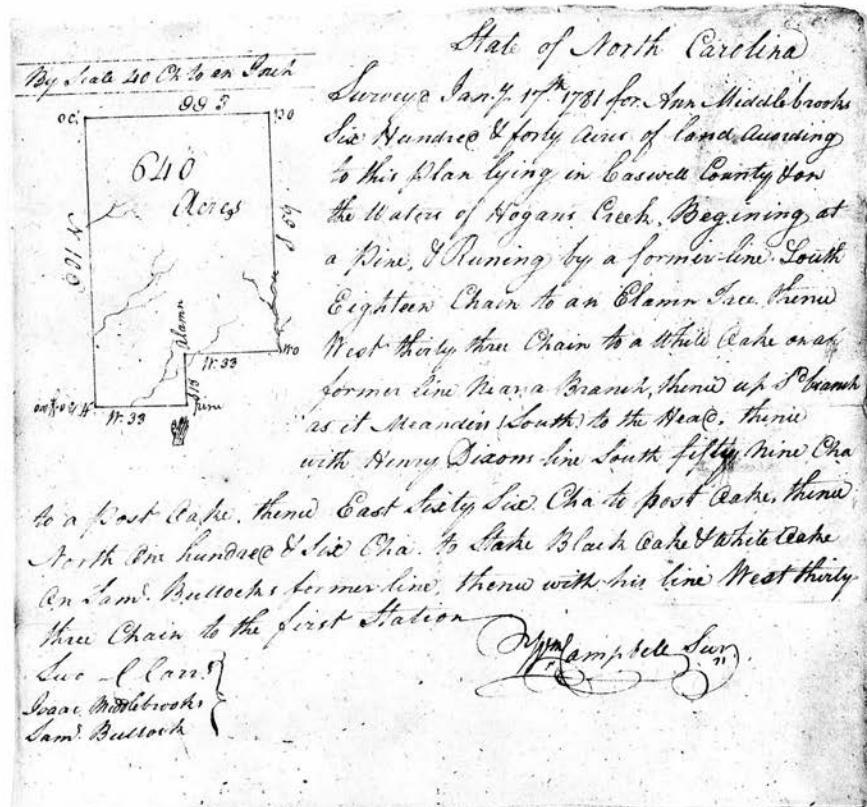


**Descendants of Isaac (1st) and Anne (Sims) Middlebrooks
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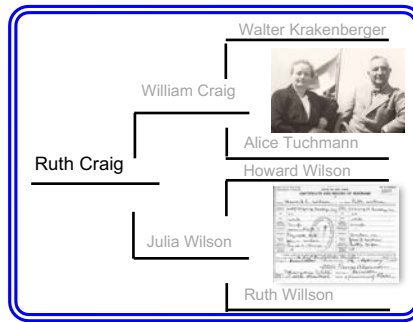
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Introduction

A man named Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) resided in the northern central portion of North Carolina in the 1760s. Isaac's origins are unclear. More than a century earlier, a man named Joseph Middlebrooks had immigrated from England and settled in Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut (Figure 1), dying there in 1686. It is not known whether Isaac was related to Joseph and his descendants.

The genealogy of the family from Connecticut was detailed in the *Middlebrook Register*. The initial generations of this family are described below. Further below, a Register style report for Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) and some of his descendants is presented. The objective here is to set the background for considering whether the family in the South is related to the one in Connecticut.

Variations of the surname (e.g., Middlebrook) are seen in some records. For simplicity, the surname Middlebrooks is used in the present report, except in the citations where the surname is as given in the record itself.

Background and Context

Middlebrooks in Connecticut

The immigrant Joseph (1st) is indicated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have had one son, Joseph (2nd) who died in 1709.

Joseph (2nd) in turn had three sons: John, Joseph (3rd), and Jonathan (Figure 2). Considering the immigrant as Generation 1, these three men constitute Generation 3. The oldest of the three, John, is indicated to have been baptized 25 October 1678, and died at North Stratford (now Trumbull¹), Fairfield County, Connecticut 10 October 1769. His brother Joseph (3rd) is indicated to have been baptized 15 April 1680 and died at the Greenfield Hill District of Fairfield 3 January 1763, his wife Deborah dying there in October 1780. The youngest man in Generation 3, Jonathan, is indicated to have been baptized in 1684 and died in 1754.²

¹ Michael J. Leclerc, *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 5th ed. (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012), 76.

² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Images 30–34; imaging

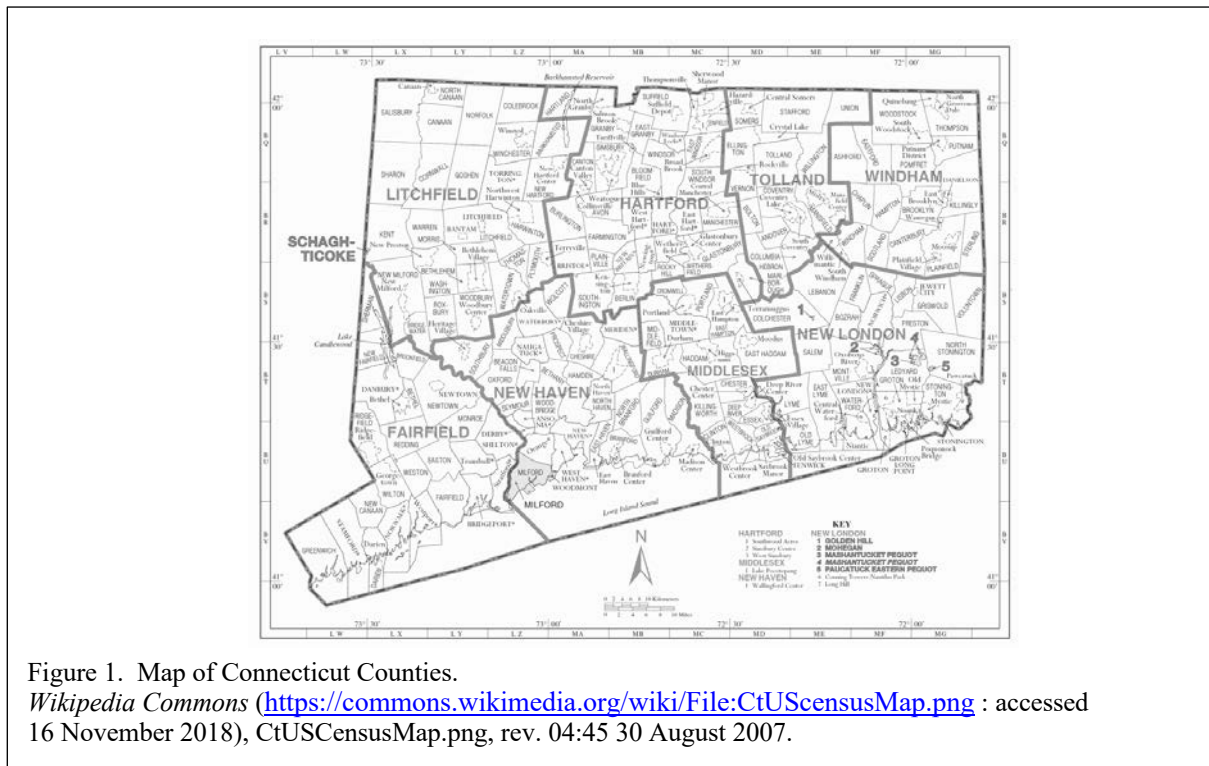


Figure 1. Map of Connecticut Counties.

Wikipedia Commons (<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:CtUScensusMap.png> : accessed 16 November 2018), CtUScensusMap.png, rev. 04:45 30 August 2007.

Records from Fairfield County confirm information in the *Middlebrook Register* about the men in Generation 3:

- John Middlebrooks died in the timeframe indicated by the *Middlebrook Register*. A probate court record of 20 November 1770 ordered that his estate be distributed to his wife and children³ according to his will.⁴ His gravestone is in Long Hill Burial Ground in Trumbull.⁵
- Records from the Greenfield Church of Fairfield verify that Joseph Middlebrooks (3rd) died 3 January 1763 at nearly 83 years old, and that his wife died October 1780 in her 100th year.⁶
- The will and probate records of Jonathan Middlebrooks show that he died in Fairfield County in 1754.⁷

Louis F. Middlebrook, *Register of the Middlebrook Family, Descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield, Conn.* (Hartford: C., L., and B., Co., 1909). Joseph (2nd) is no. 2 in the Middlebrook Register. His sons John, Joseph (3rd), and Jonathan are nos. 5–7.

³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L92K-Y93Q-M> : accessed 9 November 2018) > [Fairfield County, Connecticut] Probate Records, 1648-1916 > Probate records v. 15-16 1764-1775 > Image 410, probate record of John Middlebrooks late of Stratford, 20 November 1770; citing Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 4,277.

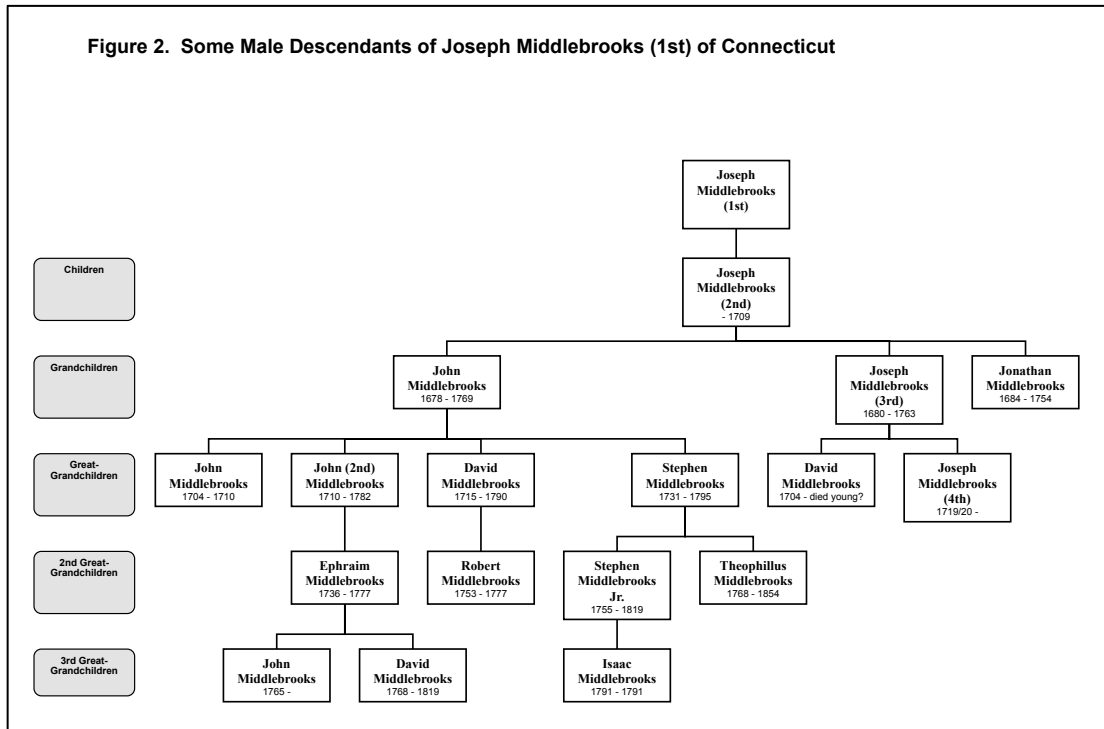
⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Images 280–281, transcription of will of John Midelbrook of Stratford, Connecticut from 27 March 1755.

⁵ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21137994/john-middlebrook> : accessed 29 September 2018) > Long Hill Burial Ground (Trumbull, Fairfield, Connecticut), John Middlebrook, 10 October 1769, 91st year of his age; photos by tct1971 and Nashville Rambler.

⁶ *AmericanAncestors* (<https://americanancestors.org> : accessed 29 August 2018) > New England Historical and Genealogical Register > Volume 70(1916) > Page 39, Part V of Deaths, no. 54; > Page 43, no. 127; imaging Mary Kingsbury Talcott, “Records of the Greenfield Church, Fairfield, Conn.”

⁷ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L92K-YLRV> : accessed 29 August 2018) > [Fairfield County, Connecticut] Probate Records, 1648-1916 > Probate records v. 11-12 1753-1762 > Images 10–11, will of Jonathan Middlebrook, 29 March 1754 (will signed), 4 June 1754

Overall, the men in Generation 3 died in Connecticut in the 1750s–1760s.



The *Middlebrook Register* suggests that the Middlebrooks in North Carolina descended from Joseph Middlebrooks (3rd). The firstborn son of Joseph (3rd), David who was baptized 10 December 1704 (Figure 2), is stated to have settled in northern central North Carolina.⁸ A manuscript probably written by Elijah Middlebrooks (1785–1859), a son of Stephen Middlebrooks Jr. (Figure 2), states that Joseph (3rd)’s son David moved south.⁹ However, conflicting information is found in the book *Families of Old Fairfield*, where Joseph (3rd)’s son David is stated to have died young.¹⁰ A transcription of Joseph (3rd)’s sketch in this book is in Appendix A.

The *Middlebrook Register* shows that Joseph (3rd) had a second son, Joseph (4th), who was born 3 March 1719/20 and inherited his father’s estate in the Greenfield Hill District of Fairfield. Joseph (4th) had daughters but is not indicated to have had sons who married and left descendants.¹¹

(probated); citing FHL microfilm 4,275. Witnesses were Thads Burr, Nathan Hill, and Peter Hendrick. Additional probate records are indexed as being on p. 150.

⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 33, 38, and 45. This man with the name David is no. 13 in the *Middlebrook Register* and his putative son John is no. 34.

⁹ *Ibid.* > Register > Image 57; > Appendix > Images 368–369. Elijah Middlebrooks is no. 69.

¹⁰ *AmericanAncestors.org* (<https://www.americanancestors.org> : accessed 29 August 2018) > Fairfield, CT: Families of Old Fairfield > Volume 2 > Pages 648, 650; > Corrections > Page 23; citing Donald Lines Jacobus, compiler, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 2 vols. (New Haven: The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, 1930–1932).

¹¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 33 and 39. Joseph (4th) is no. 14 in the *Middlebrook Register*.

If David, the firstborn son of Joseph (3rd), did indeed die young, it does not appear that his younger brother was the ancestor of the Southern Middlebrooks.

Besides Joseph (3rd)'s son David, there was another individual named David in Generation 4 of the Connecticut Middlebrooks. This man was the son of John Middlebrooks {the older brother of Joseph (3rd)}. Could there have been a mix-up between individuals named David—could David the son of John, rather than the son of Joseph (3rd), have gone to North Carolina?

John Middlebrooks of Connecticut had a total of three sons who lived to adulthood:¹² John (2nd; baptized at Fairfield 1 October 1710; died 6 July 1782), David mentioned directly above (baptized at Fairfield 5 June 1715; died 2 April 1790), and Stephen (born 30 June 1731 of a second marriage; died 17 November 1795). These three sons are in Generation 4. None of them is stated to have moved away from Connecticut¹³ and all have memorials in the Long Hill Burial Ground in Trumbull.¹⁴ John's son David is indicated to have received property west of Long Hill from his father, and to have had his estate probated in North Stratford/Trumbull.¹⁵ He had been an administrator on another estate there in 1765.¹⁶ In other words, this individual does not appear to be the David Middlebrooks said to have moved to North Carolina.

Curiously, John Middlebrooks of Connecticut is indicated to have had another son named John who died in infancy before John (2nd) was born. This baby was baptized 10 December 1704,¹⁷ on the same day as Joseph (3rd)'s son David. Perhaps this contributed to confusion as to whether or not the latter David died young. If two babies—one named David and one named John—were born around the same time, perhaps one died young and was confounded with the other.

The above sons of John Middlebrooks and Joseph (3rd) Middlebrooks of Connecticut were born or baptized in the range of 1704–1731. The same is true of other individuals in Generation 4, that is the sons of Jonathan Middlebrooks.¹⁸ Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) in North Carolina was an adult in the 1760s. This suggests that he was born by 1740. He could thus be comparable to

¹² *Ibid.* > Appendix > Images 280–281, transcription of will of John Midelbrook of Stratford, Connecticut from 27 March 1755.

¹³ *Ibid.* > Register > Images 33–34 [John], 35 [John (2nd); no. 8], 36 [David; no. 10], and 37–38 [Stephen; no. 12].

¹⁴ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21138015/john-middlebrooks> , <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21137815/david-middlebrooks> , <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21146132/stephen-middlebrooks> : accessed 29 September 2018) > Long Hill Burial Ground (Trumbull, Fairfield, Connecticut), John Middlebrooks (2nd), 6 July 1782, 72nd year of his age; David Middlebrooks, 2 April 1790, age 75; Stephen Middlebrook, 17 November 1795, 65th year of his age, photos by tct1971, Nashville Rambler, and Gracie Ann Matisyn.

¹⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Image 284. The probate court hearing for David is said to have been held 24 June 1790.

¹⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L92K-Y9S1-D> : accessed 29 August 2018) > [Fairfield County, Connecticut] Probate Records, 1648-1916 > Probate records v. 15-16 1764-1775 > Image 90, probate record of Ezra Adams, 17 October 1765; citing FHL microfilm 4,277.

¹⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 September 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Image 33, second line.

¹⁸ *Ibid.* > Register > Images 39–40.

individuals in Generation 4. However, other than Joseph (3rd)'s son David, the *Middlebrook Register* does not suggest a connection to the South for other individuals in Generation 4.

Of the three adult sons of John Middlebrooks of Connecticut mentioned above, the two oldest, John (2nd) and David, are each said to have had had one son, respectively: Ephraim (baptized 21 August 1736; died 27 April 1777) and Robert (died unmarried at Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York in 1777 at age 24). The youngest of John's three sons, Stephen, is said to have had two sons, Stephen Jr. a doctor (born 8 December 1755; died 18 December 1819) and Theophilus (born 29 July 1768; died 4 May 1854).¹⁹ Ephraim and Stephen Jr. are buried in Long Hill Burial Ground in Trumbull²⁰ and Theophilus is buried in Vermont.²¹ Overall, these men in Generation 5 are either accounted for or were born too late to correspond to Isaac (1st).

As far as Generation 6, Ephraim Middlebrooks is indicated to have had several sons, including one named John (born October 1765) and one named David (born April 1768; died 27 November 1819).²² These two and others are named in the will of their grandfather²³ and this David is also buried in Long Hill Burial Ground.²⁴ These men were born after individuals with the surname Middlebrooks had appeared in the South. It is worth noting that Stephen Jr. had a son named Isaac who was born 12 July 1791 and died about a month later.²⁵ It is also worth noting that, in 1795, Stephen Jr. purchased property in Randolph County, Virginia (now West Virginia).²⁶

According to the *Middlebrook Register*, Joseph (3rd)'s son David and his putative wife Elizabeth had a son named John who was born in 1726 and was "of Caswell County, North Carolina."²⁷ Caswell County is near the North Carolina-Virginia border (Figure 3), equidistant between the Atlantic coast and the Appalachian Mountains to the west. Four of the sons listed for

¹⁹ Ibid. > Images 23, 36 [Robert], 41 [Ephraim; no. 22], 44 [Stephen Jr.; no. 31], 45 [Theophilus; no. 32], and 284–288 [transcriptions of probate records for Stephen and Stephen Jr.].

²⁰ FindAGrave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21137949/ephrain-middlebrook>, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21146057/stephen-middlebrook> : accessed 29 September 2018) > Long Hill Burial Ground (Trumbull, Fairfield, Connecticut), Ephraim Middlebrook, 27 April 1777, 41st year of his age; Stephen Middlebrook [Jr.], 18 December 1819, age 64 years, 10 days.

²¹ FindAGrave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43611063/theophilus-middlebrook> : accessed 29 September 2018) > Carter Cemetery (Monkton, Addison County, Vermont), Theophilus Middlebrook, 4 May 1854, age 85.

²² Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 September 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 42, 54. This John is no. 60, and David no. 61, in the *Middlebrook Register*.

²³ Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Images 282–283, transcription of will of John Middlebrook (2nd) of Stratford from 25 December 1781.

²⁴ FindAGrave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21137832/david-middlebrook> : accessed 13 November 2018) > Long Hill Burial Ground (Trumbull, Fairfield, Connecticut), David Middlebrook, 27 November 1819, in his 52nd year of age. David is buried next to his wife Elizabeth, who died 16 April 1852 in the 83rd year of her age.

²⁵ Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 September 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Image 44.

²⁶ Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 September 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Images 344–347, transcription of deed from Frederick and Mary Fairlamb to Stephen Middlebrooks Jr., 1 July 1795.

²⁷ Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 33, 38, and 45.

this man correspond to men believed to be sons of Isaac Middlebrooks (1st), as can be seen in the descendants report below.

The *Middlebrook Register* was written before the ready availability of records, and citations are not given for the information in the book. The information may therefore contain gaps or limitations. It is possible that children of Isaac (1st) were mistakenly ascribed to a man named John. Whether Isaac (1st) was a descendant of Joseph (3rd) or another one of the Connecticut Middlebrooks is unclear. An alternate possibility is that Middlebrooks other than the family in Connecticut came to the South of the United States.

