

MFA FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

The Middlebrooks Family Association

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Greetings Middlebrooks Family. Hopefully, this February Newsletter will find you well, happy, and warm.

I was visiting on the phone recently with my Uncle Doug Middlebrooks from Conover, North Carolina. He and his wife, Brenda, joined us for the MFA Meeting in Danville, Virginia in 2005. I was bringing him up to date on our 2017 meeting and giving him information on our 2018 meeting plans. He said, "Think you might send me some family information --- but make it simple." This got me to thinking about how very much information our association has to offer; however, sometimes the volume is overwhelming for the occasional genealogist. Rest assured that I do not consider myself a genealogist!

On the last page of every MFA Newsletter there is a list entitled *Ancestor Team Leaders*. Listed is a group of Middlebrook/s men. Uncle Doug's comment about "making it simple" made me wonder just how these men are connected. Fathers, sons, brothers, cousins? As I was sorting papers (retirement has afforded me the opportunity to occasionally sort) I came across a printed email dated 4-8-2000 from TXJean@aol.com - our own Jean Middlebrooks Shroyer. She was kind enough to email me a little more information. From an article written by Neal Middlebrook and Lana Shelton, I gathered more information. As always feel free to contact me with additional information, critiques, questions, and/or corrections.

Joseph (1610) is the son of John and Elizabeth Green Middlebrooks from Nottinghamshire County, England. Isaac (1753), John (1755), Micajah (1758), Sims (1762) and Thomas (1763) are the children of Isaac Middlebrook of Orange County, North Carolina and Anne Sims. Then I found another list adding John (1754), Joseph (1773) and Robert (1766) to the above set of children. However, this list has John Middlebrook of Caswell County as the father. There is speculation that Isaac (1727) and John (1726) may be the same person. Nathaniel (1764), who has been confirmed as a close relative via DNA results, is not listed as a son on the above-mentioned list. Perhaps Nathaniel's close relationship with the Wigglesworths of Orange County, Virginia is not coincidental.

I will be glad to scan and email any of the information I have saved to anyone interested. dalekidwell07@gmail.com

Please look over the last page. If you see any incorrect information, please send me an email so that I can correct whatever is needed.

UPDATE ON KERRY MIDDLEBROOKS

Kerry is currently at Holly Hill Nursing Facility in Valdosta, Georgia. He has made improvements in a number of areas but remains nonverbal and paralyzed on his right side. He does communicate via "thumbs up/down" and the use of a picture book. Kerry continues to enjoy Auburn sports and the television show "Bones". Cards may be sent to 153 West Main Street, Lakeland, GA 31635

Genealogy is like a magic mirror. Look into it, and soon, interesting faces will appear.

The Middlebrooks Family Association affords you all such a mirror via our Newsletter, Website, and especially our annual meeting.

My first MFA Meeting was in Danville, Virginia in 2005. At that meeting I met Jo and Charles Middlebrooks. Twelve years later, I discover that Joanne is a published poet. Following is her award winning (and my favorite...so far) poem.



**From Out of the Clear Blue Western Sky Comes
SKY-Y-Y KING-G-G**

I listened on the radio in 1954.
The soft, mellow tone of his voice soothed my fears.
My twelve-year-old mind conjured up pictures
More vivid than those on TV of Penny and her Uncle Sky
His plane (the Songbird), and the dastardly crooks
He caught but never shot.

Who would think, in 2010,
I would hear that sound from way back then?
Here he comes again, off to save some troubled soul.
Mama's words instruct deep within my memory.
"Sky King is on. Wash your feet when you come in.
Leave that jar of lightning bugs on the back step."

From out of the clear blue western sky, he buzzes my patio.
The hum of the Songbird's engines tells me all is well.
Sky is on the way to save the day.

Well, actually, from out of the clear blue western sky,
Above the short runway (whose glide path crosses my yard)
Comes some old guy doing a touch and go
In his Cessna 310 every Thursday afternoon.
He flies into sight and banks to the left.
The smooth hum of his Songbird growls down with the turn.

I feel safe on Thursday afternoons
To work in my garden or rest in the shade.
SKY-Y-Y KING-G-G flies just overhead.
He will see if I fall or faint in the heat.
Or, as I am prone to do these days,
Disappear, drifting back to another time.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is the start of another year and I would like to share with you some of the events and accomplishments of the Middlebrooks Family Association this past year.

We elected a new Vice President who has also agreed to be our newsletter editor and we transitioned from the MAZE to a quarterly newsletter. We held a very successful meeting in Macon, Georgia in October with 35 attending. Our by-laws were amended this past year to bring them in line with our actual happenings. We added another Y-DNA participant in 2018 that brings our total to 28 now. And planning for our 2018 meeting is underway. I think the following poem captures the essence of what we are all about. The author is anonymous.

The Family Tree

I think that I shall never see
The finish of a family tree.
As it forever seems to grow
From roots that started long ago
Way back in ancient history times,
In foreign land and distant climes.
From them grew trunk and branching limb,
That dated back to times so dim.
One seldom knows exactly when
The parents met and married then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow
With odd named children row on row ...
Though verse like this is made by me,
The end's in sight as you can see.
"Tis not the same with family trees
that grow and grow through centuries!

2018 MFA Meeting

Plans are coming along for our 2018 meeting in Jackson, Tennessee September 27-29. We have contracted the Country Inn & Suites which will provide newly remodeled rooms, an on-site conference room, complimentary hot breakfast and fresh cookies & coffee throughout the day. Individual room prices (two queen beds or a king) are \$105 plus tax. www.countryinns.com/jacksontn Be sure you mention Middlebrooks Family Association for the discounted price.

More details will follow. Check out the area: <http://www.jacksontnweekend.com/>

We are working on some interesting presentations; however, I would love for the team leaders to bring information about their particular "lines" so that any and all information can be shared. Any other presentation offers and/or ideas would be greatly appreciated. Always feel free to get in touch with me by phone (870-731-4226) or email (dalekidwell07@gmail.com).

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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 Middlebrooks

Thomas b. 1763: Joyce Arnold

England Middlebrooks: Ian Middlebrook and Neal Middlebrook

Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks and J. A. Middlebrooks

On-Going Projects

Cemetery: J.A. Middlebrooks and William Sterling

DAR-UDC: Jean Shroyer

DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark

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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.

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