

***The John Middlebrooks Family  
of North Carolina and Georgia***



*S. W. Middlebrook  
Age (82) years*

***Front Cover Picture***

***Sophia Weston (Shell) Middlebrooks (1789-1877), wife of Zere  
Middlebrooks (1782-1869), Newton County, Georgia.  
Contributed by Debbie Autry***

## ***Background***

The purpose of compiling this information on our ancestor John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) was in preparation for the 2020 **Middlebrooks Family Association** annual meeting, September 24-26, Covington, Georgia. The John Middlebrooks family will be featured at this years meeting.

John and his descendants migrated from Orange/Caswell County, North Carolina to Georgia, residing in Hancock County (1794), Putnam County (1811), and finally Newton County (1823). John and his wife Milley were buried in Newton County.

Information for John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) Family of North Carolina and Georgia was primarily abstracted from: ***The Middlebrooks of Orange and Caswell County North Carolina***, by Neal Middlebrook 2019, 46 pages and ***The Middlebrooks Ancestry of William Sims Middlebrooks***, by Margaret Goodrum, 2002, 29-41 pages. Additional information and illustrations were also included. Other sources consulted were ancestry.com, familysearch.org and the Georgia State Archives.

This report provides a good starting point to continue a more detailed research effort into John Middlebrooks and his descendants. With additional research we could learn much more about this family.

I would also like to especially thank Debbie Autry for her help and for sharing her family pictures, Debbie is a descendent of Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks.

If you have any questions or would like to provide additional information please let me know.

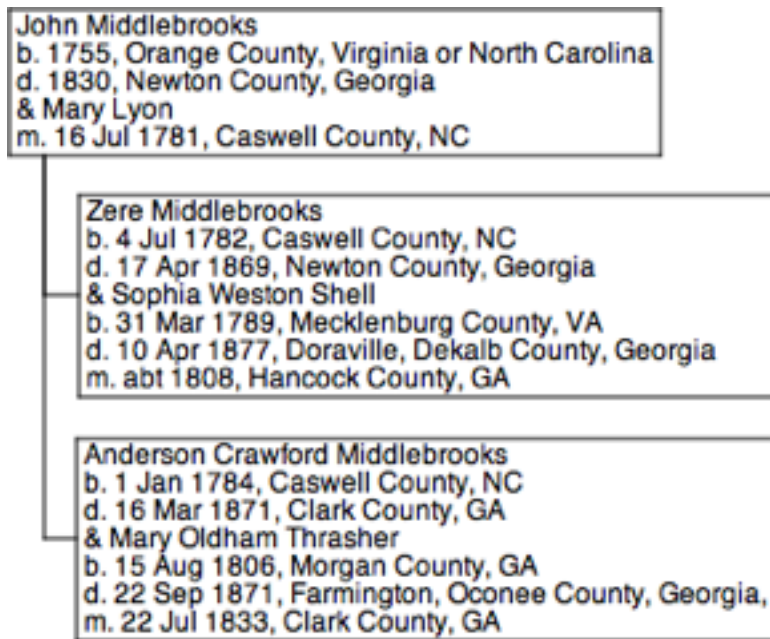
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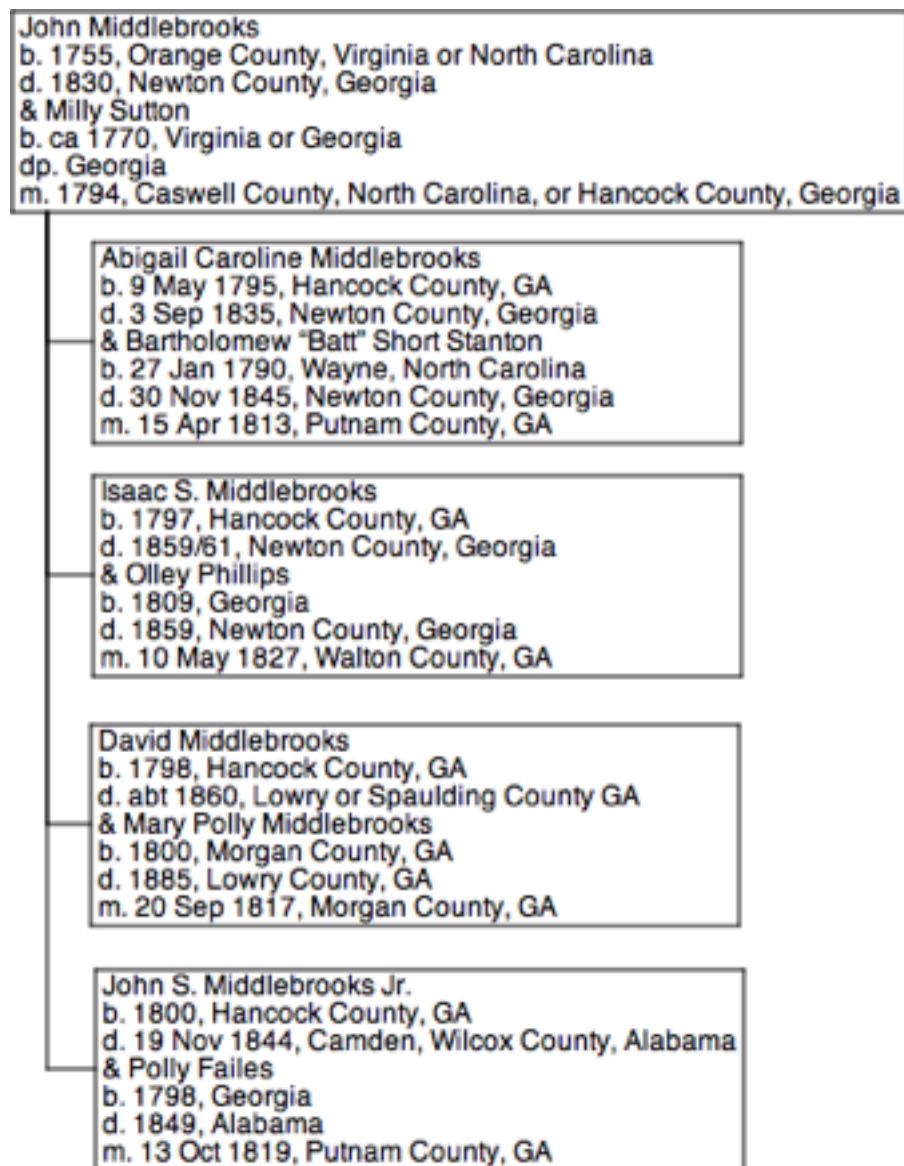
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***Descendants of John and Mary (Lyon) Middlebrooks***



