

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia



***Providence Baptist Church Baptismal Service
Hogan's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina 1927***

Title Page

***In 1760, our ancestors Isaac and Ann Middlebrooks were baptized at a Baptist meeting house, near Hogan's Creek, Orange County, North Carolina.
It may have in someways resembled this 1927 baptismal service.***

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***Dedicated to the Memory of
Harriett Dianne (Burch) Middlebrooks (1943-2012)
&
Charles Hicks Middlebrooks (1927-2018)***



***Top Row: L-R Neal and Charles Middlebrooks
Bottom Row: L-R Mary Tom Middlebrooks, Charles wife,
Dianne Middlebrooks and husband
Billy White Middlebrooks (1940-2016)***

Preface/Acknowledgement

Harriet Dianne (Burch) Middlebrooks, Billy White Middlebrooks (Dianne's husband) and Charles Hicks Middlebrooks are now deceased. In respect for their contributions to our Middlebrooks family history it is fitting to dedicate this report to them. As a result of the research by Dianne and Charles, we have a much better understanding of our Sims Middlebrooks ancestors. The information in this publication has been a team effort of Dianne, Charles and Neal Ray Middlebrook, and has provided the opportunity to consolidate existing and include new information. Many more records are online today than when we first started.

Over the years Dianne, Charles and I had become good friends and spent countless hours researching records to document the Sims lineage. Many e-mails and phone calls were exchanged between us, sharing the latest information. We also would get together at the Middlebrooks Family Association meetings to discuss our recent findings. One advantage Charles and I had was that Dianne lived in Monticello, Georgia, very close to the Jones County Courthouse in Gray, Georgia. Dianne and Charles had been collaborating on Sims information very early on. I joined the project later.

Billy, Charles and I are descendants of Isaac Roscoe and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks. Isaac's father was Sims Middlebrooks. Charles and I share the same lineage through Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks, Isaac's son. Samuel C. and Harriet Ardecy (Lane) Middlebrooks had sons, James L. and Charles Deems Middlebrooks. James L. died and was buried at Macedonia Cemetery, Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Charles Deems Middlebrooks died in Cotton Valley, Louisiana and was buried at Patmos Cemetery, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

Charles Hicks' grandparents were Charles Deems and Mary Charolette "Lottie" (Black) Middlebrooks. Charles' parents are Forrest Otho and Bertha (Hicks) Middlebrooks.

I am related through James L. and Fannie Delaney Peloney (Hinton) Middlebrooks Ward. One of James' sons was Charles Verdo Middlebrooks. Charles Verdo and Julia Evelyn (Kent) Middlebrooks are my grandparents. My parents are Ray Wilton and Mary Louise (Keppeler) Middlebrooks.

Billy White Middlebrooks, is also a descendant of Isaac R. and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks. Billy's lineage descends down through Isaac's son James Henry Sr. and Mary Ann (Mathis) Middlebrooks, to James Henry Jr. and Caroline (Barker) Middlebrooks to Robert Engersol and Mary P. (Ellis) Middlebrooks to William Edward and Alice B. (White) Middlebrooks, to Billy.

Dianne privately published in 2002 a document called "*Sims Middlebrooks*" We are truly indebted to all the hard work and long hours Dianne devoted to researching our Sims ancestors. Dianne would call or e-mail and say "*I am bushed, I just spent all day at the courthouse*" Then we would start discussing her latest findings. On two occasions, after Middlebrooks Family Association meetings, I did spend time at the Jones County Courthouse adding to our research. After the meetings, we would drive to cemeteries, churches or other places that Dianne wanted to show me.

I relied in part on much of the research by Dianne and Charles. I included new information, documented sources and included maps and other illustrations. An effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the information and to make sure it was sourced.

In an effort to share our Middlebrooks information, two articles were submitted by us (Dianne, Charles and Neal) to the Middlebrooks Family Association Newsletter, one in 2004 and one in 2007. The first one was titled "*Timeline of Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks, son of Isaac Roscoe and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks, Sims, Silas, Isaac, Father and Two Brothers 1798-1904,*" Vol. 3, Number 11. The next article was titled "*Three Generations - 1798-1907, Sims, Silas, & Isaac Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks, son of Isaac Roscoe and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks.*" Jan.-Mar. 2007. The information from the above publications was also included in this report.

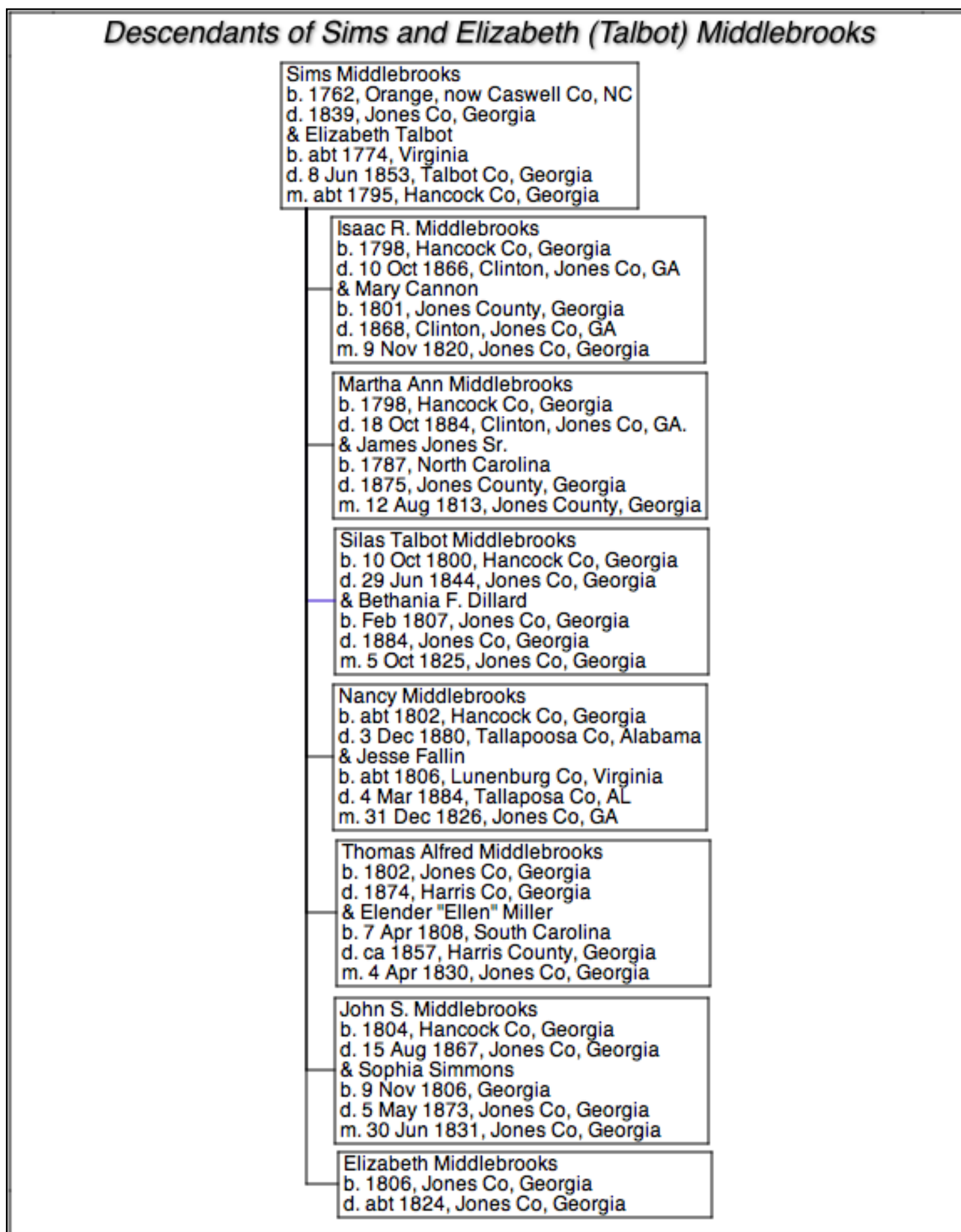
Please let me know if you have any questions or information and photos you would like to share. I hope you will enjoy reading about your Sims Middlebrooks ancestors of North Carolina and Georgia and that it will encourage you to start your own family history journey.

Neal R. Middlebrook 2018

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Descendants of Isaac R. and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks (Chart 1)

<p>Isaac R. Middlebrooks b. 1798, Hancock Co, Georgia d. 10 Oct 1866, Clinton, Jones Co, GA & Mary Cannon b. 1801, Jones County, Georgia d. 1868, Clinton, Jones Co, GA m. 9 Nov 1820, Jones Co, Georgia</p>
<p>William Samuel Middlebrooks b. abt 1822, Jones County, Georgia d. 28 Mar 1862, CSA service, Kingston Springs, Cheatham Co, TN</p>
<p>William Samuel Middlebrooks b. abt 1822, Jones County, Georgia d. 28 Mar 1862, CSA service, Kingston Springs, Cheatham Co, TN & Martha A. Whitter. b. Dec 1828, South Carolina d. 17 Jul 1900, Habersham, Georgia m. 12 Dec 1844, Jones Co, Georgia</p>
<p>Green M. Middlebrooks b. 1823, Jones County, Georgia d. 19 Jan 1897, Monroe County, Georgia & Martha Ann Elizabeth Moore b. 1826, Georgia d. abt 1858, Georgia m. 3 Jul 1842, Jones Co, Georgia</p>
<p>Green M. Middlebrooks b. 1823, Jones County, Georgia d. 19 Jan 1897, Monroe County, Georgia & Nancy Seleth Hartsfield b. 10 Jul 1839, Monroe County, Georgia d. 31 Dec 1871, Monroe County, Georgia m. 4 Mar 1858, Monroe County, Georgia</p>
<p>Anderson Talbot Middlebrooks b. Feb 1824, Jones Co, Georgia d. 13 Aug 1896, in the Carson Ridge area of Ethel, Attala Co, MS & Emma Samantha Cox b. Oct 1822, Columbia, Richland Co, SC d. 1889, the Carson Ridge area of Ethel, Attala Co, MS m. 12 Jan 1847, Harris Co, Georgia</p>
<p>Anderson Talbot Middlebrooks b. Feb 1824, Jones Co, Georgia d. 13 Aug 1896, in the Carson Ridge area of Ethel, Attala Co, MS & Sarah Elizabeth Veasey b. 11 Dec 1849, Georgia d. aft 1898, Ethel, Attala Co, MS m. bef 1889, Attala Co, Mississippi</p>
<p>James Henry (M.) Middlebrooks , Sr b. 1827, Jones County, Georgia d. bef 14 Sep 1852, Putnam Co, Georgia & Mary Ann Mathis b. 1830, Georgia d. Mar 1895, Putnam County, Georgia m. 31 Jan 1847, Georgia</p>
<p>John T. Middlebrooks b. 2 May 1830, Jones County, Georgia d. aft 1910, Spadra, Johnson County, AK & Mary Kizziah Brakefield b. 17 Mar 1833, Georgia d. bef Dec 1861 m. 22 Jul 1852, Harris County, Georgia</p>
<p>John T. Middlebrooks b. 2 May 1830, Jones County, Georgia d. aft 1910, Spadra, Johnson County, AK & Rachel Cook b. May 1837, Georgia m. 17 Dec 1861, Harris County, Georgia</p>

Descendants of Isaac R. and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks (Chart 2)

Isaac R. Middlebrooks
b. 1798, Hancock Co, Georgia
d. 10 Oct 1866, Clinton, Jones Co, GA
& Mary Cannon
b. 1801, Jones County, Georgia
d. 1868, Clinton, Jones Co, GA
m. 9 Nov 1820, Jones Co, Georgia

Ardecia Middlebrooks
b. 21 Sep 1833, Jones County, Georgia
d. 10 Feb 1910, Haddock, Jones County, Georgia
& Nathan Morris
b. 25 Apr 1824
d. 29 Jan 1897, Jones County, Georgia
m. 7 Aug 1851, Jones Co, Georgia

Silas Middlebrooks
b. 1836, Jones County, Georgia
d. 1848, Jones County, Georgia

Sarah Elizabeth Middlebrooks
b. Dec 1840, Jasper or Jones County, GA
d. aft 1900, Georgia
& William F. Goddard
b. abt 1837, Georgia
d. 10 Nov 1862, Savannah, Chatham Co. Georgia
m. 28 May 1856, Jones Co, Georgia

Sarah Elizabeth Middlebrooks
b. Dec 1840, Jasper or Jones County, GA
d. aft 1900, Georgia
& James Madison Lane
b. Jan 1842, Georgia
d. 11 Mar 1911, Georgia
m. 21 Sep 1865, Jones County, GA

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks
b. 24 Mar 1838, Jones County, Georgia
d. 6 Mar 1907, Patmos, Hemstead County, Arkansas
& Emma C. Brinkley
m. 19 Nov 1857, Jones Co, Georgia

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks
b. 24 Mar 1838, Jones County, Georgia
d. 6 Mar 1907, Patmos, Hemstead County, Arkansas
& Hattie Ardecy Lane
b. 1846, Jasper County, GA
d. 1889, Whiteville, Beth Bayou, LA
m. 18 Oct 1860, Jones Co, Georgia

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks
b. 24 Mar 1838, Jones County, Georgia
d. 6 Mar 1907, Patmos, Hemstead County, Arkansas
& Mary Ann McDaniel
b. 15 May 1839, Washington, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana
d. abt 1900, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana
m. 24 Jun 1890, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana

Brunetta (Brunetty) Middlebrooks
b. 1840, Jones County, Georgia
d. 1880, Jones County, Georgia
& Edward John Thompson
b. 2 Feb 1840, Georgia
d. aft 1880, Georgia
m. 7 Jun 1866, Jasper County, GA

Brunetta (Brunetty) Middlebrooks
b. 1840, Jones County, Georgia
d. 1880, Jones County, Georgia
& William Brassfield Lane
b. 1834, Jasper County, GA
d. 20 Feb 1864, Ocean Pond, Florida
m. 8 Nov 1859, Jones Co, Georgia

Descendants of Samuel C. & Hattie A. (Lane) Middlebrooks

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks
 b. 24 Mar 1838, Jones County, Georgia
 d. 6 Mar 1907, Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 & Hattie Ardecy Lane
 b. 1846
 d. 1889, Whiteville, Beth Bayou, LA
 m. 18 Oct 1860, Jones Co, Georgia

James L. Middlebrooks
 b. 5 Oct 1864, Jones County, Georgia
 d. 12 Mar 1899, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 & (Fannie) Pelona Delaney Hinton Ward
 b. 3 Jun 1869, Arkansas
 d. 28 Nov 1945, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 m. 1884, Hempstead County, Arkansas

Sims Middlebrooks
 b. 1 Jan 1867, Jones County, Georgia
 d. 12 Apr 1961, Eunice, Louisiana
 & Mary Telitha Huckaby
 b. 1 Jan 1872, Whiteville, Louisiana
 d. 4 Apr 1960, Eunice, Louisiana
 m. 22 Oct 1889, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana

Frank Middlebrooks
 b. 1870, Jones County, Georgia
 d. bef 1904

Mary P. Middlebrooks
 b. 1871
 d. bef 1904
 & Samuel Brown
 m. 19 Dec 1889, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana

Samuel Isaac Middlebrooks
 b. 24 Mar 1873, Jones County, Georgia
 d. 28 Nov 1919, California
 & Sally Huckabee
 b. 18 Mar 1878, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 d. Jul 1940, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 m. 4 Oct 1894, Springhill, Hempstead County, Arkansas

Charles Deems Middlebrooks
 b. 20 Apr 1875, Jones County, Georgia
 d. 13 Jun 1960, Cotton Valley, Louisiana
 & Mary Charlotte Black
 b. 22 Feb 1874, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 d. 17 Jul 1940, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 m. 12 Jul 1898, Patmos, Hempstead, County, Arkansas

Hattie D. Middlebrooks
 b. 22 Feb 1874, Jones Co, Georgia
 d. bef 1884, Bosque County, Texas

Lewis Lane Middlebrooks
 b. 26 Oct 1881, Bosque County, Texas
 d. 3 Jan 1971, Shreveport, Caddo County, Louisiana
 & Bertie Amelia Davis
 b. 7 Jun 1887, Arkansas
 d. 28 Dec 1975, Shreveport, Caddo County, Louisiana
 m. 15 Apr 1906, Nevada County, Arkansas

Ora Burnetta Middlebrooks
 b. 24 Jun 1884, Arkansas
 d. 4 Jun 1974, Magnolia Columbia County, Arkansas
 & James Gant Hollis
 b. 5 Apr 1883, Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas
 d. 13 Dec 1956, Stamps, Lafayette County, Arkansas
 m. 9 Oct 1902, Lafayette County, Arkansas

Sims Middlebrooks and Elizabeth Talbot

Sims Middlebrooks was born 1762 near Hogan's Creek, Orange County, North Carolina,¹ where his parents Isaac Middlebrook and Ann Sims lived. Isaac was born 1727/28, New Kent County, Virginia² and Ann Sims, thought to be his wife, was born *circa* 1730, Louisa or Orange County, Virginia. A number of Sims families were in Orange County, Virginia starting in 1739. A William Sims was recorded in a Orange County Court Order and Minute records in 1751 and 1753.³ Anne perhaps was the daughter of William Sims of Orange or Louisa County, Virginia 1745/50.⁴ We suspect Anne married Isaac *circa* 1750 in Orange County, Virginia. According to court records, Isaac, age 44 died in 1771, Orange County, North Carolina.⁵

We do not know the exact year when Isaac and Ann Middlebrooks moved from Orange County, Virginia to Orange County, North Carolina. Furthermore, it is thought that they moved during the period 1750-1760. The journey from Orange County, Virginia to Orange County, North Carolina is about 200 miles. Two of their sons Isaac born 1753 and possibly John born 1755, were born in Orange County, Virginia, we believe before moving to North Carolina. A daughter of Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1753), Lucy, stated her father was a native of Virginia, and a settler in Georgia, 1800.⁶

Caswell County Brothers and DNA Analysis

We have been able to document through Caswell County records five Middlebrooks. Isaac b. 1753 Virginia, d. 1823, Morgan Co., GA; John b. 1755 Virginia, d. Dec. 30, 1830 Clark Co. GA; Micajah b. 1758 Virginia, d. ca. 1840 Hancock Co, GA; Sims b. 1762 Orange Co. NC, d. 1839 Jones Co. GA; and Thomas b. 1763 Orange Co., NC, d. May 13, 1825, Jones Co. GA.⁷

Five additional family members were listed in the Register of the Middlebrooks Family.¹ David b.1757, Caswell County, NC, d.1829; James, b. 1759, Caswell County, NC, d. young; Robert, 1766, Caswell County, NC, d.1837 Monroe County, GA; Joseph 1770, Caswell County, NC, d. 1853 Chickasaw County, MS. The current thinking is that two Middlebrooks families were possibly combined when included in the Register of the Middlebrooks Family.

¹ Joseph Middlebrook, *Register of the Middlebrook Family Descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Connecticut*, (Hartford, Conn.: C., L. & B Co., 1909), 46.

² Ancestry.com. New Kent County, Virginia St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register, 1684-1786, page 481. "Isaac y son of Thomas Middlebrook born Jan 12 1727/8"

³ Orange County, Virginia County Court general index to orders and minutes books 1734-1867, film 007897255, familysearch.org. William Sims: 1751, 5/342, 359, 375, 426. 1753, 5/467.

⁴ Margaret Goodrum, *The Middlebrooks Ancestry of William Sims Middlebrooks*, (Warrenton, VA: Privately Published, 2002), 6, 7.

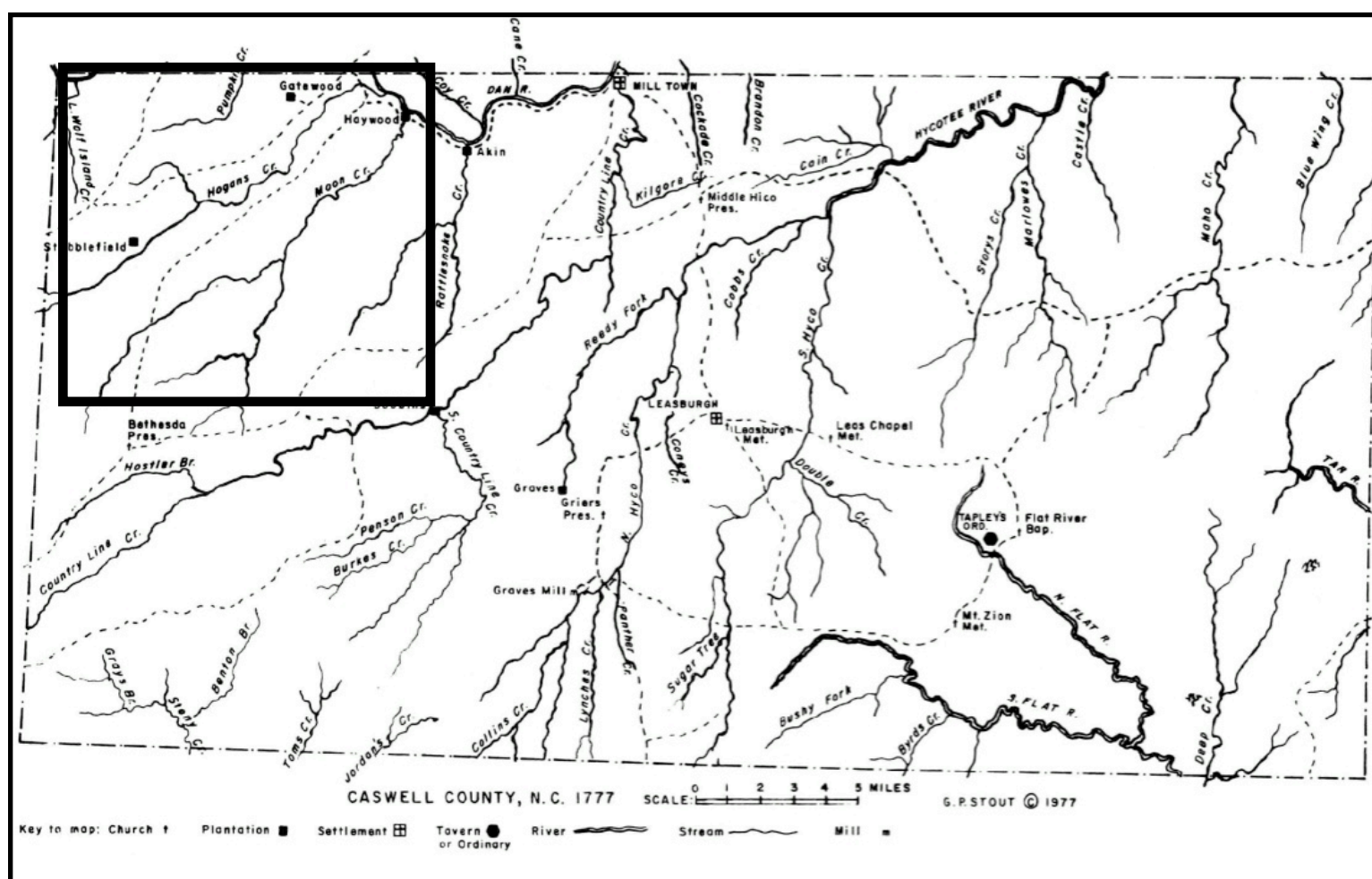
⁵ Weynette P. Haun, Hillsborough District NC Superior Court Minutes 1768-1791, Book I.

⁶ *Memoirs Of Georgia*, V ol. 2 1895, Chapter 6, The Bench Bar of Georgia, Morgan County, Page 582.

⁷ Neal Middlebrook & Lana Shelton, Middlebrooks Virginia Research Update, presented at Middlebrooks Family Association Meeting 2008, Hillsboro, Texas. page 4.

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DNA results from Family Tree DNA confirm that Isaac, John, Sims and Thomas are very closely related and possibly were brothers. All have exact match of markers, thus a genetic distance of "0". This indicates that within eight generations they share a common ancestor at the 97.28% confidence level. Nathaniel born 1764, we believe in Virginia, also shares this same close relationship, however he was not listed in the Register of the Middlebrooks Family or Orange or Caswell County records in North Carolina. On the other hand, Micajah has only 11 matches with the four brothers, yet he was listed in a Caswell County tax record. It appears that Micajah, Robert and Joseph have been taken in by the Middlebrooks family or have a different father. In summary, the presumed sons of Isaac and Anne Middlebrooks, based on DNA analysis listed above, are very closely related and possibly brothers.⁸



1777 Map of Caswell County, North Carolina. The Middlebrooks families settled in the Northwest corner of the county within the Hogan's and Moon Creek drainages, starting about 1760.

⁸ <https://www.familytreedna.com/my/y-dna-matches>



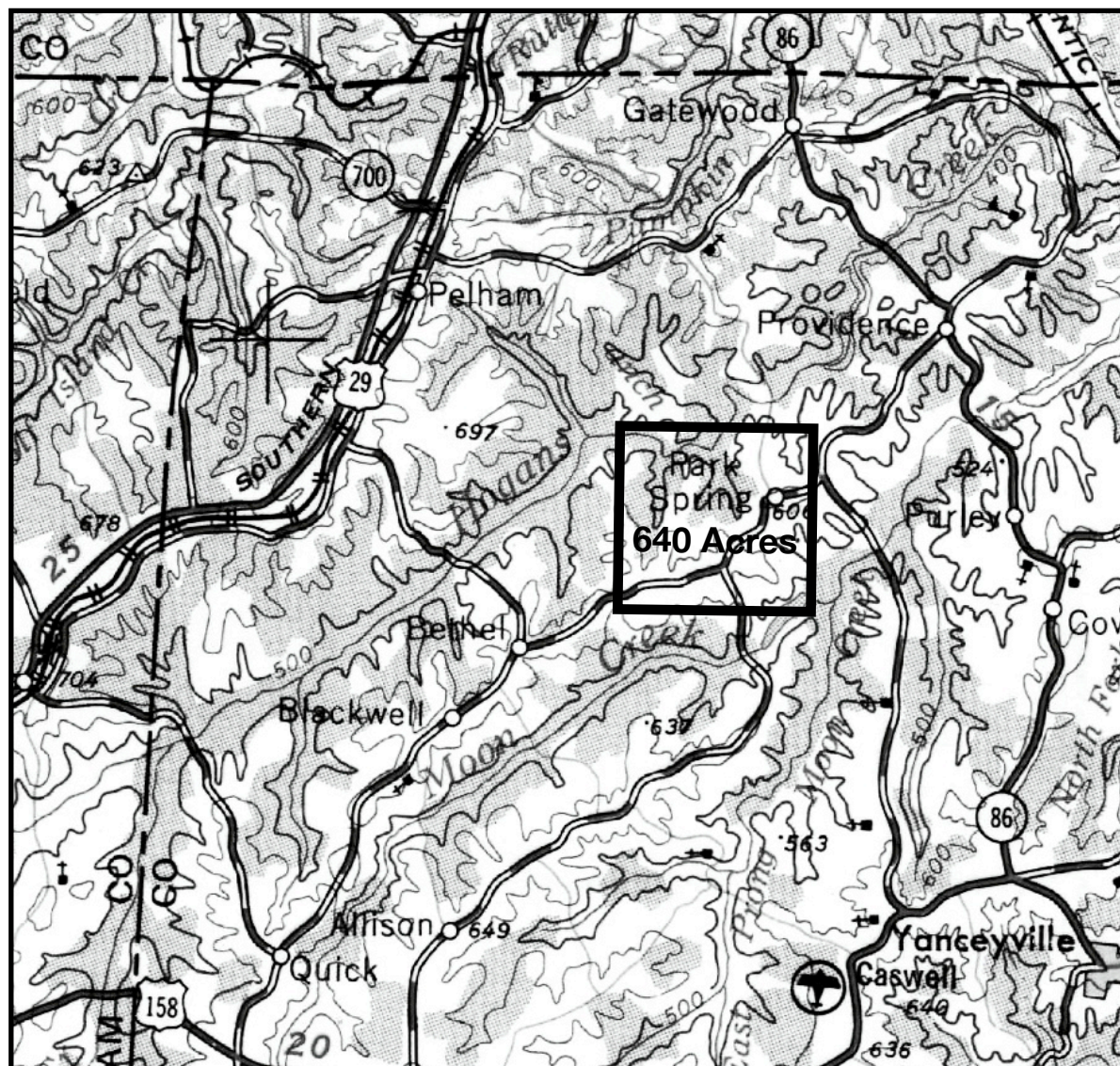
***Hogan's Creek,
Caswell County, North
Carolina***



***Moon Creek, Caswell
County, North Carolina***

Caswell County North Carolina

Orange County, North Carolina was created in 1752. Caswell County was formed in 1777 from Orange County. The first recorded event in North Carolina was when Isaac Middlebrooks and his wife were baptized on 4 August 1760 at a Baptist meetinghouse near Hogan's Creek, Orange County, North Carolina.⁹



The general location of Ann Middlebrooks land (640 acres) granted by the State of North Carolina 1 August 1782 (Deed Book D, pg. 602). It was just west of the town of Providence, on the wooded ridge between Hogan's and Moon Creeks.