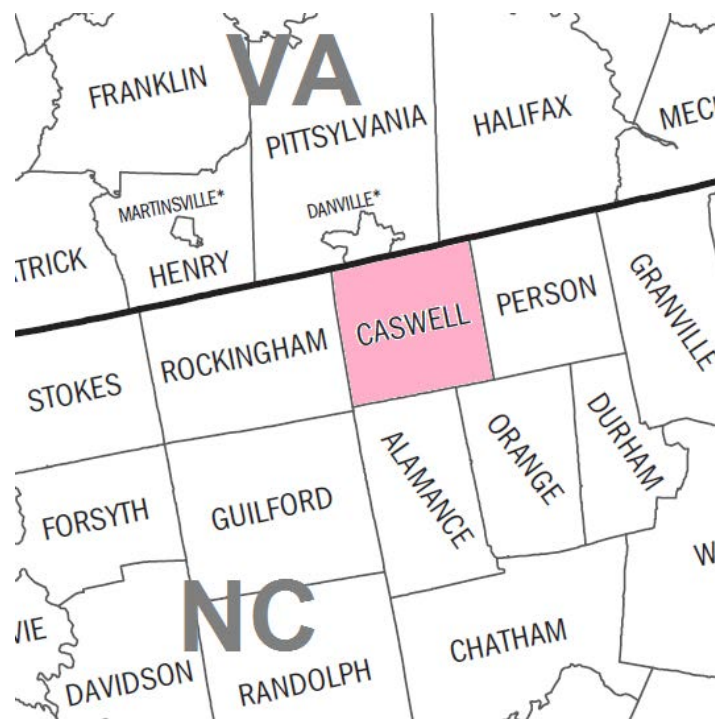


Figure 3. Map of Counties on the Virginia-central North Carolina Border. Murphynw, "County Borders of Caswell County, North Carolina, USA, on a map of North Carolina and Virginia," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/File:Nccaswell.png> : accessed 16 November 2018) rev 00:29 12 February 2013; citing 2003 State/County Reference Wall Map, United States Census Bureau.

Orange County, North Carolina was formed in 1752. Caswell County was formed from a portion of Orange County in 1777 and Person County was formed in 1792. Guilford was formed from portions of Orange and Rowen Counties in 1771, and Randolph and Rockingham from Guilford in 1779 and 1785, respectively. Chatham and Alamance Counties were formed from Orange County in 1771 and 1849, respectively.^a

^a Kelly Agan, "North Carolina County Formation: Dates and Parent Counties," *NCPEDIA* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/north-carolina-county-formation-0> : accessed 16 November 2018); citing David Leroy Corbitt, *The formation of the North Carolina counties, 1663-1943* (2000). *MapofUS.org* (<http://www.mapofus.org/northcarolina/> : accessed 17 October 2018) > North Carolina > Interactive Map of North Carolina County Formation History.

Historical Context

Settlement of the North Carolina Backcountry

In 1730, North Carolina's white population numbered about 30,000. Most of these people lived in the eastern portion of the state, which is an area of low elevation called the coastal plain. In contrast, central North Carolina lies in a region of mid-elevation called the Piedmont plateau (about 500 to over 1000 feet above sea level).²⁸ This area was a new frontier in the 1740s and 1750s.²⁹ By 1755, the central and western portions of the state contained 20,000–30,000 inhabitants.³⁰ Many early settlers came from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, where land had become expensive. Religious groups also came. This included Quakers as well as Baptists, many of the latter coming from central Virginia during the French and Indian War in 1754–1763.

Multiple routes led to the Piedmont area.³¹ One had several variations and was called various names, such as the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road (Figure 4A) or the Great Valley Road (Figure 4B). Other paths ran from Richmond and/or Petersburg, Virginia to present-day Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and further south. An example, shown in Figure 4B, is the "Upper Road." Many of these were part of a network of Indian trails sometimes referred to as the Great Indian Path.³² The "Upper Road" takes a more westerly route than the Fall Line Road. The latter runs in the area where rivers coming from the Piedmont area form falls as they drop to the level of the coastal plain.

The above historical information brings up questions about the statement in the *Middlebrook Register* that David, the son of Joseph (3rd), "settled in the northern part of North Carolina about 1723–1724, in Caswell County."³³ If there was a Middlebrooks ancestor in the South in the 1720s, it is more likely that he was in a nearby area and came to central North Carolina with the influx after 1730.

²⁸ "North Carolina Topographic Map," *Outlook Maps* (<http://www.outlookmaps.com/shop/north-carolina-topographic-map> : accessed 11 November 2018) > Maps by Region > U.S. States > North Carolina > Maps by Style > Physical > Colorful Topographic > North Carolina.

²⁹ David Goldfield, "Early Settlement," *NCPEdia* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/history/colonial/early-settlement> : accessed 11 November 2018); citing *The North Carolina Atlas Revisited*.

³⁰ Betty G. Bunce, Shobal Stearns and Separate Baptist Beginnings in North Carolina, typescript, 1976 N. C. Baptist History Writing Contest, Bedford Virginia, 1 June 1976, p. 1; *InternetArchive* (<https://archive.org/details/shubalstearnssep1976bunc/page/n5> : accessed 11 November 2018).

³¹ David Goldfield, "Early Settlement," *NCPEdia*. Christopher E. Hendricks and J. Edwin Hendricks, "Settlement of the Piedmont, 1730-1775," *NCPEdia* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/history/colonial/piedmont> : accessed 11 November 2018); citing Tar Heel Junior Historian.

³² Tom Magnuson, Wiley J. Williams, and Mark Anderson Moore, "Indian Trading Paths," *NCPEdia* (<https://www.ncpedia.org/indian-trading-paths> : accessed 25 December 2018).

³³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 September 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Image 38.

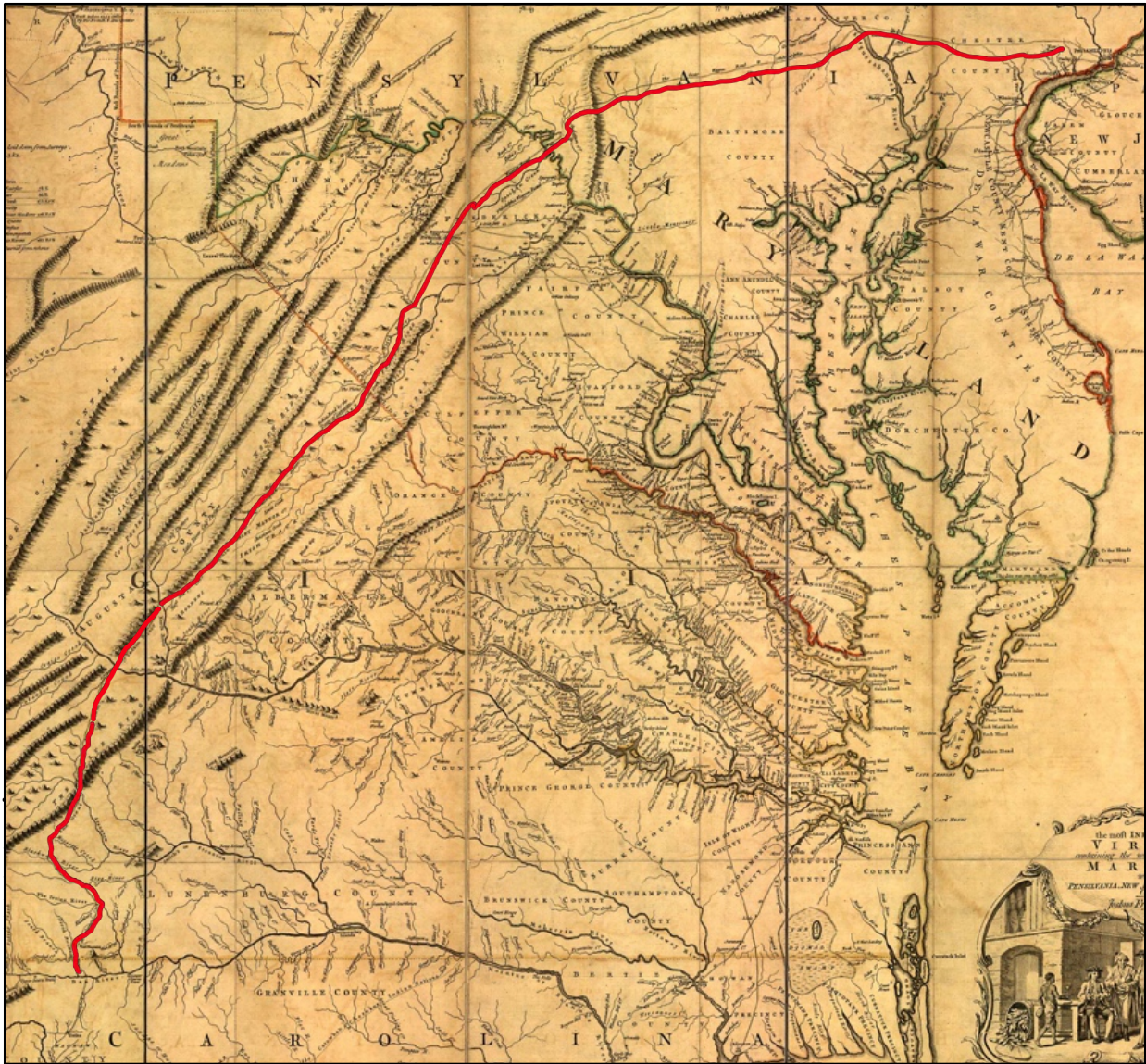


Figure 4A. The Great Philadelphia Wagon Trail.

Wikimedia Commons (<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kitfry-1-.jpg>), "Kitfry-1-.jpg," rev. 14:35, 27 November 2017; citing Joshua Fry, Peter Jefferson, and Thomas Jefferys, *A map of the most inhabited part of Virginia containing the whole province of Maryland with part of Pensilvania, New Jersey and North Carolina* (London: Thos. Jefferys, 1755); citing Library of Congress (<https://lcn.loc.gov/74693166>, <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3880.ct000370/> : accessed 25 December 2018). The thick red line starts at Philadelphia. It was drawn along "The Great Waggon Road," "Waggon Road," and "The Great Road from the Yadkin River thro Virginia to Philadelphia." This line extends to the Dan River. The road lies between ridges, represented by the dark tracks that run largely vertically. In actuality, several roads were part of the Great Wagon Road. For example, a component of the road led to Hillsborough. A more complete map can be seen at: Phil Norfleet, "Map of the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road," *Southwest Virginia Campbells* (<http://philnorf.tripod.com/mapofthe.htm> : accessed 25 December 2018).

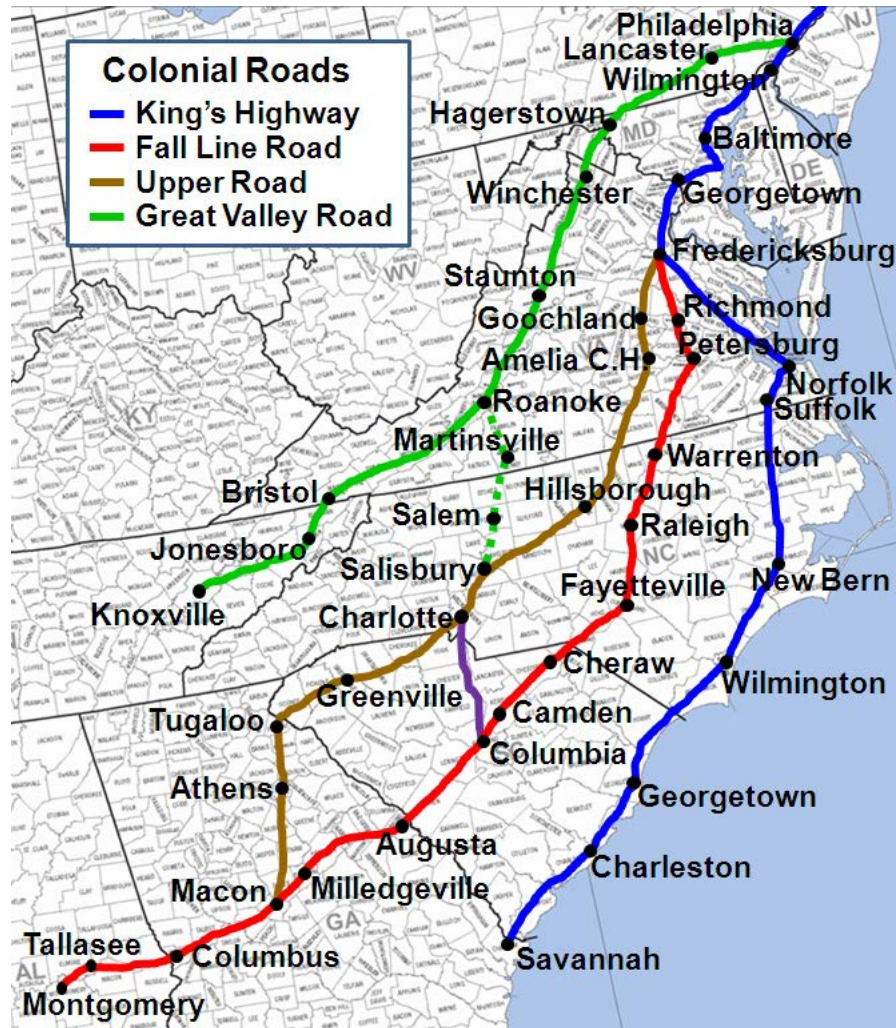


Figure 4B. Several Routes Led to Northern Central North Carolina.
 FamilySearch Wiki (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/File:Colonial_Roads_in_the_South.png : accessed 25 December 2018) > United States > Migration > Migration Trails and Roads > Upper Road.
 See also: FamilySearch Wiki (https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Occaneechi_Path : accessed 25 December 2018) > United States > Migration > Migration Trails and Roads > Occaneechi Path.

Baptist Evangelism

A religious revival movement called the Great Awakening began in the 1730s. This movement encouraged enthusiastic devotion and a direct connection of individuals to God. Many people were inspired to convert to religions other than the traditional state-affiliated churches, such as to the Baptist religion. The Baptists generally had very high moral standards. One form of this religion, the Separate Baptists, practiced immersion baptism of adult believers, as well as other rites such as the laying on of hands.³⁴

The Baptist movement was brought to the South by evangelists, two of the earliest being Shubal Stearns and Daniel Marshall. Shubal Stearns, born in Boston, was in Tolland County, Connecticut as an adult, promoting the ideas of the Great Awakening. In 1751, he underwent an immersion baptism by the Separatist minister of Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, and was ordained by the minister of the city of New London.³⁵ Daniel Marshall was Stearns' brother-in-law and was from Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut³⁶ (Figure 1). Both men lived in Opequon, Frederick County, Virginia—which is about 10 miles south of Winchester (Figure 4B)—before leading a party to North Carolina in 1755. Stearns became the minister at the Sandy Creek Church, Sandy Creek being near the town of Liberty in the part of Guilford County that is now Randolph County, North Carolina. The evangelists succeeded, and many Separate Baptist congregations sprung up around North Carolina. Together, they formed the Sandy Creek Baptist Association.³⁷

Most men in the Sandy Creek Association were small subsistence farmers who did not own slaves. They were fiercely independent and believed that they were being exploited by the government.³⁸ The Baptists and Quakers opposed the government, forming the “Regulator Movement.” In May 1771, the North Carolina militia defeated the Regulators in a battle that took place near the Great or Big Alamance Creek, just south of Burlington which is in present-day Alamance County, North Carolina. Many Regulators were killed. Those that survived had to either give up their cause or move away, which spread the Baptist religion to other places in the South.³⁹

³⁴ Lloyd Johnson, “Sandy Creek Baptists,” *North Carolina History Project* (<https://northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/sandy-creek-baptists/> : accessed 11 November 2018) >S > Sandy Creek Baptists.

³⁵ James B. Taylor, “Shubael Stearns,” *Baptist History Homepage* (<http://baptisthistoryhomepage.com/stearns.shubael.va.minis.html> : accessed 11 November 2018); citing *Virginia Baptist Ministers*, 1859, 13-18.

³⁶ “Daniel Marshall: Colonial and Frontier Baptist Minister Annals of the American Baptist Pulpit, 1860,” *Baptist History Homepage* (<http://baptisthistoryhomepage.com/marshall.daniel.annals.pt.html> : accessed 11 November 2018); citing William B. Sprague, Editor, *Annals of the American Baptist Pulpit*, Volume 6, 1860, pp. 59-61.

³⁷ Betty G. Bunce, Shobal Stearns and Separate Baptist Beginnings in North Carolina, typescript, 1976 N. C. Baptist History Writing Contest, Bedford Virginia, 1 June 1976, p. 3, 5–11; *InternetArchive* (<https://archive.org/details/shubalstearnssep1976bunc/page/n5> : accessed 11 November 2018).

³⁸ Lloyd Johnson, “Sandy Creek Baptists,” *North Carolina History Project* (<https://northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/sandy-creek-baptists/> : accessed 11 November 2018) > S > Sandy Creek Baptists.

³⁹ “Battle of Alamance,” *North Carolina History Project* (<https://northcarolinahistory.org/encyclopedia/battle-of-alamance/> : accessed 11 November 2018) > B > Battle of Alamance.

Isaac (1st) and Anne (Sims) Middlebrooks of Caswell County, North Carolina

Generation of Isaac Middlebrooks (1st)

1. ISAAC MIDDLEBROOKS (1ST) was born by 1740 and may have been born at St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia 12 January 1727/8, the son of Thomas Middlebrooks.⁴⁰ Isaac (1st) underwent an adult baptism during the development of a Separate Baptist church on the Virginia-central North Carolina border, by 22 August 1760.⁴¹ He died at Orange County, North Carolina, probably in the northern portion that became Caswell County, after 14 May 1765⁴² and before September 1771 when letters of administration were granted for his estate.⁴³

Isaac (1st) married ANNE SIMS before 22 August 1760 since "Isaac Middlebrook and wife" were among those baptized near the Virginia-North Carolina border. If birth information about their children is accurate, the couple may have married at least half a dozen years earlier, with Anne being born by say 1737 (see Child List below). Her probable maiden surname, Sims,⁴⁴ was used as the Christian name of one of her sons, and in further generations. Anne died after 30 December 1795, when she made the last of several land sales in Caswell County.⁴⁵

In about 1758–1759, ministers from the Sandy Creek Association, including Daniel Marshall, baptized about 70 individuals on waterways in the area around the Dan River, which flows back and forth across the Virginia-North Carolina border and empties into the Roanoke River. A church was formed there on the 4th Friday in August 1760 (22 August 1760) and became part of the Sandy Creek Association. The church had branches in Virginia as well as North Carolina. One branch was near the Dan River and others were near the Irvine (or Smith) River, New River, Buffalo Creek, and Hogan's Creek. The locations of these waterways are shown below in Figure 5.

⁴⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 August 2018) > New Kent County, Virginia St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register, 1684-1786 > The Vestry Book and Register of St Peters Parish 1684-1786 > Vestry Book > See Index > Image 481, listing for Isaac Middlebrook, born 12 January 1727/8. Records are listed under the first letter of the surname (i.e., "M"). This birth is listed after a birth on 3 October 1729/30.

⁴¹ Morgan Edwards, prepared for publication by Eve B. Weeks and Mary B. Warren, *Materials Towards a History of the Baptists*, vol. 2 (Danielsville, Georgia: Heritage Papers, 1984), 44–46, A snippets view is available on *Google Books* (<https://books.google.com/books?id=7H3ZAAAAMAAJ> : accessed 15 November 2018).

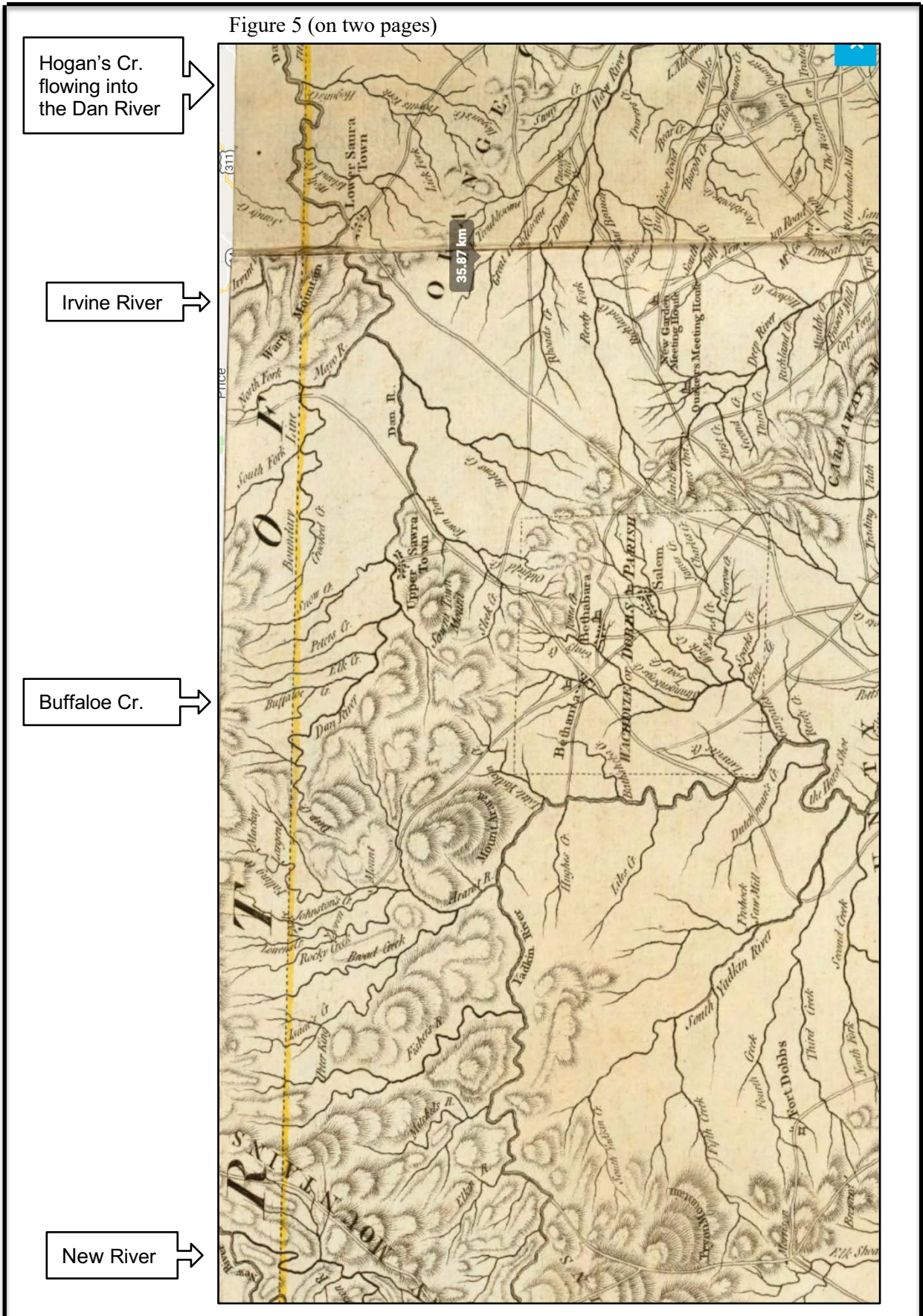
⁴² Ruth Herndon Shields, compiler, *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County in the Province of North Carolina, September 1752-August 1766* (Chapel Hill: privately published, 1965), 121, 127, listing of petition Isaac Middlebrooks vs. Michael Boyle et. al. from original page no. 389 (court of 14 May 1765, Childsburg [Hillsborough]); *FamilySearch* (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE5445364 : accessed 21 November 2018).