***Descendants of John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks***



## **John Middlebrooks (b. 1755)**

### **Orange and Caswell County North Carolina**

John Middlebrooks was born about 1755 in Orange County, Virginia or Orange County, North Carolina. John's older brother, Isaac (b. 1753) was born in Virginia according to his daughter Lucy (Middlebrooks) Chaney.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, it is likely that John was also born in Orange County, Virginia. John died *circa* 1830, Newton County, Georgia.<sup>2</sup>

We believe John's parents were Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1727) in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia and Ann Sims, thought to have been born about 1735 in Louisa or Orange County, Virginia.<sup>3</sup> Isaac and Ann moved to Hogans Creek, Orange County, North Carolina. In 1760 they were baptized near Hogans Creek at a Separatist Baptist meeting house.<sup>4</sup> Caswell County was created in 1777 from northwestern part of Orange County, North Carolina formed in 1752.

On 18 January 1781, John Middlebrooks married Nancy Humphries in Caswell County. Richard Boggess and William Campbell are listed as bondsman. Six months later, John Middlebrooks married Mary Lyon, the daughter of Robert and Rebecca Lyon.<sup>5</sup> It is believed John's first wife, Nancy, may have died in childbirth. Robert Lyon purchased 250 acres on south side of Moon's Creek from Abram Perkins on 31 August 1782.<sup>6</sup> Robert was already living on the property at the time of purchase, according to deed records. The Middlebrooks and Lyons are now related and are neighbors.



**Marriage of John Middlebrooks and Mary Lyon 16 July 1781, Caswell County, NC. [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)**

Robert Lyon died in 1804, leaving his estate to his wife, Rebecca, his six children and two grandchildren. His will is dated 23 October 1804. The executors are James Burton and Henry Howard. The two grandchildren, Zere (born 1782) and Anderson (born 1784) are sons of John and Mary Lyon Middlebrooks. As grandsons of Robert Lyon, they demand their legacy from his estate.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. Memoirs of Georgia, Vol. I, it states "Lucy Middlebrooks is a daughter of Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1753), a native of Virginia, and a settler in Georgia, 1800."

<sup>2</sup>. Georgia Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992, Newton County, Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 pg. 43, 44. [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

<sup>3</sup>. 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." We believe the parents of Isaac were Thomas and Racheal Middlebrook, however this relationship has not been proven. The support for this conclusion is the name of Isaac's father in the St. Peters Parish record above as Thomas, and the following records in which Thomas and Rachael are recorded: Store of Thomas Partridge and Company, Hanover County, Virginia 1734-1756, the Fredricksville Parish Louisa County, Virginia 1757-1761 and the Thomas Middlebrooks Estate Settlement Orange/Louisa County, Virginia, 1759-1766. See *The Middlebrooks Virginia Research Update Middlebrooks Family Association Meeting, Hillsboro, Texas July 18, 2008* .

<sup>4</sup>. Morgan Edwards, Materials towards a History of the Baptists Vol. 2, (Danielsville, GA: Heritage Papers, 1984), 44.

<sup>5</sup>. Katherine K. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds 1778-1888, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1981), 99

<sup>6</sup>. Caswell County, Deed Book A, Pg. 606, # 896, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.

<sup>7</sup>. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 95, 96

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Apparently, Zere Middlebrooks was not able to collect his legacy from the estate until the death of his stepmother, Rebecca Lyon, on 12 August 1817. Mary Lyon Middlebrooks is believed to have died *circa* 1793 in Caswell County.<sup>8</sup> John Middlebrooks married Millie Sutton *circa* 1794 in Caswell County, North Carolina, or Hancock County, Georgia. By 1804, John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks, Anderson and Zere are living in Hancock County, Georgia.<sup>9</sup>

### Settlement of Robert Lyons Estate

14 December 1804.

Zere Middlebrooks granted Power of Attorney from his father John and his brother, Anderson, to collect legacy of his grandfather, Robert Lyon. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 96.)