It should be noted that Isaac and Ann Middlebrooks may have started the land entry process (ca. 1753-57) and the patent was not issued before the Granville District Land Office closed in 1763. It may have been the 640 acre parcel issued to Ann, by the State, in 1782 or another parcel such as the 100 acres Ann sold to Joel Cannon in 1788. (See page six, in *The Review of Middlebrooks Orange and Caswell County North Carolina Records* for a more detailed discussion.)

⁹ Morgan Edwards, *Materials towards a History of the Baptists* Vol. 2, (Danielsville, GA: Heritage Papers, 1984), 44

Request for Survey Isaac Middlebrooks 1785

To the surveyor of said county greeting. you are hereby required as soon as maybe to layoff and survey for Isaac Middlebrooks a tract or parcel of land containing 150 acres, lying in the county aforesaid joining Joel Perkins and **Henry Dixon Sr. and Henry Jr. and widow, Middlebrooks** and widow Graham, on the **ridge between Hogan's and Moon Creeks wood land.21 December 1785.**¹⁰

State of North Carolina N^o 1246
Loyd Lambeth Entry Officer of Claims for Lands in the
County of Caswell.
To the Surveyor of the said County greeting
You are hereby required as soon as maybe to layoff and
survey for Isaac Middlebrooks
a Tract or Parcel of Land containing one hundred and
fifty Acres lying in the County aforesaid joining ^{Joel Perkins} Henry
Dixon Sr. and Henry Jr. and Widow Middlebrooks and widow
Graham on the Ridge between Hogan's and Moon Creeks
wood Land.
Observing the Directions of the Act of Assembly in such
Case made and provided for running out Lands Tax just
and fair Plans of such survey with a proper Certificate
attached to each You are to transmit with this
Warrant to the Secretary's Office without Delay.
Given under my Hand at Office the 21st Day of
December Anno Domini 1785 Loyd Lambeth

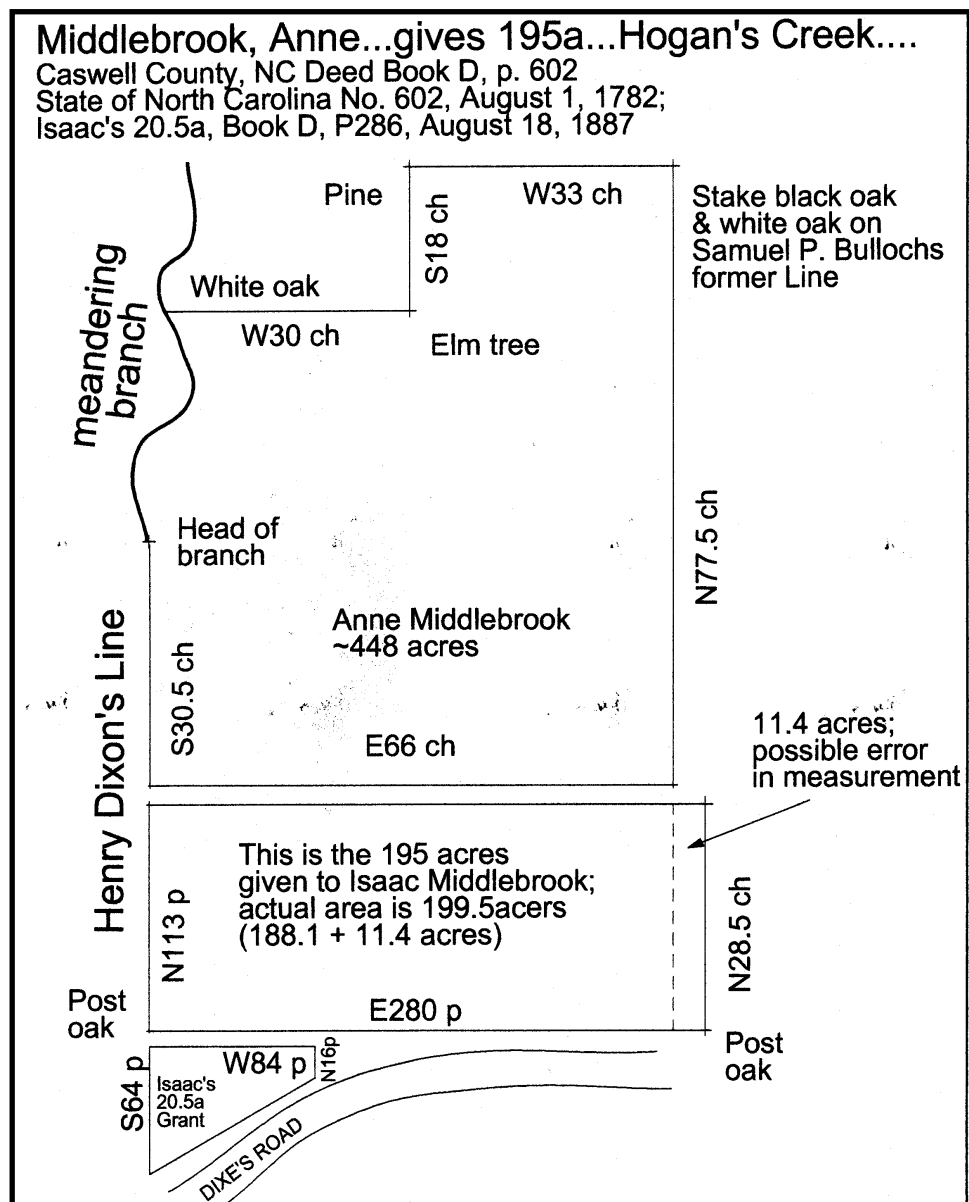
State of North Carolina Land Grant no. 1246

¹⁰ North Carolina Land Grant Files Caswell County, 671-978, Isaac Middlebrooks 21 December 1785, Grant No. 1246, ancestry.com

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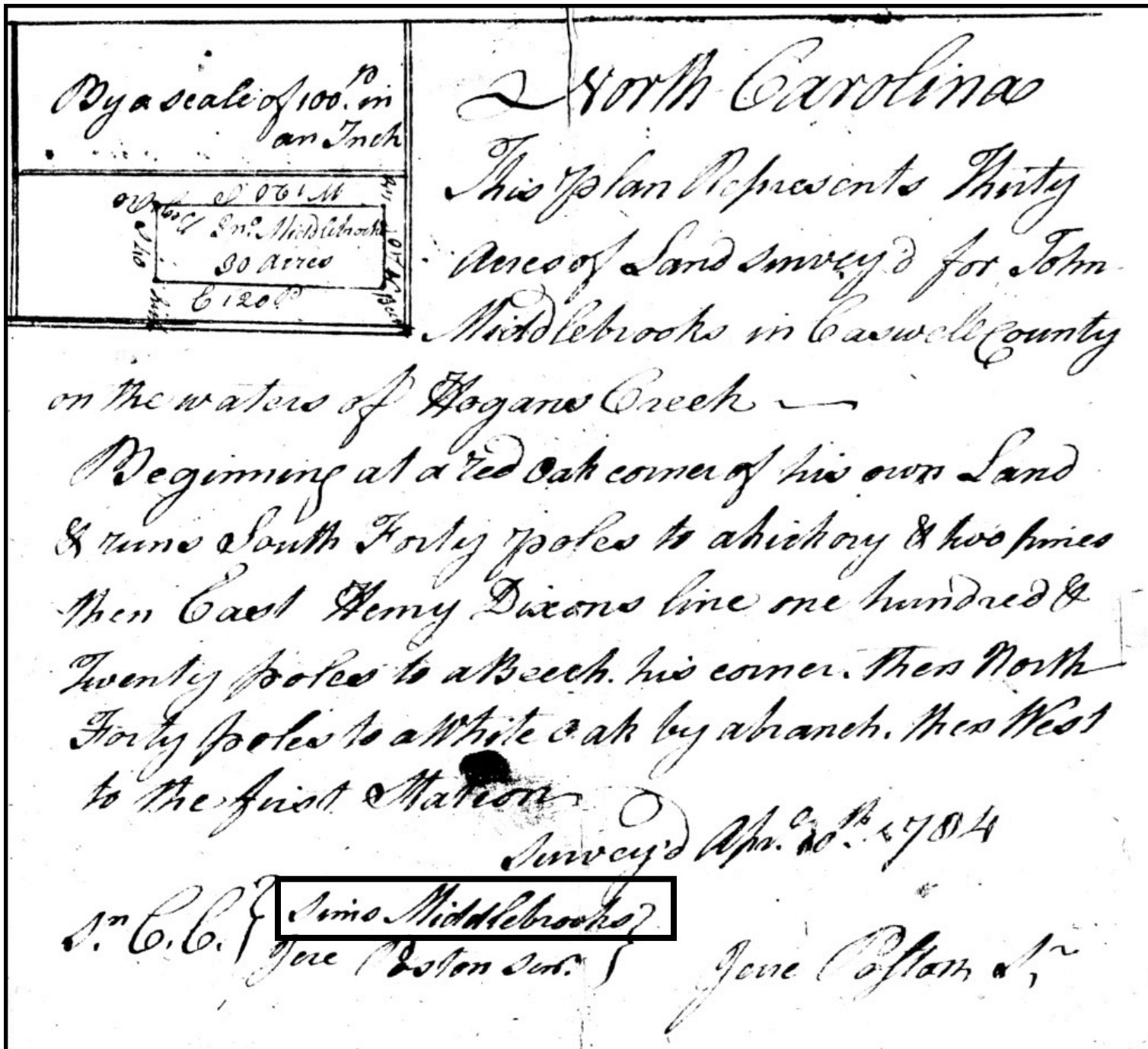
Sims was born on land purchased by his parents on the waters of Hogan's Creek in northwest Orange County, North Carolina. Hogan's Creek was in the St. Martins (later Caswell), judicial-militia districts established 1777-78. Numerous deeds and land transactions document the fact that the Middlebrooks were farmers in the Hogan's and Moon Creek drainages.¹¹

The Middlebrooks family left Caswell County in the 1790s for various counties in Georgia. For a more complete account of records and information, see *The Review of Middlebrooks Orange and Caswell County North Carolina Records*, by Neal Middlebrook, 2005, posted on the Middlebrooks Family Association website. <http://middlebrooksfamily.org/>



**Plot of Ann and son Isaac Middlebrooks lands
between Hogans and Moons Creeks.
Courtesy of Leonard Middlebrooks**

¹¹ Caswell County, Deed Book s A, D, E, F, H, J, M, N, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC. Kendall, Katherine K. Caswell County, North Carolina Deed Books 1777-1817, (Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1989), 32, 33, 89, 108, 136.



Survey plat for John Middlebrooks of Caswell County, 30 acres, witnessed by Sims Middlebrooks, 10 April 1784. The survey was ordered 1 April 1781. (Grant #864, issued 18 August 1787, Entry #1243, Book 68, Pg. 76, ancestry.com)

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On 1 April 1781 the State of North Carolina requested a survey of 30 acres on the waters of Hogans Creek be completed for John Middlebrooks, joining the lines of Norton, Henry Dixon Sr. and others. The survey was completed 10 April 1784 and the plat was witnessed by Sims Middlebrooks. Sims Middlebrooks in Caswell County also witnessed the sale of land to his brother John Middlebrooks, 17 September 1788. Richard Boggas of Caswell County sells 202 acres to John Middlebrooks, of same, on Hogan's Creek, adjoining Boggass tract granted him by State, and Charles Burton. Witnesses: James Grant Jr., and Sims Middlebrooks.¹² (See Appendix I.) By 1793 Sims had moved to Wilkes, Georgia. This part of Wilkes later became Hancock County, created in 1793.¹³

Wilkes and Hancock County Georgia

Sometime between 1788 and 1793-94 Sims had moved with his brothers (John, Thomas, Robert, Joseph and Micajah) to Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia. He was first reported on the Wilkes County Tax Digest in 1794, District D with one pole and no Land.¹³ Sims resided in the area that became Hancock County in 1793. He was also listed in the Hancock County Tax Digests 1794, 1796 and 1804 along with brothers John, Thomas, Joseph, Robert and Micajah. They were likely on tax lists as well in the intervening years.¹⁴

Sims married Elizabeth Talbot, born 1776, in Virginia,¹⁵ about 1794/95 we suspect in Wilkes or Hancock County.¹⁶ Their first son Isaac Roscoe Middlebrooks was born 1796/98, on the recently acquired lands on the North Fork of Tiger Creek, Hancock County.¹⁷ A marriage record for Sims and Elizabeth has not been located. A Lewis and Jesse Talbot were witnesses to a Jones County, 1808, deed of Sims Middlebrooks while he resided in Hancock County.¹⁸ A Thomas Talbot of Wilkes County was listed on the Georgia 1790 Reconstructed U.S. Census.¹⁹

For the tax year 1796, Sims, John, Joseph, Thomas and Micajah lived close to each other in Captain Adams District, Hancock County. Thomas was assessed for 366 acres and Sims for 33 acres on Shoulder Bone Creek. Thomas, on 23 September 1796, was awarded a land grant, 366 acres from the State of Georgia on Shoulder Bone Creek. (Deed Book Y, pg. 456). No land was listed for Joseph, John or Micajah.¹⁴

¹² North Carolina Land Grant files 1693-1960, images 884-888, Book 68, Pg. 76 grant # 864 & entry 1243 and Caswell County, Deed Book F, Pg., 117-8, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.

¹³ Tax Digest 1794, 1796, 1804, Wilkes County, Georgia, film 159194, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

¹⁴ Hancock County Tax digest, 1796, 1804, 1837, 1853, 1864, Georgia Court of Ordinary, film 847837, familysearch.org and Georgia Tax Index 1789-1799, ancestry.com 1794 tax list. On the 1804 tax digest Micajah Middlebrooks was listed with 317 acres on Beaverdam Creek, Hancock County.

¹⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Talbot County, Georgia, ancestry.com.

¹⁶ Register of the Middlebrook Family, 1909, page 64, 65

¹⁷ 1850-1860 U.S. Census, Jones County, Isaac R. Middlebrook, b. 1798

¹⁸ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book C, pg. 214, familysearch.org

¹⁹ 1790 Reconstructed U.S. Census Wilkes County, Georgia, familysearch.org

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Names of Persons	Swamp			Ditches			Oaks and Hickory Land			Adjoining Lands of	On the Water of	Years	Stocks Tradeable	Amount of each
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3					
Wm. Dodds														57 3/4
John Boyd														146 7/8
Amantul Phany														176 6/8
Thos Middlebrooks														27 3/4
Thos Chapel														37 5/8
Jas Wooders														149 3/4
Hugh Montgomery														129 5/8
Shirling Cato														344 1/8
do do Grimes														41 4/8
do do do														39 2/8
Shelby Barnhart														57 5/8
John Coultas														562 5/8
Robert Hill														344 5/8
Thomas Hill														63 3/8
Jas Middlebrooks														37 5/8
Thos Middlebrooks														37 5/8
Jas Middlebrooks														37 5/8
Wm Hill														37 5/8
M. Middlebrooks														37 5/8

1796 Tax Digest, Captain Adams District, Hancock County, Georgia. Thomas, Sims, John, Joseph and M. (Micajah) Middlebrooks.

On 1 November 1798, Sims purchased 101 acres for \$300.00 from John Ward. Both men were living in Hancock County. The land was located on the North fork of Tiger Creek it being part of a two hundred acre track originally granted to Parks King. Tiger Creek is located in the southern part of Hancock County, Georgia close to the Washington County line. The deed was recorded on 6 February 1807.²⁰

According to an Abstract of Tax Defaulters from Georgia Newspapers of 1799-1800, more specifically, The *Augusta Chronicle and Gazette* of the State dated December 6, 1800, on page two, column two, states that Sims was living Hancock County, Georgia, in Captain Carter's District and defaulted on his taxes for 1800.

Sims, while he resided in Hancock County, participated in the Georgia 1805 Land Lottery. He was successful drawer. He drew land in Cobb County, land lot 66. Each land lot was 202-1/2 acres.²¹ We believe he must have sold the land in Cobb County. We have no record of Sims residing in this County.

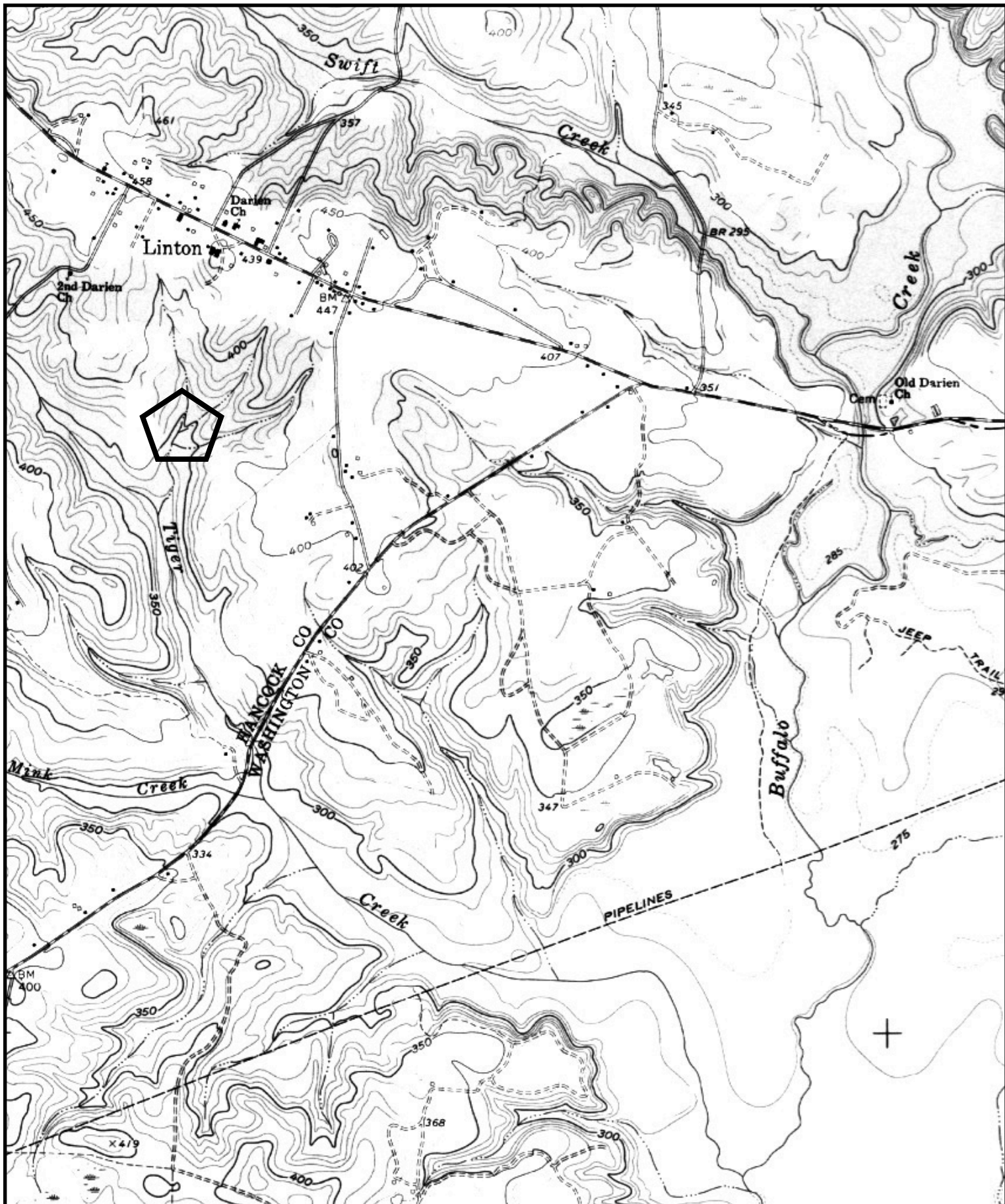
While living in Hancock County, Georgia, Sims, purchased 101-1/4 acres of land on 18 August 1808 for \$300.00. The property was located in the 10th District, southeast corner of land lot 66, originally Baldwin County, now Jones County, Georgia. He bought the land from his brother, Robert, who at the time lived in Baldwin County, Georgia. Witnesses to the deed were Lewis and Jesse Talbot. His lot adjoined that of Shadrick Goode, land lot 45. We suspect Jesse and Lewis Talbot were related to Sims wife, Elizabeth Talbot.²²

²⁰ Hancock County, Georgia Deed Book E, (out of circulation), page 34. Recorded on February 6, 1807.

²¹ 1805 Georgia Land Lottery Persons Entitled to Draws. <http://1805georgialandlottery.com/fortunate-drawers-and-grantees/index-to-fortunate-drawers-a-m/>

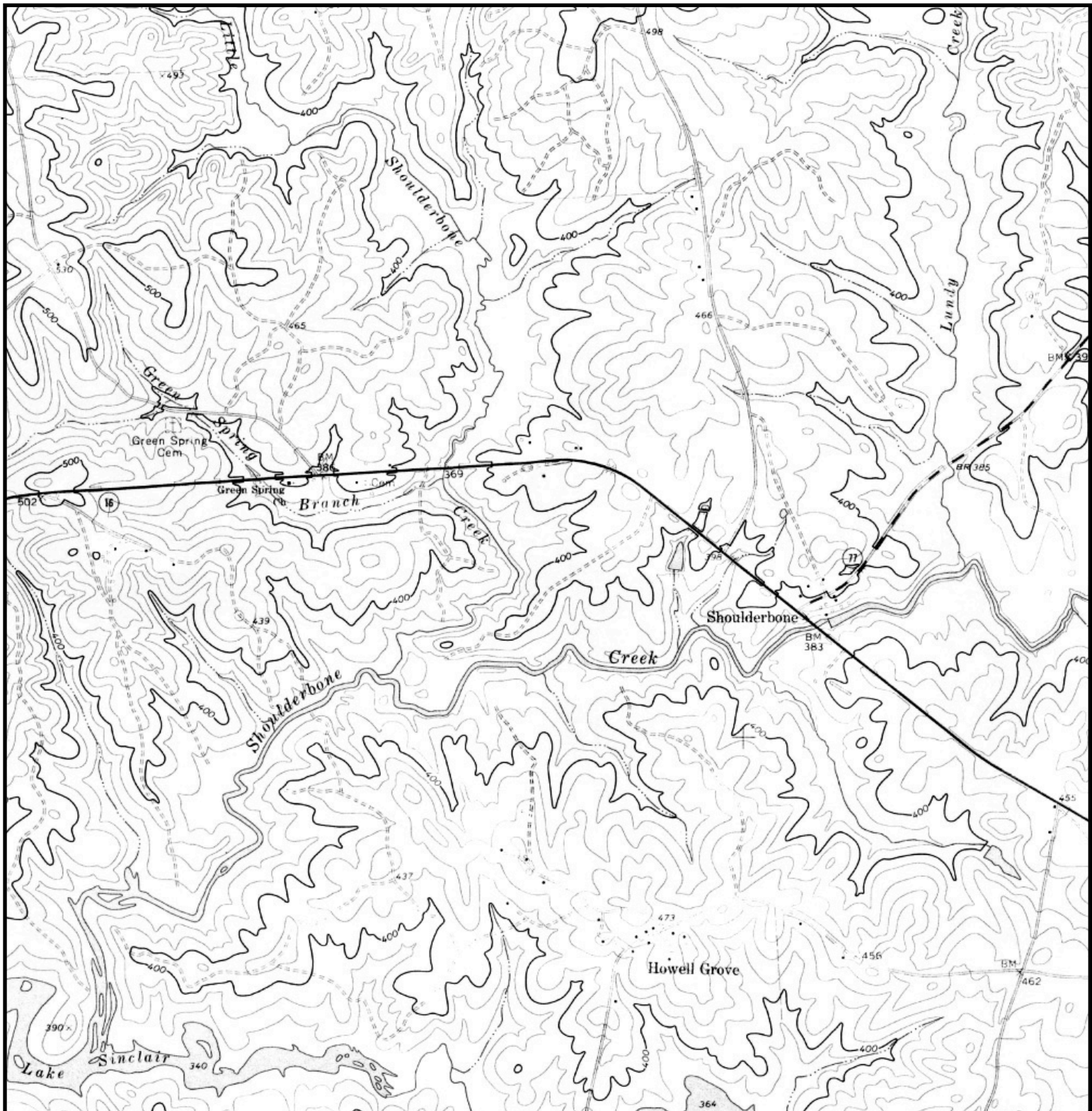
²² Jones County, Georgia Deed Book C, page 214. County Clerks Office, Gray, Georgia.

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia



Approximate location of Sims Middlebrooks farm (101-1/4 acres) on North Fork of Tiger Creek, Hancock County, Georgia. USGS Deepstep, 1:24,000 Quad 1961.

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia



**Shoulder Bone Creek, Hancock County, Georgia, location of Thomas (363 acres) and Sims (33 acres) Middlebrooks farms 1796.
USGS Shoulderbone, GA, 1:24,000, 1972.**

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Jones County Georgia

Based on the Tax Digest records it appears that Sims and his family moved from Hancock County to Jones County as early as 1811. He was reported on tax lists until 1839, the year he died at Hog Creek, Jones County. In 1811, he filed his taxes on 101-1/4 acres of land on Hog Creek located in Jones County, Georgia.²³ Sims was not listed on the 1812 Tax Digest for Hancock County. Micajah was the only Middlebrooks on the Hancock County Tax Digest for 1812.²⁴

War of 1812

Sims Middlebrooks was listed 23 August 1813 on Captain William Butlers Drafted Infantry, 2nd and 3rd Regiment Volunteers and Militia, Milledgeville, Georgia, rank of private. Company muster roles, 23 August 1813 to 18 March 1814, reported Sims was absent without out leave. Remarks: Never Joined.²⁵ Sims was drafted, but never reported for duty.

Tax Digest 1816

The 1816 Tax Digest Jones County, listed Sims Middlebrooks in Captain Greens District. His land was 101-1/4 acres, one slave on Hog Creek. His grantee was Goodwin and he adjoined Walden's land, taxes 87 cents and 8-1/4 mills. A John Talbot was also listed in this district with no land.²⁶

	B. P. V. S.	Slaves	Land	Quar.	Counties	Grantee	Water courses	Adjoiners	\$	cents	mills
William Cabanepo	1	23	60 7/8	2	Jones	hutton &c	Hog Creek	Wilson &c	9	01	8 3/4
Trustee for Joseph Grant	1								0	31	2 1/2
Titus Starnes	1		101 1/4	2	"	Starnes	" "	Ross &c	0	56	5 3/4
Sims Middlebrooks	1	1	101 1/4	2	"	Goodwin	" "	Walden &c	1	87	8 1/4

1816 Jones County Tax Digest, Sims Middlebrooks (101-1/4 acres) Hog Creek, grantee Goodwin, adjoins Walden.

U.S. Census 1820-1850

The Jones County, 1820 U.S Census, Captain Permenters District had 2 males, 10-16, 2 males 18-26, 1 male, over 45, 1 female under 5, 1 female 18-26 and 1 female slave in the household. Sim's wife, Elizabeth, appears to have not been enumerated. However, the 1830 U.S. Census for Jones County, does record a female between age 50 and 60. This may be Sims wife, Elizabeth (b. 1776).

The 1840 U.S. Census does not list a Sims Middlebrooks household in Georgia. Some researchers believe that Sims age 75, before his death, went to live with his daughter Nancy and her husband Jesse Fallin, in Talbot County, Georgia.