⁴³ Weynette Parks Haun, compiler, *Hillsborough District, North Carolina Superior Court Minutes, 1768–1791*, Book I (Durham: privately published, 1993), 14, 32–33, and 35–36, abstracts of granting of letters of administration for the property of Isaac Middlebrook(s) to Robert Few and Robert Thorn, September 1771, and of report of inventory and sales, March 1772.

⁴⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Image 63.

⁴⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G98M-8SFK> : accessed 30 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Images 526–517, deed, Ann Middlebrooks to Wynn Dixon, 30 December 1795; film # 007513239 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,435; imaging Deeds J (1790–1796): 182–183. The consideration was 60 pounds for 237 acres. Moley Middlebrooks was a witness.

Figure 5 (on two pages)



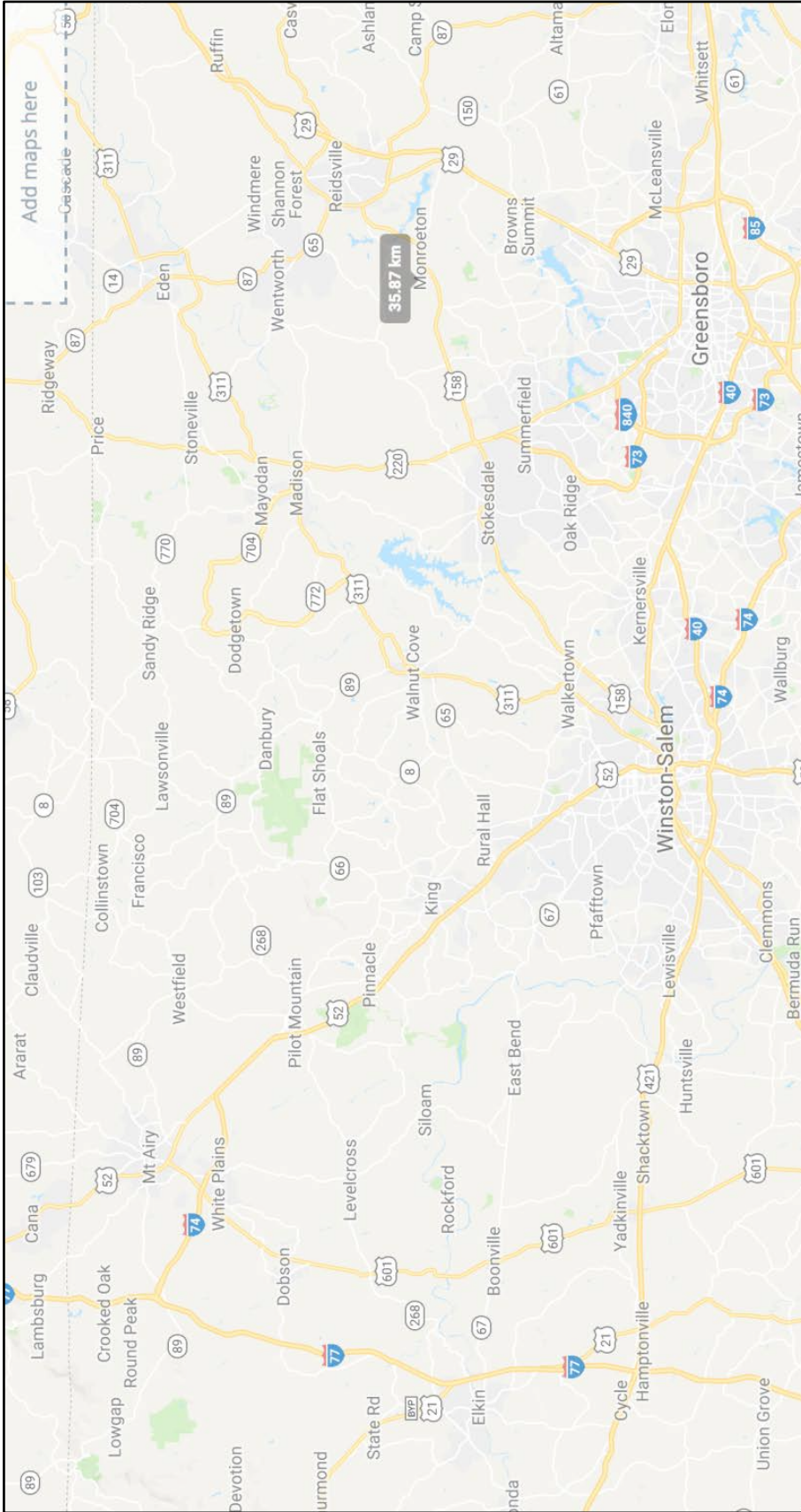


Figure 5. Northern Central Portion of 1776 North Carolina Map (upper panel) Georeferenced to Google Maps (lower panel). Guilford County lay to the west of Orange County. The mountains at the upper left are the Alleghenies. The georeferencing is not perfect as scale was not perfect in 1776. The 1776 overlay was removed in the lower panel.

Thomas Jefferys and Henry Mouzon, : An Accurate Map Of North And South Carolina With Their Indian Frontiers, Shewing in a distinct manner all the Mountains, Rivers, Swamps, Marshes, Bays, Creeks, Harbours, Sandbanks and Soundings on the Coasts; with The Roads and Indian Paths; as well as The Boundary or Provincial Lines . . . From Actual Surveys. † *The American Atlas* (London: Robt. Sayer and J. Bennett), 1776; Map of North and South Carolina With Their Indian Frontiers (Northern Section); † *David Rumsey Map Collection* (https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~1919~120025:Map-Of-North-And-South-Carolina-?it=sort=pub_list_no initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cseries no&qvq=w4s:/where%2FNorth%2BCarolina%2Fwhen%2F1776;sort:pub_list_no initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cpub_list_no%2Cseries no&fmi=2&trs=5 : accessed 25 December 2018) > View in GeoReferencer, Overlay with Google Maps.

Figure 5 includes a 1776 map (upper panel) that has been georeferenced onto *Google Maps* (lower panel). It is noted that the 1776 map does not fit in every aspect onto the present-day map. In addition, the specific locations of the churches on the various waterways are not known. Finally, the location where the Middlebrooks were baptized was not recorded. However, it was probably near Hogan's creek, since they settled there. The leader of this church was named Dutton Lane. He had been baptized in September 1758 by Shubal Stearns and was ordained 22 October 1764 by Daniel Marshall and another Separate minister, Joseph Mulkey. One of Dutton Lane's assistants was named James Sims.⁴⁶

Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) is not named in the *Middlebrook Register*. Instead, a man named John Middlebrooks, born in 1726 the grandson of Joseph (3rd) through his son David, is said to have been "of Caswell County," to have had a wife whose maiden name was Sims, and to have had the following sons:⁴⁷

- John (born 20 September 1755; died at Newton County, Georgia 30 December 1830)
- David (born 1757; died 1829)
- Micajah (born abt. 1758)
- James (born 1759; died young)
- Sims (born 1762; died at Jones County, Georgia 1839)
- Thomas (born 1763; died at Jones County 13 May 1825)
- Robert (born 1766; died at Monroe County, Georgia ca. 1841 [*sic*])
- Joseph (born 1770; died at Alabama)
- Garland (born 1774; died at Virginia)

As shown in the Child List below, some of the sons of Isaac (1st) and Anne (Sims) Middlebrooks had names that paralleled those above. This suggests that there may be a misunderstanding as far as the Christian name of the father of these men as given in the *Middlebrook Register*. Sons listed in the *Middlebrook Register* are referred to below using the birth years given there {e.g., John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763)}. However, it is not known whether these birth years are exact.

With regard to the possibility that Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) was the individual born at St. Peter's Parish in Virginia in 1727/8 to a man named Thomas,⁴⁸ it is notable that Isaac (1st) named one of his own sons Thomas (1763). St. Peter's was a state-affiliated Anglican⁴⁹ church.⁵⁰ It

⁴⁶ Edwards, prepared for publication by Weeks and Warren, *Materials Towards a History of the Baptists*, vol. 2 (Danielsville, Georgia: Heritage Papers, 1984), 44–46.

⁴⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 38, 45, and 63–65. The nine sons are nos. 79–87 in the *Middlebrook Register*, as follows: John #79, David #80, Micajah #81, James # 82, Sims # 83, Thomas #84, Robert #85, Joseph #86, and Garland #87.

⁴⁸ *Ancestry.com* > New Kent County, Virginia St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register, 1684-1786, listing for Isaac Middlebrook, born 12 January 1727/8.

⁴⁹ Edward L. Bond, "Church of England in Virginia," *Encyclopedia Virginia* (https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Church_of_England_in_Virginia : accessed 18 November 2018).

⁵⁰ *St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Virginia* (http://stpetersnewkent.thediocese.net/About_Us_Mission_and_Ministries/History/Early_History_Articles/ : accessed 18 November 2018) > About Us > Our History > Church Construction Timeline; > Early History Articles; citing Steve Avent, presentation to the New Kent Historical Society. Ty Bowers, "St.

is located less than 50 miles from Petersburg, and thus not far from paths leading further south (Figure 4B). Caswell County lies only about 160 miles away. A birth year of 1727/8 for Isaac (1st) aligns with information about John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763) in the *Middlebrook Register*, since their father is said to have been born in 1726 and would have been in his mid-twenties to mid-thirties when they were born. Sadly, if Isaac (1st) was indeed born in 1726–1727/8, he died in his early 40s.

Isaac (1st) appeared in Orange County, North Carolina Court Records in 1763: he and others were ordered to “lay open a road . . . from Hogan’s Creek . . . between Round Hill & Wm. Waters, thence down to the Roun(?) Oak Road near Alex. Montgomery’s Sr. under the direction of Wm. Ware, Overseer.” Isaac (1st) was also mentioned in a case regarding a debt (McCawl Lytle & Co. vs. Isaac Middlebrook). Court sessions were held in Childsburg, an early name for Hillsborough, the Orange County seat. The records begin in September 1752, but no earlier records are indexed for the surname Middlebrooks.⁵¹ However, in 1757, a John Sims proved a deed for property in Corbintown, another early name for Hillsborough.⁵² In sum, records from 1760 and 1763 are the earliest ones identified for Isaac (1st) in this area.⁵³

It is not clear whether the death of Isaac (1st) before September 1771 relates in any way to the Regulator uprising that occurred in May of that year. Certainly, the Battle of Alamance took place nearby, several miles south of Burlington and about 35 miles south of the Virginia border (Figure 6). Anne is seen in records from after that time. She was on the Caswell County tax list in 1777. Her property was valued at 161 pounds, 13 shillings, and 8 pence.⁵⁴ John Middlebrooks (1755) was also on the 1777 tax list, with no property listed. Abraham Perkins was also on the list.

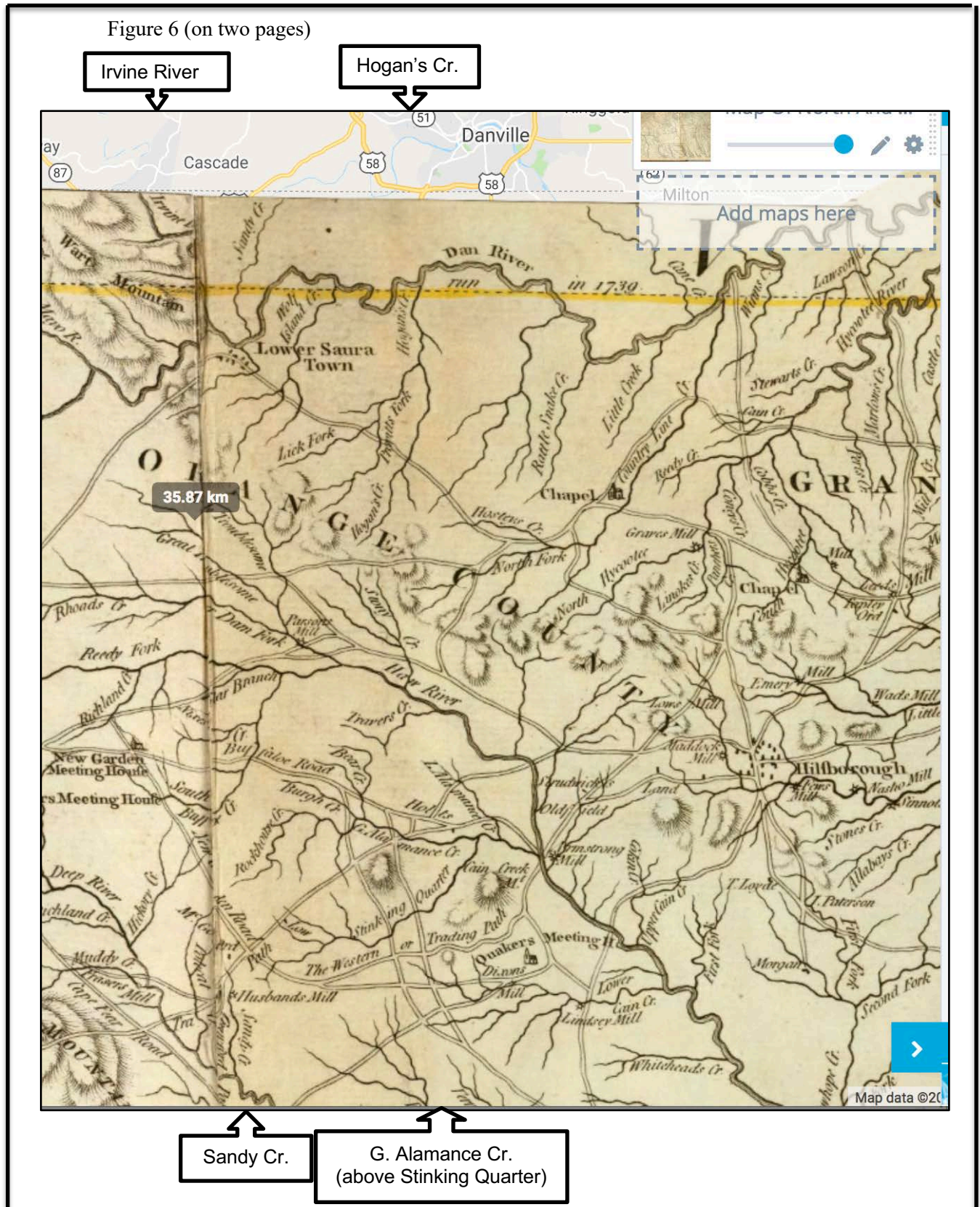
Peter’s Parish Church, video presentation, *Vimeo* (<https://vimeo.com/180264122> : accessed 18 November 2018).

⁵¹ Ruth Herndon Shields, compiler, *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County in the Province of North Carolina, September 1752-August 1766* (Chapel Hill: privately published, 1965), 83, 85, 90, 92, 93, 166, abstracts and index listings of documents concerning Isaac Middlebrook; citing original page nos. 55 (court of 2 August 1763), 103, and 115 (court of 1 November 1763); *FamilySearch* (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE5445364 : accessed 21 November 2018). There is an entry for a Henry Simmon on p. 89 (from original p. 86).

⁵² Ruth Herndon Shields, compiler, *Abstracts of the Minutes of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County in the Province of North Carolina, September 1752-August 1766* (Chapel Hill: privately published, 1965), 34–35, abstract of deed from Enoch Lewis to Wm Reed for one-half of Lot #6 in Corbintown, proved by John Sims; citing original page no. 57-item 114’ (court of June 1757); *FamilySearch* (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE5445364 : accessed 21 November 2018),

⁵³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9DH-FWYD> : accessed 19 November 2018) > [Orange County, North Carolina] Deeds (original) 1755-1961; index 1755-1962 > General index to grantees I-S > Images 268, 274, 289; film # 007545819 digitalizing FHL microfilm 305,922; > General index to grantors M-SI > Images 116, 121, 149, 161; film # 007545816 digitalizing FHL microfilm 305,919. Indexed by first two letters of surname and then by date. No index listings for Meddlebrooks or Middlebrooks were found.

⁵⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-BSZ5-F> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County, North Carolina] Tax lists, 1777, 1780 and 1784 > Image 28, Tax List of 1777, Caswell District, listings for Anne Middlebrooks and John Middlebrooks; film # 007900920 digitalizing FHL microfilm no. 421,558. The Caswell District is noted to have formerly been St. Martins (> Image 26). No listing for Lyon. The property and poll taxes are mentioned at the front (> Image 5).



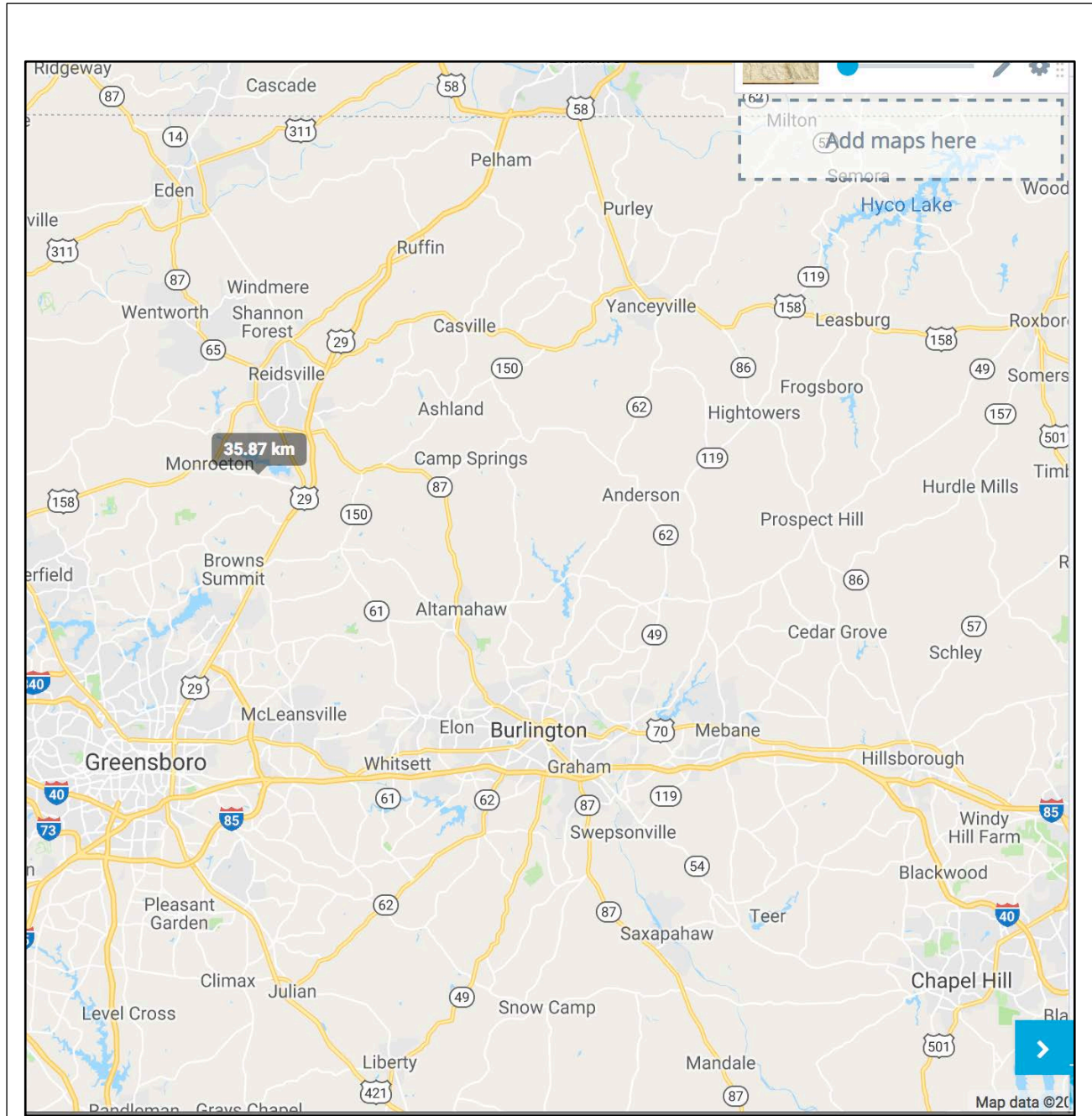


Figure 6 (on two pages). Portion of 1776 North Carolina Map that Includes Orange County (upper panel), Georeferenced to Google Maps (lower panel). The georeferencing is not perfect as scale was not perfect in 1776. The 1776 overlay was removed in the lower panel, where Liberty can be seen at the lower edge of the map. Thomas Jefferys and Henry Mouzon, “An Accurate Map Of North And South Carolina With Their Indian Frontiers, Shewing in a distinct manner all the Mountains, Rivers, Swamps, Marshes, Bays, Creeks, Harbours, Sandbanks and Soundings on the Coasts; with The Roads and Indian Paths; as well as The Boundary or Provincial Lines . . . From Actual Surveys,” *The American Atlas* (London: Robt. Sayer and J. Bennett), 1776; Map of North and South Carolina With Their Indian Frontiers (Northern Section),” *David Rumsey Map Collection* (https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~1919~120025:Map-Of-North-And-South-Carolina-Wit?sort=pub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cpub_list_no%2Cseries_no&qvq=w4s:/where%2FNorth%2BCarolina%2Fwhen%2F1776;sort:pub_list_no_initialsort%2Cpub_date%2Cpub_list_no%2Cseries_no;lc:RUMSEY~8~1&mi=2&trs=5 : accessed 25 December 2018) > View in GeoReferencer, Overlay with Google Maps.

