

MFA August 2018 Newsletter

The Middlebrooks Family Association

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In early June of 1638, Mary Middlebrook Reyner boarded the “John of London” ship and travelled from Hull, England to the Port of Boston. The ship docked on the 10th of August. Quite a journey, right? Fortunately, it will not take any of us that long to get to Jackson, Tennessee for our Annual Middlebrook Family Association Meeting September 27-29.

The Country Inn and Suites on 1935 Emporium Drive in Jackson still has rooms available for our family. We reserved a block of fifteen rooms most of which have been reserved. However, if you mention your association with the Middlebrook Family Meeting, you should be able to get the discounted price. If you have any problems, please call or text me (870-731-4226) and I will contact our representative at the hotel.

Following is the agenda for our meeting:

Thursday, September 27

Complimentary Breakfast

8:30-9:30 – Registration

9:30-10:00 – Welcome by Hostesses and President along with Treasurer’s Report

10:00-10:20 – J.A. Middlebrooks - Cemetery Report

10:20-10:40 – Ella Tripp – Update on Bylaws

10:40-11:00 – Break

11:00-12:00 – Guest Speaker Jim Wood from the Tennessee Room of the Jackson-Madison County Library

12:00 – 1:30 – Lunch catered into our meeting room

1:30 – 2:00 – Bob Middlebrook’s DNA report and update

2:00-3:00-- Guest Speaker Billy King of the Big Black Creek Historical Society

3:00-3:15 – wrap up the day and Door Prize

3:30-4:30 – Board Meeting

5:00 – Supper at the Casey Jones Restaurant along with Plectral Music. We will dine in Heritage Room. \$13 includes the buffet, taxes, and tip.

Friday, September 28

Complimentary Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome

9:15 – 10:15 – Nyah Edwards – Host of the 2012 Middlebrook Living Legacy Reunion

10:15 – 10:30 – Break

10:30 – 11:30 – Guest Speaker Bart Horton of Century Farm Winery

11:30 – 11:45 – Wrap up morning and DOOR PRIZE

This afternoon and evening will be your time and activity to choose: Farmer’s Market, Library Research, local Civil War Battlefields, Century Farm Winery, Old Denmark Church. There are many local restaurants for your lunch and/or evening meal. Tours may be arranged for some places according to interest expressed.

Saturday, September 29

Complimentary Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 --Welcome

9:15—9:45 – Navigating the Web by Bob Middlebrooks

9:45 – 10:45 – Guest Speaker Judge John Marshall, Genealogist, of Memphis

10:45 – 11:00 – Break

11:00—11:30 – Middlebrooks of Harris County book presentation by
Ri McGlamery

11:30 – 1:00 – Lunch catered in to our meeting room.

1:00 – 2:00 – MFA family, Bob Middlebrooks

2:00 – 3:00 – General Business Meeting

*Future MFA Meeting – when and where

*Elections

3:00-3:15 -- Break

3:14—4:00 -- General Reflections, survey, Group Pictures

DOOR PRIZE

5:30 – Dinner at the Flat Iron Grill

Questions, suggestions, concerns? Feel free to text, call (870-731-4226) or email dalekidwell07@gmail.com.

Should any of you want to register prior to the meeting, a registration form will be attached at the end of this newsletter.

COMMUNICATION IS WHAT MAKES A TEAM STRONG.

Absolutely! For this reason, I have been working on a mass amount of emails that are available for our members. Many of you (most of you, I hope) have received a brief email from me. I am trying to create a “bank” of emails sorted by ancestors. These banks could be very valuable to the team leaders. I will be glad to share my very simple coordination of a LARGE number of folks. Actually, I’ve had many replies and found some very interesting tid-bits of information. For example, one lady offered to share her DNA information. Another is researching a genetic disorder. At every meeting, we discuss ways to gather “new” members. In my opinion, we should also be cultivating former relationships with “old” members.

A special thank you to Barbara Camp for sharing the following information:

FYI- the Register of the Middlebrook Family is now available in hard cover as a “print on demand order” to the original publisher in Boston used by Louis Middlebrook in 1909. It can be purchased at the regular price as a single copy in a soft cover edition for \$42.00 (through the publisher or Amazon) or in a hard cover edition (best made through the publisher) for \$54.00 with no tax plus shipping @ \$5.95.

The publisher had a summer sale through July 31 for orders over \$50.00. An order of one copy of the hardcover edition would be discounted 15% and would cost \$45.90 plus shipping. A group order of three or more hard cover copies would be discounted 35% and the price per copy would be \$35.10 each plus shipping.

The publisher prints hard cover on demand from a collection of 10,000 rare book titles and does not

maintain a shelf stock. I ordered from Amazon and received late last week my soft cover copy and the sale flyer. The printing is on acid-free paper, and the binding is well done; however, I prefer a hard cover edition.

I love this book for the historical anecdotes, copies of wills, military service records, and other information Louis Middlebrook included with the genealogy. It is a treasure, and I have never read another genealogy book so well done.

His data collection process had by default some inherent inaccuracies, but by now I know those that pertain to our line through 1909. Also, I know some of the historical errors of name confusion with English families in the White family line prior to emigration of the Plymouth Colony and Roanoke.

I have wanted a copy of this book since I used it first for research at Clayton in 1978. I never had a chance to read it cover to cover as it did not circulate and was out of print. I was told my only hope for a personal copy was finding used copies on EBay and most were held in private collections or to print the book from the web copy... more ink and paper than seemed reasonable. Several years ago, the only copy at Clayton disappeared and was never reordered. I have not found a copy in Georgia or in South Carolina.

I skimmed my copy this weekend and was amazed. I called the publisher this morning to verify hard cover availability and sale pricing. I paid \$42.00 on Amazon for the soft cover edition, which I plan to return and order a hard cover edition with the 15% discount.

Barbara's email address is barbara.gauche@email.com in case anyone would like to communicate with her directly.

President's Message by Bob Middlebrooks

For those of you who have not registered for our September meeting – PLEASE DO IT NOW. We need you to attend and you will not regret it. Our wonderful Arkansas family is going all out to make this a great meeting. Remember the wisdom in the saying. "It is what you do not do that you will regret." Connecting with family is important, to you and to the rest of us who will be there.

Secondly and very important, we do not have a prospective location and host for our 2019 meeting. Our meeting in Jackson will be our 17th in a row and a void in 2019 would be the first missing year since our origination in 2002.



Another way to research from Ellen Thompson Jennings -- "Sign up for my FREE blog [Hound on the Hunt](#) to stay up on the latest news for The DNA Angel Project™ and more "

Check this out! Don't let the "shop" throw you. Seems to be a great resource.

Annual Middlebrooks Family Association 2018 Meeting Registration

September 27-29 in Jackson, Tennessee

Our meeting will be held at the Country Inn and Suites in Jackson, Tennessee. King bed or two queen bed rooms will be available at the rate of \$105 plus tax (regularly \$128 plus tax). Remember to mention Middlebrooks Family Association to get the discount price.

Phone: 731-660-0077 www.countryinns.com/jacksontn

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Circle your ancestor: Isaac 1753, John 1754, John 1755, Joseph 1610, Joseph 1773,
Micajah 1758, Nathaniel 1764, Robert 1766, Sims 1762, Thomas 1763, Unknown

Circle days attending Thursday Friday Saturday

Registration fee: \$20 for paid member and spouse

\$25 for non-paid member and spouse

Please make checks payable to Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc. and mail to
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c/o Kathleen Hunter

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You may also pay via PayPal.

Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

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Ancestor Team Leaders

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

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