²³ Jones County, Georgia tax digests 1811-1819, pg. 61, familysearch.org

²⁴ Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, 1812, pg. 78, Ancestry.com

²⁵ U. S. War of 1812 Service Records 1812-1815, Roll Box 144, Microfilm M602, ancestry.com. Sent for Sims Middlebrooks military records at NARA, only three pages in file.

²⁶ Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892, ancestry.com. 1816 Jones County, Captain Greens District, # 378.Sims Middlebrooks, image 6.

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<i>M</i>	2 (Jenkins'.)	Ga. Vols. and Mil.
<i>Sims Middlebrooks</i>		
<i>Pr</i>	{ Capt. William Butler's Company of Drafted Infantry, 2 Reg't Georgia Militia. (War of 1812.)	
Appears on		
align="center"> Company Muster Roll		
for	<i>Aug 23 to Oct 22, 1813 .</i>	
Roll dated	<i>Oct 22, 1813 .</i>	
Time of entering,	, 181 .	
Commencement of service,	, 181 .	
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Appears on		
align="center"> Company Muster Roll		
for	<i>Oct 22, 1813, to Mch 8, 1814 .</i>	
Roll dated	<i>Millersville Mch 8, 1814 .</i>	
Time of entering,	, 181 .	
Commencement of service,	, 181 .	
Expiration of service,	, 181 .	
For what time engaged,	
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Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

When the 1840 U.S. Census was enumerated, neither Sims or Elizabeth were recorded in the Fallin household, meaning Sims possibly died before 1840. It is believed that Sims died in 1839, at his home on Hog Creek, Jones County. Elizabeth was not recorded in the Fallin household until the 1850 U. S. Census was enumerated for Talbot County, Georgia. Elizabeth was age 74, born 1776 in Virginia.²⁷

On September 26, 1822, Sims purchased additional land from his brother, Robert, who still lived in Baldwin County, Georgia. He purchased 101-1/4 acres of land for \$800.00. The property was located in the 10th District in the northeast half of land lot 66, adjoining George Ross, himself, Noah Mercer and others.²⁸

Sims, a fortunate drawer in the 1832 Georgia Gold Land Lottery, acquired land lot 434, second district section three, 40 acres, again in Cobb County. Considering the 1805 Land Lottery he would have received over 242 acres in Cobb County.²⁹ He most likely sold the land in Cobb County.

On 29 October 1836, Sims sold to his son, John S. Middlebrooks two hundred acres of land in the 10th District, land lot 66, in Jones County, Georgia. Neighbors were Hugh Comer and Joseph Messer (Mercer). The purchase price was \$1,000.00. Witnesses were: Silas and Isaac Middlebrooks.³⁰

On 5 September 1837, Sims Middlebrooks, was subpoenaed as a defendant in the Jesse Bunkley trial. He was on trial for cheating and swindling in Jones County, Georgia.³¹

Sims Homestead and Burial Place

Deed records indicate that Sims settled in the 10th District of land lot 66, Jones County. His first purchase was for the southeast one half of land lot 66 in 1808, and then northeast one half was purchased in 1822. Sims owned the entire land lot 66. The deed was recorded in Jones County, Georgia, in Deed Book M, page 159. Land lot 66 is just outside the boundary of the Oconee National Forest and is thought to now be private commercial forest land, which at one time was owned by Plum Creek Timber Company Inc. and now owned by Weyerhaeuser.

On 29 October 1836, Sims sold 200 acres in land lot 66, 10th District, to his son John S. Middlebrooks. Since land lots were 202-1/2 acres, what happened to the 2-1/2 acres? Was this Sims' home-place that was not sold to his son and may have also included the family burying ground? Sims would have been about age 74 in 1836, possibly deciding to give up farming.

²⁷ 1820-1850 U, S. Census, Jones and Talbot County, Georgia, Middlebrooks and Fallin. ancestry.com

²⁸ Jones County, Georgia Deed Book M, page 159 Recorded on November 19, 1822.

²⁹ Lucas, Silas Emmett. The 1832 Gold Lottery of Georgia: Containing a List of the Fortunate Drawers in Said Lottery. Easley, S.C.

³⁰ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book P, page 472. Recorded on April 4, 1837.

³¹ Williams W. Carolyn, History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907, (Wolf Publishing Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, 1992) 97.

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John S. Middlebrooks purchased 101-1/4 acres from the executors of the estate of Sterling Cassel, the Northeast half of land lot 45, 10th District, Jones County, on 3 December 1839. Land lot 45 adjoined his father's parcel in lot 66 and the lands of Silas and Isaac R. Middlebrooks, recorded 4 March 1840.

The John S. Middlebrooks will of 3 September 1867, Jones County, reveals that John had purchased land lots 66 and 45. He had residences on both land lots. John requested to be buried at the family burial ground. We suspect the family burial ground was on land lot 66, because he purchased this parcel from his father, Sims, first in 1836. It was most likely where his father and mother were buried, and it was the larger of the two parcels. We believe that Sims and John S. Middlebrooks, as well as other family members, were buried at the family burial ground located in land lot 66. We have not found any probate records for Sims Middlebrooks.

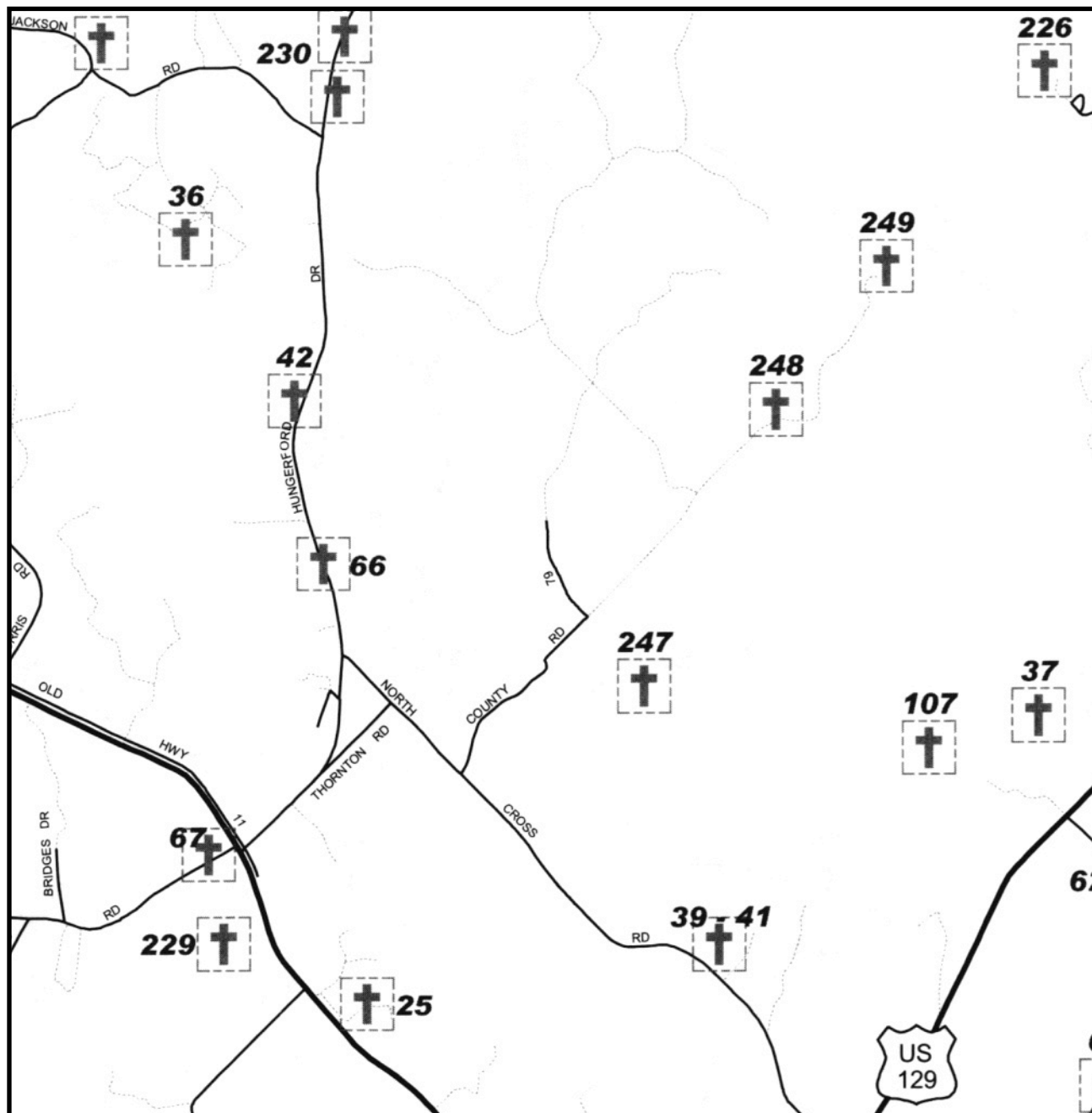
Another piece of evidence is the fact that Silas and Bethany Middlebrooks' children, Saluda and Elizabeth, were buried in what is called the Mercer 2 Family Cemetery. This cemetery designated as # 248 on map 9 was mistakenly placed in the 9th instead of the 10th District in the book entitled, *Fields of Stones: Cemeteries of Jones County, Georgia*, by Earl and Beth Colvin 2004, (pg. 311).

Mercer 2 Family Cemetery #248, as plotted on Map 9 in the book, *Fields of Stone* was located in lot 66, 10th District. The GPS coordinates for Mercer 2 Cemetery place the cemetery in lot 66, 10th District and agree with the location on Map 9. When the cemetery was inventoried, 25-40 graves were marked by field stones. The cemetery is inactive.

It is my opinion that the Mercer #2 Family Cemetery was the Middlebrooks family burial ground mentioned in the will of John S. Middlebrooks in 1867, although no marked gravestones were earlier than 1878. We do not have any records that the Mercers ever owned land lot 66. See the following maps and satellite photos.



***Middlebrooks-Mercer
Cemetery, lot 66, 10th
District. Sims and Elizabeth
Middlebrooks family
burying ground.***



Cemetery #248, Mercer #2 Family Cemetery and Cemetery #247, now Middlebrooks-Cannon (formerly Unnamed Cemetery 22), Map 9 Fields of Stone: Jones County, Georgia. Cemetery #248 and #247 as marked are in land lot 66, 10th District and land lot 97, 9th District respectively. Lot 66 is believed to be where Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks were buried and lot 97 was thought to be where Isaac and Mary Middlebrooks were buried.

(Mercer2) MERCER FAMILY CEMETERY/MIDDLEBROOKS

General area: Near Bradley

Specific directions: From the railroad intersection in Gray, travel approx. 3.3 miles north on Ga. Hwy 11 to Bradley. Turn right onto Hungerford Rd. and travel approx. 0.5 mile to Thornton Rd. Turn right and travel approx. 0.3 mile to the intersection of North Cross Rd. Turn right and travel approx. 0.5 mile to an access road on the left. Turn left and travel approx. 1.2 miles to a gate. The cemetery is located approx. 0.5 mile beyond the gate on a hardwood hill.

Map number: 9

Cemetery number on map: 248

GPS coordinates (in degrees): 33.07942 North by -83.52162 West

Location on Jones County tax maps: Dist 9 Land Lot 66

Date surveyed: Jan 26, 2003

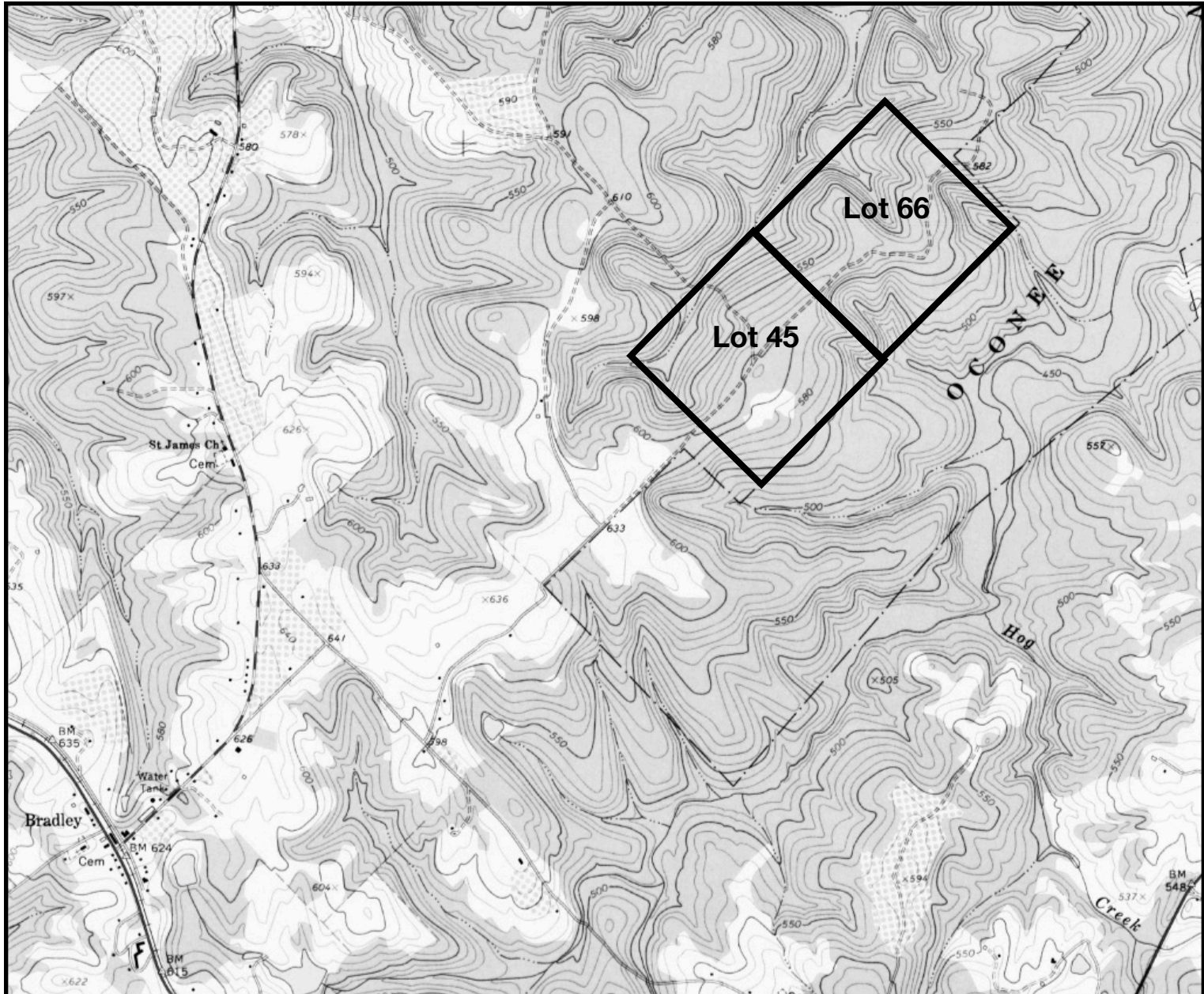
Cemetery Status: Inactive

Predominant race: White

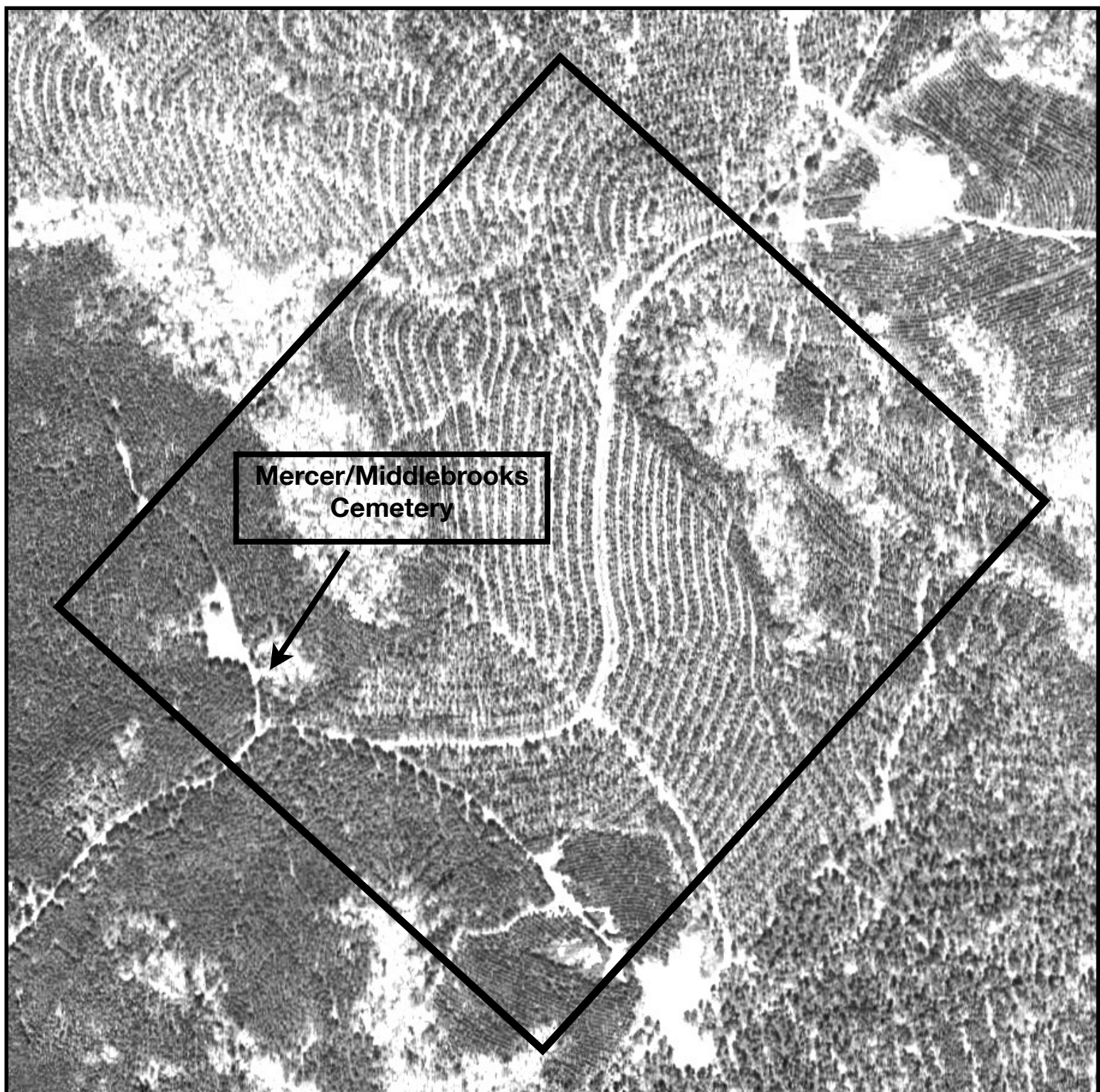
Other information: The cemetery is located on timber company property and access and permission will be needed.

Pers No.	Name	Birth	Death	Inscription and Notes
1	Thomas J. Mercer	Jan 7, 1852	1883	h/o Elizabeth B.S. Middlebrooks Mercer
2	Elizabeth B. S. Middlebrooks Mercer	Nov 20, 1844	1886	w/o Thomas J. Mercer
3	Joseph J. Mercer, Jr.	1836	1878	h/o Saludia M. Middlebrooks Mercer
4	Saludia M. Middlebrooks Mercer	Aug 17, 1840	1898	w/o Joseph J. Mercer Jr.
5				Unmarked graves: 25-40 graves marked by field stones.

Elizabeth and Saluda (Middlebrooks) Mercer, children of Silas T. and Bethany Middlebrooks. Location of land lot 66 should be the 10th District instead of the 9th. Fields of Stone: Jones County, Georgia, 2004, pg. 311



Location of land lot 45 and 66, 10th District, Jones County. Sims Middlebrooks, purchased lot 66 in 1808 and 1822 (202-1/2 acres). John S. Middlebrooks purchased lot 66 in 1836 and lot 45 in 1839. The family burying ground was located in land lot 66.



Satellite view of approximate location of land lot 66, 10th District. It was on the boundary between the 9th and 10th Districts. Sims Middlebrooks land lot was, 202-1/2 acres. The Middlebrooks family burial ground was within this land lot. Today, it is mostly commercial forest tree plantations. Land lot 66 was not purchased when the Oconee National Forest was established. It abuts the south side of the forest boundary. Google earth.



**MERCER #2/MIDDLEBROOKS CEMETERY, land lot 66, 10th District, Jones County.
GPS Coordinates: 33.07942N, 83.52162W**

14 November 2018

Cemetery Search, Land Lot 66, 10th District

Good Afternoon,

Your email was forwarded to me from our Customer Service Representative at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

I spent some time reviewing available data on hand, and unfortunately, I was not able to locate your family cemetery. I do not have any records for Lot 66, but I do have records for lands to the south, southeast, east, and northeast of that parcel.

Lot 66 is adjacent to the Forest Proclamation Boundary, but was not part of acquired land in the area. Currently, there are no Forest Service managed lands within this portion of the Forest Proclamation Boundary adjacent to Lot 66.

Land acquisition records indicate the land adjacent to Lot 66 was purchased by the Federal Government in 1936. There were no cemeteries noted in the land descriptions from the acquisition records. Archaeological surveys were conducted on Forest Service Lands within the Proclamation Boundary and adjacent to Lot 66 in 1981. These surveys found no cemeteries close to Lot 66, and no surveys were conducted inside of Lot 66. Adjacent Forest Service Lands were exchanged sometime after 1981. A review of the State archaeology site database show no records of sites from other surveys inside of Lot 66. Likely, this means the parcel has never been professionally surveyed for archaeology sites.

Sorry, that this current search could not locate your family cemetery. If you have any other question, please let me know.

Thank you for your email,

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Note: Since land lot 66, 10th District was not within the boundary of the Oconee National Forest it was not surveyed by Forest Service archaeologists or by others.

Middlebrooks Brothers of Jones County

The article below entitled *T.R. Turner and Some Others of Long Ago*, by S. H. Griswold (UNEDITED) in the *History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907*, includes the Middlebrooks Brothers.

*Sam Middlebrooks bought the Dr. Bowen plantation from Dr. Jim Bowen who moved near Prattville, AL. Turner later got this (plantation) because Middlebrooks defaulted his note. The (plantation) lands proved to be very valuable in later years. Silas, John and Isaac Middlebrooks owned lands on Hog Creek. They were good citizens and well-to-do men. Silas left Mrs. Bill Nevins, Mrs. Mercer married John Bradley. Bert, Dave and Silas all of whom were known to many Jones County people. Dave, Bert and Mrs. Nevins moved to Ocilla. Mrs. Bradley and Silas died. Mrs. Nathan Morris and Mrs. John Thompson were children of Isaac. Sam died in Louisiana (a preacher). Mrs. Morris is dead. John Middlebrooks had no children. He gave his property to his wife and at her death it went to nephews Dave Middlebrooks and Major Jim Jones, both wounded and disabled during the Civil War where both had made a record as gallant soldiers. (Williams W. Carolyn, *History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907*, Published 1992, pg. 472-473)*

Missing from the above list of Middlebrooks brothers is Thomas A. Middlebrooks, who married Elender Miller. Thomas moved with his family to Harris County, Georgia about 1840. Also missing was a daughter of Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks, Nancy, who married Jesse Fallin and moved to Harris County, Georgia, before 1830.

Below is an explanation for the above paragraph. This information is from both Dianne and Neal Middlebrook/s.

All the above people were residing in Gray, (formerly James) Jones County, Georgia. In trying to identify an individual, based on the names above, we have come to the conclusion that Sam (Samuel) is a son of Isaac R. and Mary Middlebrooks. Bert is Elbert Pace and Dave is David Tyre Middlebrooks, both sons of Silas T. and Bethany Middlebrooks. Mrs. Nivins could be Livonia Middlebrooks, daughter of Silas T. and Bethany, who married William H. C. Nivins. Mrs. Mercer is Saluda M., daughter of Silas T. and Bethany, who first married Joseph J. Mercer Jr., 24 June 1858 and second married the Honorable John Bradley, 24 April 1888. Mrs. Nathan Morris is Ardecia, daughter of Isaac R. and Mary. Mrs. John Thompson was Burnetta, daughter of Isaac R. and Mary Middlebrooks, who married Edward J. Thompson, 7 June 1866, Jasper County, Georgia. Major Jim Jones Sr., was the husband of Martha Middlebrooks, the daughter of Isaac R. and Mary Middlebrooks.

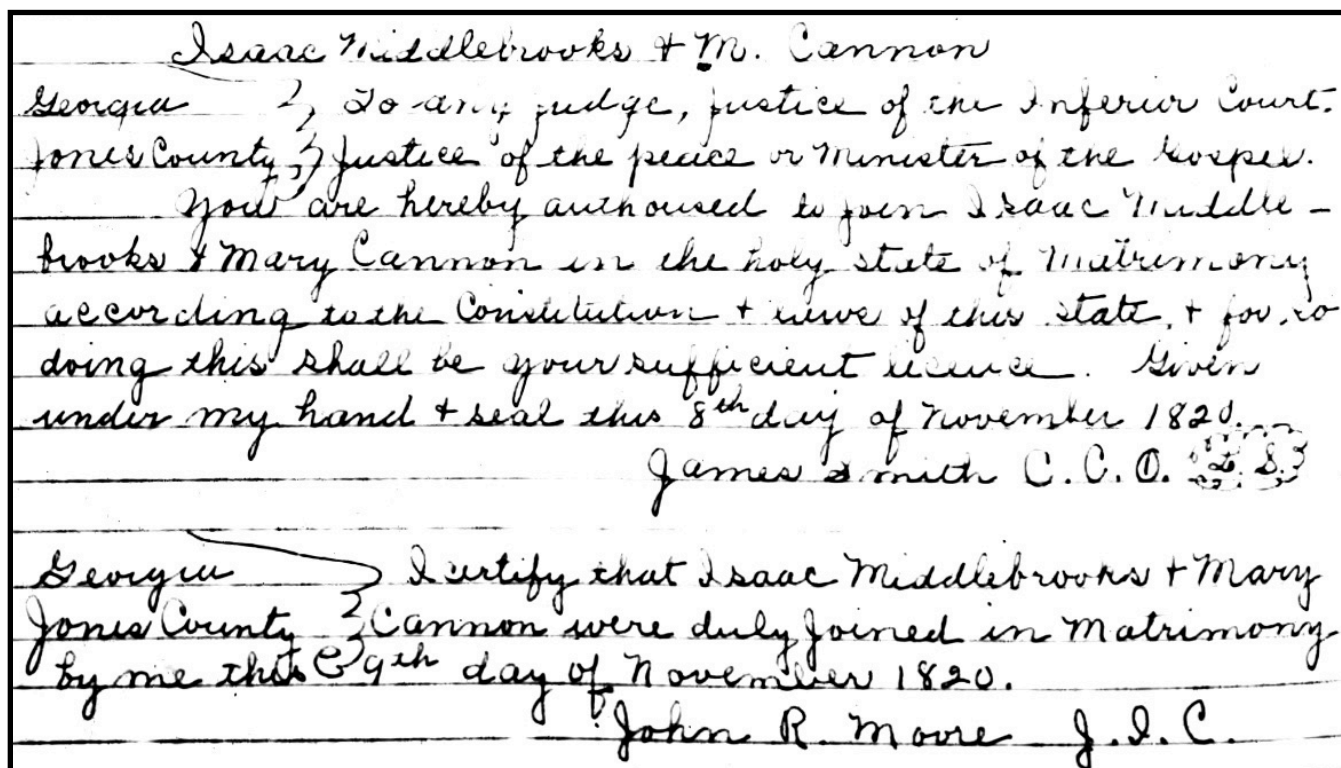
Silas, Thomas, John and Isaac Middlebrooks were brothers living in Jones County, Georgia. Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks were the parents of these Middlebrooks brothers.



Hog Creek, where it crosses North Cross Road, Jones County, Georgia. Top photo was taken in 2001 and bottom was 2018.

Isaac Roscoe Middlebrooks and Mary Cannon

Isaac was born 1796-98,³² Hancock County, Georgia, on lands his father Sims had acquired on the North Fork of Tiger Creek. Isaac married Mary Cannon, born 1801, Baldwin-Jones Georgia,³² 9 November 1820, Jones County.³³ Isaac died 10 October 1866, Jones County³⁴ and Mary died about 1868, Jones County.³⁵



**Isaac Middlebrooks and Mary Cannon marriage record 9 November 1820.
Jones County, Marriage Book A, pg. 122, ancestry.com**

Samuel Cannon and Sarah Riser

Mary's parents were Samuel William Cannon and Sarah Riser of Jones County. Samuel was born about 1773, South Carolina,³⁶ and Sarah was born 17 April 1778, South Carolina. Sarah died 15 November 1827, Jones County.³⁷

³² 1850-1860 U.S. Census, Jones County, Georgia. Mary was born 1801, possibly in Baldwin or Jones County?