Anne applied for a land grant of 640 acres on Hogan's Creek 10 November 1778. Isaac (2nd) witnessed the survey made two years later (Cover Image),⁵⁵ and the grant was eventually entered in the Caswell County Deed Book.⁵⁶ Land grants indexed as being on Hogan's Creek are also seen for John (1755), Isaac (2nd), and William Ware, as well as for land on Flat River for Robert Lyon.⁵⁷

In 1782, Anne, for the love of her son Isaac (2nd), granted him 195 acres of property on the south side of Hogan's Creek (Figure 6);⁵⁸ witnesses included Robert Lyon and Abram Perkins. Accordingly, on the 1784 tax list, Anne's property consisted of 445 acres (640-195 acres), valued at 148 pounds, 6 shillings, and 8 pence. Isaac (2nd) and John Middlebrooks (1755) were also taxed for property on Hogan's Creek. Also on the 1784 tax list were William Ware Sr. on Hogan's Creek, and Robert Lyon and Abram Perkins on Moon Creek,⁵⁹ which lies east of Hogan's Creek.

Anne, Isaac (2nd), John (1755), and Thomas (1763) Middlebrooks were enumerated in the North Carolina State census of 1786, which was actually taken in 1785–1787. Anne's household contained four white males (under age 20 or over 60), as well as another white female besides Anne.⁶⁰ The males could be some of her other sons or possible sons. While some of these would have been over age 20, they may have been listed as minors because they were still in their mother's household. Other individuals enumerated in Caswell County included Robert and William Lyon, Abraham Perkins, others with that surname, and two individuals named Wm. Ware (Sr. and Jr.). These individuals and the Middlebrooks were listed in the northwest Caswell District of Caswell County, while a Geo. Sims was in the southwest St. David's District.⁶¹

⁵⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com>: accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1693-1950 > Caswell > 671-978 > Images 1058–1063, entry 491 (Certificate 902) for Ann Middlebrook, 10 November 1778. Isaac Middlebrook was a witness to the survey, carried out 7 January 1781.

⁵⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-998M-CW46>: accessed 21 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. C-D 1784-1787 > Images 441–442, deed 899, State of North Carolina to Ann Middlebrook, 18 August 1787; film # 007513237 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,433; imaging Deeds D (1784–1787): 362–363. The consideration was fifty shillings for each 100 acres of land.

⁵⁷ Katherine Kerr Kendall, Caswell County Land Grants, Tax Lists, State Census, Apprentice Bonds, Estate Records, 1977, p. 14–15, alphabetized abstracts of land grants, Ann Middlebrooks, 640 acres, 10 November 1778, Isaac Middlebrooks, 20½ acres, 21 December 1785, John Middlebrooks, 30 acres, 1 October 1781; *FamilySearch* (https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE3190830: accessed 30 October 2018). No Perkins are listed.

⁵⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L98Q-SF8J>: accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. A 1777-1782 > Image 306, deed, Ann Middlebrook to Isaac Middlebrook, 31 August 1782; film # 007513236 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,432; imaging Deeds A (1777–1782): 602. Witnesses were Prisley Luttrell, Robert Lyon, and Abram Perkins. Ann signed with her mark.

⁵⁹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-BSZB-2>: accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County, North Carolina] Tax lists, 1777, 1780 and 1784 > Image 58, Tax List of 1784, Caswell District, listings for Ann Middlebrooks, Isaac Middlebrooks, and John Middlebrooks; film # 007900920 digitalizing FHL microfilm no. 421,558. Isaac owed taxes on 195 acres (valued at 165 pounds), and John on 232 acres (valued at 177 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence). Isaac and John each owed one poll tax. No poll taxes on blacks were assessed.

⁶⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina, State Census, 1784-1787 > Census Lists by County - Caswell County > Images 2 and 4, listings for Isaac Middlebrook, Ann Middlebrook, Jno. Middlebr, and Thomas Middlebrk, Caswell District.

⁶¹ Kendall, Caswell County Land Grants, Tax Lists, State Census, Apprentice Bonds, Estate Records, 1977, p. 37–40, alphabetized abstract of 1786 Caswell County Census, Ann Middlebrook, Isaac Middlebrook, Jno. Middlebrook, Thos. Middlebrook.

Anne sold land in Caswell County in 1788⁶² and 1790⁶³ {with John Middlebrooks (1755) as a witness} and in 1795⁶⁴ including a sale to Wynn Dixon,⁶⁵ a Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot.⁶⁶ No individuals with the surname Middlebrooks were found on the list of taxables in Caswell County in 1803.⁶⁷

Isaac (2nd), John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763) Middlebrooks are clearly members of the same family, as evidenced by land, tax, and census records and by the fact that descendants exhibit a close match in Y-chromosome DNA markers.⁶⁸ Isaac (2nd) is not in the *Middlebrook Register*. He is listed first in the Child List below (child number i); other child numbers (ii, iii, iv, etc.) follow the birth order in the *Middlebrook Register*. A Person number precedes the child number for offspring discussed in the subsequent generation (Person numbers 2–5). All children in the *Middlebrook Register* are listed below, although biological parentage is uncertain for possible children Micajah (1758), Robert (1766), Joseph (1770), and Garland (1774). Y-DNA of putative descendants of these individuals does not match and does not align with that of descendants of Isaac (2nd), John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763). It is possible that males were taken in by the Middlebrooks, as often occurred when children lost their parents. This could have occurred in any generation up to the present day. It could even be that relatives were taken in; for example, if male children of a female Middlebrooks were taken in, their Y-DNA would have come from their father and would not match that of male Middlebrooks. The same would hold if children with the Sims surname were taken in. Another point is that the “binding out” of orphans or children of the poor was a common practice in colonial times. In exchange for their labor, children were taken in by a family that would provide for them, often without a formal contract. Even very young children were “bound out.”⁶⁹ If this occurred, it could be that the surname evolved to Middlebrooks despite

⁶² *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G98M-Z72Z> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. E-F 1785-1789 > Image 299, Ann Middlebrook to Joel Cannon, 17 April 1788; film # 007513238 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,434; imaging Deeds E: 286 (second p. 286). Consideration was 100 pounds, for 196 acres. Joel Cannon had bought adjacent land from Isaac Middlebrook. John Middlebrook was a witness.

⁶³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ7-998M-83C1> : accessed 30 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Image 262–263, deed, Ann Middlebrook to John Sommers, 24 February 1790; film # 007513239 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,435; imaging Deeds H (1792–1795): 119–120. The consideration was 50 pounds, for 100 acres on Hogan’s Creek. John Middlebrooks was a witness.

⁶⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ7-998M-8SJB> : accessed 30 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Image 511, deed, Ann Middlebrook to James Grant Jr., 16 October 1795; film # 007513239 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,435; imaging Deeds J (1790–1796): 362–363. The land consisted of 109 acres on Hogan’s Creek. The consideration was 50 pounds.

⁶⁵ *FamilySearch* > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Images 526–517, deed, Ann Middlebrooks to Wynn Dixon, 30 December 1795.

⁶⁶ Daughters of the American Revolution (<https://www.dar.org/> : accessed 27 December 2018, Wynn Dixon, Ancestor # A032606.

⁶⁷ Kendall, Caswell County Land Grants, Tax Lists, State Census, Apprentice Bonds, Estate Records, 1977, p. 44–45, alphabetized abstract of 1803 taxables in Caswell County.

⁶⁸ “DNA Project Details,” *Middlebrooks Family Association* (<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/dna-project-details/> : accessed 2 September 2018) > previous tests.

⁶⁹ Ruth Wallis Herndon and John E. Murray, *Children Bound to Labor: The Pauper Apprentice System in Early America* (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2009).

the lack of a biological relationship. A final point is that it is not known whether the unrest of the times, such as the Battle of Alamance or the Revolutionary War, might have left orphans who were taken in by the Middlebrooks. Many of the Middlebrooks listed below, although not Garland, moved to Georgia in a fairly synchronous fashion, compatible with ties existing between them.

Children and possible children of Isaac (1st) and Anne (Sims) Middlebrooks:

- 2 i. ISAAC MIDDLEBROOKS (2ND), possibly b. at Virginia by 1760 or up to seven years earlier; m. Elizabeth Perkins.
- 3 ii. JOHN MIDDLEBROOKS (1755), probably b. at Virginia 20 Sep. 1755; m. (1) Mary Lyon, m. (2) Milly _____ [Sutton is the surname given in the *Middlebrook Register*].
- iii. DAVID MIDDLEBROOKS, no descendants listed in the *Middlebrook Register*.
- iv. MICAJAH MIDDLEBROOKS (1758), possible child stated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have been b. abt. 1758 and have had sons named James Hawley and Thomas Middlebrooks. According to an abstract of archival material, Micajah was on a muster roll of riflemen in Greene County, Georgia in 1793.⁷⁰ Hancock County, Georgia was formed from Green and Washington Counties in 1793,⁷¹ and he was likely the M. Middlebrooks who appeared on a Hancock County tax list in 1796 on the same page as Sims Middlebrooks (1762). They were in Captain Jonathan Adams' District, along with Jn^o (1755), Thomas (1763), and Joseph (1770) Middlebrooks. All five men were tick-marked as owing a "pole" tax, and Sims and Thomas owned "Oak and Hikory Land."⁷² Mic^h Middlebrooks was on the Hancock County tax list of 1812.⁷³ He was enumerated there in 1820 in the age category "45 and over," with a female age 26 to under 45 and five individuals under age 26.⁷⁴
- v. JAMES MIDDLEBROOKS, no descendants listed in the *Middlebrook Register*.
- 4 vi. SIMS MIDDLEBROOKS (1762), b. at the northern portion of Orange County, North Carolina that became Caswell County, abt. 1762.
- 5 vii. THOMAS MIDDLEBROOKS (1763), b. at the portion of Orange County that became Caswell County, abt. 1763.
- viii. ROBERT MIDDLEBROOKS (1766), possible child stated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have been b. 1766; d. at Monroe County bet. 6 Mar. and 10 Apr. 1837;⁷⁵ m. Nancy Talbot. A Robert Middlebrooks put a notice in an Augusta, Georgia newspaper in 1799, because of a tobacco note that he had lost.⁷⁶ In 1805, he was in Hancock County with the other men there (Table 1).

⁷⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia > Green County > Image 131, listing for Micajah Middlebrooks, muster Roll of Riflemen, 2nd Batl., 2nd Regt, 1793; citing original in Georgia Department of Archives & History.

⁷¹ *MapofUS.org* (<http://www.mapofus.org/georgia/> : accessed 17 November 2018) > Georgia > Interactive Map of Georgia County Formation History.

⁷² *Georgia Archives* (<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/tax/id/250/rec/2> : accessed 31 October 2018) > County tax Digests > Hancock County Tax Digest, 1796 > Page 48, lines 4, 15, and 16, listings for Thomas Middlebrooks, Jn^o Middlebrooks, and Joseph Middlebrooks; > Page 50, lines 3 and 5, Sims Middlebrooks and M. Middlebrooks.

⁷³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Some early tax digests of Georgia > Hancock [County.] 1812 > Image 48, abstract of listing for Mich Middlebrook, Capt Newsomes District, Hancock County, 1812. Mich owned 1 negro.

⁷⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Hancock > Not Stated > Image 5, line 23, Micajah Middlebrooks.

⁷⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Monroe > Wills, Vol A-B, 1824-1866 > Images 83-84, will and probate records of Robert Middlebrooks, 3 and 6 March 1837 (will signed), 10 April 1837 (probated).

⁷⁶ "Lost," *The Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle and Gazette of the State*, 30 March 1799, p. 1, col. 5; "Georgia Historic Newspapers," *Digital Library of Georgia* <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82015220/1799-03-30/ed-1/seq->

- Robert (1766) was enumerated in Jones County in 1820, Sims Middlebrooks being in a different district and both men being age 45 or older.⁷⁷ Robert was likely in Monroe County in 1830, although his age was given as 40 to under 50 which could be an error as this would mean that he had been born after 1 June 1780.⁷⁸ Monroe County had formed in 1821 from land ceded by the Creek Indians.⁷⁹ Nancy Middlebrooks was enumerated there in 1840 at age 50 to under 60.⁸⁰ Robert (1766) mentions many children in his will (Appendix B). The three youngest were Albert, Hillman Jackson, and Eliza Ann Middlebrooks. He also mentions Sarah, who married James Cannon at Jones County 24 Jan. 1822,⁸¹ Talbot, Thomas who probably married Mary Powell at Monroe County 19 July 1826,⁸² a son-in-law Albion Spier [?], Alford who may have been the “Alfred” who m. Elizabeth Simmons at Jones County 8 Mar. 1831,⁸³ and John W. Simmons who married Bethier Middlebrooks at Monroe County 11 Sep. 1827.⁸⁴
- ix. JOSEPH MIDDLEBROOKS (1770), possible child stated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have been b. 1770; d. Alabama. “Joseph Middlebrook” was listed on the Hancock County tax list as early as 1794, along with John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763).⁸⁵ He appears to have been in Green County, Georgia in 1805 (Table 1). A Joseph Middlebrooks was enumerated in Greene County, Alabama in 1830, his household including a male and female age 50 to under 60.⁸⁶

[1/#sort=date_asc&index=3&rows=12&proxtext=Middlebrooks&sequence=0&words=MIDDLEBROOKS&page=1](#) : accessed 28 November 2018).

⁷⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Capt Greshams District > Image 1, line 7, Robert Middlebrooks; > Capt Permenters District > Image 2, lower page, line 17, Sims Middlebrooks household. Robert and Sims were ≥45 years old.

⁷⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Monroe > Not Stated > Image 35, line 14, Robert Middlebrooks.

⁷⁹ *MapofUS.org* > Georgia > Interactive Map of Georgia County Formation History.

⁸⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1840 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Monroe > Dist 496 > Image 3, line 11, Nancy Middlebrook. The household contained a male age 15 to under 20.

⁸¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BZ6-9SQ> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 200, transcribed marriage record, James Cannon-Sarah Middlebrooks, 23 January 1822 (license), 24 January 1822 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

⁸² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Monroe > Marriages, Book A, 1824-1845 > Image 37, marriage Thomas Middlebrooks-Mary Powell, 19 July 1826. The marriage was performed by a J.P.

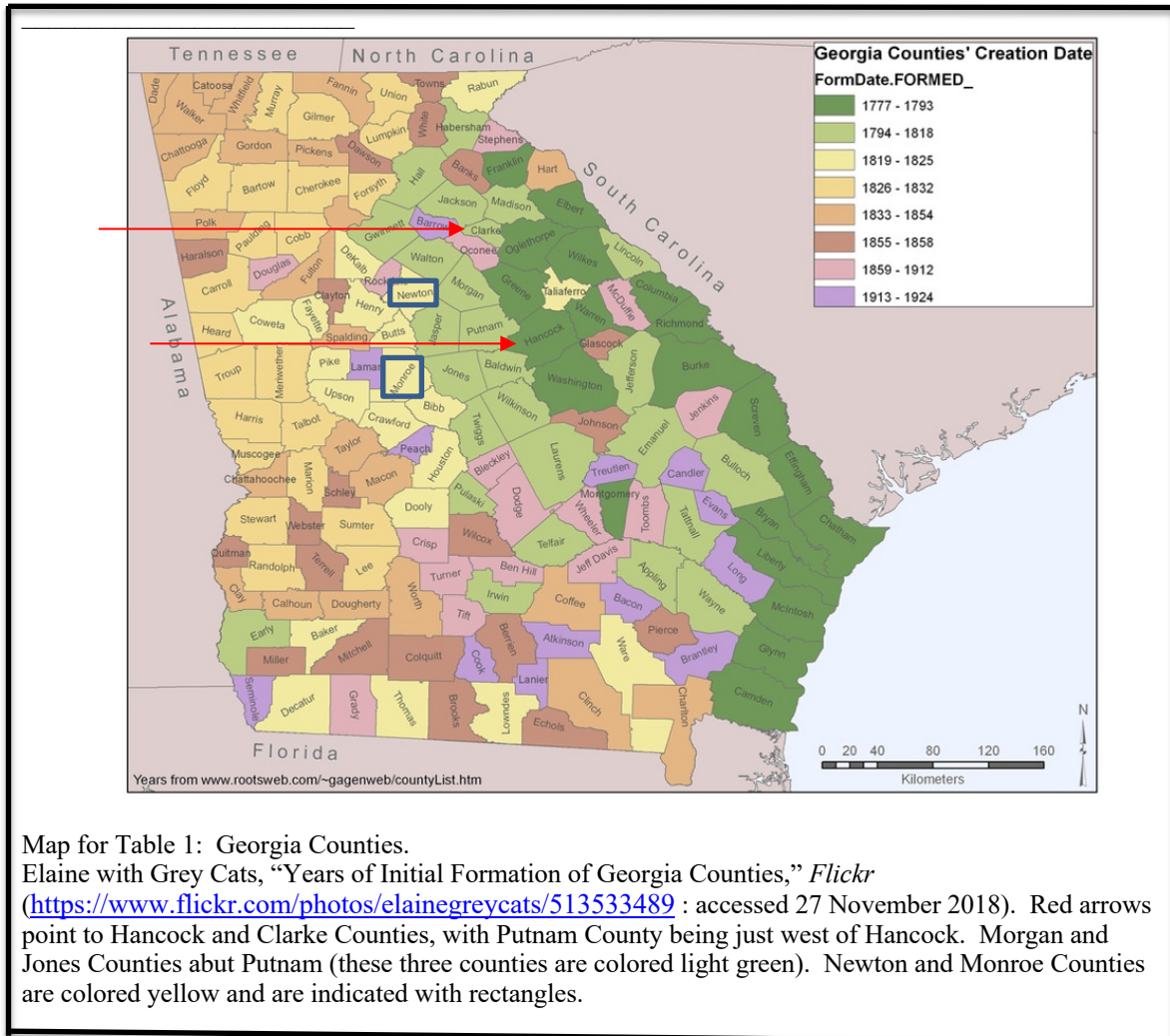
⁸³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Jones > Marriages, Book B, 1821-1836 > Image 64, marriage Alfred Middlebrooks-Elizabeth Simmons, 7 March 1831 (license), 8 March 1831 (marriage). The marriage was performed by a J.P.

⁸⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Monroe > Marriages, Book A, 1824-1845 > Image 54, marriage John W. Simmons-Bethiah Middlebrooks, 11 September 1827.

⁸⁵ *Georgia Archives* (<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/tax/id/188/rec/1> : accessed 31 October 2018) > County tax Digests > Hancock County Tax Digest, 1794 > Page 7, lower page, 2nd to last line, John Middlebrook; > Page 31, lower page, 2nd to last line, Sims Middlebrook; Page 32, lower page, 4th to last line, Joseph Middlebrook; Page 33, lower page, line 7, Thomas Middlebrook. John was in James Eiland’s District and the others were in Captain Addams’ district. All owned land but no negroes.

⁸⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Alabama > Greene > Not Stated > Image 19, line 18, Joseph Middlebrooks.

- x. GARLAND MIDDLEBROOKS (1774), stated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have been b. 1774, several years after Isaac (1st) died; resided in Culpeper, Virginia; d. Virginia.⁸⁷ Records have not been identified for Garland. A record for a putative son listed in the *Middlebrook Register* was identified,⁸⁸ but a link to Garland has not yet been established.



Map for Table 1: Georgia Counties.

Elaine with Grey Cats, "Years of Initial Formation of Georgia Counties," *Flickr*

(<https://www.flickr.com/photos/elainegreycats/513533489> : accessed 27 November 2018). Red arrows point to Hancock and Clarke Counties, with Putnam County being just west of Hancock. Morgan and Jones Counties about Putnam (these three counties are colored light green). Newton and Monroe Counties are colored yellow and are indicated with rectangles.

⁸⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 45, 63-65 and 102. John (1755) is no. 79, David no. 80, Micajah no. 81, James no. 82, Sims no. 83, Thomas no. 84, Robert no. 85, Joseph no. 86, and Garland no. 87. Garland is said to have had a son named William, no. 205.

⁸⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-95B7-2DT> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013 > Lawrence > Marriage records and index 1817-1843 vol 1-3 > Image 125, marriage, William Middlebrook-Cintha Gray, 23 October 1831 (? License), 22 January 1832 (? marriage).

Table 1. Where in Georgia Were the Middlebrooks after Leaving North Carolina?

Year:	1796 (1798 for Isaac)	1805 ^c	1820 and thereafter
Isaac (2nd)	Jackson Co. ^a	Clarke Co., which was formed partially from Jackson.	Morgan Co., ^d died there bef. 1830 Morgan abutted Clarke at the time.
John (1755)	Hancock Co.	Hancock Co.	Putnam Co., ^e Newton Co. in 1830, ^f died there bef. 1840
Micajah (1758)	Hancock Co.	Hancock Co.	Hancock Co. ^g
Sims (1762)	Hancock Co.	Hancock Co.	Jones Co., also in 1830, ^h died bef. 1840
Thomas (1763)	Hancock Co.	Hancock Co. (Prize awarded)	Jones Co., ⁱ died there bef. 1830
Robert (1766)	no information	Hancock Co. (Prize awarded)	Jones Co., Monroe Co. in 1830, ^j died there bef. 1840
Joseph (1770)	Hancock Co. ^b	Greene Co. (presumably Georgia) ?in Greene Co. Alabama in 1830 ^k	
Garland (1774)	whereabouts uncertain, said to have gone to Culpeper, Virginia in the <i>Middlebrook Register</i> .		

^a *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com>: accessed 30 November 2018) > Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892 > Jackson > 1798 > Image 23, line 18, Isaac Middlebrook; >1800 > Image 5, line 21, Isaac Middlebrook; 1801 > Image 16, line 1, Isaac Middlebrooks.

^b *Georgia Archives* (<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/tax/id/250/rec/2> : accessed 31 October 2018) > County tax Digests > Hancock County Tax Digest, 1796 > Page 48, lines 4, 15, and 16, listings for Thomas Middlebrooks, Jn^o Middlebrooks, and Joseph Middlebrooks; > Page 50, lines 3 and 5, Sims Middlebrooks and M. Middlebrooks.

