

MFA FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Middlebrooks Family Association
274 Wilder Drive, Forsyth, Georgia 31029

We are pleased to announce that our 2020 Middlebrooks Family Association meeting will be held in Covington, Georgia on September 24th, 25th and 26th. This is a Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Hampton Inn. Rooms will be a discounted rate of \$114 plus tax for single or double beds. We have a block of rooms reserved. When registering please identify yourself as a member of the MFA to receive the room discount. We are fortunate to have three of our members who have agreed to host the meeting. That means they are going to scout out the area for restaurants, attractions to see and help make this a great meeting. Thanks to Angelia Middlebrooks, Wanda Middlebrook, Willene Middlebrooks. More on the agenda later.



2020 MFA Meeting September 24th, 25th and 26th
Hampton Inn 14460 Lochridge Blvd
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Farm Life: Recollections of Ray Wilton Middlebrook

By Neal R. Middlebrook

Growing up in Los Angeles, I often heard stories about farm life from my grandparents Verdo and Evelyn and my dad Ray Middlebrooks. The phrase most often used was: "farming was a hard way to make a living." My grandparents were born south of Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas. After they were married in 1914 they lived on the 109 acre farm where Verdo had been raised, located on Patmos Road about five miles south of Hope.

It was in August of 1929 that my grandparents decided to give up farming and move the family to Los Angeles. At the time, Ray was 13 and his brother Bruce Elmore

was 11 years old. Over the years many trips were made back to Hope to visit relatives and friends. The following is what my dad can remember about his experiences growing up on a cotton farm.

Charles Verdo Middlebrooks is born September 3, 1892 , two miles above 1 Whiteville, Louisiana, near Bayou Boeuf. Jim and Fannie Middlebrooks, Verdo's 2 parents were either visiting or living with Jim's father Samuel Cannon Middlebrooks for a short period of time when Verdo was born. Verdo is the only one of Jim and Fannie's children not born in Hempstead County, Arkansas.

A bond for marriage license was applied for in Miller County, Arkansas on April 14, 1914. Verdo, is listed as age 22 and Julia Evelyn Kent, age 16. They were married on the same day in Miller County by H. P. Hardgins, Justice of the Peace. The clerk A. S. Little noted that the consent for Julia was given over the phone by her parents John Henry and Kate (Turner) Kent, living near Sardis, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Both Julia and Verdo list Hope, Hempstead County as their place of residence. T. F. Meadows is listed as a witness and along with Verdo as posting the marriage bond.

Verdo registered for WWI at the age of 25 on June 5, 1917. The registration card states he is born near Opelousas, Louisiana, on September 3, 1892. He is living on Route 2, five miles south of Hope and his occupation is a farmer. He is supporting a wife and child. The child is their first son Ray Wilton. The registration precinct is Sardis No. 9.

At the age of 63, November 22, 1955 Charles Verdo Middlebrooks died at his home, 570 S. Hoefner, East Los Angeles, California. He is buried next to his father and mother (Jim and Fannie Middlebrooks) at Macedonia Cemetery.¹ Verdo and Evelyn separated circa 1938.¹⁴ At the time of his death Verdo was planning to retire in the next couple of years from Sears Roebuck and Company and move back to the Old Hinton Home Place and buy an acre of land from Marion and Amie Hubbard. Verdo also told his brother Tom and his wife Zora Middlebrooks to save an apartment for him when he moved back to Hope.

Julia Evelyn (Kent) Middlebrooks died July 17, 1988, Los Angeles, California, at the age of 89. She was living at the time of her death at 6061 Fairfield Avenue, Los Angeles California. Evelyn is buried at the Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California, close to her son Bruce Elmore Middlebrooks which died on 5 November 4, 1978.¹⁸ It is interesting to note that Bruce's middle name is Evelyn's grandmother's maiden name Elmore.

.....to be continued in the next edition of the Middlebrook Family Association Newsletter. Thanks, Neal!! Such stories by Neal can be found on our MFA website!

President's Notes:

For the past number of years Evelyn Bugg has served as our registered agent with the State of Georgia. It is required that the MFA have a resident of the state serve in that capacity. I just re-registered the MFA as a nonprofit organization and Evelyn agreed to continue in this role. Evelyn's line is Isaac (b.1753).

I learned from her that she lost her husband Edward just a few days before I contacted her. We send her and her family our sincere sympathy over his passing. His abbreviated obituary is provided below. For those who wish to send a card to Evelyn, her address is: 274 Wilder Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029

