

The Maze

The Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

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The Middlebrooks Family Association was founded in 2001 to bring together family members interested in preserving their family history for future generations. At the time of inception, Middlebrooks Family Association (MFA) invited all those interested in Middlebrooks history to join and participate in the annual meeting. The founding board members were Dianne Middlebrooks, Leonard Middlebrooks, and Neal Middlebrook.

Briefly stated, the specific purposes of the corporation were and continue to be to promote genealogical education, to provide a genealogical repository, and to bring people together who are interested in genealogy and family history. Well, our Middlebrooks Family Association continues to be alive and well. In fact, I personally would categorize our annual meetings as a family reunion on steroids! Valuable information about all branches of the Middlebrooks family are not only explored but also shared via our meeting presentations. Consistently offered are Family Register reports, cemetery reports, DNA project updates, and updates to our MFA web site.

Speaking of our MFA web site -- go there! <http://middlebrooksfamily.org> The web site offers information about all branches of the Middlebrook/s family, lists information about our annual meeting, and gives valuable contact information for our officers, board members, and family-branch team leaders. I hope your visit to our MFA website provides the information you seek; however, if it does not, please feel free to contact me with any questions or challenges. I WANT your email that may address any of your concerns about any aspect of our association. I will respond with an answer or, at the very least, a means to acquire your answer.

This year our MFA meeting will be in Macon, Georgia on October 12, 13, and 14. Our in-house portion of the meeting will be conducted at the Wingate at Wyndham in Macon. Rooms are available at special rates to our members by mentioning the Middlebrooks Family Association when you call to book your room. I am excited that we will have a presentation to explore our New Zealand Middlebrooks friends and family, another to address the Native Americans who preceded our Middlebrooks ancestors, and a comprehensive overview of our DNA project. We will appropriate time to examine what YOU want or need (or both) from our annual meetings. Additionally, we will visit the Jarrell Plantation.

Although I visited the plantation years ago, I have a plethora of new Middlebrooks information that may very well change my "view" of the landscape.

Naturally, we will eat. We will eat well. Jeaneane's at Pinebrook, Cheddars, Texas Roadhouse, and THE WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ!!! The Whistle Stop Café in Juliette, Georgia. A little side note: there has been mention of abundant shopping opportunities.

I am very excited to be able to introduce my new-found cousin, Nyah Edwards, from Stone Mountain, Georgia at our meeting in October. Nyah and I share Great Grandfather Archibald Middlebrook (son of Nathaniel). Not only is Nyah joining us; she is also bringing a few more family members. She will also be sharing her research regarding her black Middlebrook lineage. This is an exciting opportunity to bridge the different Middlebrook races.

Last year we had the presentation "Ancestry Preservation Through Photos" by Kim Morris of Lexington, South Carolina. I came away from that meeting with a door-prize: a classically framed quote:

We are who we are because they were who they were.

Friends and Family, plan an outing to Macon, Georgia October 12, 13, and 14 in order to explore who our ancestors were and to learn more about who we are now.

MIDDLEBROOKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

2016-2017 Officers

President – Bob Middlebrooks
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Ancestor Team Leaders

Isaac born 1753: Leonard Middlebrooks and Jean Shroyer
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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
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Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks and J. A. Middlebrooks

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Cemetery: J.A. Middlebrooks and William Sterling
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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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MFA Web Site: <http://middlebrooksfamily.org/>

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