

The Maze

The Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

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Hello *Maze* Readers! I am Dale Hunter Kidwell, descendent of Nathaniel Middlebrooks (1764). I will be delivering the *Maze* until our next MFA meeting in 2017. Please feel free to contact me at any time with information, questions, and ...especially....stories about Middlebrook/e/s folks. My mailing address is P.O. Box 451, McCrory, Arkansas 72101, my phone number is 870-731-4226 (I both talk and text), and my email is dalekidwell07@gmail.com

The Middlebrooks' Family Association, Inc., held its 15th annual meeting in Lexington, South Carolina on October 13, 14, and 15. John David Middlebrooks and his lovely daughter, Leslie Shealy, were our host and hostess. John and Leslie executed awesome planning that afforded all of us every convenience.

Twenty-two members were present for this year's meeting. States represented were Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Texas. Our ancestors represented were Isaac (1753), John (1755), Nathaniel (1754), Robert (1766), and Thomas (1763).

Bob Middlebrooks was elected President of the Middlebrooks Family Association. Becoming President of MFA was not Bob's only recent accomplishment. He was recognized for having completed the massive amount of work that earned him a doctorate degree. Way to go, President Dr. Bob!

We also elected three new board members: Neal Middlebrook, Leonard Middlebrooks, and Leslie Shealy. We continue to stagger our board members' terms so that we will have some experience and some new ideas during the year. We feel we have an abundance of experience with both Neal and Leonard; and Leslie will be the "new blood."

Without a doubt, we should all stand and applaud Joyce Arnold, our outgoing president. She has kept things going from the president's podium when most folks would have just thrown in the towel. Actually, she's far from taking an MFA vacation. She will be heading up a brand new committee. A special thanks to Joan Miller and John David Middlebrooks for serving as board members.

Personally, I love seeing everybody each year. Although this is a business meeting for an organization, we surely do seem to have a great deal of fun. Great meals were planned for us at some of Lexington's finest eateries such as Shealy's BBQ, Kingman Que & Brew, Harbor Inn, and Grecian Gardens. Additionally, we had an impromptu gathering on Wednesday evening (before the official beginning of our meeting) at Ruby Tuesday's. Needless to say – we always eat well.

Between scheduled events, members conducted a great deal of visitation, collaboration, and some negotiation. In fact, the group this year was a bit like a gaggle of geese having to be reeled back in for the beginning of the next presentation. Customary events included officer and cemetery reports and updates on both family registers and our web site.

This year's meeting offered some very interesting topics, some of which will be presented in part later this year in our *Maze*:

- *Ancestry Preservation Through Photos
- *Henry Middlebrooks' Korean War Purple Heart Service
- *Middlebrooks Women – Their Impact
- *Potpourri of Columbia & Lexington
- *Remember Columbia
- *Research of Robert Middlebrooks (1766)
- *Stories of My Family – Nathaniel Middlebrooks (1764)

I want to encourage all of you Facebook fans to check out our Middlebrooks Family Association Facebook page. Please join us. I created a Middlebrooks Meeting 2016 Facebook page as well. Please visit both.

Here's a little personal side note in closing: Middlebrooks folks are strong-willed, tenacious, sometimes a little tart; however, we are ultimately a family of warm teddy bears. Lanell Middlebrooks arranged for our extra food to be given to one of the hotel workers who had recently experienced some hard times. Jo Middlebrooks won a beautiful piece of Ruth Middlebrooks' hand-crafted jewelry and immediately presented her prize to Joyce Arnold.....just because. I am thankful that my sweet mother, Secretary/Treasurer Kathleen Hunter, talked me into attending my first meeting in 2005. MFA has a plethora of information to offer the genealogist as well as a deep kindred spirit.

Special Message

From our new President Bob Middlebrooks:

As the incoming president of the Middlebrooks Family Association, I would like to thank all of you who have renewed your membership and invite those of you who might have not renewed to do it today. For only \$20, you can support our efforts to search and preserve genealogical and historical material related to the Middlebrooks lineage and stay abreast of our association's events.

Also, I would like to thank John David Middlebrooks and his daughter, Leslie Shealy, for hosting a wonderful meeting in South Carolina. A special thanks as well to Dale Kidwell for accepting the challenge of producing the *Maze* publication for the coming year.

Bob Middlebrooks



MIDDLEBROOKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

2016-2017 Officers

President – Bob Middlebrooks

Vice President – Kerry Middlebrooks

Secretary/Treasurer – Kathleen Hunter

Ancestor Team Leaders

Isaac born 1753: Leonard Middlebrooks and Jean Shroyer

John b. 1754: Neal Middlebrook

John b. 1755: John David Middlebrooks and Leslie Shealy

Joseph b. 1610: Leonard Middlebrooks

Joseph b. 1773: Dave Clark

Micajah b. 1758: Mary Baker

Nathaniel b. 1764: Ella Tripp

Robert b. 1766: J.A. Middlebrooks

Sims b. 1762: Neal Middlebrook

Thomas b. 1763: Joyce Arnold

England Middlebrooks: Ian Middlebrook and Neal Middlebrook

Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks and J. A. Middlebrooks

Board of Directors

Bob Middlebrooks, President

Kerry Middlebrooks, Vice President

Kathleen Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer

Dale Kidwell 2015-2017

Charles S. Middlebrooks, Sr. 2015-2017

Leonard Middlebrooks 2016-2018

Neal Middlebrooks 2016-2018

Leslie Shealy 2016-2018

Ella Tripp 2015-2017

On-Going Projects

Cemetery: J.A. Middlebrooks and William Sterling

DAR-UDC: Jean Shroyer

DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark

Family Register Update: Leonard Middlebrooks

Family Repository: Kerry Middlebrooks

MAZE: Dale Kidwell

MFA Website: Dave Clark and Leonard Middlebrooks

Military Register Update: Kerry Middlebrooks

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Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc. (MFA) was found in 2001 for the purpose of assembling and preserving genealogical and historical material for our future Middlebrook/e/s generations.

MFA Web Site: <http://middlebrooksfamily.org/>

The **MAZE** (currently MFA's only publication) is published and sent to all members (both paid and non-paid) quarterly each February, May, August, and November. You may request to be removed from this list by contacting Dale Kidwell at dalekidwell07@gmail.com