30 July 1806.

John Lyon, the son of Robert Lyon, deceased, also gave Power of Attorney to Zere, his friend, to receive from the executors of his father's estate, which is in the hands of his stepmother, Rebecca Lyon. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 96.)

2 December 1816. Power of Attorney granted to Zere Middlebrooks of South Carolina, from Robert Lyon (Jr.) of Jasper County, Georgia, to collect from the estate of Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, 103.)

2 January 1817.

Power of Attorney conveyed to Zere Middlebrooks of **Newberry District, South Carolina** from his brother, Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia to collect legacy left by Grandfather Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina. (Katherine K. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 29).

2 February 1817,

Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia, to brother Zere Middlebrooks of **Newberry District of South Carolina**, to receive balance of legacy left by grandfather Robert Lyon, Caswell County, North Carolina. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 29.)

12 August 1818.

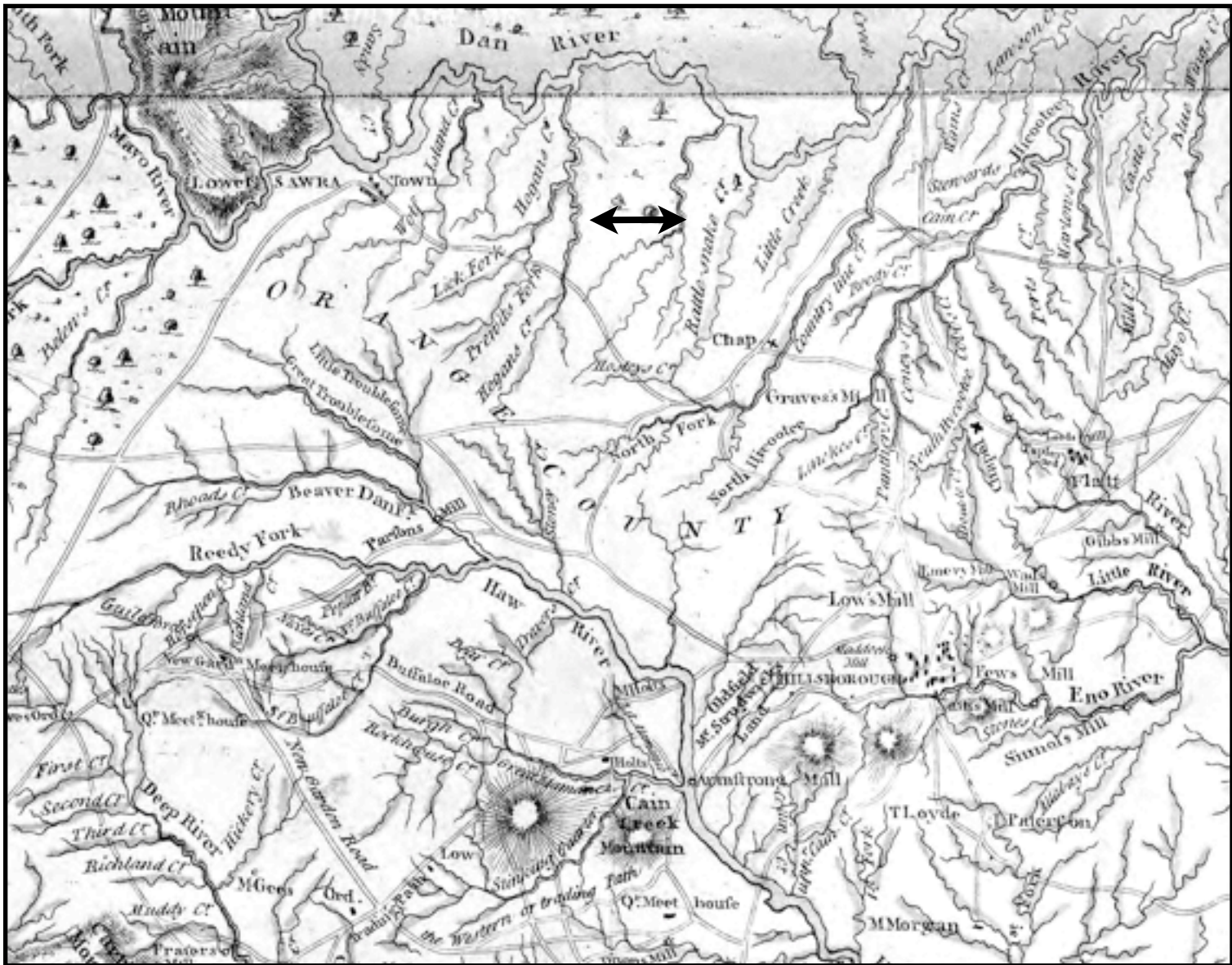
Receipt of Zeri (Zere) Middlebrooks for legacy left John Lyon, deceased November 20, 1809; and after the death of Rebecca Lyon on August 12, 1817. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 30)

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<sup>8</sup> .Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1983), 30.