^c Virginia S. Wood and Ralph V. Wood, transcribers, *1805 Georgia Land Lottery* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Greenwood Press, 1964) ix, 236–237. Each of the Middlebrooks, except for Thomas, had two draws. Thomas and Sims were awarded land. “Zara” and Anderson Middlebrooks of Hancock County each had one draw consistent with their being at least 21 (possibly unmarried as married men could have two draws), but neither won an award of land.

^d *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Morgan > Capt Leonards District > Image 2, line 6, Isaac Middlebrooks. *MapofUS.org* (<http://www.mapofus.org/georgia/> : accessed 17 November 2018) > Georgia > Interactive Map of Georgia County Formation History.

^e *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Putnam > Capt Peter F Mahones District > Image 1, line 21, John Middlebrooks.

^f *Ibid.* > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Not Stated > Image 53, line 2, John Middlebrooks.

^g *Ibid.* > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Hancock > Not Stated > Image 5, line 23, Micajah Middlebrooks.

^h *Ibid.* > Georgia > Jones > Capt Permenters District > Image 2, lower page, line 17, Sims Middlebrooks; > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 19, line 4, Sims Middlebrooks.

ⁱ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Capt Seals District > Image 1, upper page, line 13, Thomas Middlebrooks.

^j *Ibid.* > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Capt Greshams District > Image 1, line 7, Robert Middlebrooks; > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Monroe > Not Stated > Image 35, line 14, Robert Middlebrooks.

^k *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Alabama > Greene > Not Stated > Image 19, line 18, Joseph Middlebrooks.

Generation After Isaac (1st) and Anne (Sims) Middlebrooks

2. ISAAC MIDDLEBROOKS (2ND) was born by 1760 and may have been born up to seven years earlier at Virginia according to a biographical sketch of his grandson.⁸⁹ He was enumerated in Morgan County, Georgia 7 August 1820⁹⁰ and died there before 15 March 1823 when his will was probated.⁹¹ He married, at North Carolina by 1780, ELIZABETH PERKINS, who was named as a daughter in the will of Abram Perkins Sr.⁹² Elizabeth was alive 10 July 1819 when her husband wrote up his will (Appendix C).

In North Carolina, a poll tax was levied on free males when they reached the age of majority.⁹³ If Isaac (2nd) had been born by 1756, he would have been age 21 or older in 1777. However, he was not found on the 1777 tax list. His brother, John (1755), was on the list and owed a poll tax. It is not clear why John (1755) was listed but Isaac (2nd) was not. It is possible that Isaac (2nd) was not in the area in 1777 (e.g., this was the time of the Revolutionary War), although he was there in 1781.⁹⁴ It is also possible that Isaac (2nd) was younger than his brother John (1755).

In 1784, Isaac (2nd) was charged a poll tax as well as taxes⁹⁵ on the 195 acres of land his mother had deeded him.⁹⁶ In the 1786 North Carolina State census, his household contained a white male age 21–60, one under 21 or over 60, four white females, and no blacks. The two males were

⁸⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia Memoirs > Memoirs Of Georgia Vol 2 > Chapter 6 The Bench and Bar Of Georgia > Morgan County > Images 2–3, sketch of L. L. Cheney, son of Thomas B. Cheney and Lucy Middlebrooks; imaging pp. 582–583.

⁹⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Morgan > Capt Leonards District > Image 2, line 6, Isaac Middlebrooks.

⁹¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 21 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Morgan > Record of Wills and Marriages, 1808-1899 > Images 281–282, will, Isaac Middlebrooks, 10 July 1819 (signed), 15 March 1823 (proved); imaging Record of Wills and Marriages Book A: 137–139. Friend Elizabeth Middlebrooks was one of the executors.

⁹² *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-JX32-BG> : accessed 28 October 2018) > North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970 > Caswell > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1777-1783, Vol. A > Image 427, will 0135, Abram Perkins Sr., 16 June 1793 (signed), October 1793 (proved); film #004754650 digitalizing FHL 18,418; imaging North Carolina Superior Court (Caswell County), Record of Wills, Inventories, and Settlement of Estates C (1792–1800): 50. Witnesses were John Humphreys, Philimon Perkins, Alexander Nunalle, and Martin Perkins. Abram's wife Cisley was alive at the time he wrote out his will.

⁹³ "Tax Records in North Carolina: NC Tax Records," *State Library of North Carolina: Government & Heritage Library* (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/c.php?g=151278&p=5224139> : accessed 30 October 2018).

⁹⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com>: accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1693-1950 > Caswell > 671-978 > Images 1058–1063, entry 491 (Certificate 902) for Ann Middlebrook, 10 November 1778. Isaac Middlebrook was a witness to the survey, carried out 7 January 1781.

⁹⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-BSZB-2> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County, North Carolina] Tax lists, 1777, 1780 and 1784 > Image 58, Tax List of 1784, Caswell District, listings for Ann Middlebrooks, Isaac Middlebrooks, and John Middlebrooks. Property was on Hogan's Creek. Ann paid taxes on 445 acres (valued at 148 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence), Isaac on 195 acres (valued at 165 pounds), and John on 232 acres (valued at 177 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence). No poll taxes on blacks were assessed.

⁹⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L98Q-SF8J> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina) Register of Deeds] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. A 1777-1782 > Image 306, deed, Ann Middlebrook to Isaac Middlebrook, 31 August 1782; film # 007513236 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,432; imaging Deeds A (1777–1782): 602. Witnesses were Prisley Luttrell, Robert Lyon, and Abram Perkins. Ann signed with her mark.

presumably Isaac (2nd) and his son of the same name; the females could be his wife Elizabeth and some of their daughters. His household was enumerated just above that of Abram Perkins.⁹⁷ If Isaac (2nd) and Elizabeth had several children by about 1786, they were likely married by 1780. In 1781, Isaac (2nd) was a bondsman on the marriage bond between William Ware and Elizabeth's sister Frances Perkins⁹⁸ (called Fanny in their father's will). William Ware is a Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot.⁹⁹ The fact that Isaac (2nd) was married by 1780 is consistent with his having been born by 1760 or earlier.

In 1785, Isaac (2nd) applied for a grant of land on the ridge between Hogan's Creek and Moon Creek. This land was adjacent to that of the widow Middlebrooks, with Isaac (2nd)'s northern line running along his mother's line.¹⁰⁰ The grant was recorded on the same day as grants to his mother and his brother John (1755).¹⁰¹

In 1790, Isaac (2nd) was not enumerated in Caswell County and is not seen in databases of substitutes for the lost Georgia census.¹⁰² He appears to have been in Abbeville County, South Carolina, which is on the Georgia border. His household included five females, one more than had been present in Caswell County in 1786.¹⁰³ Isaac (2nd)'s son Isaac (3rd) is said to have come from South Carolina (see below). Isaac (2nd)'s daughter Lucy was enumerated in 1850 as having been born in South Carolina,¹⁰⁴ although Georgia was given in other censuses.

⁹⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina, State Census, 1784-1787 > Census Lists by County - Caswell County > Images 2 and 4, listings for Isaac Middlebrook and Abram. Perkins, Caswell District.

⁹⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina, Marriage records, 1741-2011 > Caswell > Marriage bonds (1780-1884) > Image 6030, marriage bond, William Ware-Frances Perkins, 2 October 1781. Isaac Middlebrook was a bondsman.

⁹⁹ Daughters of the American Revolution (<https://www.dar.org/> : accessed 27 December 2018), William Ware, Ancestor #: A120907.

¹⁰⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1693-1950 > Caswell > 671-978 > Images 924-929, entry 1246 (Certificate 875) for Isaac Middlebrook, 21 December 1785. The application originally mentions 150 acres, but the grant is for 20½ acres.

¹⁰¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-898M-Z3D> : accessed 21 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. C-D 1784-1787 > Image 390, deed 872, State of North Carolina to Isaac Middlebrooks, 18 August 1787; film # 007513237 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,433; imaging Deeds D (1784-1787): 286. The consideration was fifty shillings for each 100 acres of land.

¹⁰² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890; the Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia.

¹⁰³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1790 United States Federal Census > South Carolina > Abbeville > not stated > Image 5, upper page, third column, Isaac Middlebrook. The household contained 2 males age 16 or older, a male under 16, 5 females, and no slaves.

¹⁰⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Morgan > District 62 > Image 59, Lucy P. Cheney household.

Isaac (2nd) was in Jackson County, Georgia when it formed in 1796¹⁰⁵ and possibly earlier,¹⁰⁶ having sold his land in Caswell County.¹⁰⁷ He paid taxes on property in Jackson County near Big Creek, and on one slave.¹⁰⁸ In 1805, he was in Clarke County (Table 1), which had formed partially from Jackson County in 1801. His daughter Thaney (also called Barthania or Bethania) married in Morgan County in 1813. Morgan County formed in 1807 and abutted Clarke as Oconee County was formed later.¹⁰⁹ In 1820, Isaac (2nd) was enumerated as age 45 or older, with a female of the same age. His household contained four slaves—a female 45 or older, one 14 to less than 26, and two males age 14 to less than 26.¹¹⁰ These are probably the four negroes that Isaac (2nd) mentioned in his will (Nelly, Sarah, Jess, and Jim). Isaac (2nd) of Morgan County appears to have been awarded land in Houston County shortly before he died.¹¹¹

Isaac Middlebrooks (2nd) named seven children in his will. Their birth order is uncertain.

- i. ISAAC MIDDLEBROOKS (3RD), b. say 1781; m. Elizabeth “Betsy” Thompson at Clarke County 11 Jan. 1809.¹¹² He was taxed in that county in 1815–1818 on property near Big Creek,¹¹³ was enumerated there in 1820,¹¹⁴ and appears to have been a fortunate drawer in the Land

¹⁰⁵ *MapofUS.org* > Georgia > Interactive Map of Georgia County Formation History.

¹⁰⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-898M-8S69> : accessed 30 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Image 611, deed, Isaac Middlebrooks of Jackson County, Georgia to Abraham Perkins [Jr.?] of Fluvanna County, Virginia, 8 October 1786, September 1796 (proved in court by Jesse Perkins); film # 007513239 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,435; imaging Deeds J (1790–1796): 349–350. Consideration was 120 pounds, and the property consisted of 382 acres on Moon Creek. Witnesses were ChC Dixon, Henry Dixon, and Jesse Perkins.

¹⁰⁷ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L98M-ZWW> : accessed 30 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. K-M 1797-1804 > Image 294, deed, Isaac Middlebrooks of Jackson County, Georgia to Charles Dixon, 8 October 1796, October 1799 (proved in open court by Robert Boman); film #007513240 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,436; imaging Deeds L (1799–1801): 172–173. Consideration was 5 pounds, for 20½ acres of property. Witnesses were Jesse Perkins and Robert Boman.

¹⁰⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com>: accessed 30 November 2018) > Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892 > Jackson > 1798 > Image 23, line 18, Isaac Middlebrook in Captain John Cunningham’s District; >1800 > Image 5, line 21, Isaac Middlebrook in Captain Benjamin Reynolds District; 1801 > Image 16, line 1, Isaac Middlebrooks in Captain Benjamin Reynolds District.

¹⁰⁹ *MapofUS.org* > Georgia > Interactive Map of Georgia County Formation History.

¹¹⁰ *Ancestry.com* > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Morgan > Capt Leonards District > Image 2, line 6, Isaac Middlebrooks. A William Hays was on the following page, with a male and female (16 to less than 26) and a female under 10.

¹¹¹ *Georgia USGenWeb Archives Project* (<http://usgwarchives.net/ga/gafiles.htm> : accessed 23 November 2018) > Land Records > 1821 Georgia Land Lottery M-Myrick, abstracted information.

¹¹² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Clarke > Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book A, 1805-1821 > Image 47, marriage Isaac Middlebrooks-Betsy Thompson, 11 January 1809. Marriage was performed by a Justice of the Peace.

¹¹³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 30 November 2018) > Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892 > Clarke > 1815 > Image 16, lines 16–17, Isaac Middlebrooks in Captain Wright’s District; > 1816 > Image 12, line 18, Isaac Middlebrooks in Captain Wright’s District; > 1817 > Images 16–17, line 5, Isaac Middlebrooks in Captain Starne’s District; > 1818 > Image 11, line 16, Isaac Middlebrooks in Captain Starn’s District.

¹¹⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Clarke > Salem > Image 10, line 35, Isaac Middlebrook household. The household contained 4 males under 10, 1 male 26 to under 45, 1 female 26 to under 45, and 3 slaves (a male under 14, a female under 14, and a female 26 to under 45).

- Lottery.¹¹⁵ Elizabeth is said to have been the daughter of John and Sallie Thompson of Georgia. Isaac (3rd) and Elizabeth had a son named John A. Middlebrooks, b. at Clarke County 11 Dec. 1811. A sketch of John A. states that his father, Isaac (3rd), was b. South Carolina and lived in Harris County, Georgia beginning in 1829.¹¹⁶ Isaac (3rd)'s wife Elizabeth was a founding member of the Beech Springs Baptist Church there.¹¹⁷
- ii. JINNEY MIDDLEBROOKS, a daughter b. possibly by the time of the 1786 North Carolina State census; was Dec^d when her father made out his will in 1819; m. _____ Hayse.
 - iii. FANNY MIDDLEBROOKS, b. possibly by the time of the 1786 census; m. Richard Thompson at Clarke County, 12 Sept. 1810.¹¹⁸
 - iv. LUCY P. (OR LEAH) MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at South Carolina or Georgia 1788–1789;¹¹⁹ d. at Buckhead, Martin, or Harris Grove, Morgan County June¹²⁰ 1879, the cause of death being given as paralysis;¹²¹ m. Thomas Cheney at Clarke County 21 Jan. 1809,¹²² ten days after her brother Isaac (3rd) was married. Thomas and Lucy Cheney are buried in the Cheney Family Cemetery in Rutledge, Morgan County, Georgia.¹²³
 - v. ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS, probably b. at Georgia 12 Feb. 1791; d. 17 Nov. 1865; m. Aquilla Cheney. Aquilla was b. at Maryland¹²⁴ 26 Oct. 1785; d. Monroe County¹²⁵ 1 June 1869. They are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia.¹²⁶ While this marriage

¹¹⁵ “Fortunate Drawers in the Land Lottery,” (*Milledgeville, Georgia*) *Southern Recorder*, 5 December 1820, p. 2, col. 1; “Georgia Historic Newspapers,” *Digital Library of Georgia* (https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016415/1820-12-05/ed-1/seq-2/#sort=date_asc&index=11&rows=12&proxtext=Middlebrooks&sequence=0&words=Middlebrook&page=3 : accessed 23 November 2018).

¹¹⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia Memoirs > Memoirs Of Georgia Vol 1 > Chapter[sic] 3 Industrial Resources > Harris County > Image 10, sketch of J. A. Middlebrooks of Hamilton, Harris County.

¹¹⁷ Louise Calhoun Barfield, *History of Harris County, Georgia 1827–1921* (Columbus, Georgia: Columbus Office Supply Co., 1961), 343–344.

¹¹⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Clarke > Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book A, 1805-1821 > Image 41, marriage Richard Thompson-Fanne Middlebrooks, 12 September 1810.

¹¹⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Morgan > District 62 > Image 59, Lucy P. Cheney household.

¹²⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Morgan > Record of Wills and Marriages, 1808-1899 > Image 632, will, Lucy P. Cheney, 15 April 1879 (signed), 5 August 1879 (proved).

¹²¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885 > Georgia > 1880 > Image 11, last line, Lucy Cheney, June 1879.

¹²² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Clarke > Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book A, 1805-1821 > Image 42, marriage Thomas Chaney-Lucy Middlebrooks, 21 January 1809. The marriage was performed by a Justice of the Peace.

¹²³ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17660584/thomas-benson-cheney> , <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17660608/lucy-perkins-cheney> : accessed 22 November 2018) > Cheney Cemetery (Rutledge, Morgan County, Georgia), Thomas Cheney and Lucy Cheney.

¹²⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1860 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Monroe > Coxes > Image 4, dwelling 348, family 338, Aquila Cheney household. Aquila is indicated to have been born in Md, Elizabeth in Geo.

¹²⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Monroe > Letters Testamentary, 1856-1956 > Image 53, probate record for Aquila Cheney, 7 June 1869.

¹²⁶ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71611822/elizabeth-ann-cheney> , <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71611762/aquilla-jefferson-cheney> : accessed

has been suggested to involve a daughter of John Middlebrooks (1755),¹²⁷ Isaac (2nd) named his daughter Elizabeth “Chaney” in his will.

- vi. BARTHANIA (THANEY) MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Georgia probably 15 Mar. 1798; d. 23 Dec. 1881; m. Jesse Wade at Morgan County 7 Oct. 1813.¹²⁸ Jesse was b. 24 May 1794; d. 26 Nov. 1872. There is a memorial to Jesse at West End Cemetery in Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia and one to Barthania at Bethel Cemetery in Bacon County, Georgia.¹²⁹ Jesse and Barthania Wade had a son named Edward Clemens Wade, b. 25 Aug. 1830; d. at New Orleans, Louisiana 5 Apr. 1911.¹³⁰ They also had a son named Milton Carter Wade, b. 20 May 1840; d. at Quitman 14 Aug. 1921.¹³¹
- vii. POLLY (MARY) MIDDLEBROOKS, probably b. at Georgia abt. 1800;¹³² m. David Middlebrooks at Morgan County the night of 21 Nov. 1817.¹³³ David was probably her cousin, a son of John Middlebrooks (1755). While Polly was thought to have m. Jeremiah Boggess,¹³⁴ this may have been an Elizabeth Middlebrooks.¹³⁵

29 November 2018) > Glenwood Cemetery (Thomaston, Upson County, Georgia), Elizabeth Cheney (12 February 1791–17 November 1865) and Aquilla Cheney (26 October 1785–1 June 1869).

¹²⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia Vol. 1 > M > Image 128, sketch for John Middlebrooks.

¹²⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Morgan > Marriage and Wills, Book A, 1808-1818 > Image 52, marriage Gesse[?] Wade-Theney Middlebrooks, 7 October 1813.

¹²⁹ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/17602197/jesse-perkins-wade> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/15822986/barthenia-wade> : accessed 22 November 2018) > West End Cemetery (Quitman, Brooks County, Georgia), Jesse Wade (24 May 1794 – 26 November 1872); > Bethel Cemetery (Bacon County, Georgia), Barthania Wade (15 March 17[9?]8 – 23 December 1881). Barthania’s birth year could be 1788 or 1798, the latter being more consistent with her census entries and the birth of a child in 1840.

¹³⁰ “Col. E. C. Wade Dies Suddenly,” *The Pensacola (Florida) Journal*, 6 April 1911, p. 1, col. 5. *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24395198> : accessed 23 November 2018) > Laurel Grove Cemetery (North) (Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia), gravestone of Edward Clemens Wade (25 August 1830 – 5 April 1911).

¹³¹ Georgia, Deaths Index 1814-1940 > 004176892 > 467 > Image 467, death certificate no. 19257, Milton Carter Wade, 14 August 1921.

¹³² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Henry > District 42 > Image 49, dwelling 257, family 257, David Middlebrooks household; > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Putnam > Capt Thomas Bustins District > Image 4, line 17 David Middlebrooks. In 1820, the household contained a male and a female age 16 to under 26, a boy under 10, and a female slave age 14 to under 26.

¹³³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GPPD-6DZ> : accessed 20 November 2018) > Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990 > Morgan > Wills and marriages 1808-1818 vol A > Image 102, marriage David Middle Brook and Polly Middle Brook, 20 September 1817 (license), night of 21 November 1817 (marriage), 22 January 1818 (recorded).

¹³⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia Vol. 1 > M > Image 128, sketch for Isaac Middlebrooks.

¹³⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Morgan > Marriages, 1821-1834 > Image 58, marriage Jeremiah Baugus-Elizabeth Middlebrooks, 30 October 1826.

3. JOHN MIDDLEBROOKS was born at Virginia 20 September 1755, and died at Newton County, Georgia 30 December 1830, according to the *Middlebrook Register*.¹³⁶ He signed a bond to marry first, at Caswell County 16 July 1781, MARY LYON.¹³⁷ He married second MILLY ____ [Sutton?], who is named in his will of 27 February 1828.¹³⁸ Mary (Lyon) Middlebrooks died before 23 October 1804, when her father Robert Lyon willed property to her heirs.¹³⁹ Her father's widow, Rebecah who died roughly a decade later,¹⁴⁰ was not Mary Lyon's mother but rather a step-mother.¹⁴¹

John (1755)'s birthdate as given in the *Middlebrook Register* agrees with information in the 1830 Newton County census since his age (70 to under 80) suggests that he was born in 1750–1760. On 3 July 1773, four years before Caswell County separated from Orange County, a John Middlebrooks witnessed a will.¹⁴² This could well be John (1755) at nearly 18 years old. A birthdate in 1755 aligns with the fact that he was assessed for a poll tax in Caswell County in

¹³⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 45 and 63. John Middlebrooks is no. 79. His father's name is listed as John although it is believed to be Isaac (1st). The maiden surname of John's first wife was not given as Lyon and may be in error. The maiden surname of his second wife was given as Sutton.

¹³⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > North Carolina, Marriage records, 1741-2011 > Caswell > Marriage bonds (1780-1884) > Images 3635–3637, marriage bonds, John Middlebrook-Nancy Humphries, 18 January 1781; John Middlebrook-Mary Lyon, 16 July 1781. Since the signature of John Middlebrooks is similar in the two marriage bonds, it is possible that the marriage to Nancy Humphries did not take place or that she died shortly after marriage. Richard Boggans[?] signed the January 1781 bond with John Middlebrooks, [Irving?] Campbell being a witness. Nehemiah [?Darcy] signed the July 1781 bond with John Middlebrooks, Al^d Murphey being a witness.

¹³⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Newton > Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 > Images 41–42, will of John Middlebrook(s), 27 February 1828 (signed), 7 March 1831 (proved); imaging Wills 1: 43–44. Jesse M. Carter and Christopher A. Carter were witnesses.