³³ Jones County, Georgia Marriage Book A, pg. 122., ancestry.com

³⁴ Jones County, Court of Ordinary 1866-1868, pg. 228, familysearch.org Isaac's son. Samuel C. Middlebrooks was appointed executor of his fathers estate 10 January 1867.

³⁵ Note: In none of the probate documents of the estate of Isaac R. Middlebrooks was his wife Mary mentioned. If Mary died in 1868 why is she not mentioned in any of the probate records? Did she die before Isaac in 1866?

³⁶ 1850 U.S. Census Division 59 Meriwether County, Georgia, Samuel (77) and 2nd wife Anna Chunning Brag (64) is in the household. Anna was born in South Carolina 1786, South Carolina.

³⁷ findagrave. Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Pomaria, Newberry County, South Carolina.. ancestry.com

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Sarah and Samuel were married *circa* 1797, in South Carolina.³⁸ Samuel died (will probated) 8 August 1854 Coweta County, Georgia. Daughter, Mary Middlebrooks received \$500.00.³⁹ Sarah died 15 November 1827, Jones County. Both Sarah and Samuel were buried at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Pomaria, Newberry County, South Carolina.⁴⁰ See pages 51-52 for a copy of the Samuel Cannon will.

Sims and his family moved to Jones County from Hancock County 1808-1811. Sims was recorded on the Jones County 1811 Tax Digest with 101-1/4 acres on the waters of Hog Creek, in Captain Charles Evans District. Isaac was first reported as a tax deflater on the 1818-1819 Tax Digest, Captain Norrises District, Hog Creek, no land. Isaac was recorded for the tax years 1818-19 to 1835, and most likely until his death in 1866. During those tax years, he was taxed for land 101-1/4- 202-1/2 acres within the Hog Creek, drainage.⁴¹ It is surprising that Isaac was not taxed as owning more lands.

Lands of Issac R. Middlebrooks

Isaac, 1828-1866, amassed what some would consider a real-estate empire. Isaac bought and sold land! In a span of 38 years, Isaac accumulated about 2,400 acres. He even sold land to his children instead of giving it to them. At one time he had 18 slaves to work his lands.

Isaac, after moving with his family to Jones County from Hancock County, started to buy lands near his father's farm in land lot 66. Isaac bought land in land lots, 10th District, 40, 45, 46, 65, 69, 9th District, 95, 96, 97, 128. Each land lot was 101-1/4 to 202-1/2 acres.

One of his first acquisitions was in Hancock County on Beaver-dam Creek in 1827. He attended a Sheriffs sale for back taxes in Hancock County that was challenged by the owner in court. It was settled in Isaac's favor. Micajah Middlebrooks also reported 317 acres located on Beaver dam Creek, on the 1804 Tax Digest.

208 acres of land more or less, on the waters of Beaverdam Creek, adjoining James Spartling and others levied on as the property of Henry Blake to ratify six fi fas issued from a Justices Court in favor of Isaac Middlebrooks vs Henry Blake; levy made and returned to me by a constable. Conditions cash. W. Lumpkin, D S.⁴²

³⁸ Their first son James Madison Cannon was born 1799, South Carolina. Marriage record for Samuel and Sarah has not been located.

³⁹ Record of wills V. A-B 1828-1892 -- annual returns 1829-1838, Book B. 1849-1892, pg 104-05, family search.org Samuel was living in Meriwether County. Ga, even though his will was filed in Coweta County.

⁴⁰ findagrave. Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Pomaria, Newberry County, South Carolina.. ancestry.com

⁴¹ Jones County Tax Digest 1811-1835, films 470353, 470354, familysearch.org

⁴² The Georgia Journal, Millageville, 1809-1847 May 1, 1827, column 5 image 3
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Deed Records Isaac R. Middlebrooks (1828-1848)

1828 - 5 November, George and Niscuscu? Ross (Administrators of George Ross estate deceased) to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 202-1/2 acres, 10th District lot 65, Jones County. Witness, David Burrau? and John Moore. \$990.00. (Deed Book O, pg. 152, Recorded 12 February 1829)

1828 - 9 December, Isaac R. Middlebrooks to Silas Middlebrooks, 101-1/4 acres, lot 65, Jones County, Georgia, northwest 1/2 of land lot 65. Beginning at corner stake in John R. Moore line with his line land lot 45 due west until it reaches S. Cassel's corner: thence with the line until it reaches John Barnes and Joseph Messer corner then to a corner Spanish oak in line thence along line marked of trees to the first station. (Deed Book O, pg. 152, Recorded 12 February 1829)

1833 - 28 January, Samuel Cannon to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 101-1/4 acres 9th District Northeast 1/2, of lot 97 Jones Co. Bounded by T. J. Comer, James Gray and Samuel Cannon. Witnesses: Silas Middlebrooks, John Cannon and John R. Moore. \$500.00 (Deed Book P Pg. 134, Recorded 12 March 1833)

1833 - 28 January, Isaac R. Middlebrooks to Thomas A. Middlebrooks 101-1/4 acres, 10th District Southeast 1/2 of Lot 65, Jones County. Bounded by Sims Middlebrooks, T. J. Comer, Joseph Messer and Silas Middlebrooks. Witnesses, Silas, John Cannon, W. T. Williams. Deed signed by Isaac and Mary Middlebrooks. (Deed Book P, Pg. 164, Recorded 22 August 1833)

1835 - 15 July, Thomas J. Comer to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 133-1/3 acres, Lot 46, Jones County. Adjoining lands of Smith and Cannon to the cross fence; thence direct line to the lands formerly belonging to said Thomas, now owned by John Middlebrooks and part of Lot 45 known as old pasture field and adjoining the lands of said Isaac R. Middlebrooks. John S. Middlebrooks was one of the witnesses. \$400.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 333, Recorded 22 July 1835)

1837 - 7 August, James H. Finney to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 196-1/4 acres, 10 th District, Southwest tract of Lots 97 and 46 Jones County, Dividing line between between 9th and 10th Districts. On the waters of Hog Creek, Southwest 1/2 tract of land lot 97, 9th District and lot 95 10th District. Lands where James H. Finney now lives and adjoins lands of the estate of James Billingslea, now deceased on the west and James Gray on the southeast and Sterling Cassel on the northwest. \$1,000.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 489, Recorded 25 August 1837.)

1839 - 21 February, Isaac R. Middlebrook to John F. Comer, 1-1/2 acres, lot of land known as Morgan tract. East or northeast side of original bed run of Hog Creek, below Comer Mills, Jones County. 1.5 acres in northeast corner, bounded on the northwest by foot of big hill on northwest side of creek. \$10.00 (Deed Book P Pg. 631, Recorded 9 March 1839)

1839 - 3 December, Bennett Bell, Ezekeil B. Smith and Howell Peebles (Executors of Sterling Cassel Estate) to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 100 acres, 10 District, half of lot 45, Jones County. Adjoining Smith, D. M. Ware and Isaac Middlebrooks. (Deed Book Q Pg. 26, Recorded 10 January 1840)

1843 - 5 January, Isaac R. Middlebrooks to Mary Moore, 200 acres, 9th and 10th Districts Jones County. Adjoining lands of Horatio Bowen and Elizabeth Towhee?; on the west of lands of James Gray; on the by Isaac R; on the east line which divides the said bargained lands from Isaac; commences at the small branch running from said branch into lands of James Gray; then up said branch to its head; thence along line of fence to the corner of said fence near the gin house Isaac; thence along the Walnut trees to the ditch to a small Hickory tree; thence a direct line towards the lands of David Ware. (Deed Book Q, Pg. 285, Recorded 6 January 1843)

1843 - 4 March, John Cannon to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 202-1/2 acres, 9th District, Lot 128, Jones County. Adjoining lands of William Comer, T. J. Command and Isaac R. Middlebrooks. Witnesses Samuel cannon, William C. Simmons and Michael Sullivan. \$200.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 217, Recorded 2 April 1834)

1846 - 4 February, Isaac R. Middlebrook to James H. Finney 45 acres 10th District Southeast corner lot 46, Jones County. Adjoining lands of Isaac R. Middlebrooks, James H. Finney and Sterling Cassel. \$200.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 472, Recorded 6 February 1846)

1846 - 4 August, Isaac R. Middlebrooks (Administrator of the Estate of Silas Middlebrooks) to James Billingslea, 202-1/2 acres, 10th District lot 70, Jones County. Administrator for Silas T. Middlebrooks; adjoining James Barnes, Mrs. Cabiness and J. A. Billingslea. Witness Joseph Messer. \$410.00 (Deed Book R, Pg. 85, Recorded 7 August 1846)

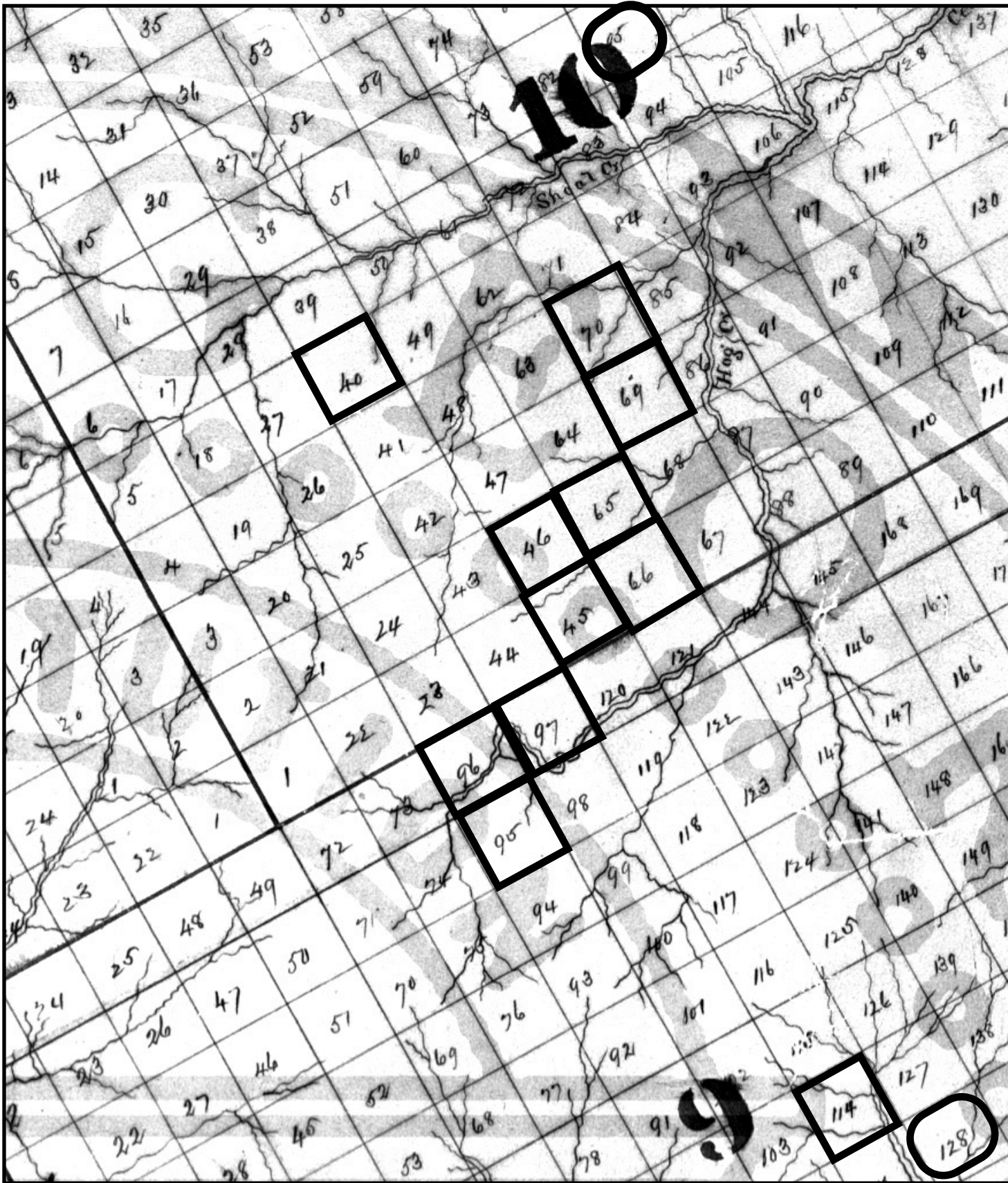
1847 - 4 November, Issac R. Middlebrooks to Taylor Morris, 100 acres 9th District part of land lot 114, \$275.00. Adjoining lands of John Whitby, Robert Brown. Recorded 4 March 1886. Witnessed by John and William Whidby. (Deed Book V, 1882-1888 pg. 430)

1847 - 19 February, Isaac R. Middlebrooks to David Ware, 110 acres, 10th District, lot 45, northwest side of lot 40, Jones County; to an old cross fence; then parallel line across lot; adjoining H. Bowen on the west; Isaac R. Middlebrooks on the south and John S. Middlebrooks on the east and lying broad side of the said David Ware on the north side. \$175.00 (Deed Book R, Pg. 137, Recorded 8 March 1847)

1848 - 10 February, Isaac R. Middlebrooks to John S. Middlebrooks, 60 acres, 10th District, lot 45, Jones County. Known as sage field adjoining lands of John on the north and Isaac on the south. Witness Elbert Middlebrooks and Sophia Middlebrooks. (Deed Book S, Pg. 320, Recorded 25 January 1859)

According to a book in "Inferior Court", now Probate Court, Jones County, Georgia the "*setting of Road business,*" appointed a "*Road Commissioner... of the Fortville District*" on 13 January 1841. In 1841, Isaac R. Middlebrooks was a Justice of the Peace. Isaac was appointed a commissioner along with others to manage the Poor School Fund for 1842. (Jones County, Court of Ordinary Minutes 3 January 1842, pg.151, familysearch.org)

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**Middlebrooks Land Lots 9th and 10th Districts, Jones County
(101-1/4 - 202-1/2 acres)**

Isaac R.: 10th District, 40, 45, 46, 65, 69, 95, 9th District, 95, 96, 97, 114, 128

Silas T. 65, 70 (originally owned by Isaac sold to Silas 1828)

John S.: 10th District, 45, 66

Sims: 10th District, 66

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On 7 December 1846 Isaac R. Middlebrooks was a witness to the will of Thomas W. and wife, Polly Stewart. Isaac's lands adjoined the lands of Thomas. The Stewarts were buried on the land of Joseph Glawson ⁴³ (and the Middlebrooks?)

Isaac became guardian of the minor children of his brother, Silas T. Middlebrooks, Sophronia E., Saluda M., David T. and Elizabeth S. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Isaac R., John S., William, Green M. Middlebrooks and Richard Blair. Recorded 5 March 1857.⁴⁴ Silas died 29 June 1844.⁴⁵

Bethany Middlebrooks' (first wife of Silas T. Middlebrooks), second marriage was to James G. Barnes. After her marriage to Mr. Barnes, on 1 August 1851, she petitioned the court for guardianship of the children of Silas. Her claim was that Isaac R. Middlebrooks received the guardianship through fraud. She lost the case.⁴⁶

As Guardian of the children of Silas, Isaac had to answer to the court and put up cash bonds for each child. Isaac bought for the children: David two pairs of shoes and a "Spelling Book." David was about ten years old. Saphronia Elizabeth married Joshua Jones Flournoy Lewis, died ca 1871, and Saluda M. was given money for material to make jeans, flowers for the bonnets and "Whale bone" and shoes. In all of the Vouchers received by the court, Esquire is at the end. Isaac's signature, 23 December 1851.⁴⁷

Isaac gave his daughter, Elizabeth Goddard, a certain Negro girl named Amy. At the time, Elizabeth was living with her father. Elizabeth was given \$500 a certain negro girl named Amy, 10 years old, black complexion, by her father. Her father called her Elizabeth in the deed. Sarah was 19 years of age in 1860 and living with her father under the name of Sarah Goddard. 21 December 1857.⁴⁸

Isaac R. and brother, John S., were witnesses to the will of Ann Comer on 2 September 1839, Jones County.⁴⁹

⁴³ Jones County, Georgia, Transcribed Wills; Book C 1809-1851, pg. 342-45 familysearch.org

⁴⁴ Jones County, Georgia Administrator and Guardian Bonds (1829-1858, Vol. 8, pg. 183-84, familysearch.org

⁴⁵ Joseph Middlebrook, *Register of the Middlebrook Family Descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Connecticut*, (Hartford, Conn.: C., L. & B Co., 1909), 65.

⁴⁶ Jones County, Georgia Court of Ordinary, Book C, page 148, familysearch.org

⁴⁷ Jones County Probate Records, 1847-1853, Estate of Silas T. Middlebrooks Vol. M-N pg.1, 86, 104, 113, 299, 462- 464. Administrator Isaac R. Middlebrooks.

⁴⁸ Middlebrooks, Neal, Charles and Dianne, *Three Generations - 1798-1907, Sims, Silas, & Isaac Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks, son of Isaac Roscoe and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks*, Middlebrooks Family Association Newsletter, Jan.-Mar. 2007, Pg. 8-20

⁴⁹ Williams W. Carolyn, *History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907*, (Wolf Publishing Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, 1992) Abstract of Wills, Ann Comer, Vol. C, pg. 964, Thomas Stewart Vol. E, pg. 978

U.S. Census 1830-1860 Jones County⁵⁰

The 1830 U.S. Census was the first time Isaac Middlebrooks was enumerated. He resided in Jones County, with 3 white males under 5, 2 white males 5-9, 1 male 30-39, 1 white female 20-29 and 1 female slave 10-23. It appears Mary, Isaac's wife, was also in the household.

On the 1840 U.S. Census, Jones County, in Isaac's household were 8 free white persons under 20, 3 free white persons 20-49, 9 slaves and with 9 working in agriculture. Isaac R. Middlebrooks was recorded on the 1850 U.S. Census, District 47, Jones County. Isaac (52) born 1798, Mary (49) born 1801, John (20) born 1830, Ardeca (17) born 1833, Samuel (13) born 1837, Elizabeth (10) born 1840 and Brunette (9) born 1841. Everyone was born in Georgia. Value of real-estate was \$4,000.00.

The 1850 U.S. Non-population Census, District 47, Jones County, enumerated 18 September, listed Isaac R. Middlebrooks with 400 acres of improved and 160 acres unimproved land. The cash value of the farm was \$4000.00. He reported 111 milk cows and 90 swine among other livestock. Twenty 20 bales of ginned cotton, 50 lbs. of wool, 5 bushels of Irish potatoes, 100 bushels of sweet potatoes, 100 lbs. of butter and 110 lbs. of beeswax. No figures were listed for crops on any of the other census sheets. The 1860 U.S. Federal Slave Schedule listed 18 slaves for the Isaac R. Middlebrooks Plantation.

The last census that Isaac and Mary were recorded on was the 1860 U.S. Census, Popes District, Jones County. Isaac (62), born 1798, Mary (59) 1801, and Sarah E. Goddard (19), born 1841. All members of the household were born in Georgia. Isaac's real estate was valued at \$4,000.00 and his personal estate value was \$12,560.00. Isaac died 1866 and Mary died 1868.

Isaac R. Middlebrooks Homestead

An 1864 map of the 9th District land lots of Jones County, Georgia identified the location of Isaac's home. It was located near the dividing line between the 9th and 10th Districts in the 9th District, land lot 97.⁵¹ Samuel Cannon (father of Mary Cannon, wife of Isaac), on 28 January 1833, sold to Isaac R. Middlebrooks 101-1/4 acres of northeast 1/2 of land lot 97 in the 9th District, Jones County. The land was bounded by T. J. Comer, James Gray and Samuel Cannon. Witnesses: Silas Middlebrooks, John Cannon and John R. Moore. \$500.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 134, Recorded 12 March 1833)

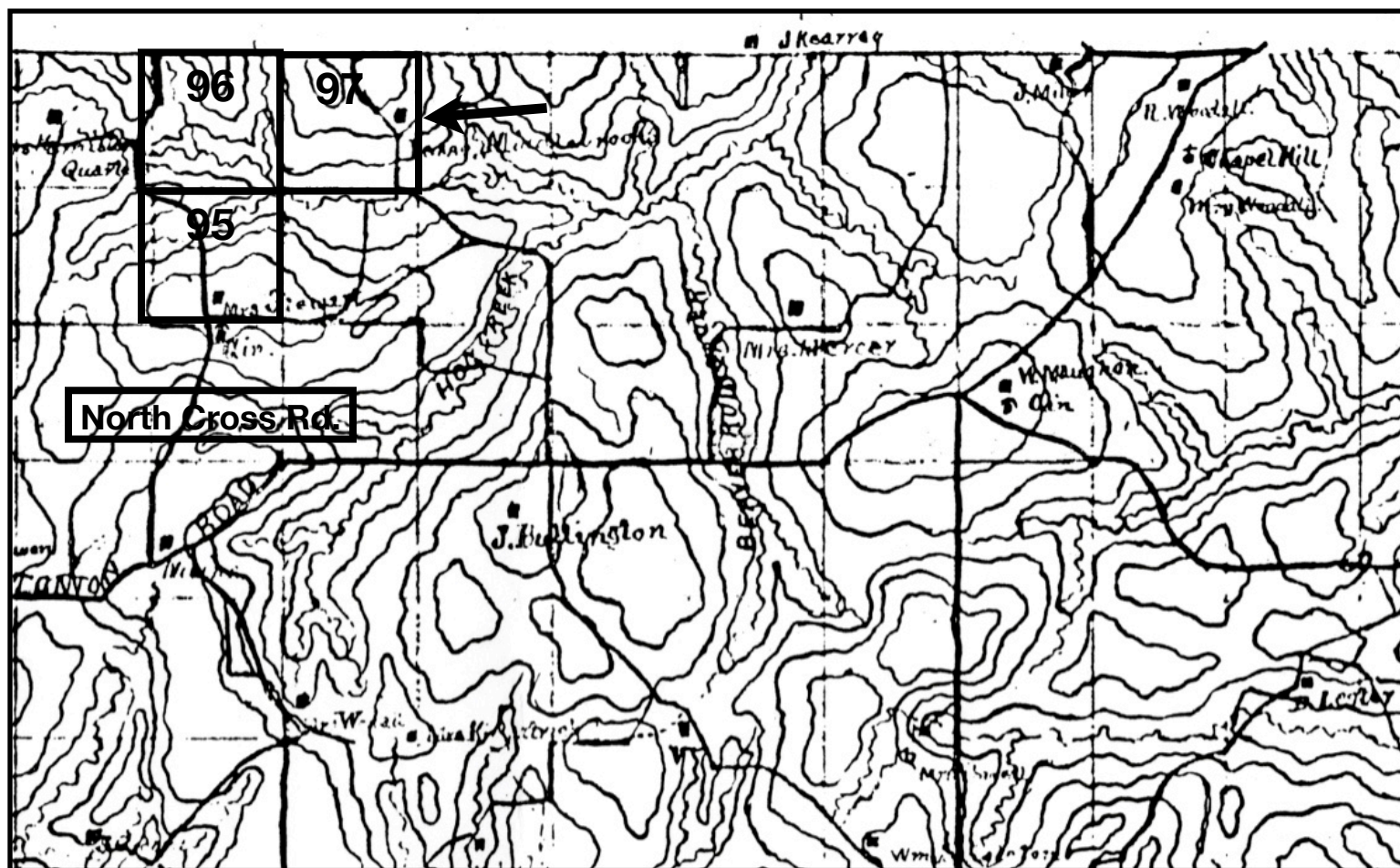
On 7 August 1837, James H. Finney sold to Isaac R. Middlebrooks, 196-1/4 acres. The parcels were on the waters of Hog Creek. The Southwest 1/2 tract of land lot 97 was in the 9th District and 95 acres was in land lot 46 of the 10th District. The lands where James H. Finney now lives and adjoins lands of the estate of James Billingslea, now deceased on the west and James Gray on the Southeast and Sterling Cassel on the Northwest. \$1,000.00 (Deed Book P, Pg. 489, Recorded 25 August 1837).

⁵⁰ 1830-1860 US. Census and 1850 Non-Population Census, Isaac R. Middlebrooks household, ancestry.com

⁵¹ 1864 Map of the Ninth District of Jones County, Georgia, by Victor M. Smith, National Archives.

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Isaac also owned land lots 96 and 95, 9th District, according to the 1868 Tax Digest records, Jones County. Both of the land lots border North Cross Road.⁵² However, we have not been able to locate deed records for these two parcels. It appears from the two above deeds recorded for land lot 97, 9th District that Isaac owns most if not all of the land lot. The 1864 map places the location of Isaac's farm in land lot 97.



1864 Map of 9th District, Jones County, Georgia. Location of Isaac's homestead, land lot 97. The arrow points to location of Isaac's farm. Isaac, at one time owned lots 96 and 95.

Nearby 9th District Landowners

Dr Bowen,
Nivins,
Mrs. Hamilton
Mrs. Mercer
J. Miller
Mrs. Stewart and Stewart Cemetery
R. Woadall
J. Billington
Chapel Hill Church

⁵² Personal research of Dianne Middlebrooks, Monticello, Georgia, Sims Middlebrooks 2002,pg. 3

Burial Place of Isaac R. and Mary (Canon) Middlebrooks

Isaac R. Middlebrooks died 10 October 1866, without a will.⁵³ His son, Samuel C. Middlebrooks was appointed on 20 December 1866, temporary administrator,⁵⁴ and by 10 January 1867, Samuel C. Middlebrooks, was appointed administrator of the estate of his father, Isaac R. Middlebrooks.⁵⁵

We have not been able to find where Isaac or his wife Mary were buried. It is suspected they were buried at their home on land lot 97, 9th District. Isaac purchased half of lot 97 from Mary's father, Samuel Cannon, in 1833. Isaac and Mary were very wealthy, yet we have not found that a gravestone was erected for either of them. An Unnamed Cemetery (# 22) was located on land lot 97, which may possibly be where they were buried. The unnamed cemetery near Bradley, had 30-50 graves marked only with field stones. Some of the field stones may be where some of Isaac's slaves were also buried. The cemetery is inactive.⁵⁶ The GPS coordinates for the Unnamed Cemetery (#22) places it in lot 97.

A second possibility of a burial site for Isaac and Mary may be in the Stewart Cemetery on North Cross Road. According to tax records Isaac once owned land lot 95, 9th District, where Stewart Cemetery is located. It was later owned by James Comer. Eleven graves, mostly Stewart, were registered for this inactive cemetery. It is thought that Middlebrooks were buried in the cemetery since 1867. Unfortunately, there were no Middlebrooks gravestones identified. Five unknown graves and 12 slaves were thought to have also been buried there.⁵⁷

A third possible location is the family burial ground on Sims and Elizabeths Middlebrooks farm, on land lot 66, 10th District (Mercer Family Cemetery #2). The family burial ground was mentioned in the will of Isaac's brother, John S. Middlebrooks. This was also where we believe Isaac's father and mother, Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks, were buried along with other family members. Son Silas and his wife Bethany may have also been buried here. Daughters, Elizabeth and Saluda, who married Mercer's have grave stones at Mercer #2 Family Cemetery.

Based on information I submitted to Fields of Stone; Cemeteries of Jones County, Georgia, website, the name of the Unnamed Cemetery #22 has been changed on the website to the Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery, the most likely burial place of Isaac and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks.

⁵³ Jones County, Court of Ordinary 1866-1868, pg. 228, familysearch.org

⁵⁴ Jones County, Court of Ordinary 1865-1868, pg. 447, familysearch.org

⁵⁵ Jones County, Court of Ordinary 1865-1918, pg. 23, familysearch.org

⁵⁶ Earl and Beth Colvin "Fields of Stone: Cemeteries of Jones County, Georgia, (Friends of Cemeteries of Middle Georgia, Milledgeville, Georgia 2004), 545

⁵⁷ Earl and Beth Colvin "Fields of Stone: Cemeteries of Jones County, Georgia, (Friends of Cemeteries of Middle Georgia, Milledgeville, Georgia 2004), 503. Millie Stewart, het@mylink.net USGeWeb Archives, 12 June 2002.

