of the budget year.

"Georgia's Archives are a showcase of our state's rich history and a source of great pride," said Deal. "I worked quickly with my budget office and Secretary Kemp to ensure that Georgians can continue to come to Morrow to study and view the important artifacts kept there. I appreciate Secretary Kemp's commitment to work with me to find a solution."

The extra funding provides for Georgia State Archives to be open to the public through **June 30 of next year**. On July 1, the Georgia Archives will be transferred to University System of Georgia, pending approval of the move by the General Assembly. This transfer will include appropriations required for operation and assets of the Georgia Archives. Additional staff will be provided by USG at that time. Deal and Kemp intend to find efficiencies by consolidating the Archives under the University System of Georgia, just as the state has sought to do with the library system.

"From the beginning of this budget process, I have stated that it was my hope that current access to the Archives could be maintained," Kemp said. "I greatly appreciate Governor Deal's leadership and recognize the difficult decisions that had to be made in order to identify this funding. He has proposed a plan that supports Archives not just this year, but for years to come."

Deal's budgetary commitment allows Georgia State Archives to maintain its current access hours.

Search by Joyce Arnold from web sites:

<http://www.sos.ga.gov/archives/>

<http://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2012-10-18/deal-kemp-keep-georgia%E2%80%99s-archives-open>

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<http://files.usgarchives.net/ga/jones/wills/willbka.txt>)

**JOHN CHILDS 6/2/1843 - 11/6/1843**

Wife: Sarah

Children: William Childs, John F. Childs, Willis S. Childs, Thomas J. Childs, George M. Childs, James M. Childs, Mordecia A. Childs, Benjamin F. Childs, Susan Childs Clements, Elizabeth Childs Willis, Emily Childs Middlebrooks

Others mentioned: Son-in-law, Joseph A. Middlebrooks

**THOMAS MIDDLEBROOKS 10/25/1817 - 6/6/1825**

Wife: Anna

Children: William S. Middlebrooks, James Middlebrooks, Thomas Jefferson Middlebrooks, Nancy Willis, Betsey Willis, Polly Middlebrooks, Hanna Middlebrooks, Abbey Middlebrooks, Brewnatta Middlebrooks, Sarah Middlebrooks, Micha Middlebrooks

Others mentioned: Son-in-law, William Willis (son of Joel Willis)

**WILLIAM S. MIDDLEBROOKS 7/19/1848 - 1/19/1849**

Wife: Nancy

Children: William P. Middlebrooks, William Green Middlebrooks, Anderson J. Middlebrooks, Elizabeth W. Jarrell, Amanda M. Childs, Ann S. Gordon, Abigail T. Childs, Susan A. Middlebrooks, Nancy Middlebrooks

Others mentioned: Sons-in-law, John Jarrell, William Childs (Amanda M.), Thomas Gordon, Willis Childs (Abigail T.)

**JOHN MINYARD 8/8/1829 - 10/19/1829**

Wife: not named

Children: Elizabeth Minyard, Martha Ann Minyard, Tabitha Catherine Minyard, Lucinda Minyard, Jonathan O. Minyard, James Madina Minyard, George Washington Minyard

Others mentioned: Brothers, James Minyard, Edwin Culbreath of SC, gdns; William S. Middlebrooks; Simpson Taylor

Acronym, Definition. GDNS, Guardians



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You can help the Georgia Archives preserve Georgia's history by contributing photographs to our permanent collection.

### **Who can contribute?**

Anyone can contribute scanned images of their photographs if:

- the photograph depicts a Georgia activity related to one of the topics described below; and
- the contributor owns the photograph and gives publication rights to the Georgia Archives; and
- the Georgia Archives, after reviewing the contribution, agrees to accept the image.

### **What should I contribute?**

The archives is looking for the following types of images:

- For the photographs taken before 1890:
  - all photographs, including portraits and family groups, will be accepted for review and *possible* inclusion in the Virtual Georgia collection.

For photographs taken after 1890 images related to the following topics will be accepted for review and *possible* inclusion in the Virtual Georgia collection:

Go to; <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/VirtualGeorgia/> for details on how to contribute.

- Note: Virtual Georgia does not collect portraits of individuals (family photos) taken after 1890 unless the persons are notable for an achievement related to Georgia.

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