<sup>9</sup>Tax Digest 1794, 1796, 1804, Wilkes County, Georgia, film 159194, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

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**1770 Map of Orange County Est. 1752 and surrounding area. Arrow denotes Hogans and Moon's Creeks, location of Middlebrooks lands.**  
<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3900.ar150000/>

Henry and Charles Dixon are close friends and neighbors of the Middlebrooks in the Hogan's Creek area. The will of Henry Dixon, Jr. was recorded 4 August 1795 and Charles Dixon's will was recorded 24 November 1805, both in Caswell County.<sup>10</sup> The estate papers for Henry Dixon Jr. list the following entry on an account ledger for John Middlebrooks:

**Nov 10, 1784, To cash Pd. John Middlebrooks for Wheel 8 schillings.**

Another item found in these estate papers is a letter dated 13 August 1783 and witnessed by John Middlebrooks and Ruth Bogess. Tillman Dixon wrote the letter to the Sheriff of Caswell County demanding payment of 36 pounds 10 schillings to the estate of his father, Henry Dixon, Jr. Decd. from Samuel Jones.

Other friends and neighbors mentioned in the estate papers include: James Boggis, John Bullock, Charles Burton, Franky, Susan, Martha (wife of Henry Dixon Jr. Decd.), Roger, Elizabeth, Henry, Robert and Wynn Dixon, Joel McDaniel, James Miller, Pleasant and Col. Peter Perkins, James and John Somers.

<sup>10</sup> Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 49, 100.

**Caswell County Lands of John Middlebrooks**

*1 October 1781,*

*John Middlebrooks began the same land entry process as his mother to purchase thirty acres on the south side of Hogan's Creek. The State patent was issued the same day as his mother's on 18 August 1787. (Caswell County, Deed Book D, Pg. 334, # 864, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)*

*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. (Caswell County, Deed Book F, Pg., 117-8, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)*

*10 November 1795.*

*John Middlebrooks of Caswell County sold 202 acres to Jesse Carter and James Burton, of same, on Hogan's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina, adjoining Boggass (tract granted by state) and Charles Burton. Witnesses: Jesse Perkins, W. Dixon. (Caswell County, Deed Book J, Pg. 156-7, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)*