Conclusion: Homestead and Burial

Above we discussed the homestead and possible burial sites of Isaac and Mary Middlebrooks circa 1866-1868. Isaac's home was in land lot 97, 9th District, and may have been near the location of the Unnamed Cemetery 22, now identified as Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery, on the website of Fields of Stone: Cemeteries of Jones County. Often the family cemetery or burial ground was near the farm house. The satellite images on the following pages show the location of lot 97 and the cemetery.

Until additional information is discovered, we believe that Isaac and Mary's home was near where the Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery in lot 97, was located, and that they were buried in the cemetery. What is surprising, based on the wealth of Isaac's estate, is that gravestones have not been located for Isaac or Mary.

(Unnamed22) UNNAMED CEMETERY 22/Middlebrooks-Cannon

General area: Near Bradley

Specific directions: From the railroad intersection in Gray, travel approx. 3.3 miles north on Ga. Hwy 11 to Bradley. Turn right onto Hungerford Rd. and travel approx. 0.5 mile to Thornton Rd. and turn right. Travel approx. 0.3 mile to the intersection of North Cross Rd. Turn right and travel approx. 0.5 mile to an access road on the left. Turn left and travel approx. 0.7 mile to a gate on the right. The cemetery is located on timber company property approx. 0.5 mile from the gate which will need permission to access prior to entry.

Map number: 9

Cemetery number on map: 247

GPS coordinates (in degrees): 33.06344 North by -83.53089 West

Location on Jones County tax maps: Dist. 9 Land Lot 97

Date surveyed: Jan 26, 2003

Cemetery Status: Inactive

Pers No.	Name	Birth	Death	Inscription and Notes
1				Unmarked graves: 30-50 graves marked only with field stones.

***The Unnamed Cemetery #22, land Lot 97, 9th District was renamed the Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery on the Fields of Stone website. We believe this was where Isaac and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks were buried.
(Fields of Stone: Cemeteries of Jones County, Georgia, pg. 545)***



***Isaac R. Middlebrooks, land lot 97, 9th District. Arrow points to location of Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery (previously Unnamed Cemetery 22)
GPS Coordinates 33.06344N, 83.53089W***



Location of Middlebrooks-Cannon Cemetery (previously Unnamed Cemetery 22), land lot 97, 9th District, Jones County. Suspected burial place of Isaac and Mary Middlebrooks and other family members and slaves.

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Estate of Isaac R. Middlebrooks⁵⁸

Isaac's son, Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks, was executor of his estate. The first bond was written on 19 November 1866, dated 1 December 1869, and recorded 20 November 1866 (Probate Book E, page 130). Securities were Samuel as principal and James F. Barron and Robert Barron. The bond was set at \$6,000.00. The second bond was written on 7 January 1867, dated 12 January 1870 and recorded on 10 January 1866, Jones County, Georgia (Book E, page 37). Samuel, W. A. Juhan and John P. Hunt had to post a \$6,000.00 bond for Samuel to apply as a temporary administrator of Isaac's estate.

Date	Person & Event	\$ Disbursements
25 Dec. 1867	Samuel Middlebrooks To rent of land 500A	100.00
25 Dec. 1867	Samuel Middlebrooks Commission	1,109.21
19 Nov. 1866	Isaac Hardemen To set up Administration & recording	3.25
11 Oct. 1866	Black velvet, screws, white flannel, nails	
12 Oct. 1866	Frank Morris Making coffin, 4#s Cotton	26.20
20 Dec. 1866	Sale of perishables	1.01
	J. T. Middlebrooks "in full of partial distribution share"	150.00
	A. T. Middlebrooks	150.00
	J. M. Lane	147.00
	E.J. Thompson	150.00
	N. Norris	150.00
22 Jan. 1867	Stamps and recording fees	15.75
6 May 1867	Auctioneer	5.00.00
	"For printers fees of notice of leave to sell	
	land stamps and newspaper notice	10.35
	Taxes for 1867	7.25
	J. W. Foreman "in full of partial distribution share"	156.00
27 Jan. 1868	To real-estate of Dec'd at sale	2.50
	To amount collected of Alick Stewart (colored) inv.	75.00

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6 Dec. 1866	Frank Morris Voucher 2	26.20
	Juhan and Barron Voucher 3	15.27
20 Dec. 1866	R. T. Ross Voucher 4	1.00
29 Dec. 1866	J.T. Middlebrooks Voucher 5	156.00
	A.T. Voucher 6	156.00
1 Jan. 1867	J. M. Lane Voucher 7	147.40
	E. J. Thompson Voucher 8	155.60
	N. Norris Voucher 9	156.00
7 Jan. 1867	R. T. Ross Voucher 10	15.75
22 Jan. 1867	R. J. Turner Voucher 11	5.00
16 May 1867	R. T. Ross Voucher 12	5.00
5 Aug. 1867	R. J. Turner Voucher 13	10.35
23 Nov. 1867	J. W. Foreman Voucher 14	156.00
	J. H. Holmes Tax Voucher 15	7.20
27 Jan. 1868	James G. Barnes Voucher 16	2.50
1 June 1868	Isaac Hardeman Voucher 17	5.00.00
	Total	1020.27
	By amount 2-1/2% Commission on 1023.52	25.58
	By amount 2-1/2% Commission on 175.00	4.37
	By amount 2-1/2% Commission on 1455.00	36.67
	By amount 2-1/2% Commission on 755.00 Sale of Land	19.37
	Total	1,105.96

The total of the column in the original returns added up to \$ 1,109.29. Most likely there is an error due to a missing voucher that is not listed., The date of the administration of his estate (Book Z, pages 162-163), was 25 December 1867, Jones County, Georgia. No actual date of death has been found. According to the records, Isaac was deceased by November 23, 1866. In Book AA, page 143, vouchers of "*Isaac R Middlebrooks Estate*" were recorded.

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The three Receipts below (G. M. and A. T. Middlebrooks and J. M. Lane) were partial payments of Distribution Shares. These three receipts were one voucher issued on 29 February 1868 paid to the Sheriff of Monroe County, Georgia. The amount was two dollars and ten cents for "*service in Case vs. Green M. Middlebrooks in Monroe Co from Court Ordinary.*" The above was recorded on 29 February 1868. Another set of Vouchers was recorded in Book Z, page 443, "Isaac R. Middlebrooks. "*Estate Samuel C Middlebrooks Admr on the Estate of Isaac R Middlebrooks dec'd in Account with Said Estate.*"

Date	Person & Event	\$ Disbursements
7 Apr. 1868	By amt. paid G. M. Middlebrooks Voucher 2	107.00
18 Dec. 1869	By amt. paid A. T. Middlebrooks Voucher 3	163.00
1 Jan. 1870	By amt. paid James M. Lane Voucher 1	174.60
	Total	444.60
29 Feb. 1868	By amt. paid to R. T. Ross Ordinary Recording Vouchers 1 and recording bill of land	3.90
9 Mar. 1868	By amt. paid Blount and Gibson for drafting two deeds Voucher 2	10.00
1 Jan. 1870	By and paid S. C. Middlebrooks revenue stamps Voucher 3	3.30
1 Jan. 1870	By and paid R. T. Ross Ordinary application dismissal, examing vouchers, making calculation and final settlement Voucher 4	25.90
	Total	43.10
	Final vouchers are also listed in Book AA, Jones County, Georgia. The vouchers were recorded on May 3, 1872.	
23 Nov. 1866	Cash on hand at death intestate	62.15
1 Jan. 1867	Sale of perishable property	1,455.07
1 Apr. 1867	Recd for return (as collected)	75.00

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5 Nov. 1867	One half sale of land this day	775.00
25 Dec. 1867	for Rent of Land	100.00
	Total	2467.22
	Paid out for first return	95.52
	Commissions	2.41
	Commission on \$ 2467.22	61.88
5 Nov. 1868	Recd balance of sale of land	775.00
"	1 years interest on \$1356.46	94.95
		\$3,177.56
"	Commission on \$775.00	19.37
"	Commission on interest made 94.95	9.49
"	future Returns and Dismission	43.10
	Commission on same	1.07
	Total	3,104.53
	2-1/2% Commission	77.59
	Divide this by (9) nine the number of distributors	3,026.94
	Amount to be one distributive share	336.22

The Ordinary, Roland T. Ross, signed a statement *"...as Ordinary preparation to a final Settlement of Said Estate and after examination into all the actings and doings of Said Administrator find the amount of each Share to be \$336.22."*

"All partial payments that have been Made to and distributed to be deducted from this amount on final Settlement." Recorded on 3 May 1872, Book AA, page 149, Jones County, Georgia.

James M. Lane Agent, for Lizzie Lane and Nathan and Ardecy Morris received their final settlement and signed for their final settlement. These shares were recorded on 3 May 1872.

⁵⁸ Personal research of Dianne Middlebrooks, Monticello, Georgia, Sims Middlebrooks, Privately Published, 2002, Jones County Probate Records, pg. 3-6, 29, 30

✓ Samuel Cannon Last Will & Testament
 Georgia } In the name of God Amen
 Clouds County } I Samuel Cannon of said State and County
 being of advanced age and knowing that I
 must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper
 both as respects myself and my family that I should make
 a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has
 blessed me I therefore make this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by
 me
 Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a
 decent and Christian like manner suitable to my
 Circumstances and Condition
 Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts beyond without
 delay by my Executors hereinafter named as I am
 unwilling my Creditors should be delayed of their rights
 especially as there is no receipt for delay
 Item 3rd I give and devise to my wife Maria Three hundred dollars
 and one bed and bedding and all that she brought my
 house besides the bed and bedding so far as relates to
 household furniture
 Item 4th I give and devise to my daughter Rebeck Hancock and
 her Children my negro girl named Emeline and her
 increase
 Item 5th I give and devise to my son James Five hundred dollars
 Item 6th I give and devise to the Children of my son John Five
 hundred dollars and do appoint said John Cannon as
 trustee to manage the money for his Children
 Item 7th I give and devise to my daughter Mary Middlebrooks
 Five hundred dollars
 Item 8th I give and devise to my son George W Three hundred dollars
 Item 9th I give and devise to my daughter Fretina Hunt
 Five hundred dollars
 Item 10th I give and devise to my son Samuel Six
 hundred dollars
 Item 11th I give and devise to my son Benjamin V Three
 hundred dollars
 Item 12th I give and devise to the Children of my daughter
 Temperance Savell One dollar
 Item 13th I desire that after the above and foregoing legacies
 are paid that the balance that may be left shall be
 equally divided among my Legates except my wife
 Maria and ~~James~~ Savell

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Samuel Cannon. Last will &c
 Item 14th I desire that all of my property be sold by my Executors
 as soon as the Law will permit it to be sold
 Item 15th I constitute and appoint Samuel Cannon and James
 Cannon Executors to this my last will and testament
 this August 9th 1854
 Samuel Cannon

Signed sealed declared and published by Samuel Cannon as his
 last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who
 subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and
 of each other this August 8th 1854
 J. H. Dewey
 Benj. H. White
 Allen Peavy
 C. W. Culpepper

Georgia, Columbia County
 September second term 1854
 In open Court personally came J. H. Dewey and Charles W.
 Culpepper two of the ^{subscribers} witnesses to the within last will & testament of
 Samuel Cannon deceased who being duly sworn depose and swear
 that they saw Samuel Cannon the testator sign seal declare and
 publish the instrument now presented as his last will and
 testament, freely voluntarily and of his own accord and
 without any compulsion or influence whatever, that at the
 time of the Execution of said last will and testament said
 testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory that
 deponents signed the said will as witnesses in the presence of the
 testator and at his special instance and request and in the
 presence of each other and that they saw Benjamin H.
 White and Allen Peavy sign said will as witnesses also
 sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 6th day
 of September 1854

W. H. Mitchell Clerk
 J. H. Dewey
 C. W. Culpepper
 Received ~~at~~ September 28 1854
 W. H. Mitchell Clerk

Martha Ann Middlebrooks and James Jones Sr.

Martha was born 1796-98 Hancock County, Georgia.^{59, 60} She died 18 October 1884, Jones County, Georgia.⁶¹ Martha married James Jones Sr., born 1787, North Carolina,⁶² 12 August 1813, Jones County.⁶³ James died 7 January 1875, Jones County.⁶³

U.S. Census 1820-1870⁶³

James and Martha Jones in 1850, lived in District 47, Jones County, with five children, no slaves, in the household. James was a farmer with \$400.00 value of real estate. James, was listed on the 1840 U.S. Census in Jones County with 16 persons in the household with no slaves listed. They were known to have a large family. On the 1830 U.S. Census James and Martha were in Jones County with 10 free white persons in the household and no slaves. It appears James and his family moved from Hancock to Jones County between 1820-1830 when the census was enumerated. The 1820 U.S. Census had a James Jones listed for Hancock County, in Captain Maddens District. In the household were four white free persons and one free colored female, under 14. Martha was married in Jones County and in 1820 her family lived in Hancock County.

James and Martha Jones were enumerated on the 1860 U.S. Census, Barrons District, Jones County. James (73) born 1787, North Carolina and Martha (63) born 1797, Georgia and Warren (20) born 1840, Georgia, were in the household. James, a farmer had a real-estate value of \$500.00 and personal estate value at \$125.00. (On the 1860 census James should be 73 not 23.) The 1870 U.S. Census had James (84), born North Carolina and Martha (74), born Georgia, in Whites District, Jones County. Real estate value was value \$400.00 and personal estate value was \$200.00. The 1850 U.S. Non-Population Census Schedule had James Jones with 70 acres improved and 30 acres unimproved with a cash value of the farm of \$400.00.

Tax Digest⁶⁰

James Jones

1873, 1874, 1875, Fiinney's District, 100 acres, \$300.00

Martha Jones, Agt., Admr.

1876, Fiinney's District 100 acres, value \$300.00

1878-1882, Davidson's District 75-100 acres, value \$300.00

1883-1887, Davidson's District, 100 acres, value \$200.00

⁵⁹ 1850 U.S. Census District 47, Jones County, Martha (Middlebrooks) Jones, husband James Jones, ancestry.com

⁶⁰ Hancock County Tax digest, 1796, 1804, 1837, 1853, 1864, Georgia Court of Ordinary, film 847837, familysearch.org and Georgia Tax Index 1789-1799, ancestry.com 1794 tax list and Georgia, Jones County Property Tax Digest 1873-1883-1887, for James and Martha Jones. ancestry.com

⁶¹ Millennium File [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003.

⁶² 1850-1880, U.S. Census, Jones County, Georgia, ancestry.com. Based on tax records, Sims and Elizabeth were residents of Hancock County, until about 1811, when they moved to Jones County,

⁶³ 1820-1870 U.S. Census and 1850 U.S. Non-Population Census, James and Martha Jones household,

War of 1812 Pension Application

Martha Jones filed a pension application 31 May 1878, Jones County, for her husband James Jones War of 1812 service. Martha was 83 years old, a widow. James was drafted at Clinton, Jones County, in 1814, for a period of six months. His service was terminated by reason of honorable discharge at Fort Hawkins, in 1814. He was 5 feet 4 inches high, weight 112 pounds, dark skin, dark hair and eyes. She stated she was married at her fathers house, (Sims Middlebrooks) 12 August 1813, Jones County, by James Cook, Justice of the Peace. Her name before her marriage was Martha Middlebrooks and that she did not remarry and they both were not previously married. James Jones, died 7 January 1875, Jones County.⁶⁴

State of Georgia) Clerk's Office Superior Court
Jones County) Jones County Ga September 14th 1878
I Roland D. Mass Clerk of the
Superior Court of said State and County do hereby Certify
That the Family Bible of James Jones died as entered
in the old Family Bible of said deced and exhibited
to me, and by me examined Shows by the original
entries therein that James Jones was Married to Mar-
tha Middlebrooks on the 12th day of August 1813 in
Jones County - That the entries appear to be genuine
and made therein at the time of said Marriage - They
are of long Standing from their appearance - and
That the Bible is an old one and bears date
of Publication in the year A D ~~seventeen~~ hundred
and Ninety four (MDCXCIV) at Edinburgh -
That from all the surrounding Circumstances
and the appearance of the Book - entries &c - I believe
The same to be entirely true and correct and genu-
ine in all respects - I further Certify that I have
examined the record of Marriage Licenses and am unable
to find the record of same - That during the late war the
records of this Office in this Court-house were much
injured and a good many of them entirely destroyed
among which was a part of the record of Marriages
and it is likely that this one was among them -
Given under my hand and Seal of Office this
Sept 14 1878 -
Roland D. Mass
Clerk Superior Court

**From War of 1812 Pension
file, claim No. 29.326.
Martha had to rely on the
family bible because her
marriage record could not
be located. The pension
file also stated the death
date of her husband
James Jones.**

⁶⁴ Martha Jones, Fold 3, War of 1812, Pension and Bounty Land Warrant, application pg. 35 ancestry.com

Will of James Jones 23 February 1861

James left his estate to his wife Martha, for to do with as she pleased. After her death it was to be equally divided among his children. His son Randal Jones was appointed executor. Signed by his mark, 23 February 1861. Witnesses: Gideon Funnell, Thomas R. Stripling, Arthur Harris and Henry D. Chapman. James did not die until 7 January 1875 according to his War of 1812 pension application, filed by his wife Martha, 13 May 1878.

Three months after the death of wife Martha Jones, 18 October 1884, the will was presented to the court on 1 December 1884, by Thomas R. Stripling, attesting that he witnessed the signature of James Jones (1861). Another witness to the original will was G. M. Funnell, since deceased and Arthur Harris and Henry Chapman now reside in the State of Texas. The will was approved by the court 5 December 1884. (Jones County, Georgia Probate Records Vol. E-F, 1865-1951, pg. 210-11)

Apparently, the will was not probated until after the death of both James and Martha Jones. Son Randal never became executor of his parents estate, because he did not survive the Civil War. He was enlisted 4 March 1862 and was mustered out 12 May 1862, Company K, Georgia 35th Infantry Regiment. (U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865, ancestry.com)

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and desire that all my Estate that I may be possessed of at my death may be given to my beloved wife Martha Jones during her life and to do as she please with it and after her death to be equally divided among my living children -

Item Third

I hereby appoint Randal Jones my Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my Seal this 23rd of Feby 1861

*James ^{his} Jones Seal
Martha*

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will & Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

*Gideon M Funnell
Thomas R Stripling
Arthur Harris
Henry D Chapman*

Silas Talbot Middlebrooks and Bethany F. Dillard

Silas was born 10 October 1800, Hancock County, Georgia and died 29 June 1844, Jones County.⁶⁵ He married Bethany F. Dillard, born 1807, Jones County,⁶⁶ 5 October 1825, Jones County.⁶⁷ Bethany died 1884, Jones County.⁶⁵

Land Lottery and Tax Records

Silas was a successful drawer on the 1820 Georgia Land Lottery for Early County and the 1832 Gold Land Lottery for Lumpkin County. The Early County land was in District 25, land lot 16, 202-1/2 acres. He was taxed in 1820, 1821 and 1825 for the Early County land in Jones County. In Lumpkin County Silas acquired 40 acres, 12 District land lot 975, in Captain Thomas Braddy's District, along with brother Isaac R. Middlebrooks. This parcel was included in 1834-1835, Jones County tax records.^{68, 69}

On the 1830, 1831 Tax Digest Silas paid taxes on 101-1/4 acres on Hog Creek. This was most likely land lot 65, 10th District, in Captain Elijah Dunn District, that he acquired in 1828 from brother Isaac. In 1832 Silas paid taxes on 101-1/4 acres in Cedar Creek drainage. This may have been land lot 70, 10th District that was sold in 1846, as part of his estate settlement. However, land lot 70 was still in the Hog Creek drainage.⁶⁹

Census and Lands

Silas was listed on the 1830-1840 U.S. Census for Jones County. The 1830 Census enumerated 1 male under 5, and 1 male and 1 female 20-30, and the 1840 included 1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 30-40 and 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15 and 1 female 30-40.

Silas on 9 December 1828, acquired from his brother, Isaac R. Middlebrooks 101-1/4 acres, land lot 65, Jones County, Georgia, northwest 1/2 of land lot 65. Land lot 65 adjoined his father's, Sims Middlebrooks, land lot 66 to the North. This was most likely where Silas and Bethany lived, until his death in 1844. Thomas A. Middlebrooks sold his land on 15 December 1837, containing 101-1/4 acres in the 10th District, land lot 65, to his brother, Silas T. Middlebrooks for \$700.00. The parcel adjoins the lands of Sims Middlebrooks and Sterling Cassel.⁷⁰ Silas now owned all of land lot 65.

⁶⁵ Joseph Middlebrook, *Register of the Middlebrook Family Descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Connecticut*, (Hartford, Conn.: C., L. & B Co., 1909), 46, 65, 98. Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks, parents of Silas still lived in Hancock County, in 1800, according to tax digest records.

⁶⁶ 1850 U.S. census District 47, Jones County, Georgia, Bethany Barnes (43) born 1807, Georgia. She had recently married James Barnes (1851). All of Silas's children were listed in the household.

⁶⁷ Jones County, Georgia Marriage Book A, pg. 303.

⁶⁸ Georgia Land Lotteries 1805-1832, Morgan, Clark, Putnam, Newton, Hancock, Jones, Upson, Monroe Counties.

⁶⁹ Georgia Court of Ordinary Tax Digests, 1811-1835, films 470353, 470354, familysearch.org

⁷⁰ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book O, pg. 152, Recorded 12 February 1829 and Deed Book P, pg. 527, Recorded 9 February 1838.

⁷¹ Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Probate Records, Vol. F, G, J. 1826-1838, pg. 368-369.

Silas Middlebrooks and John Dillard were the administrators of the estate of Thomas Dillard, who died on 3 January 1838.⁷¹ Distribution of assets of the estate of Thomas Dillard, by administrators Silas Middlebrooks and John Dillard 3 February 1840. Silas, received \$335.68 as part of the estate settlement.⁷²

Estate of Silas T. Middlebrooks

Silas died without a will. Isaac R. Middlebrooks, Silas brother, was appointed the administrator of the Silas Talbot Middlebrooks estate. The letters of administration were ordered by the court, 12 January 1845. A bond of \$10,000.00 was posted by Isaac, brother John S. and Isaac's son, William S. Middlebrooks.⁷³ Silas Middlebrooks estate was inventoried 19 January 1846. The goods and chattels, rights and effects totaled \$3,614.61. Silas loaned money to Thomas A. Middlebrooks, William S. Middlebrooks and Richard Blount.⁷⁴ The 10 slaves were valued at \$3,375.00.⁷⁵

As mentioned earlier, Isaac, on 5 March 1851, became guardian of the minor children of his brother Silas T. Middlebrooks: Josephine E., Sophronia E., Saluda M., David T. and Elizabeth S. Middlebrooks.⁷⁶ Elbert P. Middlebrooks an orphan of Silas asked Isaac to be his guardian, 27 January 1851.

On 4 August 1846, Isaac sold land Lot 70, 10th District, Jones County, Georgia on the courthouse steps. The land belonged to Silas. The highest bidder was James A. Billingslea, in the amount of \$410.00. The description only states the property was adjoining James Barnes, Mrs. Cabiness and J. A. Billingslea.⁷⁷

Bethany married a second time on 1 August 1851 to James G. Barnes, Jones County, Georgia.⁷⁸ After Bethany married Mr. Barnes, she petitioned the court for guardianship of the children of Silas, her husband. Her claim was that Isaac R. Middlebrooks got the guardianship through fraud. She lost the case.

⁷² Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary Probate Records, Vol. K-L, 1839-1847, pg. 148-150. It appears Silas received \$335.68 as part of the estate settlement.

⁷³ Jones County, Georgia Court of Ordinary, Administrators and Guardian Bonds, Book B, pg. 192 familysearch.org

⁷⁴ Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Probate Records, Vol. K-L, 1839-1847, pg. 291-293, familysearch.org.

⁷⁵ Jones County, Georgia, Court of Ordinary, Probate Records, Vol. M-N, 1847-1853, pg. 86, familysearch.org.

⁷⁶ Jones County, Georgia Court of Ordinary, Administrators and Guardian Bonds, Book B, pg. 85, 182-184 familysearch.org

⁷⁷ Jones County, Georgia Deeds and Mortgages 1845-1853, Deed Book R, pg. 85, familysearch.org

⁷⁸ Jones County, Georgia Marriages, Book C, page 148.

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On 23 December 1851, Bethany Barnes sold one hundred ten acres of land to William H. C. Nivin located in the 10th District, land lot unknown. The purchase price was \$400.00 and was recorded in Jones County, Georgia on February 10, 1852. In this same deed, Elisha Middlebrooks sold to William H. C. Nivin twenty five acres of land for \$120.00. "*Being his interest in and to the dower of Bethany Barnes formerly Bethany Middlebrooks*" in the 10th District adjoining John S. Middlebrooks, Joseph Messer and James Barnes. Elisha A. Middlebrooks was one of the witnesses.⁷⁹

As Administrator of Silas' Estate and guardian of his children, Isaac filed an application to the Court of Ordinary on 16 November 1853. Elbert, "*one of the heirs of said deceased*", wanted "*his full distribution share*" of the Estate that Isaac was holding. Five men were appointed as "*Commissioners*" to appraise the Estate and then report their "*findings and actings*" back to the Court on 4 January 1854.⁸⁰ After the appraisal was completed, the commissioners reported to the Court that Elbert's share to be \$939.00 and \$75.00. This share breaks down to "*one Negro boy named Tom*" at \$750.00 and \$189.78 in "*cash it being his full and distributions of the estate.*"⁸¹

⁷⁹ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book R, pg. 464.

⁸⁰ Jones County Court of Ordinary 1853-1854, Book O, pg. 504, familysearch.org

⁸¹ Jones County Court of Ordinary, 1854-1856, Book P, pg. 83, familysearch.org

Nancy Middlebrooks and Jesse Fallin

Nancy was born 1802-1805, Hancock County, Georgia and died 3 December 1880, Tallapoosa City, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. She married Jesse Fallin, born 25 December 1806, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County, Virginia, on 31 December 1826 Jones County.⁸² Jesse died 6 Mar 1884, Tallapoosa City, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. Nancy and Jesse, were buried at the Fallin Cemetery, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. Jesse's parents were John Hobson Fallin and Elizabeth "Betsy" Moore.⁸³ Before 1850, Nancy's mother, Elizabeth (Talbot) Middlebrooks, lived with Jesse and Nancy Fallin, Talbot County, Georgia, after the death of her husband, Sims Middlebrooks (1839).⁸⁴

U.S. Census 1830-1880⁸⁵

Jesse Fallin was recorded in Harris County, Georgia, on the 1830 U.S. Census. In the household was 1 male under 5, 1 male 20-29, 2 females under 5 and 1 female 20-29. A total of 5 free white persons in the household. In the county next door to Harris, Jesse Fallin was listed for Talbot County on the 1840 U.S. Census. In the household was 1 male, under 5, 1 male 5-9, 1 male 10-14, 1 male 30-39, 2 females under 5, 2 females 5-9, 2 females 10-14, 1 female 30-39 and 1 slave female, 24-35. Talbot County was created from Harris County in 1827. This part of Harris County is very near the Talbot County line.

The 1850 U.S. Census listed Jesse (44) born 1806, Virginia and Nancy (43) born 1807, Georgia, District 22, Talbot County, Georgia. Ten children were in the household. Nancy's mother, Elizabeth Middlebrook (74) born in Virginia was recorded. This is the first census Elizabeth was listed. Jesse's real-estate was valued at \$1,800.00. Before 1860 Jesse and Nancy Fallan had moved to Beat #5 Tallapoosa, Alabama. Post office was De Soto. Five children were in the household all born in Georgia. Jesse was listed as a farmer, \$1,500.00 real estate value and \$7,000.00 personal property. (1860 U.S. Census ancestry.com)

On the 1870 U.S. Census, Jesse (64) and Nancy (68) Fallin lived in Rome Beat #14, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. Post office was Jones Roads. Jesse, a farmer, had \$1,000.00 in real estate value and \$500.00 personal property. The Bass family, (eight children, all white, under 20), was in the same household. All were born in Georgia. Jesse (Elder) (74) and Nancy (78) Fallon still lived in Rome, Tallapoosa County, Alabama on the 1880 U.S. Census. The Cox and Bass families were members of the household. Lonie Cox (50) daughter and widowed, Daisy Cox (44) daughter and widowed, Joseph Cox (15) grandson, Nancy Bass (16) granddaughter, and Elizabeth Bass (14) granddaughter. Nancy died 1880 and Jesse died 1884, Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

⁸² Jones County, Georgia, Marriages Book C, pg. 337.