Monroe County Memorial Chapel Obituary

Edward Maxwell Bugg passed away on January 14, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was 79. Born December 6, 1940, in Rentz, Georgia, to George Parks and Mary Ella Maxwell Bugg. Edward was a resident of Forsyth, Georgia, since 1969. He was the youngest and last surviving of 5 children. He had deeply rooted values and great pride from growing up in a small town, populated by a mere 200 people. His father was the town postal carrier and his mother, a school principal. If Mr. Bugg got into mischief, word would reach his folks before he could. He earned his BA in Psychology from Georgia Southern in 1969 and his Master of Education in Counseling from Georgia State University in 1979. He had a complex career serving as correctional and criminal psychologist for nearly 30 years at the Georgia Diagnostic State Prison. Edward was a long-time member of Forsyth United Methodist Church, taught Sunday School, was a former member of the Jaycees and a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He loved country music, crab legs and his weekly breakfast club. Mr. Bugg was predeceased by his parents, George Parks and Mary Ella Maxwell Bugg, his sisters, Sara Reddick (the late Paul Reddick, Jr.), Mary Parks Skinker (the late Bill Skinker), Marjorie Bugg and brother, George Bugg (the late Beverly Chandler). He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Evelyn, of Forsyth, Georgia, daughters, Melissa Bugg (Glenn Grastat) and Melanie Palumbo (Rob) both of Atlanta, Georgia, grandchildren, Olivia and Wyatt Palumbo, niece, Carolyn Skinker Wetzel of Bloomington, Illinois, and nephews, Steve Skinker of Lansing, Michigan, "Pudgie," Mark, Perry & Grayson Bugg all of Athens, Georgia, and Paul Reddick, III of Smyrna, Georgia.

Neal Middlebrook has assumed the leadership role for two projects outlined below.

Thanks Neal!

1909 Register Update

The *Register of the Middlebrook Family* was published in 1909 by Louis Frank Middlebrook's. One of the MFA projects listed on our website was to update the Register. The goal of this first Register Update was to attempt to add two generations to the Register for a total of 12 and span the years from 1635 to about 1930. Leonard Middlebrooks has served as project manager since the project's inception. To learn more, follow the link below.

<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/register-of-the-middlebrook-family/>

At the 2019 MFA meeting in Orange, Virginia the Board recommended that the existing Register Update information be made available on the MFA website. Bob asked me to help facilitate this effort. I have been working with Leonard and Dave Clark to affect the transfer of information. We hope to have the Register Update information on the website by April. We will keep you posted as to our progress. My thanks to both Leonard and Dave.

Research Documents on the MFA website

Check out this new addition on our website. <http://middlebrooksfamily.org/research-documents/> To make the Middlebrooks family history information easier to find we added a new category called "Research Documents." This includes articles or research documents that materially add to or enhances our knowledge and understanding of our Middlebrooks family history. *We encourage others to submit information to be included under this new category.* Some of the articles include connecting Middlebrooks of the UK and USA, Isaac Middlebrooks (b.1727), Robert Middlebrooks (b.1766), Joseph Middlebrooks (b. 1773), Sims Middlebrooks (b.1762), Ruth Craig's research reports and many other documents. Be sure to look for information about your family.

Feedback from one board member suggested we name this new category "Document Library" instead of "Research Documents" Let me know if anyone else has any comments about this new addition.

My thanks to Dave Clark for helping and posting the documents.

Neal Middlebrook

Ri McGlamery has assumed the role of our Military Register Project manager and will make a presentation at our September meeting. She was successful in recovering the data that Kerry had accumulated and now the project is ongoing. The last information we received about Kerry was that he is in a wheelchair but cannot speak. The MFA family wishes him the best in his recovery.



Jarrelyn (Middlebrooks) Lang
October 17, 1941 – February 05, 2020

Jarrelyn (Middlebrooks) Lang was born in Jacksboro, Texas on October 17, 1941 to Atticus Middlebrooks and Maggie Lee (Harper) Middlebrooks. She shuffled off this mortal coil on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in Dalhart, Texas. She graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1960 and went on to earn a BA degree in English and Latin from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. Jarrelyn married Jack Lang of Dalhart, Texas on July 12, 1964.

Her first three years of teaching were in Dalhart. She also taught in Jacksboro and Mineral Wells, Texas, and managed the Buccaneer Stamp Store in Dalhart for about 18 months. She finished her teaching career where she started, back in Dalhart. She taught many subjects in her tenure as a teacher, but nearest and dearest to her heart were English and Latin. After teaching for a total of 37 years, 29 of which were in Dalhart, she retired at the close of the 2003 school year.

Jarrelyn was a member of First Christian Church in Dalhart and its Missionary Guild, Dalhart Classroom Teachers Association, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, and the Middlebrooks Family Association. She was an avid crossword puzzle solver. She also enjoyed researching genealogy, about which she published many articles in various newsletters.

Survivors include her sons David of Dallas, Texas and Jarrell of Dalhart, Texas; one sister, Barbara Gaston of Bonham, Texas; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; Atticus and Maggie Lee, her husband of 35 years, Jack, and her older sister; Alice Holland.

Services were held at First Christian Church in Dalhart, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020, followed by burial beside husband Jack in Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to First Christian Church, the National Breast Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

[Horizon Funeral Home](#), 701 Elm Ave., Dalhart, TX 79022 806-244-5500

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Joseph b. 1773: Dave Clark
Micajah b. 1758: Mary Baker
Nathaniel b. 1764: Ella Tripp
Robert b. 1766: J.A. Middlebrooks
Sims b. 1762: Neal Middlebrooks
Thomas b. 1763: Joyce Arnold
England Middlebrooks: Ian Middlebrook and Neal Middlebrook
Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks and J. A. Middlebrooks

On-Going Projects

Cemetery: J.A. Middlebrooks and William Sterling
DAR-UDC: Jean Shroyer
DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark
Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks
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Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc. (MFA) was found in 2001 for the purpose of assembling and preserving genealogical and historical material for our future Middlebrook/e/s generations.

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