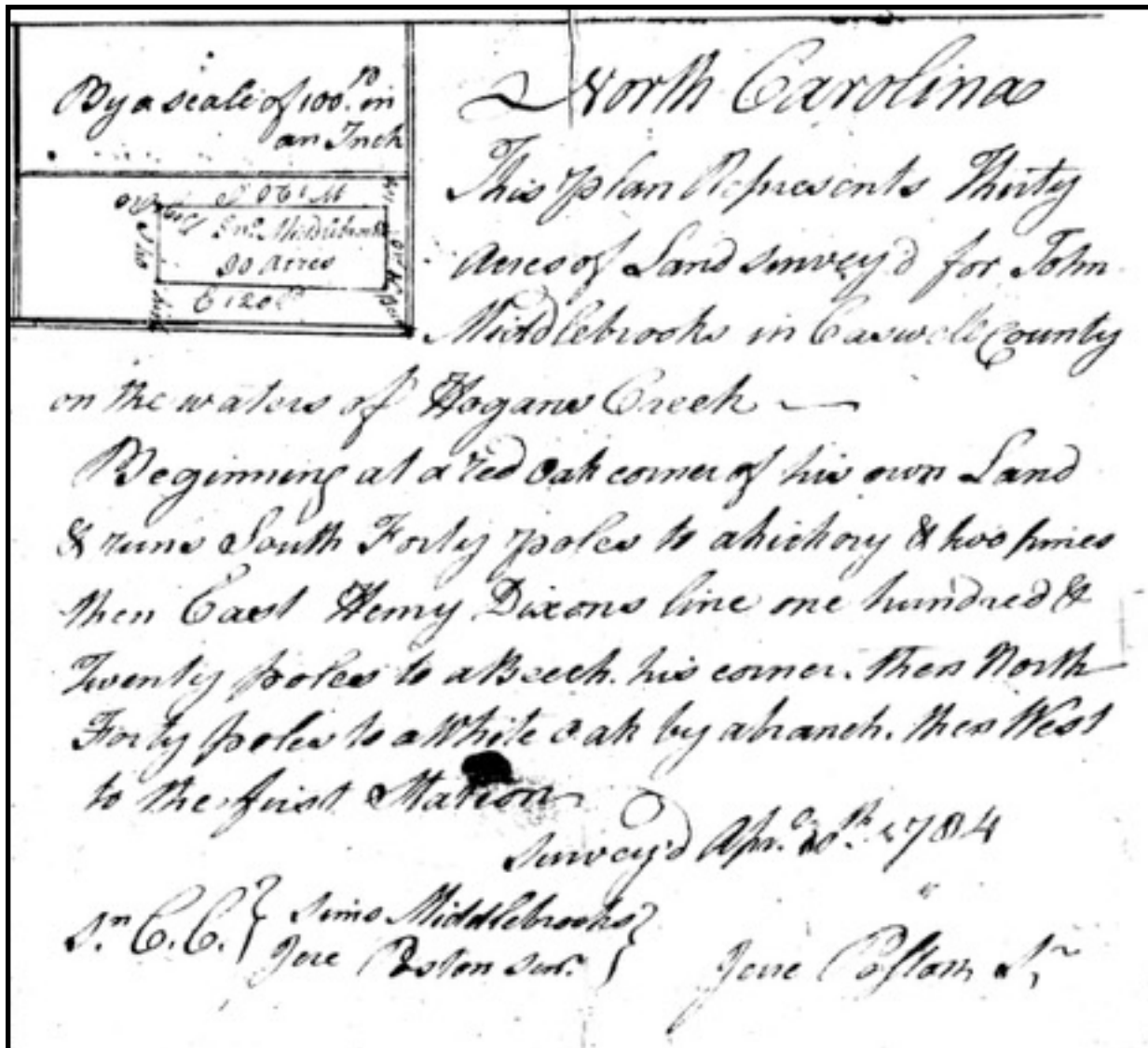
*1 December 1801*

*John Middlebrooks is an adjacent landowner to the sale of 100 acres from John Summers to James Burton on Hogan's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina, adjoining Ware and Bullock. Witnesses: Joel McDaniel, and Marady Price. (Caswell County, Deed Book M, Pg., 170, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)*



**Upper Reaches of Hogans  
Creek Today**





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)

**John Middlebrooks Caswell County Taxes 1777-1795**

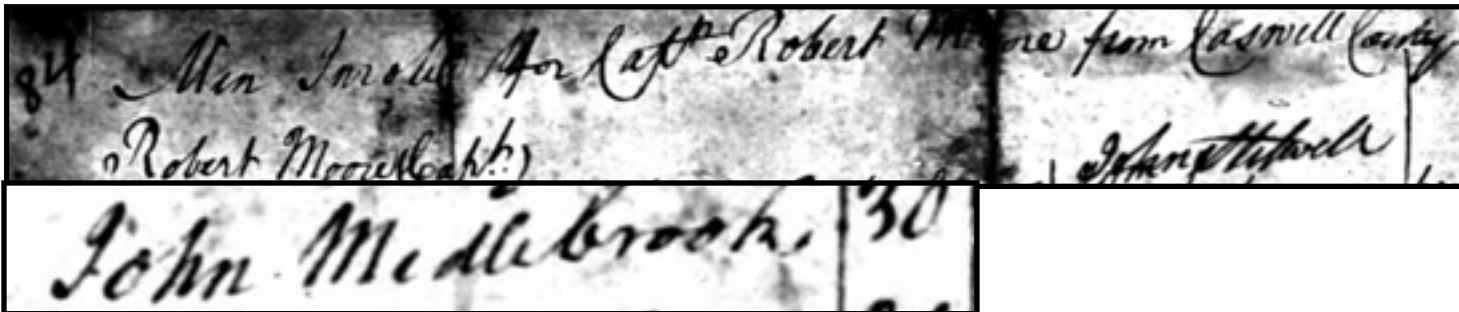
Year	Acres	Year	Acres	Year	Acres
1777	0	1785	230	1791	363
1780	1,132	1786	230	1792	366
1781	1,835	1787	341	1793	340
1782	240	1788	363	1794	340
1783	240	1789	363	1795	340
1784	232	1790	360	1805	

Note: Tax years 1780/81 are not acreage figures.

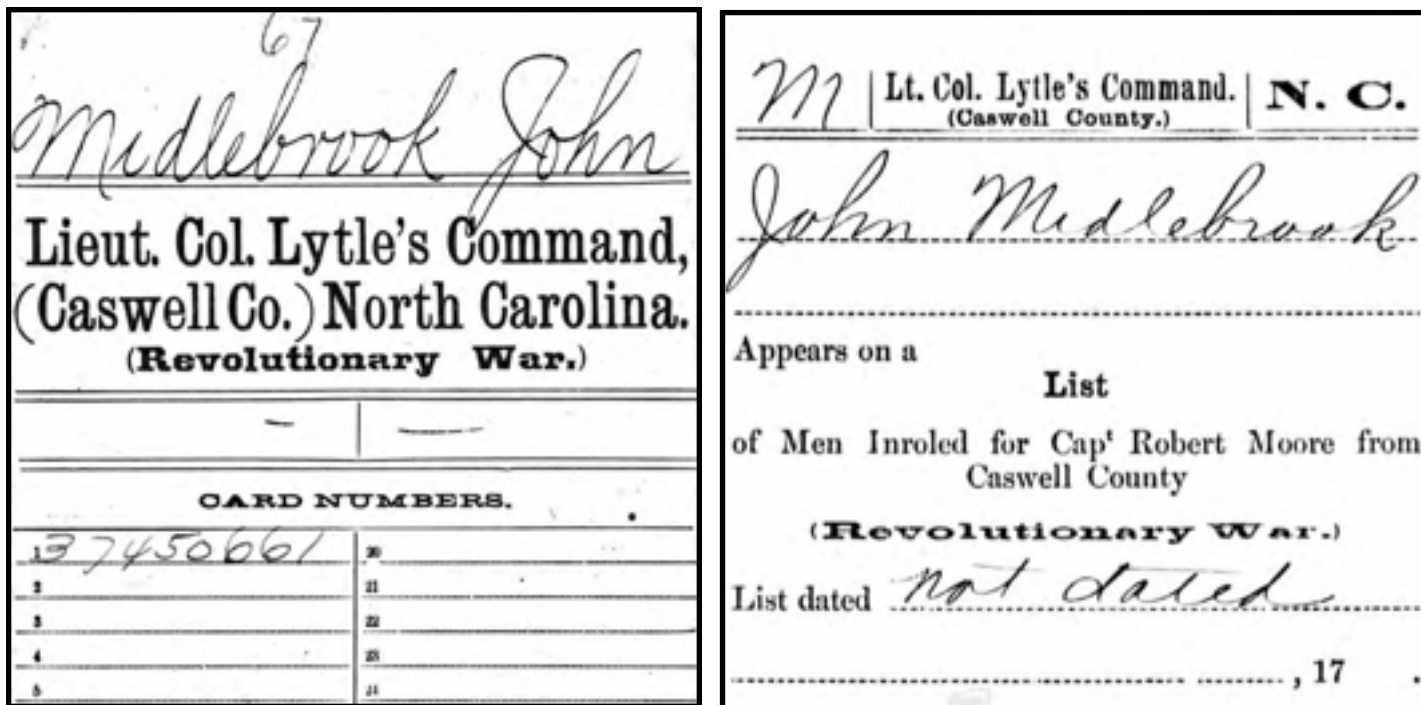
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**John Middlebrooks Revolutionary War Military Service**