⁸³ U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s- Current Ancestry.com 1860-1870 U.S. Census, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Nancy's birth year 1802, Georgia.

⁸⁴ 1850 U.S. census, District 22, Talbot County, Georgia, Elizabeth Middlebrooks (74), born 1776, Virginia. familysearch.org

⁸⁵ 1830-1880 U.S. Census, Talbot and Harris County, Georgia, Jesse and Nancy Fallin households, ancestry.com

Land Lottery and Tax Roles

On the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery, Jesse Fallin was a fortunate drawer in Captain Popes District, Muskogee County, District 22 land lot 22.⁸⁶ He most likely sold the land lot (101-1/4 to 202-1/2 acres). Jesse was a resident of Jones County in 1827 when he participated in the land lottery. This means that they moved to Harris County, Georgia, 1827-1830.

Tax records

Jesse Fallin was on the 1852, 1856 tax roles for Flint Hills District No. 689, Talbot County, Georgia. Jesse was assessed for 200-250 acres with a value of \$1,600.00. He had seven slaves valued at \$3,500.00. The aggregate value of all property was \$5769.00. Sons, Richard (1852) and John S. Fallin (1856), were also recorded for Flint Hills District. Each person was taxed with one pole.⁸⁷ Jesse was not taxed in Harris County, Georgia.

Lands of Jesse Fallin

T. A. Middlebrooks acquired from Jesse Fallin 202-1/2 acres, 22nd District land lot 258.⁸⁸ The sale took place 1836-1845. The location of land lot 258 is in the north-east corner of Harris County, on the border of Talbot County in Little Lazer Creek drainage, near the town of Shiloh in Harris County.

John J. Holley, on 20 July 1858, sold 240 acres to Jesse Fallin for \$1,200.00. The parcel was NW-1/4 of the W-1/2, of NW-1/4, and the W-1/2 of NE-1/4, Sec. 10, Township 20, Range 23, Tallapoosa Land District, when the deed was signed by John J. Holley and Susan Holley. Witnesses: B. H. J. and Holland E. L. Ware.⁸⁹

John J. and Susan Holley on 20 October 1860 sold 80 acres to John S. Fallin for \$625.00. The parcel was located in the E-1/2 of NE-1/4, Sec. 10, Township 20, Range 20, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. The deed was signed by John J. and Susan Holley. Witnesses: R. H. J. Holley and J. M. Holley.⁹⁰

Agreement between J. T. Fallin and James Marks and Company, 29 March 1869.

Jesse Fallin received an advance of \$114.00 from Marks and Co. *“My note due first November next, with interest for making a crop in the present year on my plantation in Tallapoosa County. It would not be prudent at this time for me to keep the advance and buy teams, provisions and farming implements.”*

⁸⁶ Georgia Land Lottery, 1827 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: ancestry.com, 19th DAY'S DRAWING-March 28. JONES. page 57.

⁸⁷ Georgia Property Tax Digests 1793-1892, Flint Hill District, Talbot County, Georgia ancestry.com On the 1852 tax list Jesse's land was in District #22.

⁸⁸ Deeds and mortgages, 1828-1908; index to deeds and mortgages, 1828-1947, Harris County, Georgia, Deed Book C, pg. 295, familysearch.org

⁸⁹ Deed records, Index to Deeds, 1835-1913, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Vol. L-M, 1858-1860, pg. 328, 329. Recorded 27 December 1858. familysearch.org

⁹⁰ Deed records, 1835-1903; index to deeds, 1835-1913, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Vol. N 1860-1866, pg. 534, Recorded 5 March 1864

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“Marks and Co. has agreed to pay the interest on undrawn money by selling my cotton and hay in storage and for me to deliver at the warehouse in Montgomery. Fallen agrees to sell to Marks and Co. his entire crop of cotton and corn on his plantation in the present year.”⁹¹

In order to satisfy a promissory note to J. C. Tanner of \$550.00, February 1870, Jesse T. and Barbry A. Fallin had to sell real and personal property. The note was due 1 December 1870. J. T. Tanner was authorized to sell land owned by Jesse T. and Barbry A. Fallin at auction at Rome, Alabama, NW-1/4 of NE-1/4, E-1/2 of NE-1/4, Sec. 15, Township 20, Range 23, 120 acres. Personal property sold to J. C. Tanner included one black horse, mule three years old, three black and one black and white milk cows and three yearling cows. The sale of land and personal property was to satisfy the mortgage and debt and any remainder was to be paid to Jesse T. and Barbry A. Fallin, signed J. T. and B. A. Fallin, 15 February 1870. Witnessed by: H. P. Smith, J. P.⁹²

Son, Richard Fallen, sold 50 acres to J. L. Thornton, 4 April 1884, for \$335.00. The parcel was located, NE-1/4, in the NE-1/4 of SE-1/4, Sec. 10, Township 20, Range 23, Tallapoosa County. Signed Richard Fallin. Witness: J. M. Oliver.⁹³

Death of Jesse Fallin 4 March 1884

Jesse died without a will. His son, Richard Fallin requested the Probate Court of Tallapoosa County, Alabama, on 19 March 1884, to appoint him as administrator of the estate. His wife, Nancy, preceded Jesse in death. His real and personal property were valued at \$1,000.00. Richard filed a bond on 1 March 1884, of \$10,000.00 to administer the estate. Security was by W. B. O' brian and Wesley Patterson. Letters of Administration were issued by 4 April 1884. W. Patterson, J. N. Dupree, R. Rogers and Rows? were to inventory and appraise the estate within 60 days.⁹⁴

Decedents:

He leaves no widow. The Fallin decedents, Bernette Ware wife of Frank Ware, Lucinda Middlebrooks, wife of Isaac Middlebrooks, Louisa a ? Mary Smith wife of Joseph Smith decedents, daughter and the children of Elizabeth Bass, who was a daughter of deceased, my deceased? Malinda Wood wife of Thomas Wood, Surana Bass, Stephen C. Bass, Thomas G. Bass, John F. Bass, Georgia Reynolds, wife of John Reynolds, Sallie Bass, Lizzie Bass and Henry Bass.

⁹¹ Deed records, 1835-1903; index to deeds, 1835-1913, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Vol. P, 1869-1870, pg. 528, familysearch.org

⁹² Deed records, 1835-1903; index to deeds, 1835-1913, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Vol. Q, 1869-1870, pg.244-45, recorded 21 February 1870 familysearch.org

⁹³ Deed records, 1835-1903; index to deeds, 1835-1913, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, Vol. V, 1882-1885, pg.326-27, recorded 7 May 1884 familysearch.org

⁹⁴ Alabama Willis and Probate Records Vol. A, 1871-1898, pg. 107, ancestry.com

Fallin Marriages

Louisa Fallin married Thomas A. Cox, 22 April 1851, Talbot County. (Marriages, Book B, 1844-1852, pg. 459)

Elizabeth Fallin married Gabriel Bass, 30 January 1848, Talbot County. (Marriages, Book B, 1844-1852, pg.245)

Richard Fallin married Emmy Bass, 24 November 1853, Harris County (Marriage Records, 1828-1860, pg. 50)

Lucy Fallin married Isaac Middlebrooks, 10 January 1856, Harris County, by T. A. Middlebrooks, Justice of the Peace. (Marriage Records, 1828-1860, pg. 55)

Penida Fallin married E. F. Ware, 18 November 1852, Harris County. (Marriage Records, 1828-1860, pg. 48) ancestry.com

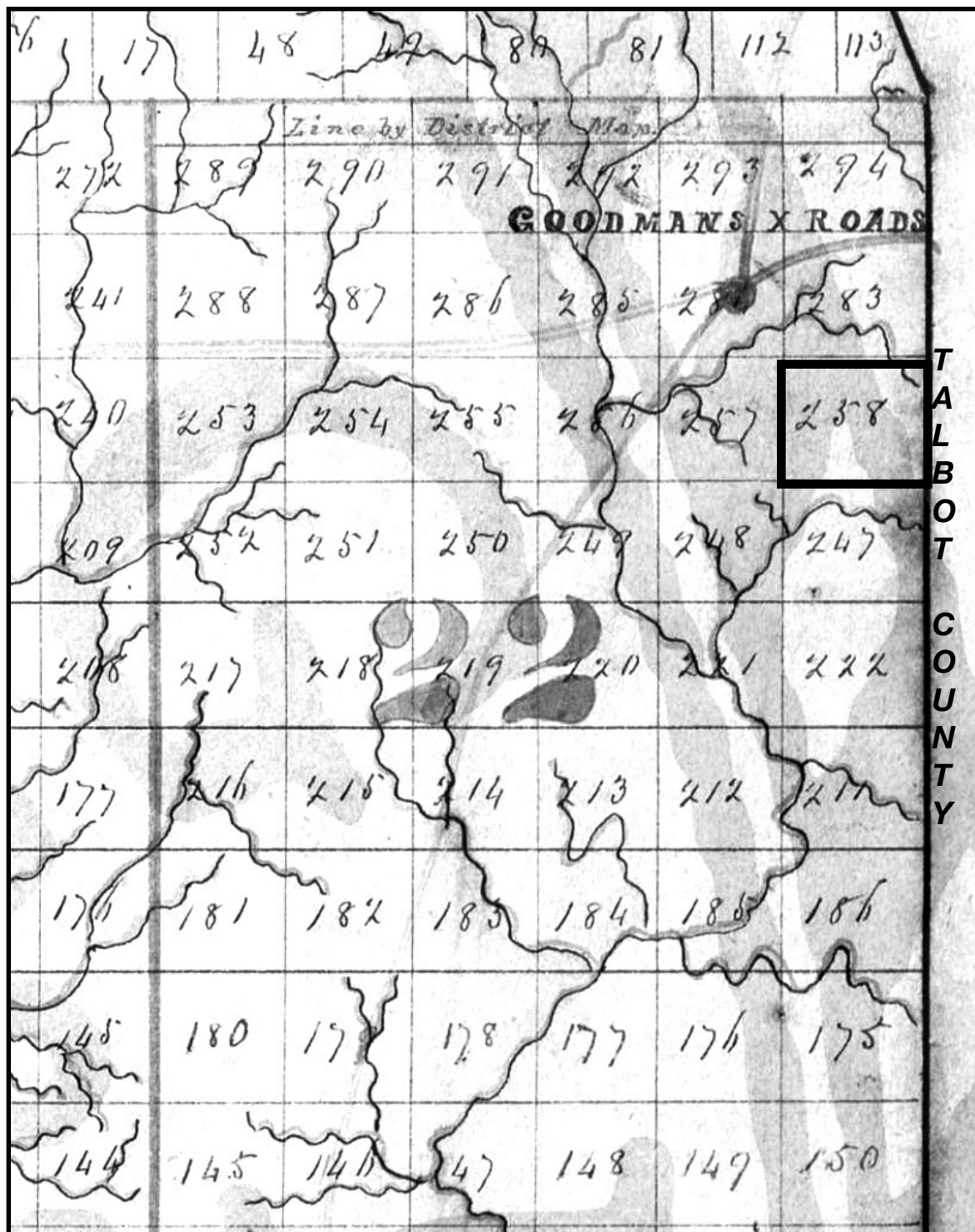
Conclusion

Jesse Fallin was in Jones County, Georgia, when he married Nancy Middlebrooks in 1826. While a resident of Jones County he was a fortunate drawer in the 1827 Georgia land lottery for Muscogee County, land lot 258, 22nd District. Harris County was created in 1827 from Muscogee and Troup Counties. Before 1830, Jesse and Nancy had moved to Harris County, Georgia. Jesse started farming on 200 acres , 22nd District, land lot 258, in the Northeast corner of Harris County on the border with Talbot County. The farm was in the Lazer Creek drainage. Jesse was actually recorded in the Flint Hill, Talbot County taxing district even though he lived in Harris County. Jesse sold his land to Thomas Alfred Middlebrooks before leaving Harris County. Thomas was the Justice of the Peace who married Lucy Fallin and Isaac Middlebrooks in 1856.

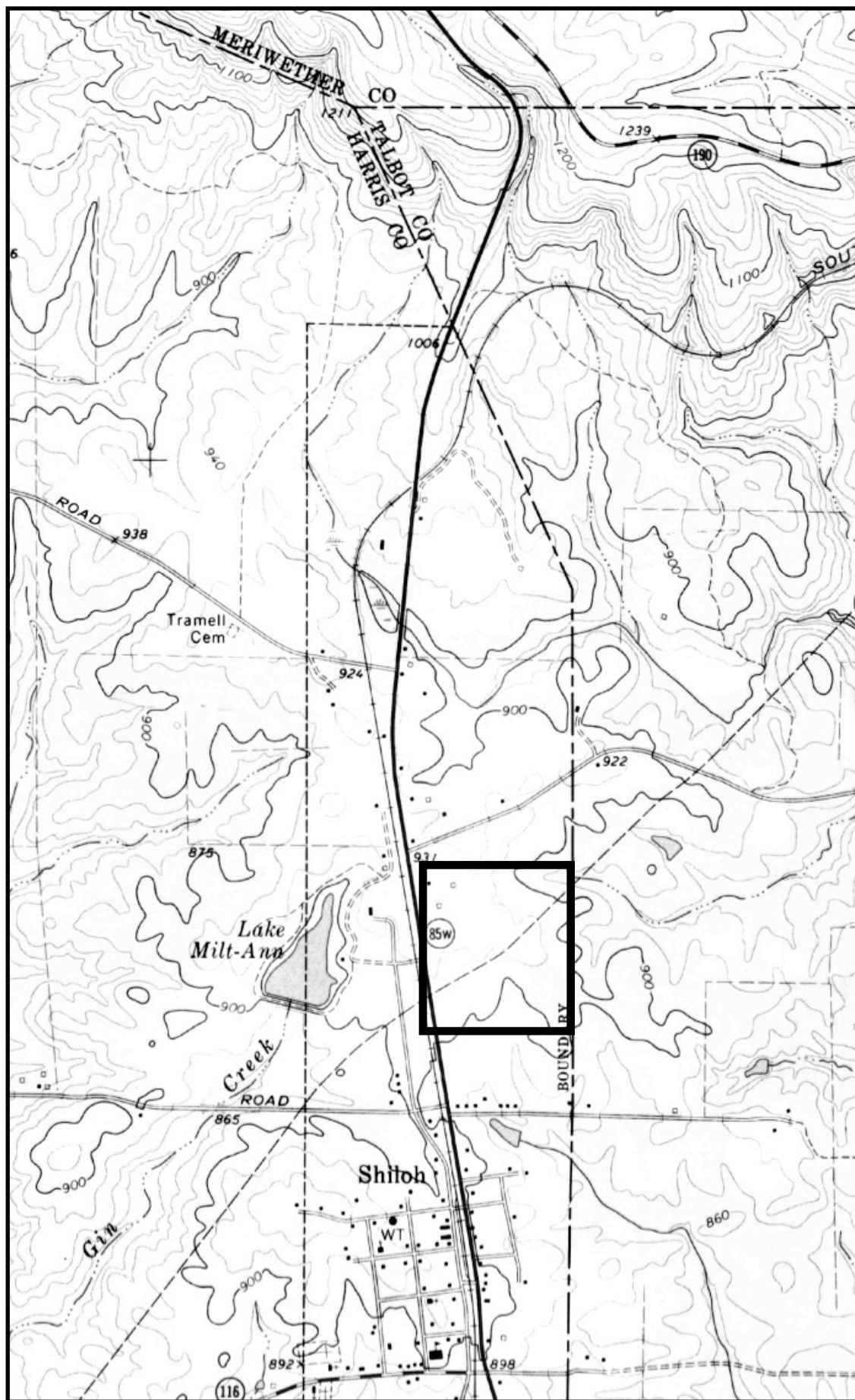
Sometime between when Jesse's daughter Lucy married Isaac Middlebrooks, Harris County, in 1856 and 1858, they moved west to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, when Jesse bought 240 acres there. The land was in the Blue Creek drainage, north of Thornton and east of Martin Lake. Jesse also had purchased 120 acres adjacent to the 240 acre parcel directly south in the section (15). Jesse had to sell crops, land and personal property to payoff debt and mortgage. He sold a 120 acre parcel to settle his debt.

Jesse died 4 March 1884 and Nancy died 3 December 1880, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. They were buried Fallin Cemetery, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. They are believed to be buried in one of the unmarked graves. Jesse was able keep his 240 acre farm he purchased in 1858. It was likely passed on to heirs after his death in 1884. His son, Richard, did sell 50 acres that was part of the original farm in 1884.

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**Jesse Fallin farm, 202-1/2 acres, land lot 258,
District 22, Harris County, Georgia.
The land was sold to Thomas A. Middlebrooks, before the Fallin's
moved to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, 1856-1858.**



**Jesse Fallin farm land lot 258, District 22, Harris County,
Georgia. Purchased by Thomas A. Middlebrooks.
USGS Shiloh, 1:24,000 Quadrangle 1971.**

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Jesse Fallin farm 240 acres, Blue Creek drainage (NW-1/4 of the W-1/2, of NW-1/4, and the W-1/2 of NE-1/4, Sec. 10, Township 20, Range 23), Tallapoosa County, Alabama.

USGS Thornton, 1:24,000 Quadrangle, 1971

Thomas Alfred Middlebrooks and Ellen Miller

Thomas was born 1805, Hancock County, Georgia⁹⁵ and died 1874,⁹⁶ before 1 May 1876, when his will was probated, Harris County, Georgia.⁹⁷ Thomas married Elender/Ellen Miller, born 7 April 1808,⁹⁸ South Carolina, 4 April 1830, Jones County.⁹⁹ Ellen died *circa* 1857, Harris County. Thomas married Winnie C. Grice, born 1816, Georgia, 17 November 1857, Harris County, Georgia.¹⁰⁰

Family Records from Bible of John Miller Edition 1806.

The parents of Ellen Miller were John Jacob Miller, born 18 March 1767, and died 4 March 1837, Jones County, Georgia and Aseneth Adair born 6 March 1781. John and Aseneth married 3 January 1796. Aseneth died 23 January 1844. John and Aseneth Miller were thought to be the parents of Elender "Ellen" Miller, wife of Thomas A. Middlebrooks. Elender Miller's birth date was listed as 7 April 1806 and her marriage to Thomas A. Middlebrooks were cited in the family bible.¹⁰¹

A John Miller was listed on the 1820-1830 U.S. Census for Jones County. The 1820 Census had John Miller enumerated in Captain Gresham's District. One white male 45 and over and one white female 26-44, with a total of eight slaves. The 1830 census enumerated one white male 60-69 and one white female 40-50. Total free white persons were eight and total slaves were 23. On Cedar Creek, Jones County, John Joseph and George Miller were listed on the 1811, Tax Digest, Jones County Captain Evans District. A James Miller also resided on Walnut Creek in 1811. All the Millers were taxed for 202-1/2 acres.¹⁰²

While a resident of Jones County, Captain Blount's District, Thomas A. Middlebrooks was a fortunate drawer for the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery in Muskogee County. His 101-1/4-202-1/2 acres was in District 6, land lot 98, section 2. Thomas must have later sold the land.¹⁰³

⁹⁵ 1850 U.S. Census, Valley Plains, Harris County, Georgia, T. A. Middlebrooks (45) ancestry.com His father and mother were residents of Hancock County, according to tax records, the year of his birth.

⁹⁶ Joseph Middlebrook, Register of the Middlebrook Family Descendants of Joseph Middlebrook of Fairfield Connecticut, (Hartford, Conn.: C., L. & B Co., 1909), 65.

⁹⁷ Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992, Harris County, Vol. 3, 1873-1932. pg 3, 4, ancestry.com

⁹⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, Valley Plains, Harris County, Georgia, Elender Middlebrooks (42) ancestry.com

⁹⁹ Jones County, Georgia Marriages Book B, pg. 37

¹⁰⁰ 1860 U.S. Census District 786, Harris County, Georgia, Ellen no longer in household, 2nd marriage to Winney Carolina Grice, 17 November 1857, Harris County. Harris County Marriage Records 1828-1860, pg. 58. ancestry.com

¹⁰¹ Williams Carolyn W., History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907, (Wolfe Pub. Fernandina Beach, Florida, 2003) pg. 658-59.

¹⁰² Williams Carolyn W., History of Jones County, Georgia 1807-1907, (Wolfe Pub. Fernandina Beach, Florida, 2003), 1811 Tax Digest, pg. 710-58.

¹⁰³ 1827 Georgia Land Lottery, <http://files.usgwarchives.net/ga/deeds/1827/musco3.txt>

Tax Digest Jones County

Thomas A. Middlebrooks was first listed on the 1830-1833, Jones County, Tax Digest without any land with his father, Sims Middlebrooks, on Hog Creek. He was not listed on the 1834 tax roles, but was listed in 1835, with 101-1/4 acres on Hog Creek.¹⁰⁴

Jones County Lands and Census

On 28 January, 1833, Isaac R. Middlebrooks sold to his brother, Thomas A. Middlebrooks, 101-1/4 acres, 10th District southeast 1/2 of Lot 65, Jones County. Bounded by Sims Middlebrooks, T. J. Comer, Joseph Messer and Silas Middlebrooks. Witnesses were Silas, John Cannon, and W. T. Williams. The deed was signed by Isaac and Mary Middlebrooks. Four years later, Thomas A. Middlebrooks sold on 15 December 1837 land containing 101-1/4 acres in the 10th District, land lot 65 to his brother, Silas T. Middlebrooks for \$700.00. The parcel Adjoins the lands of Sims Middlebrooks and Sterling Cassel. Recorded 9 February 1838.¹⁰⁵

Thomas A. Middlebrooks was listed on the 1830 U.S. Census for Jones County. In the household is 1 white male 20-29, 1 white female 20-29 and 1 female slave 10-23. The 1840 U.S. Census listed Thomas and Ellen Middlebrooks in Harris County, Georgia. Sometime between 1837-1840 Thomas and Ellen left Jones County and moved to Harris County. They settled as neighbors to Jesse and Nancy Fallin in northwest Harris County, Georgia.

Harris County Georgia

Thomas A. Middlebrooks was recorded on the 1842 Tax Digest, Millers District with 345 acres, seven slaves at a property value of \$1,640.00. The 1843 Property Tax Digest listed Thomas A. Middlebrooks with 350 acres, Millers District, Harris County, assessed two poles. Land value was listed as \$1,730.00. (page 33). The 1845 Tax Digest listed T. A. Middlebrooks, Valley Plain, with nine slaves and 500 acres. The 1873-1877 Tax Digest listed T. A. Middlebrooks, District 786, with 500 acres in land lots 257 (300 ac.), 258 (101-1/4 ac.), 285 (200 ac.), all in District 22. Aggregate value of land \$1,200.00.¹⁰⁶

U.S. Census 1840-1880

On the 1840 U.S. Census, Thomas and Ellen Middlebrooks, resided in, Dotson's District, Harris County. In the household were 1 white male, under 5, 1 white male 30-39, 2 white females under 5, 1 white female 20-29 and six slaves. The 1850 U.S. Census had T. A. and his wife Elender Middlebrooks in Valley Plains Harris County. Thomas (45) was born 1805, Georgia and Elender (Ellen) (42) born 1808, South Carolina. Elender was recorded as an idiot? The value of real estate was \$4,000.00. Eight children were in the household all born in Georgia: Susan (19), Ascinth A. (17), Mary P. (13), Thomas G. (11), Green M. (9), John T. (7), Emily (5) and Rachael E. (2).

¹⁰⁴ Jones County Tax Digest 1811-1835, films 470353, 470354, familysearch.org

¹⁰⁵ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book P, Pg. 164, Recorded 22 August 1833 and Deed Book P. pg. 527, Recorded 9 February 1838.

¹⁰⁶ Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, 1842, pg. 42, 1843, pg. 33, 1845 pg. 29, 1873-1877 no pg. number, ancestry.com

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The 1860 U.S. Census, T. A. (55) and W. C. (44) Middlebrooks were enumerated Militia District 786, Valley Plains, Harris County. Thomas's first wife Ellen, died *circa* 1857, Harris County and he married Winnie C. Grice, born 1816, Georgia, 17 November 1857, Harris County. Four children were in the household. Real-estate value was \$3,800.00 and personal estate \$19,130.00.

The 1870 U.S. Census Harris County, Georgia, enumerated Thomas Middlebrooks (68) born 1802, Georgia and Caroline Middlebrooks (55), born 1815, Georgia. We believe Caroline was Winnie C. (Grice) Middlebrooks, Thomas's second wife. Thomas had \$900.00 in real estate value and \$500.00 in personal estate.

Thomas Middlebrooks on the 1870 U.S. Non-Population Schedule was listed with 570 acres improved, 150 acres in woodland and 50 acres unimproved. Total cash value of farm was \$1,100.00. On the 1880 U.S. Census, Valley Plains, Harris County, Caroline (Winnie Caroline) Middlebrooks (63) was listed as a widow. Thomas had died about 1874. The birth place of her father was listed as Georgia and for her mother South Carolina.

On 7 August 1867, Thomas A, Middlebrooks was listed in State of Georgia Reconstruction Oath Books, residing in the election precinct three, Harris County. Thomas signed the oath book to faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States.¹⁰⁷

Estate of Thomas Alfred Middlebrooks

The will of Thomas A. Middlebrooks signed 12 May 1869, Harris County, was registered with the Probate Court. The will was probated 12 May 1873. Sometime before 17 March 1876, Thomas had died. The inferred death was about 1873.

Item 3: I give to my wife Winnie Caroline Middlebrooks the east 1/2 of lot 258, 22nd District, 101-1/4 acres, Harris County. This was the parcel Thomas in 1858 bought from Jesse Fallin. All the planation household furniture and goods, farm implements, livestock and tobacco crop. It appears that this was the location of Thomas's home and farm.

Item 4: I give to my daughter Emily M. Moran, wife of William D. Moran, the said tract and parcel of land bequeathed to my wife Winnie caroline, at the termination of her life with all the personal property. The proceeds from the sale will be shared and shared alike with all my children, including the three orphan children of Madison G. Middlebrooks, to have one share equal to the rest of my children.

item 5: In consideration of the faithful service rendered in my family by orphan girl, Mary Lane, give one calf, one pig and one lamb she may select at the time of my death.

Item 6: All the residue of my property both real and personal will be divided among my children after my just debts were paid. Children: Susan Ware, Ascenth A. Carter, Francis M. Middlebrooks, Emily M. Moran and the orphan children of my son, Madison G. Middlebrooks, draw one share.

¹⁰⁷ Georgia, Returns of Qualified Voters and Reconstruction Oath Books, 1867-1869 Pg. 355 ancestry.com

Item 7: I hereby appoint my trusty friend William D. Moran my executor of this my last will and testament. Signed Thomas A. Middlebrooks, 12 May 1869 (1873).

The only land mentioned in the will was land lot 258, 22nd District Harris County, yet we know, Thomas reported 570 acres of improved land on the 1870 U.S. Non-Population Census. Thomas has either sold his land or divided it among his children before his death. No inventory or account papers were part of his estate settlement. The Letters of Testamentary were issued to W. D. Moran, 1 May 1876, Harris County.¹⁰⁸

Winnie C. Middlebrooks was listed on the 1890 Harris County Tax Digest, Valley Plains, District 786, with 77 acres, District 22, land lot 258. 1883-1887, 96 acres, District 22, land lot 258. 1873-1877, 100 acres, District 22, land lot 258. It suggests from the tax records that Winnie sold most of the lands of her husband and maintained the 77-100 acres where she lived on lot 258.¹⁰⁹

Conclusion

Thomas and Ellender Middlebrooks resided in Jones County, in 1830. They were married that same year. Thomas purchased 101-1/4 acres, 10th District land lot 65, southeast one-half (1833) from his brother Isaac R. Middlebrooks and then four years later (1837) sold this same parcel to his brother, Silas T. Middlebrooks. We suspect Thomas and Ellender Middlebrooks left Jones County after this land sale, because, by 1840 the family had moved to Harris County, Georgia. Thomas's sister Nancy and her husband Jesse Fallin had moved to Harris County from Jones County, by 1830. Nancy most likely encouraged her brother to move to Harris County. The Middlebrooks and Fallin's became neighbors in north east Harris County, when Jesse and Nancy decided to move west to Tallapoosa County, Alabama. Thomas bought 200 acres from Jesse (22 District land lot 258) on the waters of Lazer Creek in 1858. We believe land lot 258 became the home of Thomas and Ellender Middlebrooks, based on Thomas's will signed in 1869.