¹³⁹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-J4Q3-6> : accessed 17 October 2018) > North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970 > Caswell > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1803-1808, Vol. E > Images 73–74, will #208 of Robert Lyon, 23 October 1804 (signed), October 1804 court session (proved). Witnesses were Starling Gunn, Daniel Chandler, John Gunn. Executors were James Burton+Harvey Howard. The children named were Jane Johnston, Ann Daniel, Mary Middlebrook, William Lyon, Robert Lyon, John Lyon, and Temperance Potest [Posten?].

¹⁴⁰ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-JJZN-B> : accessed 18 October 2018) > North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970 > Caswell > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1817-1821, Vol. H > Images 76–77, statements of Naum Johnston, 20 Oct 1807, and William Lyon, 11 October 1815, April 1818 court session.

¹⁴¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-J4SY-W> : accessed 17 October 2018) > North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970 > Caswell > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1803-1808, Vol. E > Images 122–123, power of attorney to John Lyon from Robert Lyon [Jr.], 14 December 1805 (signed in Lincoln County, Laurens District, South Carolina), January 1806 court session; > Image 148, power of attorney to Zera Middlebrooks from Robert Lyon [Jr.], 30 July 1806 (signed in Laurens District), October 1806 court session. John Lyon and Robert Lyon [Jr.] were sons of Robert Lyon.

¹⁴² Ruth Herndon Shields, compiler, Abstracts of Wills Recorded 1752 through 1800 in Orange County, North Carolina Will Books A B and C and Early Marriages not Shown in the Orange County Marriage Bonds, rev ed. (Chapel Hill: privately published April 1966; https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE4496512 : accessed 21 October 2018) > Images 2 and 33, facts about Orange County and abstract of will of Stephen Norton, 3 July 1773; citing Will Book A: 179. John Middlebrooks and Richard Boggass were among the witnesses to the will.

1777,¹⁴³ as he would have been age 22. It also aligns with the fact that he participated in the Revolutionary War.¹⁴⁴ Finally, a birthdate in 1755 would mean that John (1755) was age 25 when he married Mary Lyon. Given this birth year, John (1755) was probably born before his father Isaac (1st) moved to North Carolina. If the family moved from Virginia, John (1755) may have been born there. The death date given for John (1755) in the *Middlebrook Register* aligns with the fact that he was alive 1 June 1830, the official census date,¹⁴⁵ but had died by 7 March 1831 when his will was probated (Appendix D).

A few months after John (1755) married Mary Lyon, he applied for a grant for 30 acres of land on Hogan's Creek.¹⁴⁶ Sims Middlebrooks was a witness on the survey plan, made 20 April 1784.¹⁴⁷ John (1755) purchased an additional 202 acres of land in 1788.¹⁴⁸ He may have occupied this land even earlier, as he was assessed for taxes on all 232 acres on the 1784 tax list.¹⁴⁹

In the 1786 North Carolina census, John was enumerated directly below his mother Anne. His household contained a white male age 21–60 (i.e., John), two white males under age 20 or over 60 (likely Zere and Anderson C., see Child List), and a white female.¹⁵⁰ The white female could be Mary (Lyon) Middlebrooks, which would mean that she was still alive at that time. John was also enumerated in the Caswell District of Caswell County in the 1790 federal census. Actually, there are two listings, one for John Meddlebrook and another for John Middlebrooks. It is possible that one of these represents the household of John's mother enumerated under his name, since Anne was

¹⁴³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-BSZB-2> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County, North Carolina] Tax lists, 1777, 1780 and 1784 > Image 58, Tax List of 1784, Caswell District, listings for Ann Middlebrooks, Isaac Middlebrooks, and John Middlebrooks.

¹⁴⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99WB-Q7P6> : 21 November 2018) > United States Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783 > 79-North Carolina (jacket 1-23) > Images 230, 233–234, listing for John Middlebrook, Capt. R. Moore's Co. levies of Caswell Co. Lt. Col Arch Lyttle, ca. 1778 or 1779; citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M246 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1980).

¹⁴⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Not Stated > Image 53, lines 2–4, John Middlebrooks, John Middlebrooks Jr., and Jeremiah Bogges. The official census date was 1 June.

¹⁴⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L98M-CWWW> : accessed 21 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. C-D 1784-1787 > Image 427, deed 864, State of North Carolina to John Middlebrooks, 18 August 1787; film # 007513237 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,433; imaging Deeds D (1784–1787): 334. The consideration was fifty shillings for each 100 acres of land.

¹⁴⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1693-1950 > Caswell > 671-978 > Images 884–888, entry 1243 (Certificate 867) for John Middlebrook, 1 October 1781.

¹⁴⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-998M-Z7WV> : accessed 21 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. E-F 1785-1789 > Images 394–395, Richard Baggess to John Middlebrooks, 17 September 1788; film # 007513238 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,434; imaging Deeds F (1788–1789): 117–118. The consideration was 200 pounds and the land measured 202 acres. Simms Middlebrooks was a witness.

¹⁴⁹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4R-BSZB-2> : accessed 29 October 2018) > [Caswell County, North Carolina] Tax lists, 1777, 1780 and 1784 > Image 58, Tax List of 1784, Caswell District, listings for Ann Middlebrooks, Isaac Middlebrooks, and John Middlebrooks.

¹⁵⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina, State Census, 1784-1787 > Census Lists by County - Caswell County > Images 2 and 4, listings for Isaac Middlebrook, Ann Middlebrook, Jno. Middlebr, and Thomas Middlebrk, Caswell District.

“of Caswell County” in 1795.¹⁵¹ Unfortunately, no other information was given in 1790 besides the names of the heads of household.

John (1755) sold his property in Caswell County in 1794,¹⁵² and moved to Hancock County, Georgia.¹⁵³ John (1755)—as well as his sons Zere, Isaac S., and David—were enumerated in Putnam County, Georgia in 1820.¹⁵⁴ These sons and another one named John Jr., as well as John (1755) himself and a son-in-law Batt Stanton, were in Newton County in 1830.¹⁵⁵ Both John¹⁵⁶ and his son of that name appear to have been awarded land in Muscogee County in the land lottery of 1827.¹⁵⁷

John (1755) named six children in his will. The *Middlebrook Register* ascribes Zere, Anderson C., and David to John (1755)’s first wife and the others to his second wife.¹⁵⁸ However, the order in which they are listed in John’s will is shown below. This may reflect their birth order, given the other records cited. If this is the case, David is likely a child of the second rather than the first wife.

¹⁵¹ *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: North Carolina* (Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1908), 79, Hillsborough District, Caswell County, Caswell District, listings for John Meddlebrook and John Middlebrooks; *InternetArchive* (<https://archive.org/details/headsoffamiliesa00unit/page/n9> : accessed 30 October 2018) > Image 153. George Humphreys, Robert Lyon Sr., Robert Lyon Jr., Abram Perkins, and William Ware Sr. and William Ware Jr. are listed. There are several Sammons and Sommers, but no Sims.

¹⁵² *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-998M-8SV4> : accessed 30 November 2018) > [Caswell County (North Carolina)] Deeds, 1777-1963; land entries 1778-1863 > Deeds, v. G-J 1790-1796 > Image 513, deed, John Middlebrooks to Jesse Carter and James Burton, 10 November 1794; film # 007513239 digitalizing FHL microfilm 18,435; imaging Deeds J (1790–1796): 156–157. Consideration was 100 pounds current money of Virginia, and the property consisted of 202 acres plus 42 acres. Witnesses were W. Dixon and Jesse Perkins.

¹⁵³ *Georgia Archives* (<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/tax/id/250/rec/2> : accessed 31 October 2018) > County tax Digests > Hancock County Tax Digest, 1796 > Page 48, lines 4, 15, and 16, listings for Thomas Middlebrooks, Jno Middlebrooks, and Joseph Middlebrooks in Captain Jonathan Adams’s district.

¹⁵⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Putnam > Capt Peter F Mahones District > Image 1, lines 13 and 21, Isaac Middlebrooks and John Middlebrooks; > Image 3, line 21, Zera Middlebrooks; > Capt Thomas Bustins District > Image 4, line 17 David Middlebrooks.

¹⁵⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Not Stated > Images 53–54, lines 2–3, John Middlebrooks and John Middlebrooks Jr.; > Image 51–52, lines 19, 20, 21, and 26, Batt. S. Stanton, and Isaac, Zera, and David Middlebrooks.

¹⁵⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia Vol. III Lottery of 1827 > Image 308, listing for John Middlebrook (Newton).

¹⁵⁷ *Georgia USGenWeb Archives Project* (<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ga/gafiles.htm> : accessed 25 November 2018) > Land Records > 1827 Georgia Land Lottery Muscogee Co Land Surname M-R, listings for John Middlebrook R.S. [?Revolutionary Soldier] and John Middlebrooks Jr. of Newton County.

¹⁵⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 63 and 93–95. Zera is no. 179, Anderson Crawford no. 180, David no. 181, Isaac no. 182, and Abigail Caroline no. 183.

- i. ZERE MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Caswell County, North Carolina¹⁵⁹ 4 July 1782; d. at Newton County 17 Apr. 1869;¹⁶⁰ m. Sophia W. Shell. Sophia was b. at Mecklenburg County, Virginia¹⁶¹ 31 Mar. 1789, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (____) Shell;¹⁶² d. 10 Apr. 1877. Zere and Sophia are buried in Middlebrooks Cemetery in Porterdale, Newton County.¹⁶³
- ii. ANDERSON C. MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at North Carolina abt. 1784;¹⁶⁴ d. after 8 Jan. 1870 when he made a fourth codicil to his will and bef. 12 May 1871 when his probate hearing began;¹⁶⁵ m. at Clarke County, 22 July 1833, Mary Thrasher,¹⁶⁶ apparently his third wife. Mary was b. 15 Aug. 1805; d. 22 Sep. 1871. Anderson C. and Mary are buried in Old Freeman Creek Church Cemetery in Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia, but the inscription for Anderson C. is largely effaced.¹⁶⁷ Anderson C. gave power of attorney to his brother Zere as part of obtaining their share of the estate of their maternal grandfather, Robert Lyon.¹⁶⁸

¹⁵⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > Southern Christian Advocate Obituaries, 1867-1878, database entry for Zere Middlebrooks.

¹⁶⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Newton > Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 > Image 323, will, Zeri Middlebrooks, 16 April 1869 (signed), 2 August 1869 (probated). *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Images 294–295, imaging transcription of Will of Zere Middlebrook of Newton County, Georgia, 16 April 1869 (signed), August 1869 (probated), provided by Lucius L. Middlebrook.

¹⁶¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Subdivision 65 > Image 88, dwelling 592, family 592, Zary Middlebrooks household.

¹⁶² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > Southern Christian Advocate Obituaries, 1867-1878, database entry for Sophia Weston Middlebrooks.

¹⁶³ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46885144/zere-middlebrooks> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46885218/sophia-weston-middlebrooks> : accessed 24 November 2018) > Middlebrooks Cemetery (Newton County, Georgia), Zere Middlebrooks (4 July 1782 – 17 April 1867[sic]) and Sophia W. Middlebrooks (31 March 1789 – 10 April 1877), photos by Allan.

¹⁶⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Clarke > Salem > Image 2, dwelling 20, family 20, A. C. Middlebrook household.

¹⁶⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G93G-F9QW-F> : accessed 20 November 2018) > Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990 > Clarke > Wills 1859-1911 vol D-E > Images 143–149, will and codicils of Anderson C. Middlebrooks, 11 October 1865 (will signed), 8 January 1871 (fourth and last codicil signed), 12–13 May 1871 (will and codicils proved); film # 005761565 citing FHL microfilm 214,498; imaging Clarke Court of Ordinary, Will Book D (1859–1885): 273–280. The pages are faded but the date of the last codicil is clear.

¹⁶⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Clarke > Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book B, 1821-1838 > Image 126, marriage A.C. Middlebrook-Mary Thrasher, 18 July 1833 (license), 22 July 1833 (marriage).

¹⁶⁷ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43898570/anderson-crawford-middlebrooks> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43897952/mary-c.-middlebrooks> : accessed 24 November 2018) > Old Freeman Creek Church Cemetery (Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia), Anderson C. Middlebrooks (dates illegible), Mary C. Middlebrooks (15 Aug. 1805 – 22 Sep. 1871).

¹⁶⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-J4QT-P> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939L-JJDW-V> : accessed 17 October 2018) > North Carolina Probate Records, 1735-1970 > Caswell > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1803-1808, Vol. E > Image 79, power of attorney to Zera Middlebrook from John Middlebrooks and Anderson Middlebrooks, 14 December 1804 (signed in Sparta, Hancock, Georgia), January 1805 court session; > Wills, Inventories, Settlements, 1817-1821, Vol. H > Image 74, power of attorney to Zera Middlebrooks

- iii. ABIGAIL C. MIDDLEBROOKS, b. 9 May 1795 according to the *Middlebrook Register*; m. Batt [?Bartholomew] Stanton at Putnam County, Georgia, 15 Apr. 1813.¹⁶⁹
- iv. ISAAC S. MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Georgia abt. 1797; d. at Newton County aft. he was enumerated there in the 1860 census¹⁷⁰ and bef. 2 Dec. 1861 when his will was probated;¹⁷¹ m. Olley Phillips at Walton County, Georgia, 10 May 1827.¹⁷² Olley was b. at Georgia abt. 1809; d. at Newton County Aug. 1859 after having had consumption for 200 days.¹⁷³
- v. DAVID MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Georgia 1796¹⁷⁴ or 1797–1798;¹⁷⁵ m. Polly Middlebrooks at Morgan County 2 Nov. 1817.¹⁷⁶ Polly, also called Mary, was probably David's cousin, the daughter of Isaac (2nd) Middlebrooks.
- vi. JOHN MIDDLEBROOKS JR., b. aft. 1 June 1800. He was enumerated directly below his father in 1830 and on the page after his brothers Isaac S., Zere, and David Middlebrooks, and Batt. Stanton. His household that year contained a male and a female age 20–30 as well as five boys and two girls. It did not contain slaves although there were nine slaves in his father's household.¹⁷⁷

of Newberry District, South Carolina from Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia, 2 January 1817, April 1818 court session.

¹⁶⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Putnam > Record of Marriages, Book A, 1808-1816 > Image 94, marriage Batt Stanton-Abigail C. Middlebrooks, 14 April 1813 (license)c15 April 1813 (marriage). Marriage was performed by a Justice of the Peace.

¹⁷⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Subdivision 65 > Image 155, dwelling no. not legible, family 1087, Isaac Middlebrooks household; > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Not Stated > Image 57, dwelling 372, family 363, Isaac S. Middlebrooks.

¹⁷¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Newton > wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 > Image 242, will of Isaac S. Newton 24 August 1859 (signed), 2 December 1861 (probated).

¹⁷² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Walton > Marriages, Book B, 1825-1832 > Image 49, marriage Isaac S. Middlebrooks-Olley Phillips, 7 May 1827 (license), 10 May 1827 (marriage).

¹⁷³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 November 2018) > U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885 > Georgia > Newton > 1860 > Image 3, line 24, Olley Middlebrooks, August 1859.

¹⁷⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Image 95. David is no. 181. He is said to have been born in 1786; died at Lowry, Fayette County, Georgia in 1858. His wife Polly is said to have been born 1800 and died at Lowry in 1885.

¹⁷⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Henry > District 42 > Image 49, dwelling 257, family 257, David Middlebrooks household; 1860 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Spalding > Union > Image 5, dwelling 620, family 620, David Middlebrooks household.

¹⁷⁶ *FamilySearch* > Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990 > Morgan > Wills and marriages 1808-1818 vol A > Image 102, marriage David Middle Brook and Polly Middle Brook, 21 November 1817.

¹⁷⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Newton > Not Stated > Images 53–54, lines 2–3, John Middlebrooks and John Middlebrooks Jr.; > Image 51–52, lines 19, 20, 21, and 26, Batt. S. Stanton, and Isaac, Zera, and David Middlebrooks.

4. SIMS MIDDLEBROOKS was born in 1762 according to the *Middlebrook Register*, at which time his parents lived in the area of Orange County, North Carolina that later became Caswell County. He was alive in 1835 when he was assessed for property taxes in Jones County, Georgia,¹⁷⁸ but is thought to have died in 1839 and was not found in the 1840 census. According to the *Middlebrook Register*, he married Elizabeth Talbot who was born in 1775.¹⁷⁹ She appears to have been alive in 1850.

Sims was not listed on the 1784 Caswell County tax list. He would have been age 21–22 if the birth year of 1762 is correct, but men sometimes were not placed on the rolls for a year or two after reaching the age of majority. In 1781, Sims was old enough to witness the land survey for his brother.¹⁸⁰ In 1820, he was enumerated in Jones County as age 45 or older (i.e., born by 7 August 1775).¹⁸¹ In 1830, he was enumerated there as being age 50 to under 60 with a female in the same age range;¹⁸² his age here could be inaccurate as he was quite old by that time—in his late 60s if he was born in 1762.

Sims was on the Hancock County tax list in 1794–1796 and on a list of defaulters in 1800.¹⁸³ He was in Jones County by 1816, when he was charged a poll tax and tax on land and one slave.¹⁸⁴ His four sons were on the 1830 tax list with him, in Captain Elijah A. Dunne's District. Sims owned 202½ acres of land, and two of his sons, Isaac R. and Silas T., each owned half that amount. Their property was on Hog Creek, which runs north-south through the forest north of the town of Clinton and largely west of present-day Eatonton Highway. Sims and all four of his sons were tick-marked as owing a poll tax, and Sims paid the tax for Thomas A. and John S.¹⁸⁵

¹⁷⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-Y97T-W> : accessed 31 October 2018) > [Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary] Tax digest, 1811-1879 > Tax digest, 1825-1835 > Images 614–615, 1835 listings for Sims Middlebrooks, Thomas A. Middlebrooks, John S. Middlebrooks, and Silas T. Middlebrooks in Captain Braddy's District; film #008193979 digitalizing FHL microfilm 470,354.

¹⁷⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 45 and 63–64. Sims Middlebrooks is no. 83.

¹⁸⁰ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 October 2018) > North Carolina Land Grant Files, 1693-1950 > Caswell > 671-978 > Images 884–888, entry 1243 (Certificate 867) for John Middlebrook, 1 October 1781.

¹⁸¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1820 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Capt Permenters District > Image 2, lower page, line 17, Sims Middlebrooks. Sims was > age 45. His household contained two males age 10 to under 16, two age 16 to under 26, a female under 10, a female age 16 to 25, and a slave.

¹⁸² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 19, lines 3–4, Silas Middlebrooks and Sims Middlebrooks.

¹⁸³ “A List of Defaulters in Hancock County for the Year 1800,” *The Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle and Gazette of the State*, 29 November 1800, p. 4, col. 2; “Georgia Historic Newspapers,” *Digital Library of Georgia* (https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82015220/1800-11-29/ed-1/seq-4/#sort=date_asc&index=5&rows=12&proxtext=Middlebrooks&sequence=0&words=Middlebrooks&page=1 : accessed 27 November 2018). Sims was in Capt. Carter's District.

¹⁸⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 30 November 2018) > Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892 > Jones > 1816 > Image 6, line 4, Sims Middlebrook in Captain Green's District no. 378.

¹⁸⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-Y9QG-X> : accessed 21 October 2018) > [Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary] Tax digest, 1811-1879 > Tax digest, 1825-1835 > Images 205 and 285, 1830 listings for Isaac Middlebrooks, Sims Middlebrooks, Thomas A. Middlebrooks, John S. Middlebrooks, and Silas T. Middlebrooks, in Captain Elijah A. Dunne's District no. 301; film #008193979 digitalizing FHL microfilm 470,354. A James T. Simons is listed on Image

In 1835, Sims was assessed for property taxes but not a poll tax, probably because of his age. That year, Silas T., as well as John S., and Thomas A., all owned property, some of it in Cherokee County which had been formed largely from Cherokee lands; Sims took care of the taxes for Silas T. and John S. that year.¹⁸⁶

Probate records have not been found for Sims. Six children are listed for him in the *Middlebrook Register* and a seventh possible child is included at the end below.

- i. ISAAC R. MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Georgia abt. 1798;¹⁸⁷ m. Mary Cannon, at Jones County, 9 Nov. 1820.¹⁸⁸ He was enumerated there in 1830 as age 30 to under 40. His household contained an adult female (age 20 to under 30), five boys (three under age 5, and two age 5 to under 10), and a female slave.¹⁸⁹
- ii. MARTHA MIDDLEBROOKS, m. James Jones at her father's house in Jones County 12 Aug. 1813. James served in the Georgia Militia in the War of 1812. He died at Jones County 7 Jan. 1875 and Martha received a widow's pension.¹⁹⁰
- iii. SILAS T. MIDDLEBROOKS, m. Bethany Dillard at Jones County, 5 Oct. 1825.¹⁹¹ Silas was listed directly under his father in the 1830 Jones County census. He was age 20 to under 30; His household contained an adult female in the same age range, as well as a male and a female each under age 5.¹⁹²

286, a William Sims on Image 292, and a John Simmons on Image 297. Headings are in Image 205.

¹⁸⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-Y97T-W> : accessed 31 October 2018) > [Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary] Tax digest, 1811-1879 > Tax digest, 1825-1835 > Images 614-615, 1835 listings for Sims Middlebrooks, Thomas A. Middlebrooks, John S. Middlebrooks, and Silas T. Middlebrooks in Captain Braddy's District; film #008193979 digitalizing FHL microfilm 470,354.

¹⁸⁷ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Division 47 > Image 65, dwelling 514, family 514, Isaac R. Middlebrooks household.

¹⁸⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBZ6-PX> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 156, transcribed marriage record, Isaac Middlebrooks-Mary Cannon, 8 November 1820 (license), 9 November 1820 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

¹⁸⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 33, line 16, Isaac R. Middlebrooks household.

¹⁹⁰ *Fold3.com* (<https://www.fold3.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > War of 1812 Pension Georgia > J > Jones > Jones, James; citing service of James Jones (Capt. Lewis Estes Co., Captain Bells Co.), pension #29326, widow's pension #26913. See Pages 35, 46, and 49 regarding the marriage, and Pages 36 and 47 about James's death.