John served as a private in Captain Robert Moore's Company, Col. Lytle's Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line.



John Middlebrooks was listed on a roster of Captain Robert Moore's Company as number 30. (North Carolina 01st Regiment, 1775-1783 (Folder 1) - Various Organizations (Folder 23) [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com))



North Carolina Lieutenant Colonel Lytle's Command (Caswell County A - Z.) [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

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### Leaving Caswell County

John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks had moved to Hancock County, Georgia by 1794. It appears John still owns land in Caswell County as late as December 1801, when he is mentioned as an adjacent landowner. This may be his State grant of thirty acres originally adjacent to his mother's 640 acre tract. John was taxed as a land owner 1780-1795. John and his family moved to Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia as early as 1793/94.<sup>11</sup>

Names of Persons	Swamps			Oaks and Pines			Adjoining Lands of	On the Water of	Poles	Stocks	Remarks
	1	2	3	1	2	3					
Mark D. Dodson Hancock				72			A. Hill	I bones	1		57 3/4
John Boyd Elliott				252			D. White	Gold bars	2 1/2		1 1/2 7/8
Amos J. Phay Hancock				200			Callo	I bones	3 1/2		1 1/2 6/8
Thos. Middlebrooks				366			A. Hooper	do	1		1 1/2 3/4
Thos. Chapel									1		2 1/2 5/8
Ja. W. Moore				272			J. Anderson	I bones	1 1/2		1 1/2 3/4
Hugh. Montgomery				30	65		D. Adams	do	2 1/2		1 29 3/8
Walter Cole				300			Chappell	do	6 1/2		3 44 1/2
do do Grouse				305							4 4 1/2
do do do				287 1/2							39 3/8
Philip Barahart Hancock									1		2 1/2 5/8
John Coullie									1 1/2		5 62 6/8
Robert Yell				161	61		Adams	I bones	6 1/2		3 14 1/8
Thomas Hill				95			H. C. Hambley	do	1		68 3/8
John Middlebrooks ←									1		3 1/2 5/8
Joseph Middlebrooks									1		3 1/2 5/8

**1796 Tax Digest, Captain Adams District, Hancock County, Georgia. John and Joseph Middlebrooks are listed next to each other with no land and one pole assessed. Thomas, Sims, M. (Micajah) Middlebrooks are listed on the next page.**

### Hancock-Wilkes County, Georgia

We know from Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia tax records that **Thomas, John, Sims, Robert, Micajah and Joseph** left Caswell County before 1792-94. They may have traveled to Georgia together with their families. The Caswell County tax lists give us an indication of when our ancestors were not assessed for property taxes. Although, some of the tax years are not complete it may reveal when they decided to move to Georgia. Of course, they could also sell land in North Carolina after they moved to Georgia.

John's last tax year was 1795, even though John is reported on the 1794 tax roles for Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia.

John Middlebrooks sold his 202A on Hogan's Creek to Jesse Carter and James Burton for 100 pounds, 10 November 1795. In the deed John was said to be of Caswell County, North Carolina, but since he was on the Hancock Co GA Tax List of 1794, he had already moved there. John was on Hancock County Tax Lists until 1804/06.

<sup>11</sup> Tax Digest 1794, 1796, 1804, Wilkes County, Georgia, film 159194, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

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9 June 1797, John Middlebrooks and William Selmon, both of Hancock County were buyers of the estate of James Adams. (Hancock County Deed Book C pg. 352-357)

28 January 1797, Dr. Seth and Polly Kennedy of Hancock County sold to John Middlebrook of same, 128 acres, 65 pounds on the waters of the **Watery Fork of Buffalo Creek**. (Hancock County Deed Book B pg. 317 and Book D pg. 91)

**1805 Georgia land Lottery** John Middlebrooks of Hancock County did not receive a draw.<sup>12</sup>

**1807 Georgia Land Lottery** John Middlebrooks of Hancock County received a draw in Wilkinson County, Georgia.<sup>12</sup>

John and his family remained on his 128 acre farm on the **Watery Fork of Buffalo Creek** when it was purchased in January 1797 until they moved to Putnam County, where they purchased land in January 1811, a period of 14 years.