Ellender died *circa* 1857 and Thomas married Winnie Caroline Grice in 1857. At one time, Thomas's plantation included over 570 acres and nine slaves. Thomas owned land in land lots 258, 257 and 285. His land was very close to the county line between Harris and Talbot Counties. Thomas died about 1873 and left his estate to his wife Winnie, until her death at which time it would be split among his heirs. It is interesting to note that the only real estate mentioned in his will was land lot 258. Deed records indicate that after Thomas's death his estate sold 195-1/2 acres in land lots 257 and 258. No other land records were located.

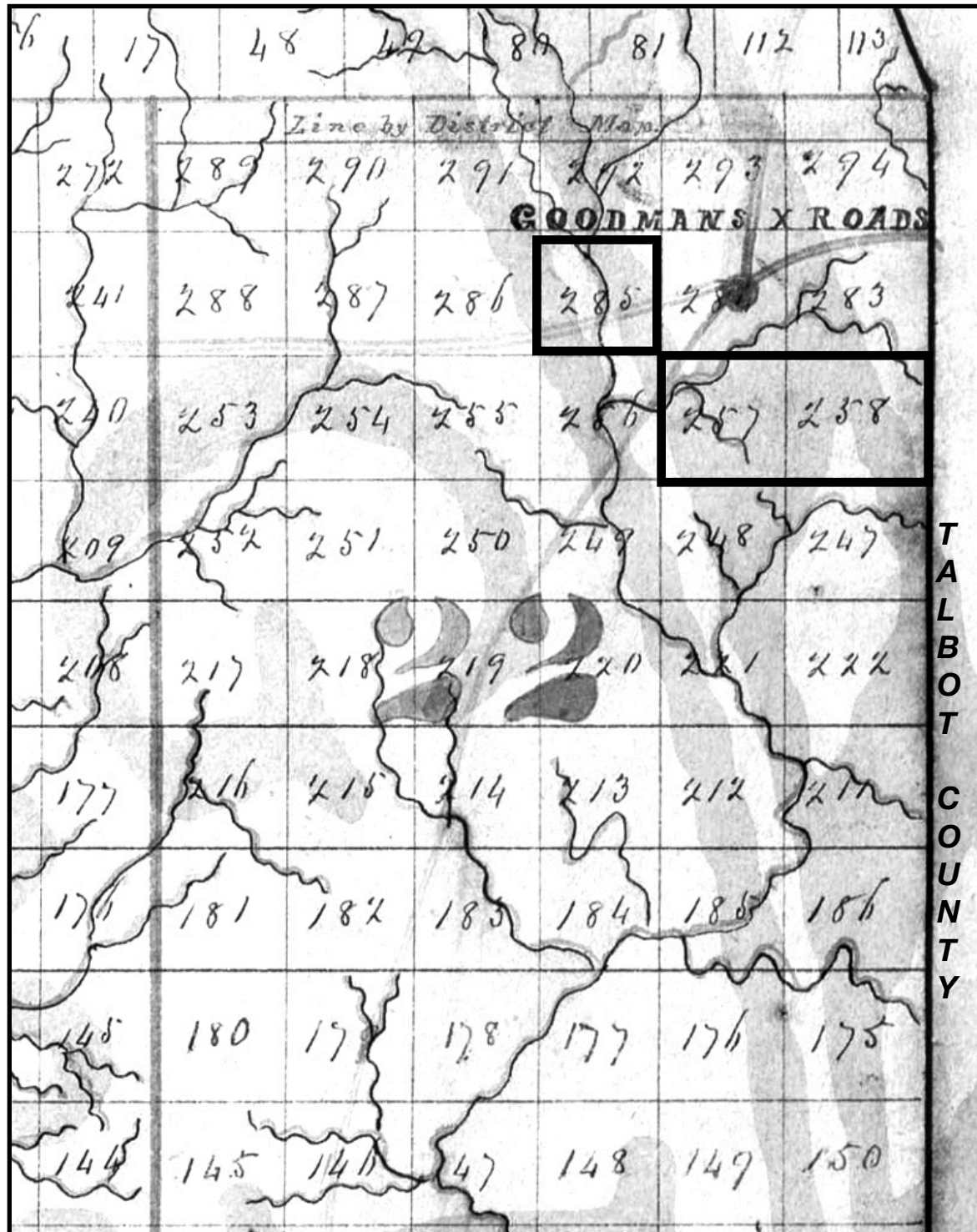
Thomas's heirs besides his wife Winnie, mentioned in his will were, Susan Ware, Ascenth A. Carter, Francis M. Middlebrooks, Emily M. Moran and the orphan children of his son Madison G. Middlebrooks. Emily's husband, William D. Moran, was the executor of Thomas's will.

¹⁰⁸ Georgia Wills and Probate Records 1742-1992, Letters Testamentary and Guardianship, 1865-1869; Bonds, Oaths, and Letters, 1877-1898, Harris County, Georgia, pg. 46, ancestry.com

¹⁰⁹ Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, Winnie C. Middlebrooks, ancestry.com

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Thomas's second wife, Winnie Caroline Middlebrooks, was reported on the 1890 Tax Digest with 77 acres, land lot 258. It appears Winnie stayed on the home place after 1890 and that most of her husband's lands had been disposed of, either given to her heirs or sold to others. She possibly died there after 1890. She was not listed on the 1900 U.S. Census.



Thomas A. Middlebrooks lands, Harris County. Land lots 257, 258 and 285, approximately 570 acres, District 22. Land lot 258 was originally owned by Jesse Fallin.

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STATE OF GEORGIA, No. 73 355
COUNTY OR Harris }
of August } PERSONALLY APPEARED before me this 4 day
1867,
who states that he resides in the 2 Election Precinct of Harris COUNTY,
GEORGIA, and who makes oath as follows:
"I Thomas A. Middlebrooks do solemnly swear
in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the STATE OF GEORGIA; that I have resided in said State for 19 months
next preceding this day, and now reside in the County of Harris in said State; that I
am 21 years old; that I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony
committed against the laws of any State or the United States; that I have never been a member of any State Legislature, nor held any
executive or judicial office in any State, and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort
to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress of the United States, or as an officer of the United States,
or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States,
and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid and comfort to the enemies thereof, that I will
faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do.
So help me, God."

The said Thomas A. Middlebrooks further swears
that he has not been previously registered under the provisions of "An act supplementary to 'an act to provide for
the more efficient government of the rebel States'—passed March 2, 1867—and to facilitate restoration," under this
or any other name, in this or any other Election District; and further, that he was born in _____
and naturalized by _____ on the _____ day
of _____, 18 _____ in the _____
Thomas A. Middlebrooks
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me Wm. Taylor
Register of the 25 Registration District.

**Georgia, Returns of Qualified Voters and Reconstruction Oath Books, 1867-1869,
Thomas A. Middlebrooks 4 August 1867, Harris County, Georgia, ancestry.com**

Will of Thomas Alfred Middlebrooks 12 May 1869

State of Georgia }
 Harris County } In the name of God Amen.
 I Thomas A Middlebrooks of said State and County being of advanced
 age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right
 and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make
 a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed
 me do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all others heretofore made by me -

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian
 like manner suitable to my circumstances in life my soul I trust
 shall return to rest with God who gave it -

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my
 executor hereby appointed as I am unwilling that my creditors should
 be delayed in their rights.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Wm. Caroline Middlebrooks
 call half of lot of land No 255 lying and being in the 22nd district Originally
 New Cane Now Harris County containing all the improvements thereon
 including the Sun and Sower mowing gun Thrasher and Saw &c the above
 said land to contain One hundred one and a quarter acres with all the rights
 Members and appurtenances to the said half lot of Land in any wise
 belonging to her own proper use benefit and behoof together with her choice
 of one of my mules or horses which I may possess at the time of my
 death my Plantation Wagon and Harness and such a supply of Plantation tools
 as she may consider necessary for her own use also eight head of stock hogs
 such as she may select from my stock of hogs four head of sheep together with
 a sufficient supply of provisions and forage for herself and stock for one
 year also one feather Bedstead and furniture such as she may select from
 all of my beds dining table and furniture for table use Wash Pot and
 Cooking utensils such as she may select and tin safe also one trunk and
 a half dozen sitting chairs one wheel and Reel of her choosing two Bed
 shoes and my Tobacco Pipe that I have on hand and also Twenty Five dollars
 in Cash to have & to hold during her widowhood or natural life I also give
 and bequeath to my beloved wife Wm. Caroline Middlebrooks as her
 separate and independent estate free from all charges or limitation what-
 soever to her own proper use benefit and behoof forever with full power
 to dispose of the same at any time previous or by will or deed at her
 death as she may think proper the entire stock of Cattle which
 she possessed at the time of our marriage with their utensils
 also one feather Bed and Stead and furniture also one trunk and
 dressing Table which she possessed at the time of our marriage and
 all the poultry of all kinds which may be belonging to my estate at the
 time of my death.

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Emily M. Morau wife of
 William D. Morau the said tract or parcel of land and all the appur-
 tenances belonging thereto bequeathed to my beloved wife Wm. Caroline
 Middlebrooks in item third at the termination of her life or widowhood
 the personal property in my wife's lifetime estate specified in item
 third I desire and direct to be sold and the proceeds to be divided between

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All my Children Share ^{and} Share alike including the Three Orphan Children of Madison G. Middlebrooks to have one Share equal to the rest of my Children.

Item 5th In Consideration of the faithful services rendered in my family by an Orphan girl Mary Lane I give ^{and} bequeath to her one Calf one Lamb one Pig such as she may choose or select from my Stock at the time of my death.

Item 6th The residue of my property both Real ^{and} Personal wherever ^{and} whatever which may be, I desire ^{and} direct to be sold ^{and} after the payment of all of my just debts the residue to be divided among all my Children viz: Susan Ware, Assem. A. Carter Francis M. Middlebrooks Emily M. Moran ^{and} the three Orphan Children of my deceased son Madison G. Middlebrooks to draw one share.

Item 7th I hereby appoint my Son in Law William D. Moran trustee for the Orphan Children of my deceased son Madison G. Middlebrooks. I hereby constitute ^{and} appoint my trusty friend William D. Moran Executor of this my last Will ^{and} Testament.

This May 12th 1869. Thomas A. Middlebrooks (LS)

Signed Sealed declared ^{and} published by Thomas A. Middlebrooks as his last will ^{and} testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance ^{and} request ^{and} of each other May 12th 1869.

Thomas W. Johnson
George W. Cooke jr
John ^{his} Noon
George W. Cooke Sr

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Thomas A. Middlebrooks dec^d so far as I know or believe ^{and} that I will well ^{and} truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this state, so help me God.

Worn to ^{and} subscribed }
before me May 12th 1869. } William D. Moran
F. C. Williams }

John Sims Middlebrooks and Sophia Simmons

John was born, 1807, Hancock County, Georgia,¹¹⁰ and died, 15 August 1867, testate (with a will), Jones County, Georgia.¹¹¹ John married Sophia Simmons, born 9 September 1806, Georgia, 30 June 1831, Jones County.¹¹² Sophia died, 5 May 1873 (Probate date),¹¹³ testate, Jones County. Will was dated 9 September 1868, Jones County.¹¹⁴ They had no children. We believe John and Sophia Middlebrooks were buried on the family burying ground, land lot 66, 10th District, Jones County. They lived in Jones County, their entire lives.

Lands of John S. Middlebrooks

On November 1, 1859, William H. C. Nivins, executor of the estate of his father, Daniel Nivins, sold to John S. land lot 106, 8th District of Dooly County, Georgia for two hundred fifty-five dollars. The deed was recorded in Jones County, Georgia, on November 12, 1860. John was the highest bidder in the auction on the courthouse steps.¹¹⁵

Sims Middlebrooks sold to his son John S. Middlebrooks, 29 October 1836, 200 acres, 10th District Lot 66, Jones County. Adjoining Hugh Comer and Joseph Messer. Witnesses, Silas and Isaac Middlebrooks.¹¹⁶ Notice that 2-1/2 acres were not included in the deed. Was this Sims home place and family burying ground? (The total for land lots was 202-1/2 acres.)

John S. Middlebrooks purchased 101-1/4 acres from the executors of the estate of Sterling Cassel, the Northeast half of land lot 45, 10th District, Jones County, on 3 December 1839. Adjoined by the lands of Silas and Isaac R. Middlebrooks. Recorded 4 March 1840.¹¹⁷

Isaac R. Middlebrooks sold to his brother John S. Middlebrooks, on 10 February 1848, 60 acres, 10th District, lot 45, Jones County. Known as the sage field adjoining lands of John on the North and Isaac on the South. Witnesses Elbert Middlebrooks and Sophia Middlebrooks.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁰ 1850 U.S. Census Division 47, Jones County, Georgia, John (43) Sophia (44) Middlebrooks, ancestry.com

¹¹¹ Jones County, Georgia The Court of Ordinary, 1866-1868, September Term, pg. 494, familysearch.org Samuel C. Middlebrooks, son of Isaac R. Middlebrooks was appointed executor of the John S. Middlebrooks estate.

¹¹² Jones County, Georgia Marriages Book B, pg. 58

¹¹³ Administrators Bond, Jones County, estate of Sophia Middlebrooks, Probate Records Vol. D-F 1865-1918, pg. 61, ancestry.com

¹¹⁴ Will of Sophia Middlebrooks, Jones County, Georgia Probate Records Vol. E-F, 1865-1951, pg. 116-17, familysearch.org

¹¹⁵ Jones County, Georgia Deed Book S, page 389.

¹¹⁶ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book P, pg. 472, Recorded 1 April 1837.

¹¹⁷ Jones County Georgia, Deed records & mortgages, 1839-1853, Deed Book Q, pg. 46, familysearch.org

¹¹⁸ Jones County, Georgia, Deed Book S, pg. 320, Recorded 25 January 1859

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Taxes

John S. Middlebrooks was recorded on the Jones County, Tax Digests, Captains Elijah A. Dunn and Thomas Braddy's Districts, 1830-1832, with no land and his father Sims paid taxes for John. From 1833-1835, John paid taxes on 40 acres, Cherokee County, District 20, land lot 221, Captain Thomas Braddy's District.¹¹⁹

U.S. Census 1840-1860

John was first recorded on the 1840 U.S. Census for Jones County. Persons in the household were, 1 white male, 20-29, 1 white male 30-39, 1 white female 30-39 and 3 slaves. On the 1850 U.S. Census, Division 47, John (43) and his wife Sophia (44) Middlebrooks were listed. John was born 1807, Georgia, and Sophia was born 1806, Georgia. The value of John's real-estate was \$1,800.00. Also in the household was the Mims family, Adeline (30), John E. (9), Martha A. (7) and Sophia (5). All the Mims were born in Georgia. The 1850 U.S. Non-Population Census listed John with 180 acres improved and 180 acres unimproved, with a cash value of the farm of \$1,800.00.

The 1860 U.S. Census recorded John (53) and Sophia (54) Middlebrooks, in Popes District, Jones County. Since they did not have any children they were the only ones in the household. John's real estate value was \$3,800.00 and his personal estate was \$960.00. John died in 1867. Sophia (64) was listed on the 1870 U.S. Census, in Spartanburg, Jones County. Realestate value was \$1,200.00 and personal estate was \$12.00. The 1870 U.S. Non-population Census, Jones County, listed Sophia Middlebrooks with 195 acres improved, 100 acres woodland and 110 acres unimproved. Total cash value of farm was \$1,600.00. Sophia died in 1873.

	State of Georgia, Jones County.
To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel.	
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN	
<i>John S. Middlebrooks</i> and <i>Miss Sophia Simmons</i>	
<small>in the Holy State of MATRIMONY, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State; and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient License.</small>	
GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, this <i>29th</i> day of <i>June 1831</i> , 19.....	
<i>Charles MacCarthy</i> c. c. o.	
Georgia, Jones County.	
I, <small>do</small> CERTIFY, that <i>John Middlebrooks</i> and <i>Miss Sophia Simmons</i>	
were duly joined in MATRIMONY by me this <i>30th</i> day of <i>June</i> , <i>Fifteen</i> Nineteen Hundred and <i>31</i>	
<i>John R. Moore</i> J. P. C.	
Recorded..... 19.....	Ordinary.

Marriage record John S. Middlebrooks and Sophia Simmons, 29 June 1831, Jones County, Georgia. (Book B, pg. 58)

¹¹⁹ Jones County Tax Digest 1811-1835, films 470353, 470354, familysearch.org

Estate of John S. Middlebrooks ¹²⁰

Since John and his wife did not have any children, nephews David T. Middlebrooks and James Jones, Jr. were heirs to their legacy. John's will was written on 8 August 1867 and recorded 2 September 1867, in Jones County, Georgia.¹²⁰ After the death of John's wife, Sophia, David and James were to inherit the land in Wilcox County, Georgia. Even though the Executor was appointed to brother, Samuel C. Middlebrooks, Sophia was to have "*control of his estate*".

The will specified that if David and James could not agree on the lots, then their "*names put in a hat and draw*". One would get "*one half of dwelling moved to Lot 45*" and the "*other half says on Lot 66*." If David did not have any heirs, his share was to go Mrs. Lavonia Nevis and Mrs. Elizabeth Jolly. After the sale of the perishable property two hundred seventy-five dollars went to his wife.

The land in Wilcox County, Georgia located in the 8th District, Land Lot 106 was to be sold at public outcry after Sophia's death. The money gained from the sale was to be divided in half — David and James would have one half and Sophia the other half.

When John's wife, Sophia, died, she left a will. The will was written on 9 September 1868 and recorded 5 May 1873, in Jones County, Georgia. Before she wanted her estate to be divided, she requested that the estate was to "*Pay for her sickness and burial expenses*."

She divided her estate between her brother, John W. Simmons; half-brother, Thomas Simmons; her sister, Mrs. Ruth Cook, wife of George Cook of Talbot County, Georgia; her niece, Elvina E. Stubbs, wife of James W. Stubbs; and her sisters, Elizabeth Simmons, wife of Alfred Middlebrooks and Adaline Plidgin of Alabama. All the heirs received a one-fifth part of the estate. She also wanted her niece to have "*one bed bedstead, counterpane, bolster and pillows with cases*."

Sophia also used Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks as her executor of her estate. Samuel posted a bond dated May 5, 1873 and recorded on May 6, 1873. James F. Barron and Samuel posted the bond.¹²¹ In both wills it is written that both John and Sophia were to be buried in the family cemetery. The family cemetery was located on land lot 66, 10th District, Jones County.

Conclusion

Records suggest that John S. and Sophia Middlebrooks spent their entire lives as residents of Jones County. They did not have any children, but became very close to nephews, David T. Middlebrooks and James Jones Jr. David and James became heirs to their legacy in John's will in 1867 and in Sophia's will in 1868. Samuel C. Middlebrooks, son of Isaac R. Middlebrooks, was named the executor of both John and Sophia's Middlebrooks estates.

¹²⁰ Jones County, Georgia Probate Records 1865-1951, Will of John S. Middlebrooks and Will of Sophia Middlebrooks, Vol. E-F, pg. 62-64, 116-117, ancestry.com

¹²¹ Jones County, Georgia Bond Book E, page 61.

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John and Sophia made their home on the land of his father Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks in 1836, when they purchased 200 acres in land lot 66, 10th District, Hog Creek. They had been married for five years, when they purchased lot 66, possibly to help run the farm with his father. Sims had sold all but 2-1/2 acres of land lot 66 to his son in 1836. This may have been land where Sims' house was located and the family cemetery. In 1839, John bought 101-1/4 acres in land lot 45, 10th District. Land lot 45 is adjacent to land lot 66. In 1848 brother Issac R. Middlebrooks sold John, 60 acres in land lot 45, 10th District. John's last purchase was in 1859, land lot 106, eight District in Dooly County, Georgia. In 1850 John's total land holdings in Jones County were 360 acres.

In John's will (1867) he indicated that he had residences on both land lot 66 and 45. One would go to David T. Middlebrooks and one would go to James Jones Jr. Also mentioned, in his will was the family burying ground (Mercer Family Cemetery #2), located on land lot 66, where his father and mother Sims and Elizabeth lived. John purchased land lot 45 the same year his father died (1839). We also believe that besides Sims and Elizabeth, John and Sophia, and Silas and Bethany and their children (Elizabeth and Saluda) were also buried at the family burying ground on land lot 66, possibly located on the 2-1/2 acres reserved by Sims in 1836. The Mercer Family Cemetery #2 was the Middlebrooks family burying ground in lot 66, as listed in the Fields of Stone: Jones County, Georgia. On the Fields of Stone website the cemetery in lot 66 is now listed as Mercer-Middlebrooks Family Cemetery. <http://friendsofcems.org/Jones/default1.htm> See the satellite photos in the Sims Middlebrooks section.

John S Middlebrooks Will

In the name of God Amen-

I John S Middlebrooks of the County of Jones and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do - make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made - -

And first, I Commit my soul to God who gave it and my body I desire to be buried in the family burial ground on the place whereon I now live in decent order.

And my worldly estate I dispose of as follows

First - I desire that my beloved wife Sophia Middlebrooks shall have the use and control of my whole estate for and during her natural life (after the payment of all just debts) - -


Secondly - I will and bequeath to my nephews David Middlebrooks and James Jones Jr the lands whereon I now live consisting of two lots numbers 66 and 45 in the tenth district of said County of Jones. They the said David S Middlebrooks and James Jones Jr. to go into possession of the said lands - as above described after the death of my beloved wife Sophia Middlebrooks - and if the said David S Middlebrooks and James Jones Jr. cannot agree to divide the lands between themselves - they may cause their names to be placed in a hat and drawn for choice of lots, and half of the dwelling in which I now live is to be removed to lot of land number 45 - and the other of the residence to be and remain on lot number 66 as it now stands - the lot of said land thus bequeathed to said David S Middlebrooks shall be his for and during his natural life - and to go to his child or children at his death - but in the event that the said David S Middlebrooks should die having no child or children then the land thus bequeathed to the said David S Middlebrooks shall go to Mrs Lavonia Mirvis and Mrs Elizabeth Jolly - to share and share alike in the said land

Thirdly - I desire that my beloved wife Sophia Middlebrooks shall have the sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars - to be raised by the sale after my death of such of the perishable property as can be best spared off said plantation - -

Fourthly - I will that all of the remaining portion of my estate consisting of the personal property and one lot of land - no. one hundred and six, in the eighth district of Originally Dooly now Wilcox County shall be sold - at public outcry upon the premises after the death of my wife Sophia Middlebrooks and the proceeds arising therefrom to go the one half to my said nephew David J Middlebrooks and James Jones Jr. to be equally divided between them - and the other half of the proceeds of the sale of said property to go to and be disposed of as my beloved wife Sophia Middlebrooks may will or direct -

Fifthly - I do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel H Middlebrooks my legal executor to carry out my will herein set forth -

In witness whereof I the said John S Middlebrooks - to this my will consisting of the foregoing two and one half pages have set my hand and seal this 8th day of August AD 1862 -

John S Middlebrooks 

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named John S Middlebrooks as his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto -

Wm J McCullough
McDonald Stewart
S. C. Middlebrooks

Georgia
Jones County } In open court at the Sept^r Term
1862 Came Wm J McCullough
and McDonald Stewart who being duly sworn
deposed and said that they saw John S Middlebrooks
sign the within instrument and declare the same
as his last will and Testament - and that the

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Said William G McCullough - McDonald Stewart and
Samuel C Middlebrooks signed the same as witnesses
in the presence of each other and by the request of the
Testator - and that he was of sound and disposing
mind and memory

Sworn to & subscribed before } McDonald Stewart
me in open Court Sept 2 1867 } Wm G McCullough -

Roland T Pop Ordinary -

Georgia } I Samuel C Middlebrooks do solemnly
Jones County } swear that this instrument contains the
True last will of John S Middlebrooks decd.
So far as I know or believe - and that I will well
and truly execute the same according to Law and
the best of my ability so help me God -

Sworn to in open Court Sept 2 1867

Roland T Pop Ordinary } S. C. Middlebrooks

Records attached to Letters Testamentary
Recorded Sept. 3rd 1867 -

Roland T, Pop, Ordinary

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Sophia Middlebrooke Will

State of Georgia } I Sophia Middlebrooke Widow
 Jones County } And relict of John S Middlebrooke
 dec'd. of Said County and State being of
 Sound and disposing Mind and Memory do pub-
 lish and declare the following as my last will and
 Testament - viz^d. Item 1st

After my death I desire that my body shall
 be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner
 and that my Executor hereinafter named or soon
 as practicable pay the burial Expenses and Expenses
 of my last sickness together with all proper and
 legal debts that may exist against me -
 Item 2nd

After my death I desire and it is my will
 that my niece Alvina E Stubbs wife of James W
 Stubbs shall have one Bed Bedstead - quilt
 Shut Counterpane Bolster & Pillows with cases -
 Item 3rd

After provision for the two first items in my
 will - It is my will and I hereby direct that
 all the rest residue and remainder of my
 Estate of whatever it may consist shall be
 divided into five parts or Shares and after
 the Costs of Administration and Commissions to
 my Executor are provided for then I give and
 bequeath one fifth of my Estate to my Brother
 John W Simmons - one fifth to my half Brother
 Thomas Simmons one fifth to the Children
 of my dec'd. Sister Elizabeth Middlebrooke
 formerly the wife of Alfred Middlebrooke
 one fifth to my Sister Mrs Ruth Cook
 wife of George W Cook of Talbot County
 for and during her natural life and
 after death to her Children - and one
 fifth to my half Sister Adaline Pledge
 of Alabama for and during her natu-
 ral lifetime and after her death to her
 Children - Item 4th

I hereby nominate and appoint My Beloved Brother John W Simmons My Executor to Execute and Carry into effect This My last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed and Executed

by the Testatrix as and for her last will and Testament in our presence - who at her request & in her presence and in the presence of each other have Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto This Septem-ber 9th 1868-

Richard W Barner }
E J Thompson } Sophia Middlebrooks
Jas F Barrow }

Georgia } Ordinarys Office May Term 1873
Jones County } Before me Roland Ross Ordin-ary in and for said County person-

ally came James F Barrow one of the Subscribing witnesses to the above and foregoing (will) instrument of Writing and upon oath says he saw Sophia Middlebrooks Testatrix sign seal publish and declare this instrument to be her last will and Testament, and that she was of sound and disposing mind at the time of Executing the same and in his judgment Capable of Making a will That deponent signed the same as witness by her request and in the presence of her and R W Barner & E J Thompson - and that R W Barner & E J Thompson signed the same ~~in~~ her presence as witnesses -

Sworn to and Subscribed }
before me May 5th 1873. } Jas F Barrow
Roland S Ross Ordinary }

For further order admitting to Record see Minutes Court Ordinary -

Recorded May 10th 1873
Roland Ross
Ordinary

Elizabeth Middlebrooks

She was born, about 1806, Hancock County, Georgia and died about 1824, Jones County. Elizabeth was the daughter of Sims and Elizabeth Middlebrooks. She would have been sixteen to eighteen years of age when she died. Elizabeth was most likely buried at the family burying ground, the Mercer-Middlebrooks Family Cemetery at the home of her parents, land lot 66, 10th District, Jones County.

Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks

Reverend Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks was born 24 March 1838, Hog Creek, Jones County, and died 6 March 1907, Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Samuel was buried at Macedonia Cemetery, Hempstead County.¹²² Samuel's first marriage was to Emma C. Brinkley, 19 November 1857, Jones County.¹²³ They had no children.

