

MFA August 2019 Newsletter

The Middlebrooks Family Association

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Henry Rollins wrote, “August brings into sharp focus and furious boil everything I’ve been listening to in the late spring and summer.” We have been focusing on our 2019 Annual MFA Meeting in Orange, Virginia all year; however, now we enter the fever-pitch implementation of a year’s worth of planning. We are excited to all be together September 24-26 near the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There will be three days of genealogy research and reports, presentations relating to our Middlebrooks family, sight-seeing, face-to-face visit time, and, of course, we will eat. The MFA website provides information pertaining to the meeting. If there is any information you need in addition to that provided, please feel free to get in touch with me, and I will do my best to either get you the information or direct you to someone who can tell you anything and everything you need to know! Dalekidwell07@gmail.com or 870-731-4226.

Agenda for September 2019 MFA Meeting Orange, VA

Tuesday, September 24

Complimentary Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome: MFA President Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

10:00 – 10:10 Treasurer’s Report: Lanell Middlebrooks

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

10:20 – 10:45 The Future of MFA: Dale Kidwell and Dr. Bob

Middlebrooks

10:45 – 11:00 Break and continued registration

11:00 – 12:00 DNA and “what you didn’t know you wanted to know”:
Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

12:00 – 1:30 Catered lunch (meeting room)

1:30 – 2:30 Expanding the Middlebrooks Linage: Dr. Ruth Craig

2:30 – 3:00 Where do we go from here? Discuss Dr. Craig’s research

3:00 – 3:15 Review meeting agenda and activities:
Sandy Ahmad and Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

5:00 Dinner (location to be announced)

Wednesday, September 25

Complimentary Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome

9:15 – 10:15 How I Found Myself in the MFA: Angelia Middlebrooks

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 Nathaniel Middlebrooks of Orange County: Sandy Ahmad

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch and discussion of afternoon activities: Sandy Ahmad

1:00 – 2:00 Historical Society Map Room: Frank Walker

2:00 Free time to roam the area.

Dinner on your own.

Thursday, September 26

Complimentary Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome

9:15 – 10:15 Practical Internet Use and Exploring our MFA Website:
Dale Kidwell

10:15 – 10:45 2020 MFA Annual Meeting: Angelia Middlebrooks and
Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 11:30 Board Meeting

11:30 – 1:00 Catered lunch (meeting room)

1:00 – 3:00 General Business Meeting
Elections

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:00 General Discussion and Reflections
Group Pictures

5:30 Dinner (location to be announced)

Our Sincere Sympathy.....

Joanne “Jo” Jackson Middlebrooks died at home on Sunday, June 16, 2019 in Columbus, Georgia.

Jo was born on October 22, 1942 in Glenwood, Alabama. She was the daughter of Tom Rex and Lillian Overstreet Jackson. Jo attended Auburn University and was retired from her position as the Resident Costume Designer for the Springer Opera House in Columbus.

She enjoyed writing poetry and works of prose and was a founding member of the Bob Barr Community Band as well as the Chattahoochee Valley Writer’s Conference. She was also a member of the Pine Mountain Poets.

Jo is survived by her husband, Charles Swain Middlebrooks, Sr., her son, Charles Swain Middlebrooks, Jr., her daughter-in-law, Judith Denise Middlebrooks, and her grandchildren Jackson Cader Middlebrooks, Flanna Claire Middlebrooks, and Bailey Blythe Middlebrooks. She is also survived by her sister, Julia Cumi Bunting, sisters-in-laws Sandra Joanne Orr and Margaret Jean Jackson, brother-in-law James Herbert Orr, Jr., nieces and nephews Dawn (Rusty) Browning, Chip (Lynn) Jackson, Terry (Heather) Jackson, KJ Durkin, Cathy (John) Wilson, William (Karen Sue) Bunting, and Stella Lindsay.

The family requests that a donation be made to the Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church c/o Wayne Barrentine, 553 Kirkland Road, Slocomb, Alabama 36375.

Jo was an active and valued member of the Middlebrook Family Association. She will be genuinely missed by all.