**John Middlebrooks 128 acre farm was located on the waters of Buffalo Creek, Hancock, County, Georgia**

<sup>12</sup>. Georgia Land Lotteries 1805-1832, Morgan, Clark, Hancock, Newton, Putnam Jones, Upson and Monroe Counties.

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### **Putnam County Georgia**

John Middlebrooks and his sons David, Isaac S. John Jr. and Zere moved to Putnam County, before January 1811 from Hancock County. Putnam was on the northwest boundary of Hancock County. John purchased 202-1/2 acres, second district, land lot 288, 29 January 1811. Son Zere purchased land lot 298, 25 January 1817. Two years later (1819) Zere sold land lot 298 and his father John and Batt Stanton sell land lot 288, 22 May 1822. The family moved from Putnam to Newton County before January of 1823.

*John Sr. is on the **1820 tax list** for Putnam County, in Captain Peter F. Mahones District. Putnam County was on the northwest boundary of Hancock County.*

#### **1820 Putnam Co GA Census, John Middlebrook**

*1 Male under 10, 1, Female 16/26 (John Jr wife), 1 Male 16/26 (John Jr.), 1 Female over 45, 1 Male over 45 (John Sr.)*

### **Putnam County Deeds**

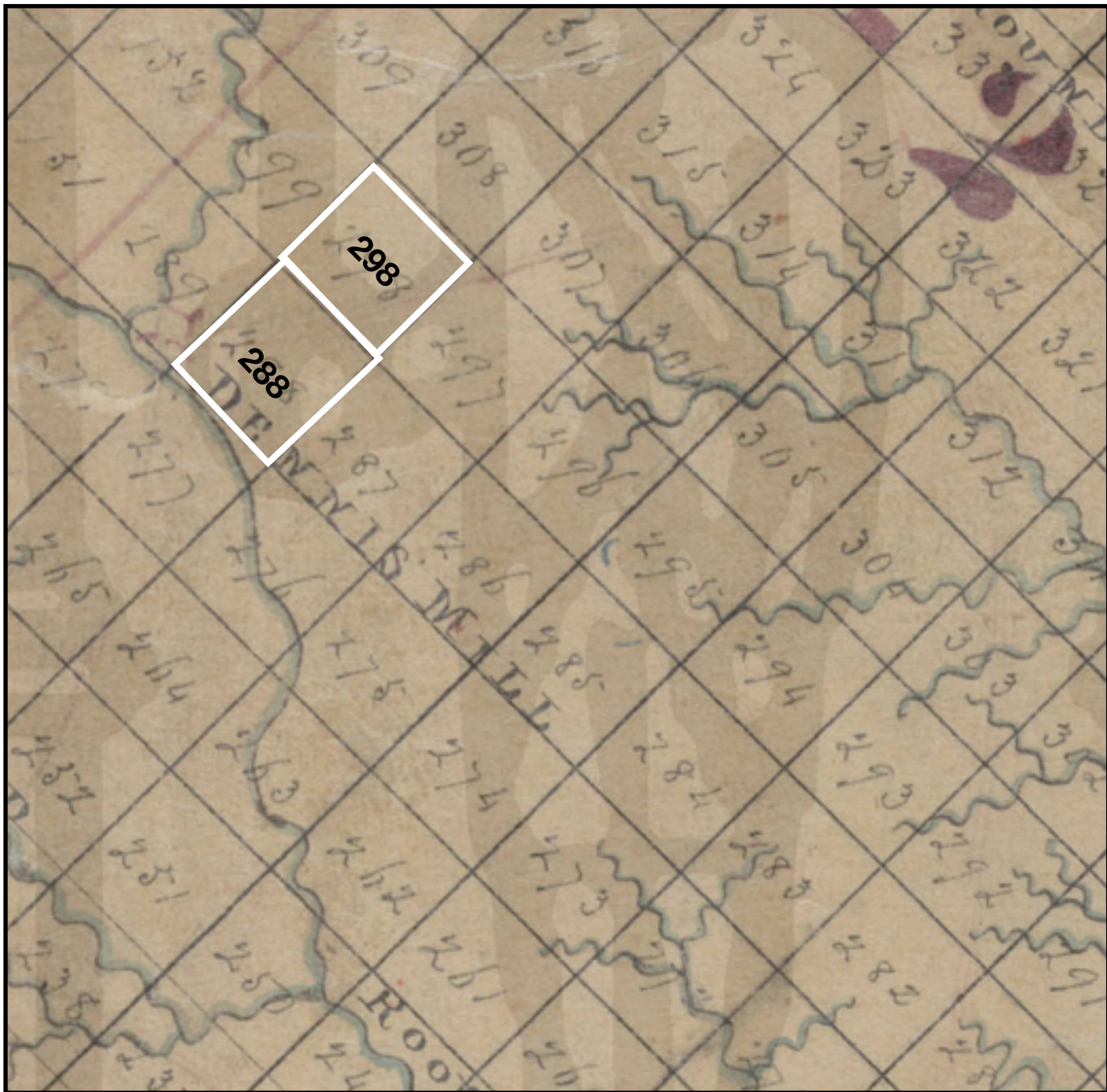
*John Moreland to John Middlebrooks 29 January 1811, Second District land lot 288, \$1,000.00, 202-1/2 acres, Baldwin now Putnam County. Witnesses: John Lewis and Wm. Denning. (Book B pg. 174)*