Samuel's second marriage was to Harriet "Hattie" Ardecy Lane, born *circa* 1846, Jasper County, Georgia on 18 October 1860, Jones County.¹²⁴ The marriage of Samuel and Hattie was published in *The Southern Christian Advocate* in the 1 November 1860 issue. Hattie's family was from Jasper County, Georgia. Hattie died *circa* 1889 and was buried near Whiteville, Beth Bayou, Louisiana. Hattie was a daughter of Lewis Lee and Lucy Ann (Johnston) Lane, married 24 November 1836, Jasper County, Georgia.¹²⁵

Samuel's third marriage was 24 June 1890, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana to Mary Ann (McDaniel) Savant,¹²⁶ born 15 May 15, 1839 and died March 1899, St. Landry Parish. Mary Ann Savant was buried Mount Olivet Baptist Cemetery, Whiteville, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.¹²⁷ Mary Ann was buried under the name of her first husband Adolphe Savant, not as Samuel's wife. Mary Ann was the daughter of Daniel McDaniel and Mary Ann Guillory, widow of Auguste/Adolphe Savant, no children.

U.S. Census 1850-1880

On the 1850 U.S. Census, Samuel Middlebrooks (13) was in the household of his father and mother Isaac R. and Mary (Cannon) Middlebrooks, District 47, Jones County. The children included John (30), born 1830, Ardeca (17), born 1833, Elizabeth (10), born 1840 and Burnetty (9), born 1841, Everyone in the household was born in Georgia. Isaac was a farmer and his real-estate value was \$4,000.00. John was listed as an overseer.

The 1860 U.S. Census, listed Samuel C. Middlebrooks in Popes District Jones County. He was the only one in the household. Samuel lived between his father Isaac and Isaac's brother John S. Middlebrooks. Samuel does not list any value for real-estate. He does have a personal estate value of \$5,300.00.

¹²² U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, ancestry.com. At the time of death Samuel was living with his son Charles Deems Middlebrooks of Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

¹²³ Jones County, Georgia, Marriage Book B, p. 267)

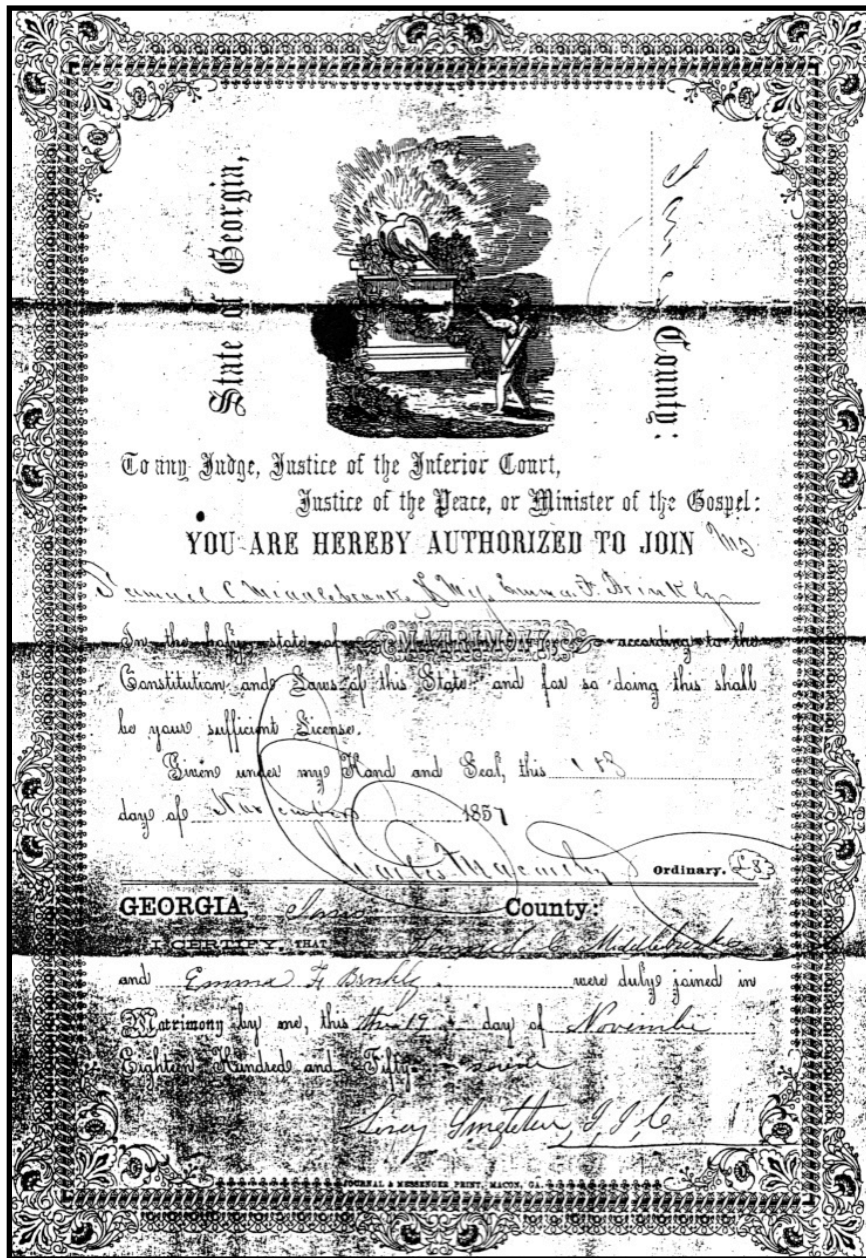
¹²⁴ Georgia, Marriage Records From Select Counties, 1828-1978, Marriage Book B, pg.255 ancestry.com

¹²⁵ Georgia, Compiled Marriages, 1754-1850, marriage of Lewis L. Land and Lucy Ann Johnston, Jasper County, Georgia, registered 3 December 1836, Ancestry.com

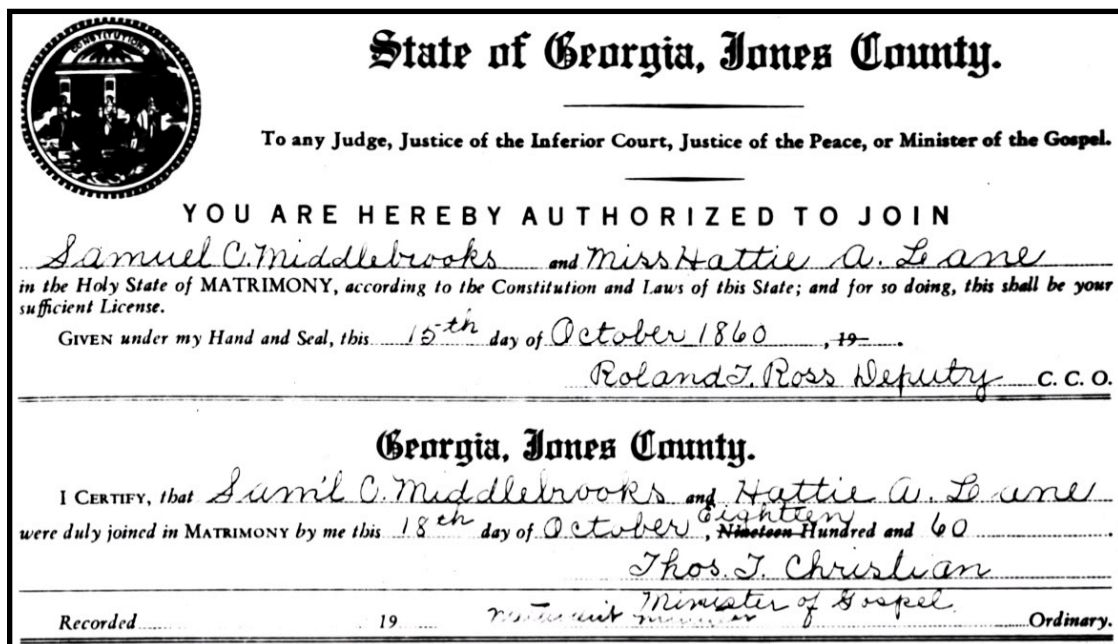
¹²⁶ Louisiana, Compiled Marriage Index, 1718-1925 Samuel C. Middlebrooks and Mary Ann Savant, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana Ancestry.com

¹²⁷ U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current Mary Ann McDaniel Savant Middlebrooks died 1899 (not 1893), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Ancestry.com

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia



Marriage Certificate Samuel C. Middlebrooks and Emma C. Brinkley 19 November 1857, Jones County, Georgia



Marriage record Samuel C. Middlebrooks and Harriet "Hattie" Ardecy Lane, 18 October 1860, Jones County, Georgia

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Samuel was recorded on the 1870 U.S. Census, Spartanburg, Jones County. Samuel (32), born 1838, Georgia and his wife Hattie A. (24), born 1846, Georgia. In the household were, James L. (5) born 1865, Sims (3), born 1867, Frank (1) born 1869. All the children were born in Georgia. Samuel's real-estate value was \$6,500.00 and personal estate was \$2,600. Samuel had just become executor of his father's estate in 1866, which may account for the large real-estate value between the 1860-1870 U. S. Census.

By 1880, Samuel and Hattie Middlebrooks family moved to Bosque County, Texas. Children in the household were, Jame L. (15), Sims (13), Frank S. (11), Mary P. (9), Samuel L. (7), Charlie (5), Hattie D. (2) and Wiile B. Lane (15), niece. Everyone was born in Georgia. Hattie D. was born in Georgia (1878), meaning they moved from Jones County, Georgia to Bosque County, Texas about 1878-79. (1880 U.S. Census, ancestry.com)

Civil War Service¹²⁸

At the age of 24, Samuel enlisted as a Private in the Confederate Army. He was assigned to the 57th Regiment (Harrison's), Georgia Infantry that later became Company A, 32nd Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Northern Virginia, from Jasper and Jones County, Georgia. His enlistment date was 5 May 1862. Captain Holland swore in Samuel.

Private Middlebrooks was wounded in July of 1863, on Morris Island, South Carolina. He appeared on a list of casualties in the First Military District of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida from July 10 to September 1863. With Special Order 180/12, Samuel was transferred to the Engineers Troops on 1 August 1864. He served a total of two years and six months and was discharged in November of 1864.

Tax Digest

The Tax Digest for 1868 for Popes District, Jones County, reported by Samuel C. Middlebrooks. The lands in the table below were originally parcels belonging to his father, Isaac R. Middlebrooks estate. Samuel was appointed executor of his fathers Isaac's estate in 1866.¹²⁹

Lot No.	District	Acres	Other Property	Money/Debts	Value
128	9				
97	9	202.5	700	1000	1200
44	10	95	50		450
65	9	202-1/2			
66	9	202-1/2			

¹²⁸ Georgia Department of Archives and History, S. C. Middlebrooks Civil War Compiled Service Records file 256/98.

¹²⁹ Jones County, Georgia Tax Digest, 1868, Samuel C. Middlebrooks pg. 358

Samuel C. Middlebrooks Civil War Compiled Service Records

(CONFEDERATE)

32 Ga.

S. C. Middlebrooks
Co. A, 37 Reg't (Harrison's)
Georgia Infantry

Appears on a
Bounty Pay and Receipt Roll
of the organization named above.

Roll dated *not dated*, 186

Enlisted:
When *May 5*, 186

Where *Battle of Harrison*

By whom *Capt Holland*

Period *two years and 6 months*

Bounty \$ *50.00*

Signature *S. C. Middlebrooks*

Remarks:

This regiment subsequently became the 2nd Regiment Georgia

Book mark

L. Wickland
1869 Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE)

32 Ga.

S. C. Middlebrooks
Pvt. Co. A, 32d Ga

Appears on a
LIST
of killed, wounded and missing, on
Morris Island, S. C., from Aug. 20,
to the evacuation on Sept. 6, 1863.

List dated *not dated*, 186

Remarks: Wounded

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S. A. Zornstein
1371 Copyist.

(CONFEDERATE)

32 Ga.

S. C. Middlebrooks
Pvt. Co. A, 32nd Ga. Reg't

Appears on a
LIST
of casualties in the First Military
District, Department of
S. C., Ga. and Fla., from July
10 to Sept 6, 1863.

List dated *Charleston*
Oct. 4, 1863

Date *Aug. 25 - Sept. 3*, 186

Remarks: Wounded

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B. Weeks
137- Copyist.

Middlebrooks, S. C.

Co. A, 32 Ga. Vols.

Subject: **Transferred**
Engr. Troops

Special Order Number **180/12**

Aug 1, 1864

Adjutant & Inspector General's
Office, Confederate States, con-
tains information relative to
the man named, on the subject
mentioned above.

S. C. Middlebrooks, Tax Digest Jones County

1869, Popes District, 100 acres land lot 44, 10th District and 202-1/2 acres, land lot 97, 9th District. aggregate value of land \$1,200.00

1873, Davidson's District, 900 acres, value \$3,600.00

1874, Davidson's District, 700 acres, value \$2,000.00

1875, Popes District, 700 acres, value \$3,000.00

1876, Davidson's District, 202-1/2 acres, value \$1620.00

(Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, Samuel C. Middlebrooks, (1869-1875) Jones County, ancestry.com)

On the 1869 Tax Digest, Popes District, No. 358, Jones County, S. C. Middlebrooks reported 100 acres, 10th District, land lot 44 and 202-1/2 acres for 9th District land lot 97. Seven labors were employed between the ages of 12 and 65. The aggregate value of the land was \$1,200.00 and the whole property was \$2,900.00. In the 1872 Tax Digest, S.C. Middlebrooks was listed for Davidson's District, No. 459, Jones County with 12 employed (12-65 years), 900 acres and eight employed 535 acres. Aggregate value of land was \$6,200.00.¹³⁰

The 1873 Tax Digest, Davidson's District, No. 459, Jones County, listed S. C. Middlebrooks with 900 acres, at an aggregate value of land of \$3,600.00 and the whole property \$4,400.00. S. C. Middlebrooks on the 1874-1875, Tax Digest, Popes District, No. 358, Jones County, reported 700 acres with nine (1874) persons between 12 and 65 employed and one person (1875) employed. The aggregate value of land was \$2,000.00-\$3,000.00. The 1876 Tax Digest for Davidson's District, No. 459. Jones County, recorded Samuel C. Middlebrooks with 202-1/2 acres, nine people employed. The aggregate value of land was \$1,620.00.¹³¹

Managing the Estate of Issac R. Middlebrooks

There is a record of Samuel C. Middlebrook to Warren Wallace & Co Factors & Commissions Merchants of Augusta, Georgia of a promissory note dated 24 November 1871 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Five dollars was paid on 500 acres "*known as Isaac R. Middlebrook homestead*" which was acquired at an administrator's sale and one-half interest of 1,200 acres known as James H. Bowen plantation. Samuel promised to pay the \$2,000.00 sixty days after date in Augusta, Georgia. Recorded 13 January 1872. These properties were located northeast of Clinton, now Gray, Jones, Georgia.¹³²

On 6 January 1872, Samuel purchased 202-1/2 acres, land lot 69 in the 9th District from James H. Bowen of Alabama. The property adjoined Radford Turner on the north-east and west; Samuel Griswold on the South; and the public road in Jones County, Georgia. The purchase price was \$3,000.00.¹³³

In Deed Book T, page 201, Jones County, Georgia, there is a record of property dated 19 February 1872. The price was \$3,000.00 for the 202-1/2 acres located in land lot 69, 9th District, Jones County, Georgia, originally Baldwin County, Georgia. The property included a "*residence and vineyard, known as the late James H. Bowen place*" and adjacent to property belonging to R. J. Turner located at Clinton Road and Eatonton Road. The property was also known as the "*House lot of the said James H. Bowen Plantation*".

Samuel secured another loan from Warren Wallace for \$3,000.00. It was recorded 7 January 1873.

¹³⁰ Georgia Property Dax Digest 1872-1875, pg. 21, familysearch.org

¹³¹ Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, Tax Year: 1869, 1876 ancestry.com.

¹³² Jones County, Georgia, Deeds 1869-1882, Book T, page 149, familysearch.org

¹³³ Jones County, Georgia Deeds 1869-1882, Book T, pg. 193, familysearch

Samuel sold some land as collateral to Robert H. Barron for \$433.33. The description is sketchy: Promissory note "*for rent of land known as Mitchell Lot and the crop raised on the said land subject to the payment of the above amount 12 May 1873.*" This deed also included the sum of five dollars from Samuel to Robert H. Barron for "*Three Hundred Gallons of Scuppernong Wine made in the year of 1873.*"¹³⁴

Another promissory was granted to Samuel from David T. Middlebrooks. The deed was written 19 January 1874. The amount was \$360.28 for 200 1/2 acres in the 10th District and payment was due on 25 February 1874. Five dollars was paid down. This land was adjoining James Jones on the West, Mrs. Bethany Barnes on the north; and Jobie/Jolee? on the southeast with any "*improvements thereon.*"¹³⁵

On 13 December 1871, the sheriff of Jones County, Georgia did "*levy upon and afterwards expense to Sale*" advertised in The Telegraph and Messenger sold as the property as S. C. Middlebrooks. The sheriff was prevented from making title to Robert H. Barron by a restraining order in the Case of Mary A. Middlebrooks, guardian, and against S. C. Middlebrooks, Admr., and others presiding in Superior Court. James Jones had a fi fa against Samuel. The 500 acres of land was sold on the courthouse steps for \$490.00. The incoming sheriff was able to give Mr. Barron his title in 1877 after the court cases were resolved.¹³⁶

On 26 January 1877 the court ordered the County Surveyor, Richard H. Bonner, to mark out a homestead of reality for Samuel C. Middlebrooks family, wife and six children, out of the lands claimed by him in Jones County. Return to this court by 5 February next.¹³⁷ We did not find any record of the lands that were surveyed.

¹³⁴Jones County, Georgia, Deeds 1869-1882, Book T, page 277, dated 17 December 1873 and recorded 31 December 1873, familysearch.org

¹³⁵ Jones County, Georgia, recorded 20 January 1874, Deed Book T, page 283, familysearch.org

¹³⁶ Jones County, Georgia, recorded in Deed Book T, page 389, on 4 May 1875. familysearch.org

¹³⁷ Jones County Court of Ordinary 1873-1886, pg. 80, familysearch.org

Conclusion

Samuel C. Middlebrooks was appointed executor of his father's estate in 1866. He was also executor of Isaac's brother John S. and Sophia Middlebrooks estates in 1867 and 1873. Samuel was managing the probate of three estates while trying to make sure he provided for his family. Samuel was discharged in November of 1864 for his service as a confederate soldier. Moreover, Jones County, was going through the period of reconstruction after the Civil War.

Samuel struggled throughout the probate of his father's estate to ensure proper distribution among heirs and maintaining the solvency of the estate. It is apparent from the court's, deed and tax records, that Samuel C. Middlebrooks continued to mount up debt while managing his father's estate. He tried unsuccessfully to leverage the property of the estate to acquire additional land. His father, Isaac, at one time had 2,400 acres of land in Jones County. On the 1868 Tax Digest, Samuel identified 1,452 acres of land. Trying to purchase the James Bowen Plantation in 1871-72 caused Samuel to default on the \$2,000.00 promissory note. He continued to borrow while at the same time trying to perform his duties as administrator. In the end, Samuel sold off most all of the estate's property to settle his debt.

We do not have a record of Samuel acquiring land before 1866, when he started to manage his father's estate. One parcel of land was "*known as Isaac R. Middlebrook homestead.*" The estate records indicate that Samuel rented 500 acres of land 26 December 1867. We believe this included land lot 97, 9th District, on Hog Creek, Jones County, based on a 1864 map. The 500 acres was sold at an administrator's sale, 31 December 1871, to help settle his default on a loan.

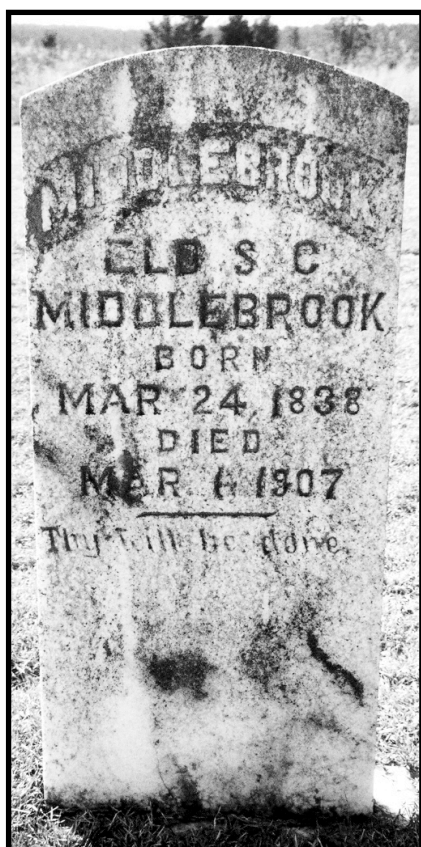
The last record we can find was when the court ordered the county surveyor to mark out a homestead for Samuel C. Middlebrook and his wife and six children, as claimed by him, 26 January 1877. We have not found the location of the land in deed or court records. Presumably, this was land that remained as part of his father's estate. No records of purchase or sale were discovered before or after they moved to Texas. One court record referred to Samuel as being insolvent, unable to pay his debts. This may have been the main reason that Samuel decided to leave Jones County.

Samuel and Hattie Middlebrooks left Jones County 1878-1879. They moved to Bosque County, Texas. After his attempts failed to capitalize on managing the lands of Isaac's estate, he must have decided it was time to start over. We do not believe Samuel owned any land in Jones County when they left.

Samuel and his family spent five years (1879-1884) in Bosque County, Texas, before moving to Hempstead County, Arkansas. They lived in Hempstead County 1884-1889. By 1889, Samuel and Hattie resided in Saint Landry Parish, Louisiana. Samuel died at Patmos, Hempstead County, in 1907. A more detailed discussion of Samuel and Hattie Middlebrooks, after they left Jones County, can be found in *The Ancestors and Descendants of James L. and Fannie D. Middlebrooks of Hempstead County, Arkansas*, by Neal Middlebrook, 2008. Copies are available for purchase.



Photo of Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks on the right with his son Sims and Mary (Huckaby) Middlebrooks family (1900-1903), Church Point, Acadia Parish, Louisiana. Samuel was reported to be a big man at 6 foot 7 inches. Photo courtesy of Percy Amy and Charles Middlebrooks.



Elder Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks (1838-1907), Macedonia Cemetery, Patmos, Hempstead County, Arkansas

Appendix I: Richard Bogass to John Middlebrooks Deed 1788

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This Indenture Made this 17th day of September 1788
 Richard Bagge of Caswell County a State of
 North Carolina of the one part John Middlebrooks of
 the County of Jones of the other part Witnesseth that
 the said Richard Bagge for and in consideration of
 the sum of two Hundred Pounds current money
 of this State to him in hand paid by the said John
 Middlebrooks the Receipt whereof he & the said Richard
 Bagge doth hereby Acknowledge he the said Richard
 Bagge hath granted Bargained sold Alienated and
 Confirmed unto the said John Middlebrooks his heirs
 or Assignes forever a certain tract or parcel of
 Land situate lying and being in the County of
 State of Jones adjoining said Rich. Bagge part
 of a tract granted to said Rich. Bagge by his
 Excellency Richard Caswell And on Hogans Creek
 Beginning at a small White Sapling on Charles
 Hurlock line of Manning there West forty two
 two Cha. to a Pine in the Original line there
 South on Original line to a post oak one of the
 Original Corners there East five Cha. to a white oak
 Oak corner there South thirty two Cha. crossing
 Hogans Creek to a Black oak of the former corner
 there East sixty two Cha. to an Elm corner
 there North Eighteen Cha. to a pine the original Beginning
 corner there West crossing Hogans Creek
 twenty five Cha. to a pine on the Original corner
 there North to the first Station

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Containing By Estimation two Hundred & two and
More or Less Together with all Houses, Orchards
& gardens, Waters of And water Courses, mines and Caves
And Divers, all other appurtenances unto the said
Belonging to have And to hold the Part of
Land And premises And every part And parcel
thereof free And clear from all encumbrances
to the S^d John Middlebrooks his Heirs And
Assignes forever to the only proper use
And behoof of him the S^d John Middlebrooks by
his Heirs Assignes forever And the said Richard
Bogass for himself And his Heirs with liberty
Covenant And agree to & with the said John
Middlebrooks this person Assignes that the
S^d Rich. Bogass the said tract of Land and
premises thereby granted And sold of Every
part thereof against him the S^d Richard
Bogass his Heirs Assignes & against all
And every person or persons whatsoever to him
the S^d John Middlebrooks his Heirs Assignes
And will warrant & defend by these presents
In testimony whereof he the said Richard Bogass
with his hand & seal did affix under the day and
year first above written
Signed Sealed And
delivered in presence
of
J^o Great Subj^r
Simms Middlebrooks

Simms Middlebrooks witness to deed of, Richard Bogass to John Middlebrooks, 202 acres, 17 September 1788 (Caswell County, Deed Book F, Pg., 117-118, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)

Appendix II

Hancock County Georgia Tax Digest

Name Middlebrooks	Tax Year	County	Acres	Watercourse District Land Lot	Judicial/Military Dist.
Sims	1794	Hancock			Capt. Jonathan Adams Pg. 29
Thomas	1794	Handcock			Capt. Jonathan Adams Pg. 29
John	1794	Hancock			Capt. Elands Pg. 6
Josephs	1794	Hancock			Capt. Jonathan Adams Pg. 30
Sims	1796	Hancock	33	Shoulder Bone Creek	Capt. Jonathan Adams Image 63
Thomas	1796	Hancock	366	Shoulder Bone Creek	Capt. Jonathan Adams Image 61
John	1796	Hancock	No Land	Shoulder Bone Creek	Capt. Jonathan Adams Image 61
M (Micajah)	1796	Hancock	No Land		Capt. Jonathan Adams Image 63
Josephs	1796	Hancock	No Land		Capt. Jonathan Adams Image 61
John	1804	Hancock	128	Buffalo Creek	Captain Bonners image 102
Sims	1804	Hancock	100	Tiger Creek	Capt. Elands image 107
Micajah	1804	Hancock	31-1/2	Beaver Dam Creek	Capt. Connels image 143
Zara (Zere)	1804	Hancock	No Land		Capt. Buffs image 143
Robert	1804	Hancock	No Land		Capt. Buffs image 143
Thomas	1804	Hancock	366	Shoulder Bone Creek	Capt. Holts image 155

Sims Middlebrooks was not listed on the 1812 Hancock County Tax List (ancestry.com)
Micajah was the only Middlebrook on the 1812 Hancock County Tax list.

(Hancock County Tax digest, 1796, 1804, 1837, 1853, 1864, Georgia Court of Ordinary, film 847837, familysearch.org)

Jones County Georgia Tax Digest

Name	Tax Year	County	Acres	Watercourse/ District Land Lot	Judicial/Military Dist.
Sims	1811	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Charles Evans
Sims	1813	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Charles Evans
Simms	1814	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Charles Evans
Simms	1817	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Charles Evans
Sims	1818-19	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Norrises
For Isaac Tax Defalter	1818-19	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Norrises
Sims	1820	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
For Isaac	1820	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
For Silas	1820	Early	202-1/2	16-25	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
Sims	1821	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
For isaac	1821	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
For Silas T.		Early	202-1/2	16-25	Capt. Marmaduke Grishams
Sims	1825	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Blount's District
For Isaac	1825	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Blount's District
For Silas T.	1825	Early	202-1/2	16-25	Capt. Blount's District
Sims	1826	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Blount's District
For Isaac	1826	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Blount's District
Isaac R.	1830	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Elijah A. Dunn
Sims	1830	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Elijah A. Dunn
For Thomas A.	1830	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Elijah A. Dunn
For John S.	1830	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Elijah A. Dunn
Silas T.	1830	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Elijah A. Dunn

Sims Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Sims	1831	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For John S.	1831	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For Thomas A.	1831	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Silas T.	1831	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Sims	1832	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For John S.	1832	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For Thomas A.	1832	Jones		Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Isaac R.	1832	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Silas T.	1832	Jones	101-1/4	Cedar Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Sims	1833	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For John S.	1833	Cherokee	40	20-221	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For Thomas A.	1833	Jones			Capt. Thomas Braddy
Isaac R.	1833	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Stuart
Isaac R.	1834	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Stuart
Sims	1834	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
For John S.	1834	Cherokee	40		
Silas T.	1834	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Sims	1835	Jones	202-1/2	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
John S.	1835	Cherokee	40	2-21-221	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Silas T.	1835	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Silas T.	1835	Cherokee	40	12-975	Capt. Thomas Braddy
Thomas A.	1835	Jones	101-1/4	Hog Creek	Capt. Thomas Braddy

Jones County Georgia Court of Ordinary, Tax Digest, 1811-1835, familysearch.org