¹⁹¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-8BZ6-LF> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 246, transcribed marriage record, Silas Middlebrooks-Bethany Dillard, 3 October 1825 (license), 5 October 1825 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

¹⁹² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 19, lines 3-4, Silas Middlebrooks and Sims Middlebrooks households. Sims was age 50 to under 60; his household contained a male 20 to under 30, a female age 15 to under 20, and one age 50 to under 60. Silas was age 20 to under 30; his household contained a male and a female each under age 5, and an adult female in the same range as Silas.

- iv. THOMAS A. MIDDLEBROOKS, married Elender Miller at Jones County, 4 Apr. 1830.¹⁹³ He was enumerated there in 1830 at age 20 to under 30. His household contained a female in the same age range as well as a female slave.¹⁹⁴
- v. JOHN S. MIDDLEBROOKS, m. Sophia Simmons at Jones County 30 June 1831.¹⁹⁵ He was likely the male age 20 to under 30 enumerated in Sims' household in 1830.¹⁹⁶
- vi. ELIZABETH MIDDLEBROOKS, stated in the *Middlebrook Register* to have lived from 1806–1824. This is difficult to reconcile with the household of Sims Middlebrooks in censuses. In 1820, there was a female under age 10, which could be Elizabeth although she would have been 14 if she was born in 1806. There was no female over age 26, although there was one age 16 to under 26. Perhaps Sims' wife was elsewhere or was mistakenly omitted. In 1830, there was a female age 20 to under 30, which could be daughter Elizabeth if she had not actually yet died.
- vii. NANCY MIDDLEBROOKS, possible child¹⁹⁷ m. Jesse Fallen at Jones County 31 Dec. 1826.¹⁹⁸ Jesse and Nancy were enumerated in Talbot County, Georgia in 1850, with ten children and 74-year old Virginia-born Elizabeth Middlebrooks. Nancy was enumerated as being age 48,¹⁹⁹ suggesting that she was b. abt. 1802 and could be the female age 16 to under 26 in Sims' household in 1820. The two oldest children listed with her in 1850 were age 21, suggesting they were b. abt. 1829. It seems likely that Elizabeth Middlebrooks was Sims' widow and was still alive in 1850. It is noted that Thomas (1763) had a daughter named Nancy although a transcription of his will gives her married surname, as well as that of her sister Betsy, as Willis.

¹⁹³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBZ6-PX> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 156, marriage record, Thomas A. Middlebrooks-Elender Miller, 2 April 1830 (license), 4 April 1830 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Married by a Minister of the Gospel.

¹⁹⁴ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 33, line 17, Thomas A. Middlebrooks household.

¹⁹⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-XS> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 353, marriage record, John S. Middlebrooks-Sophia Simmons, 29 June 1831 (license), 30 June 1831 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

¹⁹⁶ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 October 2018) > 1830 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Jones > Not Stated > Image 19, lines 3–4, Silas Middlebrooks and Sims Middlebrooks households. Sims was age 50 to under 60; his household contained a male 20 to under 30, a female age 19 to under 20, and one age 50 to under 60. Silas was age 20 to under 30; his household contained a male and a female each under age 5, and an adult female in the same range as Silas.

¹⁹⁷ Neal Middlebrook, email enclosure to Ruth.W.Craig@Dartmouth.edu, 16 October 2018, entitled "Sims Middlebrooks (b. 1762) Orange County, North Carolina."

¹⁹⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-VZ> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 262, transcribed marriage record, Jesse Fallen-Nancy Middlebrooks, 30 December 1826 (license), 31 December 1826 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

¹⁹⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 22 November 2018) > 1850 United States Federal Census > Georgia > Talbot > District 22 > Image 7, dwelling 436, household 436, Jesse Fuller household.

5. THOMAS MIDDLEBROOKS (1763) was born at the northern portion of Orange County, North Carolina that became Caswell County, in 1763 according to the *Middlebrook Register*. He died at Jones County between 20 October 1824 when he made a final codicil to his will and 6 June 1825 when the will was proved;²⁰⁰ a death date of 13 May 1825 is given in the *Middlebrook Register*. Thomas married Anna _____, likely after the 1786 North Carolina State Census was taken, as he was enumerated alone. According to the *Middlebrook Register*, Anna's maiden surname was Selmon, and she was born 10 March 1778. She died at Upson County, Georgia before 21 February 1859, when her son James M. applied for letters of administration for her property.²⁰¹

Thomas named daughters after sons in his will (Appendix E contains a transcription). His children are listed below in the order given in the *Middlebrook Register*.²⁰²

- i. WILLIAM SIMS MIDDLEBROOKS, d. at Jones County between 19 July 1848 when he signed his will and 5 Dec. 1848 when it was proved; m. Nancy _____. Children named in his will are (a) Elizabeth W. Middlebrooks, m. John Jarrel at Jones County 4 Oct. 1832,²⁰³ (b) Amanda M. Middlebrooks, m. William Childs, (c) Anderson J. Middlebrooks, (d) William P. Middlebrooks, (e) Ann S. Middlebrooks, m. Thomas Gordon, (f) Abigail T. Middlebrooks, m. Willis S. Childs, (g) Susan A. Middlebrooks, (h) Nancy Middlebrooks, and (i) William Green Middlebrooks.²⁰⁴ In 1835, William S. paid taxes on property in Jones, Monroe, and Cherokee Counties. He also paid the taxes for his mother Ann and several individuals who were deceased.²⁰⁵ He and his brother Thomas Jefferson were enumerated in Jones County in 1840. At that time, he and the oldest female in his household were marked as being age 40 to under 50.²⁰⁶
- ii. BETSY (ELIZABETH) MIDDLEBROOKS, m. _____ Willis.
- iii. NANCY MIDDLEBROOKS, m. _____ Willis.

²⁰⁰ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L93B-Y5LC> : accessed 19 October 2018) > Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990 > Jones > Wills 1809-1864 vol A-D > Images 112-113 and 119-120, transcribed will of Thomas Middlebrooks and codicils, 25 October 1817 (signed), 20 October 1824 (date of fourth and last codicil), 6 June 1825 (proved).

²⁰¹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Upson > Administrators and Guardians Bonds, 1829-1879 > Images 127, 327, and 396, application for letters of administration for Ann Middlebrooks, 21 February 1859.

²⁰² *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Register > Images 64 and 98-99. William Sims Middlebrooks is no. 190 (said to have died in 1836), Elizabeth no. 191, Nancy no. 192. Mary no. 193, Frances no. 194, Alley no. 195, Burnetta no. 196, James Madison no. 197, Sarah no. 198, Thomas J. no. 199, and Micha no. 200.

²⁰³ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-CP> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 365, marriage record, John Jarrell-Elizabeth W. Middlebrooks, 3 October 1832 (license), 4 October 1832 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

²⁰⁴ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-993B-YRW6> : accessed 19 October 2018) > Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990 > Jones > Wills 1809-1864 vol A-D > Images 229-231, transcribed will of William S. Middlebrooks, 19 July 1848 (signed), 5 December 1848 (proved). Names children and husbands of daughters.

²⁰⁵ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-Y9W9-V> : accessed 31 October 2018) > [Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary] Tax digest, 1811-1879 > Tax digest, 1825-1835 > Image 626, 1835 listing for William S. Middlebrooks, in Captain Charles D. Bostick's District; Film #008193979 digitalizing FHL microfilm 470,354.

²⁰⁶ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBQ-QJ2> : accessed 2 November 2018) > United States Census, 1840 > Georgia > Jones > Sander's District > Images 3-4, lines 4 and 13, Wm. S. Middlebrooks and Thomas J. Middlebrooks.

- iv. POLLEY (MARY) MIDDLEBROOKS, m. William Cadenhead at Jones County 16 July 1818.²⁰⁷
- v. HANNAH MIDDLEBROOKS, as named in her father's will, could be comparable to the individual named FRANCES MIDDLEBROOKS who witnessed a deed for her father in 1816.²⁰⁸ The *Middlebrook Register* gives the name of Frances's husband as Benjamin Haygood, and a Benjamin and Frances Haygood are buried in Jones County.²⁰⁹ It is not clear how this relates to the Frances Middlebrooks who m. Lewis Johnson at Jones County 4 Dec. 1817.²¹⁰
- vi. ABBEY/ALLEY MIDDLEBROOKS, m. James Cadenhead at Jones County, 8 Jan. 1818.²¹¹
- vii. BREWNATTA MIDDLEBROOKS, m. John Knight at Jones County 1 Mar. 1821.²¹²
- viii. JAMES MADISON MIDDLEBROOKS, b. at Hancock County 11 Mar. 1809; d. three miles west of Yatesville, Upson County, Georgia at the Middlebrooks homestead, 16 Dec. 1885; m. Malinda Stroud at Monroe County 28 Dec. 1827²¹³ or 3 Jan. 1828. Malinda was b. at Clarke County 2 Feb. 1809, the daughter of Levi Stroud and Fannie Haygood; d. at Yatesville 11 Mar. 1894. James Madison and Malinda were members of the Primitive Baptist Church.²¹⁴ They purchased property in Upson County in 1836 and 1860²¹⁵ and are buried at the

²⁰⁷ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-RN> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 134, transcribed marriage record, William Cadenhead-Mary Middlebrooks, 11 June 1818 (license), 16 July 1818 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Marriage was performed by Joel Willis, Minister of the Gospel.

²⁰⁸ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Image 347, transcription of deed of from Wm. S. Middlebrook to Thomas Middlebrook, Jones County, Georgia, 23 February 1816 (signed), 7 August 1817 (recorded); citing Deed Book I: 241. Additional deeds involving Thomas Middlebrook are in Images 348–350.

²⁰⁹ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/52821937/benjamin-haygood> , <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84509338/frances-haygood> : accessed 24 November 2018) > Haygood-Stroud-Thompson-Zellner Family Cemetery (Culloden, Monroe County, Georgia), gravestone of Benjamin Haygood (18 April 1799 – 20 July 1887) and Francis (*sic*) Haygood (25 October 1801 – 27 January 1884).

²¹⁰ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BZ6-9SQ> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 122, transcribed marriage record, Lewis Johnson-Frances Middlebrooks, 3 December 1817 (license), 4 December 1817 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Marriage was performed by Joel Willis, Minister of the Gospel.

²¹¹ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-RP> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 123, transcribed marriage record, James Cadenhead-Alley Middlebrooks, 5 January 1818 (license), 8 January 1818 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Marriage performed by Joel Willis, minister.

²¹² *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBZ6-GV> : accessed 28 December 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 185, transcribed marriage record, John Knight-Brewnetta Middlebrooks, 7 February 1821 (license), 1 March 1821 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Marriage performed by a J.P.

²¹³ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 November 2018) > Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978 > Monroe > Marriages, Book A, 1824-1845 > Image 70, marriage James W. [*sic*] Middlebrooks-Malinda Stroud, 27 December 1827 (license), 28 December 1827 (marriage).

²¹⁴ A. B. Stroud, *The Strouds: A Colonial Family of English Descent* (Lakeland, Florida: The Child Printery, 1919), 70–73, sketch of Malinda Stroud and James Madison Middlebrooks.

²¹⁵ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 August 2018) > Register of the

Middlebrooks Cemetery on the homestead in Upson County.²¹⁶

- ix. SARAH MIDDLEBROOKS, appears to have been unmarried at the time her father made out his will.
- x. THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLEBROOKS, m. (1) Susan Beland at Jones County 4 Sep. 1834,²¹⁷ m. (2) Mary _____. He was assessed for taxes on 221 acres of property there in 1835.²¹⁸ He was enumerated on the same page as his brother William S. in 1840, he and the oldest female in the household being age 20 to under 30. He died between 1 Mar. 1867 and 13 Jan. 1868.²¹⁹
- xi. MICHA MIDDLEBROOKS, a daughter, m. Thomas L. Barker at Jones County 9 Sep. 1830.²²⁰

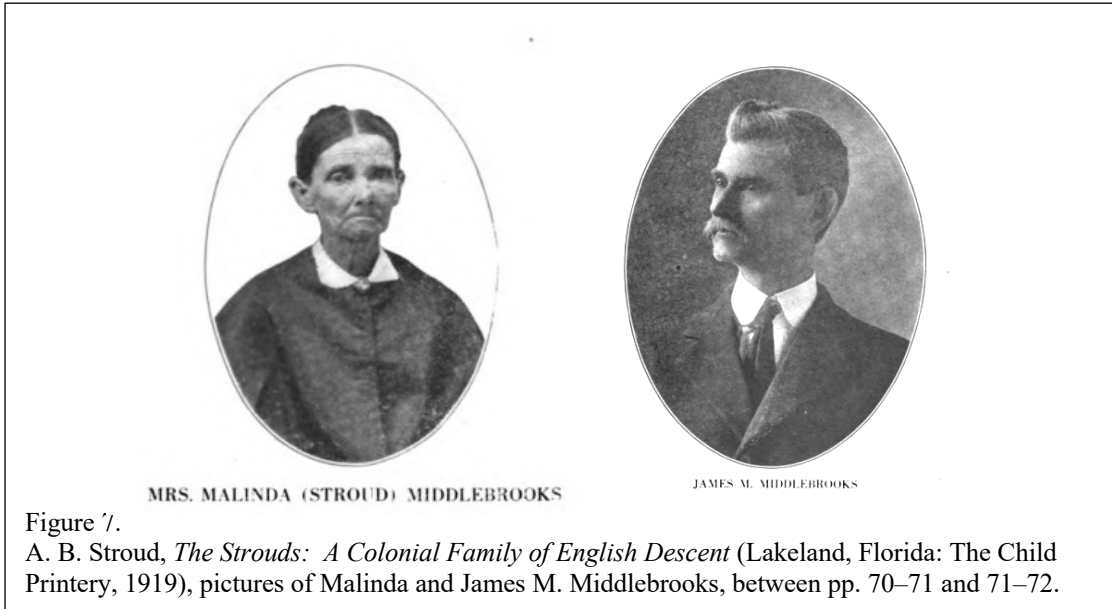


Figure 7.

A. B. Stroud, *The Strouds: A Colonial Family of English Descent* (Lakeland, Florida: The Child Printery, 1919), pictures of Malinda and James M. Middlebrooks, between pp. 70–71 and 71–72.

Middlebrook family, descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Conn. > Appendix > Images 351–353, transcription of deed of from Jas. P. Lyon, Morgan G. Howard, and Fielding F. Matthews to James M. Middlebrook, 13 January 1860; transcription of deed from William V. Collins to James Madison Middlebrooks, 8 November 1836; citing deeds recorded 14 May 1881 in Upson County, Georgia, Book M: 102–104.

²¹⁶ *FindAGrave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62722185/james-madison-middlebrooks>, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/64674828/malinda-middlebrooks> : accessed 24 November 2018) > Middlebrooks Cemetery (Upson County, Georgia), gravestones, J. Madison Middlebrooks (11 March 1809 – 16 December 1885), Malinda Stroud (2 February 1808 – 11 March 1894).

²¹⁷ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BZ6-ZR> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 433, marriage record, Thomas J. Middlebrooks-Susand/Susan Beland, 1 September 1834 (license), 4 September 1834 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228.

²¹⁸ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-Y9QG-X> : accessed 31 October 2018) > [Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary] Tax digest, 1811-1879 > Tax digest, 1825-1835 > Images 623–624, 1835 listing for Thomas J. Middlebrooks, in Captain Charles D. Bostick's District; film #008193979 digitalizing FHL microfilm 470,354.

²¹⁹ *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 November 2018) > Alabama, Wills and Probate Records, 1753-1999 > Lee > Will Records, Vol A 1861-1898 > Images 32–33, will and probate records of Thomas Jefferson Middlebrooks, 1 March 1867 (will signed), 13 January 1868 (probated).

²²⁰ *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GBZ6-4M> : accessed 31 October 2018) > Marriage records for Jones Co., 1811-1942 > Marriage bonds, 1811-1813 Marriages (transcribed), 1811-1828 1821-1936 1843-1859 > Image 351, marriage record, Thomas L. Barker-Mishael Middlebrooks or A. Middlebrooks, 7 September 1830 (license), 9 September 1830 (marriage); film # 005191051 digitalizing FHL microfilm 454,228. Married by an M. G. (Minister of the Gospel).

Summary

This report focusses on Isaac (1st) and Ann (Sims) Middlebrooks, a couple that underwent an adult Baptist baptism on the Virginia-central North Carolina border in about 1760. Isaac died in Orange County, North Carolina before September 1771 and thus around the time of the Battle of Alamance. Ann died after 1795 when she made the last of several land sales in Caswell County, North Carolina which had formed from the northwestern portion of Orange County in 1777. Isaac (1st) and Ann had at least four biological sons, Isaac (2nd), John (1755), Sims (1762), and Thomas (1763) Middlebrooks, as shown by Y-DNA testing of putative descendants. At least four other young men have been associated with the couple, Micajah (1758), Robert (1766), Joseph (1770), and Garland (1774) Middlebrooks, although Y-DNA of putative descendants of these individuals is not similar and does not match that of the other four brothers. Genetic differences could have existed in the ancestors themselves or could have arisen in subsequent generations. It is possible that Isaac (1st) and Ann Middlebrooks took children into the family: these could have been sons of relatives or associates (e.g., of fellow Baptists) or children who had been indentured/“bound out,” a practice common in Colonial times. Most of the sons and other boys associated with Isaac (1st) and Ann Middlebrooks had moved to Georgia by 1805.

As far as an earlier generation of Middlebrooks, Isaac Middlebrooks (1st) may have been born at St. Peter’s Parish, New Kent County, Virginia 12 January 1727/8, the son of Thomas Middlebrooks. This remains to be further investigated and it is unclear how this Thomas Middlebrooks relates to David Middlebrooks, baptized in 1704 as a son of Joseph Middlebrooks (3rd) of Fairfield County, Connecticut. David is thought to have either moved south in the 1720s (Louis F. Middlebrook, *Middlebrook Register*), or died young (Donald Lines Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*). As far as subsequent generations of Middlebrooks, wills were identified for Robert (1766), Isaac (2nd), John (1755), and Thomas (1763) Middlebrooks, and tax and census records help identify the sons of Sims Middlebrooks (1762).

Appendixes

Appendix A. Transcription of Sketch about Joseph (3rd) in *Families of Old Fairfield*.
AmericanAncestors.org (<https://www.americanancestors.org> : accessed 29 August 2018) > Fairfield, CT:
Families of Old Fairfield > Volume 2 > Pages 648, 650; > Corrections > Page 23; citing Donald Lines
Jacobus, compiler, *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, 2 vols. (New Haven: The Tuttle,
Morehouse & Taylor Company, 1930–1932).

The transcription begins below:

Born 15 Apr. 1680; d. at Greenfield, 3 Jan. 1763 ae. almost 83; m. abt 1703 Deborah _____,
b. abt. 1681, d. Oct. 1780 in 100 yr.

Joseph Middlebrook, Ann Middlebrook, Eunice Edwards, Peter Bradley and Sarah his wife,
Jonathan Waley and Dorothy his wife, Richard Westcott and Jane his wife, all of Fairfield,
conveyed 1763 land from father Joseph Middlebrook dec'd.

Children, rec. and bapt. Fairfield:

David, b. 22 Aug., bapt. 10 Dec. 1704, d. y. [d. y. = died young]

Eunice, bapt. 23 June 1706; m. (1) _____ Edwards; m. (2) _____ Steward.

Ann, bapt. 11 Apr. 1708, d. at Greenfield, 7 May 1767.

Sarah, bapt. 8 Feb. 1712/3; m. (1) Lemuel Price; m. (2) Oct. 1756, Peter Bradley.

Dorothy, bapt. 6 Nov. 1715, d. y.

Dorothy, bapt. 17 Nov. 1717, d. at Greenfield, 26 July 1778 ae. over 60;

prob. m. (1) Robert Mills; m. (2) Jonathan Whalley.

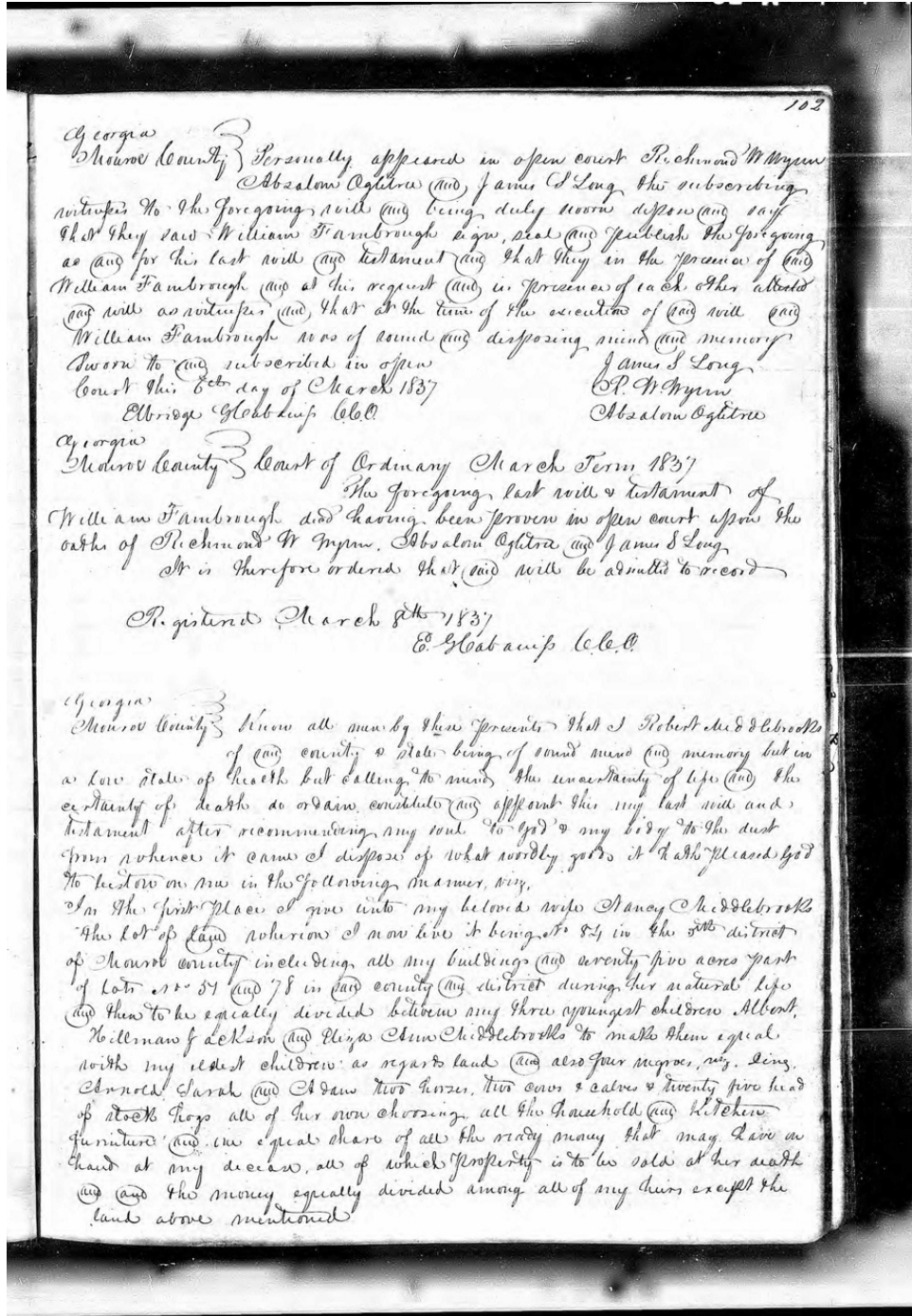
Joseph, b. 3, bapt. 6 Mar. 1719/20

Jane, bapt. 6 Oct. 1723; m. 19 Oct. 1746, Richard Westcott.