On May 29, 2004, Jo wrote and published the following poem:

“digging up jimmy hoffa”

mama use to say
on a slow news day
when the world was resting
from death and destruction
taking a breath
they'd go digging up jimmy Hoffa

she kept up with the world
politics disasters and such
when o.j.'s trial
a favorite of her
was taking a break
they'd go digging up jimmy hoffa

after nixon waved from the law
reverend jim baker feel from grace
jimmy swaggert cried lord i have sinned
the pundits ran out of words to say
taking a rest
they went digging up jimmy Hoffa

so today i smiled a knowing smile
when the fair and balanced news
whose format never seems to include
president bush's blues
took some time
to go digging up jimmy hoffa

President's Message August 2019 Newsletter

Our meetings are always interesting and fun. Renewing friendships with other members makes for a great time and serves as a mini vacation too. Round Hill Inn is a beautiful location for our meeting. There is much to see and do in Orange County and Orange City.

This year we are fortunate to have a special guest speaker. Dr. Ruth Craig is a renowned professional genealogist from New Hampshire. Dr. Craig spent most of her professional career as a Professor at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and is Emeritus Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology.

She completed M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Pharmacology at, respectively, Boston University Medical School and the State University of New York. After postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School, she moved to Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and then Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. In 2016, she earned the credential of Certified Genealogist® from the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

Now her focus now is as a genealogist and we commissioned Dr. Craig to conduct two advanced research projects to research the Middlebrooks lineage further than we have been able to document to date. Her presentation will report on her research projects and offer ideas for further research.

Sandy Ahmad, a member of MFA has researched Nathaniel's time in Orange County Virginia and will present her findings. Sandy's lineage goes back to Archibald the son of Nathaniel Middlebrooks. After attending college in Arkansas, she had a career in the brokerage business until she decided to be a stay at home mom. Her current hobby is learning all there is to know about her ancestors. She is a welcome addition to the MFA,

We also have the privilege of a presentation at the Historical Society's Map room by local historian Frank Walker. Frank has been a resident of Orange County since 1979. He received his MBA and his law degree at the University of Virginia. He is the author of several books and publications.

We have an interesting line up of speakers so don't miss this special meeting. Please visit our website to review our agenda, to find the registration forms, and links to make your discounted reservations at the Round Hill INN. Don't' forget to renew your MFA membership while on the website. The website includes information about activities and points of interest in the area around Round Hill Inn.

See You there,

Bob Middlebrooks, President Middlebrooks Family Association

FACEBOOK...

Originally designed as an online social networking website where people can create profiles and share information. Yes, there can be some posts that may not spark interest, but Facebook is a powerful tool to get news of our organization spread. For example, if I “share” a post then all my friends see the information. The algorithm is far too complicated for me to explain; however, the potential for sharing our association is amazing. Let’s use our MFA Facebook page to pull in those curious about the Middlebrooks Family. There are several Middlebrook/s pages (probably worth at least checking out); however, our main page is Middlebrooks Family Association (MFA). Not only do I encourage you to check it out, please post! Family pictures, questions, tid-bits of Middlebrook history – all are welcome and just might spark some interest which might bring us new members.

For a more detailed research and sharing (please share!), go to our MFA website. Kudos to Dave Clark for keeping the site up and running. One of the topics that will be discussed at our meeting in Orange, Virginia will be navigating the MFA website. I have found there to be a plethora of information to be found IF you choose the right “drop-down” and click on the right word.

Last year at our Jackson, Tennessee meeting, we ask that a survey be completed. The most common comment was “share your connection to the Middlebrook/s family.” After talking to several folks, I realized (and agree) that unless one is a bonified genealogist, some are looking for a simple connection. Genealogists would probably say there’s no such thing as a “simple” connection.... I agree.... but many need a starting point. So, I challenge you all to bring to our 2019 meeting, even post on our website or Facebook page, a simple connection. The following is my simple connection:

Nathaniel Middlebrook born 1764, Orange County, Virginia



Archibald Middlebrook born 1796, Orange County, Virginia



Robert William Middlebrook born 1859, Haywood County, Tennessee



Samuel Arthur Middlebrook born 1901, Jackson County, Arkansas



Mary Kathleen Middlebrook born 1928, Jackson County, Arkansas



Dale Hunter Kidwell born 1952, Jackson County, Arkansas

As my grandson, Jackson, says....” Let’s do it!”

Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc.

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Bob Middlebrooks, President 2018-2020

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J.A. Middlebrooks 2017-2019

Leslie Shealy 2018-2020

Ella Tripp 2017-2019

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

Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks

MFA Newsletter: Dale Kidwell

MFA Website: Dave Clark and Leonard 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/>

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