[end of transcription]

Appendix B. Will of Robert Middlebrooks (1766) (on 3 pages).

Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 November 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Monroe > Wills, Vol A-B, 1824-1866 > Images 83-84, will and probate records of Robert Middlebrooks, 3 and 6 March 1837 (will signed), 10 April 1837 (probated).



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 2ndly I give unto the heirs of James Cannon (and my daughter Sarah Cannon one negro girl named Leah
 3rdly To Feltot P Middlebrooks one negro boy named Jesse
 4thly To my daughter in law Mary Middlebrooks wife of my son Thomas Middlebrooks (and my daughter in law of this body) one hundred dollars to be equally divided between them between them share and share
 5thly To Elizabeth wife of my son in law one negro girl Sophia
 6thly To Alfred Middlebrooks one negro boy Lewis
 7thly To John W Simmons one negro girl May
 8thly Eliza Chen Middlebrooks one negro girl Harriette
 9thly Albert Middlebrooks one negro boy Allen
 10thly To my son William Jackson Middlebrooks one negro boy Alexander
 11thly My will further is that my three youngest children should receive out of the proceeds of the sale of my personal property the value of one horse, cow and calf, bed and furniture and one iron and pig to make them equal with my children that has married off
 12thly Child furthermore at my decease all of my property both real and personal not enumerated in this will be sold at account of twelve months and after paying all of my just debts the proceeds to be equally divided among my heirs according to the tenor of this my will
 13thly My desire is that my wife should have one year provision set apart by my executors for her support
 14thly I do hereby ordain, constitute and appoint Alfred Middlebrooks (and John W Simmons my executor) to carry this my will into effect according to law and equity
 Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of March 1767
 Signed in the presence of
 A. B. Reed
 John Pitman
 Isaac Pitts
 Robert Middlebrooks

George Thomas Leachy In order to prevent any uncertainty or misunderstanding in relation to the above will I have thought proper to add the following to the above written will as a part and parcel to be appended and annexed to it
 It is my will and pleasure that the negroes I have disposed of in the above will to my children be appraised or valued (and that any and every deficiency in point of value in said negroes which may be on the appraisement found to exist that the deficiency be made up to each out of the depreciable part of my estate so as to make them all of equal value My object is that they all share and share alike

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Nothing in this to affect any part of my will that relate to my wife
 given under my hand and seal the 6th of March 1837
 Signed in the presence of
 A. B. Reid
 John Pitman
 Isaac Pitts
 Robert Middlebrooks

Georgia
 Chatham County } Personally appeared in open Court Alfred B Reid and
 John Pitman two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
 will and being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Robert Middlebrooks
 sign, seal, publish and declare this writing to be his last will and testament
 and that they in the presence of said Robert Middlebrooks at his request
 and in presence of Isaac Pitts attested and will as witnesses and Isaac
 Pitts in presence of said Robert Middlebrooks and at his request and in presence
 of deponents attested said will as a witness and that said Robert Middlebrooks
 at the time of making and will was of sound and disposing mind and
 memory and that he freely and voluntarily and without compulsion made the same
 Sworn to and subscribed in open court
 this 10th day of April 1837
 Elbridge G. Abamp. C. C. L.
 A. B. Reid
 John Pitman

Georgia
 Chatham County } Court of Ordinary, April adjourned Term 1837
 The foregoing last will and testament of Robert Middlebrooks
 a. having been proven in open court upon the oath of Alfred B Reid and
 John Pitman
 it is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record

Georgia
 Chatham County } We Alfred Middlebrooks and John W. Simmons do solemnly swear
 that this writing contains the true last will of the within named
 Robert Middlebrooks deceased so far as we know or believe and that we will well
 and truly execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
 contained in the said will so far as his goods and chattels will therewith amount
 and the law charge us and that we will make a true and perfect
 inventory of all such goods and chattels - So help us God.
 Sworn to and subscribed in open
 Court this 10th day of April 1837
 Elbridge G. Abamp. C. C. L.
 Alfred Middlebrooks
 John W. Simmons

Registered April 12th 1837
 E. G. Abamp. C. C. L.

Appendix C. Will of Isaac Middlebrooks (2nd) (on 3 pages).

Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Morgan > Record of Wills and Marriages, 1808-1899 > Images 281-282, will, Isaac Middlebrooks, 10 July 1819 (signed), 15 March 1823 (proved); imaging Record of Wills and Marriages Book A: 137-139.

Georgia
Morgan County } Personally appeared in open ¹⁸¹⁹
 Subscribing Witnesses to the within will who after
 being duly sworn saith that they saw the testator
 Benjamin Braswell sign & seal the said and
 heard him proclaim it to be his last will and
 testament and that they believe he was at the
 time in his proper Senses and that To Meddleton
 also signed his name as a witness to the same
 before to & subscribed in
 open Court this 1 day of Sept: 1819
 John et al. et cetera } E. Duke
 } Cairns Malcom
 Recorded 28th Feby 1818
 John et al. et cetera

State of Georgia
Morgan County } In the name of God
 Amen I Isaac Middle
 - brooks being in perfect mind and memory doth
 this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord Anno
 domini one thousand eight hundred and Nineteen
 do make this my last will and testament in manner
 and form following
 1st I will my soul to Almighty God and my Body to
 the ground 2^o I will that all my just debts be paid
 and fully satisfied within convenient time after
 my decease - 3^o I leave to my dear wife all my land
 and my four negroes namely Cholly Sarah Jeff
 and Jim and my 2 horses now in possession of

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138 With all the plantation utensils and so much
 of my present crop as will be sufficient to serve
 her and family together with the rest I lend her
 two bears and furniture and all my cattle & hogs
 which I am in possession of to enjoy the same
 during her natural life or widowhood but she
 is not to waste or wilfully destroy or embroil any
 part thereof but she is not to be interrupted
 from enjoying the same But if my wife should
 marry in that case I lend her my child's part
 and at her death for the said part to return to
 my estate to be devised as is herein after mentioned
 4th I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Middle-
 brook just the sum of five dollars to him his
 heirs and assigns forever - 5th I give and bequeath
 to my daughter Ginny Hays her husband and
 assigns forever the sum of twenty five dollars
 6th I will and advise that my three daughters
 Fanny Thompson Sherry and Polly Middlebrooks
 should have the following dush, to make their
 parts equal to the rest of my children that is to say
 to Fanny twenty Dollars to Sherry fifteen Dollars &
 Polly twenty Dollars which dush are to be paid as
 soon as my Exors can accumulate money for that
 purpose after paying my just debts All the real
 estate of my property which is not herein mentioned
 I wish my Exors to sell as soon as they think proper
 and distribute to the use herein mentioned And
 after the death of my wife or if she should marry
 then the property which I have lent her I wish

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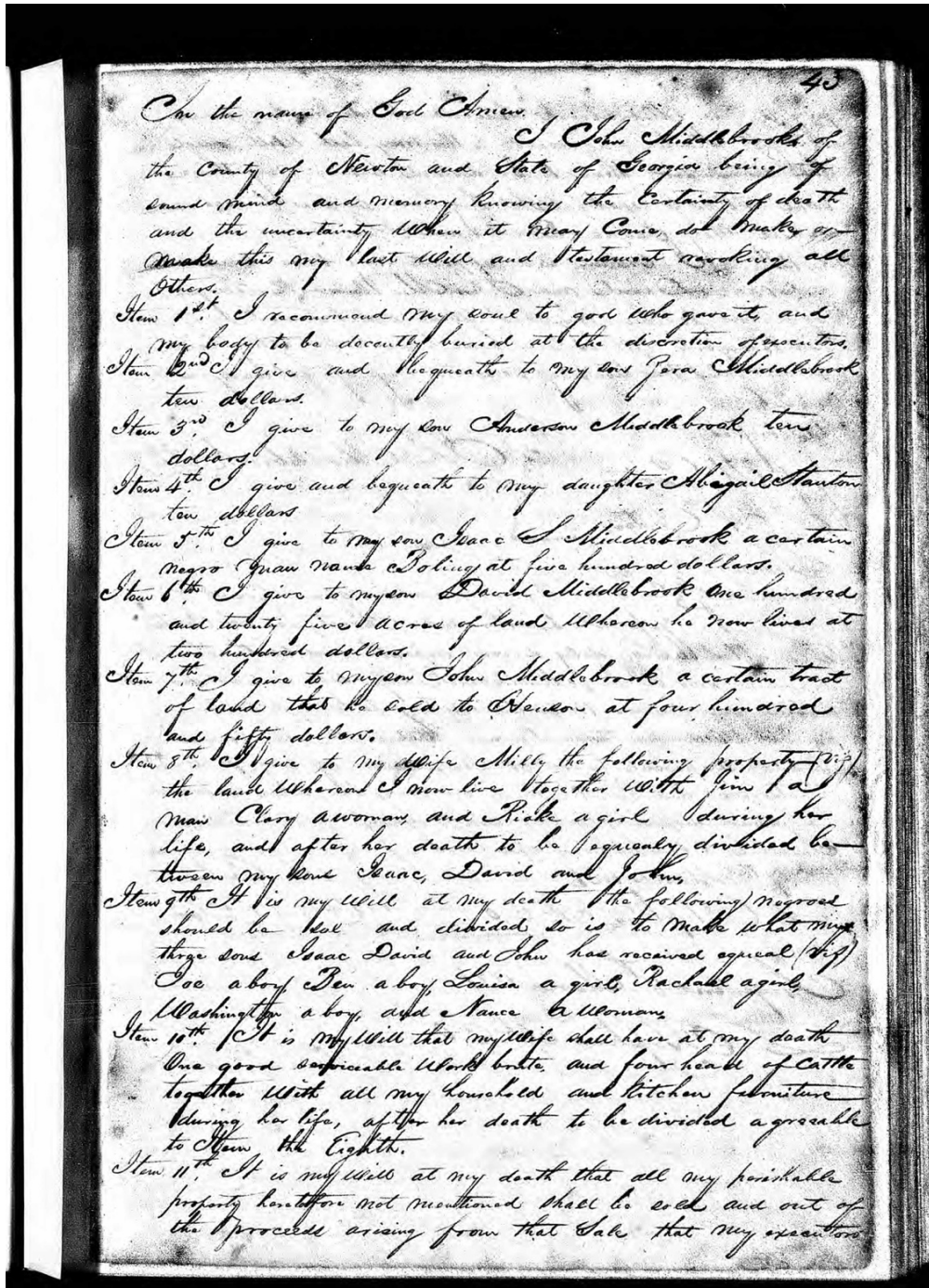
My five children to all have and equal part. 1839
 that is to say Leah Chany, Elizabeth Chany, Fanny
 Thompson, Henry Wade and Polly Middlebrooks, respecting
 all my goods and chattels above mentioned in any case.
 I will the same be distributed so as to reach
 my five children all equal shares, them and
 their heirs, respecting Fanny Thompson, I give and
 bequeath her part to her and the heirs of her
 body forever. And lastly I nominate constitute
 create and appoint my four trusty friends, Gaply Hanson,
 Elizabeth Middlebrooks, Martin D. Sparks, James
 Harris & Amos Pitty to be the sole Exors & Executors
 of this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all other wills in wills and publishing this to be my last
 as witness my hand this day and date above
 written signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 John Samuell
 Carter M. Sparks
 John Haraman

Isaac Middlebrooks

Georgia
 Morgan County } Personally appeared in open court
 Carter M. Sparks & John Haraman who after being
 sworn saith that they saw Isaac Middlebrooks sign
 seal publish and declare this writing to be and contain
 his last will and testament that at the time thereof
 he was of sound disposing mind and memory and
 that he did it freely without compulsion to the best
 of their knowledge Also saw John Samuell sign his name
 to the same as witness with himself to the best of our know-
 ledge & belief I sworn to in open court this 13th March 1823.
 John Samuell
 Carter M. Sparks
 John Haraman

Appendix D. Will of John Middlebrooks (1755) (on 2 pages).

Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 October 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Newton > Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 > Images 41-42, will of John Middlebrook(s), 27 February 1828 (signed), 7 March 1831 (proved); imaging Wills 1: 43-44.



Appendix D. Will of John Middlebrooks (1755) (continued).

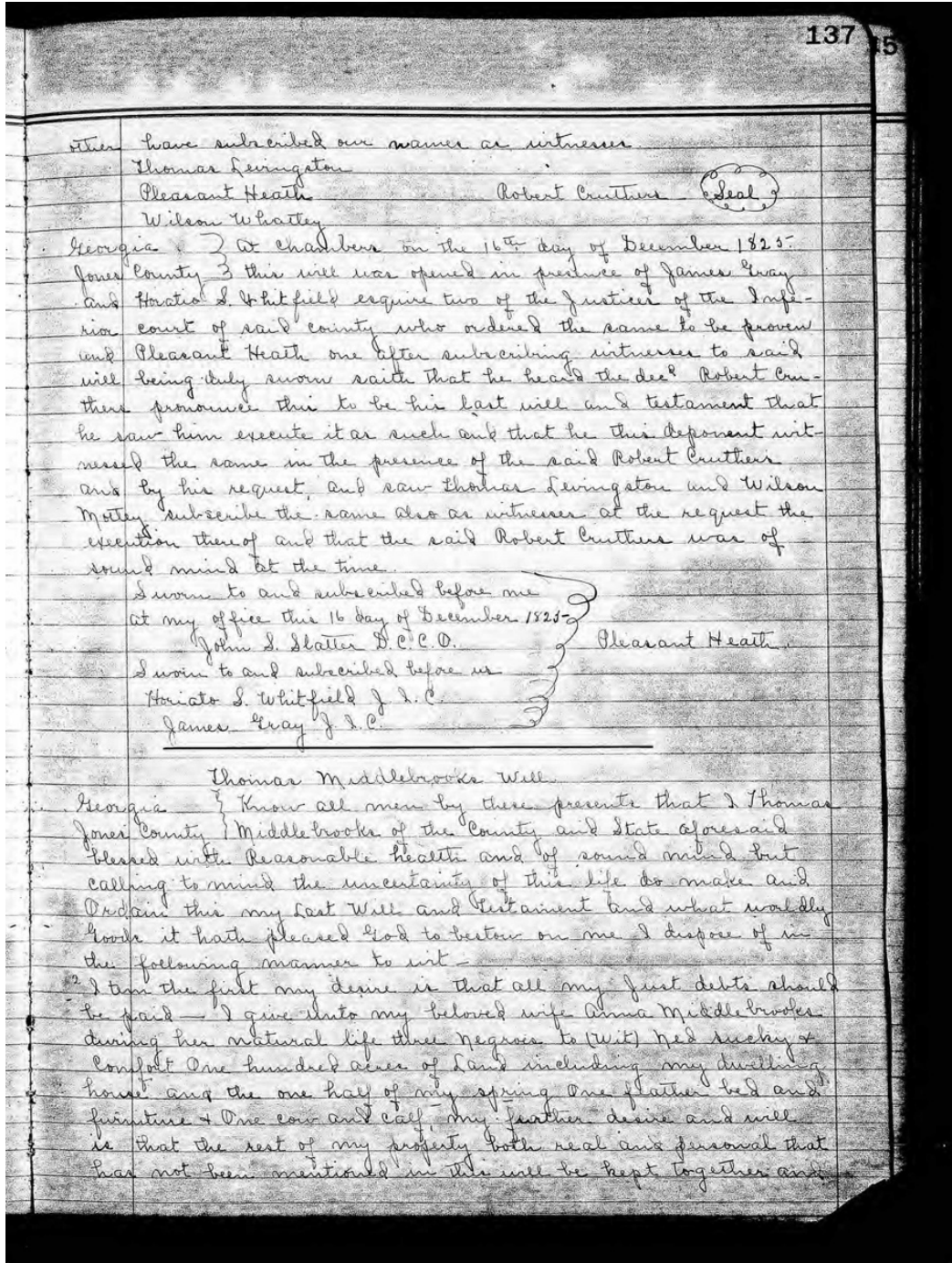
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 pay to ^{sons} Middlebrooks Anderson Middlebrooks and
 Abigail Stanton agreeable to this my last Will and
~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~remainder~~ ~~there~~ to be divided between my three
 sons as to make what they have and is to receive
 equal ^{parts} of Isaac, David and John.
 Item 12th I Ordain and appoint my three sons
 Isaac David and John Middlebrooks my
 executors to this my last Will and testament.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this twentieth seventh day of February
 1828.
 Witness
 Joseph M. Carter
 C. A. Carter
 John Middlebrooks (20)

George
 Newton County
 Personally appeared in open Court
 Joseph M. Carter and Christopher A. Carter
 who after being duly sworn deposed and said they
 deponents saw John Middlebrooks sign seal and deliver
 publish and declare the within writing to be and contain
 his last Will and testament, and that he done the same
 without apparent fear or compulsion of any person
 whatsoever and at the time of doing the same he was
 of sound disposing mind and memory
 Sworn to & subscribed in open Court
 this 14th March 1831.
 S. C. Hopkins clk. C. O.
 J. M. Carter
 C. A. Carter

Registered 8th March 1831
 S. C. Hopkins clk. C. O.

Appendix E. Will of Thomas Middlebrooks (1763) (on 3 pages).

Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 December 2018) > Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992 > Jones > Transcribed Wills, Vol A-D, 1809-1864 > Images 112-113, transcribed will of Thomas Middlebrooks, 25 October 1817 (signed), 6 June 1825 (proved).



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impaired until my youngest son Thomas Jefferson Middlebrooks comes of age that is to say arrives to the age of twenty one years for the express purpose of Raising and Educating my Children then and at that time I give to my Son William Middlebrooks one hundred acres of land including his house and half of my spring -

To my son James Middlebrooks one Hundred acres of Land South east end of lot No one hundred and fifty - To my Son Thomas J. Middlebrooks One hundred acres of Land that I purchased of Stephen Latta white -

To my Daughteretsy Willis four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Nancy Willis four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Polly Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Hannah Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Abby Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Brunchatts Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Sarah Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

To my Daughter Micha Middlebrooks four hundred dollars.

then and that time when my son Thomas Jefferson Middlebrooks shall or does arrive to the age of twenty one years the increase of suchly + comfort together with the rest of my Property both real + personal that has not been otherwise disposed of in this will to be sold on twelve months credit and the money to be Equally Divided among my beloved Children. It is my will that all the personal and real property at my wifes Death should be sold and Equally divided between all my Children - I also Constitute and Appoint my wife Anna Middlebrooks Executrix and my Son William J. Middlebrooks and Soninlaw William Willis (son of Joel Willis) Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand and Seal this Twenty fifth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen -

test
 Mtest Thomas Middlebrooks (Seal)

Daniel Hightower
 Jones Dunn
 Stephen Latta white
 Georgia } This day came before us Stephen Latta white who
 Jones County } being duly sworn saith that he saw Thomas
 Middlebrooks sign seal + duly execute the above and foregoing

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as his last will and testament that himself and Daniel High-
 tower & Jesse Dunn witnessed the same at the time of the execution
 thereof at the request of & in the presence of the testator and
 in the presence of each other and that he was of sound mind
 at the execution thereof
 Sworn to & subscribed
 this 6th June 1825. }
 James Smith C.C.O. }
 In presence of }
 Horatio S. Whitfield J. D. C. }
 John R. Moore J. D. C. }

Stephen Lattenwhite

Benedict Hammock's Will.

In the name of God Amen I Benedict Hammock of Jones
 County in the State of Georgia being in health of Body and
 sound mind memory and understanding but deprived of
 two of the greatest blessings that man can possibly enjoy,
 from my birth that is of hearing and speaking but through
 the same goodness of providence can understand perfectly by
 signs how to trade & transact my business & which signs
 I am perfectly satisfied that the Witnesses of this my last Will
 understand & know how to converse with me as they have
 been in the habits of doing frequently -
 To make this my last will and Testament I in manner
 and form following I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Sally Hammock All my money securities for money
 Goods Chattels Estate and Effects Land and Negroes, and also
 of what nature or kind soever that I am possessed of at
 my demise after my just debts are paid she having be-
 haved herself as a faithful industrious & good wife since
 our marriage To have and to hold the same unto my said
 wife her Executors administrators & assigns forever to dis-
 pose of them as she may think proper & I do nominate & ap-
 point my said wife my sole Executrix of this my last will
 & testament hereby revoking & making void all former wills
 made by me and having been informed that wills are fre-
 quently attempted to be disputed & made null & void I do
 request that no such thing may be attempted with this
 as I have had time to deliberate before I signed & seal-
 ed this my last will and testament.