*John Middlebrooks to B. S. Stanton, 14 September 1813, 70 acres of land lot 288. (Book C pg. 273)*

*J. Davis to Z. Middlebrooks, 25 January 1817, land lot 298. (Book J pg. 161)*

*Z. Middlebrooks to Thomas Pearce, 4 Dec. 1819, land lot 298. (Book J pg. 160)*

*John Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton to Presley Pritchard, 22 May 1822, second district, land lot 288, 202-1/2 acres, Baldwin now Putnam County. (Book K pg. 86, 87). **We do hereby certify that Milly Middlebrooks the wife of John Middlebrooks and Abigail Stanton the wife of Batt S. Stanton ..... announce relinquishment of their dower, 30 November 1822.***



**Location of John Middlebrooks (land lot 288) and Zere Middlebrooks (land lot 298) land in the second district, Putnam County. The farms were on the waters of Rooty Creek and near the Dennis Mill. 1869 Putnam County land lot map, <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/cmfi/id/44/rec/1>**

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### **Newton County Georgia**

Before January of 1823 the John Middlebrooks family had moved to Newton County Georgia. This move to Newton County also included sons John Jr, and son-in-law Batt Stanton as well as David, Isaac S. and Zere. The only son who did not move with the family was Anderson Crawford. He lived in Morgan County, Georgia until 1830, then moved to Clark County, Georgia. He remained there until his death.

John Middlebrooks first land sale was to Batt Stanton, his son-in-law on 22 January 1823, first district, land lot 131, near Shoal Creek. Then on 25 April 1824, Batt Stanton sold the same land lot 131 back to John. Land lots were 202-1/2 acres so the above sales could have been for parcels of land lot 131. The other deeds below denote their location as on the waters of Little River.

### **Newton County Deeds**

*John Middlebrooks to Batt Stanton, 22 January 1823, \$20.00, First District land lot 131, originally Walton County now Newton County, running along Shoal Creek, recorded 20 April 1823. Witnesses: George L. Smith, Jesse F. Gunn, Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Thomas Jones J. P. (Book A-Pg.144)*

*John Middlebrooks to David Middlebrooks 1823 A-Pg. 222 (Could not access)*

*Batt S. Stanton to John Middlebrooks 25 April 1824, First District, Lot 131, bounded by 132, 128, 130, \$400.00. (Book A-pg. 358)*

*Jesse T. Gunn to John Middlebrooks 2 January 1824, 106 acres on the waters of Little River, First District, Witnesses; Isaac S. Middlebrooks, Christopher A. Carter J. P. (Book A-pg. 420)*

*John Middlebrooks Sr. to John Middlebrook Jr. 7 January 1825, \$500.00, First District property description given in chains and links on the waters of Little River. Signed John Middlebrooks his mark. (Book A-pg.560)*

Source: Newton County Deeds: Index to deeds and mortgages, v. A-B 1821-1887 (familysearch.org)

**1827 Georgia Land Lottery**, John Middlebrooks, a-Revolutionary War soldier of Newton County, received a draw in Muscogee County, Georgia.

**1830 Newton County Census**, John Middlebrooks  
1 male 20/30 (?), 1 female 50/60, 1 male 70/80

### **1832 Cherokee Land Lottery**

*Milley Middlebrooks-widow, Rev. Sol. Newton County-received land in Cass County, Georgia.*

*Milley Middlebrooks-widow Rev Sol. Newton County-received land in Murray County, Georgia.*

### **1832 Gold Lottery**

*Milly Middlebrooks received Lot #0368, Dist. 4, Sec. 3. This was also in Cass County, Georgia.*

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### **Will of John Middlebrooks Newton County, GA, 7 February 1828.**

*Item 2: I give to my son, Zere \$10.00*

*Item 3: I give to my son, Anderson, \$10.00*

*Item 4: I give to my daughter Abigail Stanton, \$10.00*

*item 5: I give to my son Isaac S. a negro man Boling at \$500.00*

*Item 6: I give to my son David, 125 acres where he now lives, \$200.00*

*Item 7: I give to my son John a certain tract of land that he sold to Hanson, \$450.00*

*Item 8: I give to my wife Milly where **I now live**, a man Jim, a women Clary and a girl Riake. Upon her death they will be divided between Isaac, David and John.*

*Item 9: Isaac, David and John will divide the money from the sale of Joe a boy, Ben a boy, Rachael a girl and Louisa a girl.*

*Item 10: My wife shall have at my death, one serviceable work brute, four head of cattle, together with my household and kitchen furniture. After her death it will be divided as in Item 8.*

*Item 11: At my death all my perishable property be sold with the proceeds going to my executors pay to Zere, Anderson and Abigail Stanton and my three sons Isaac, David and John, my executors.*

*Witnesses: Jesse M. and Christopher A. Carter*

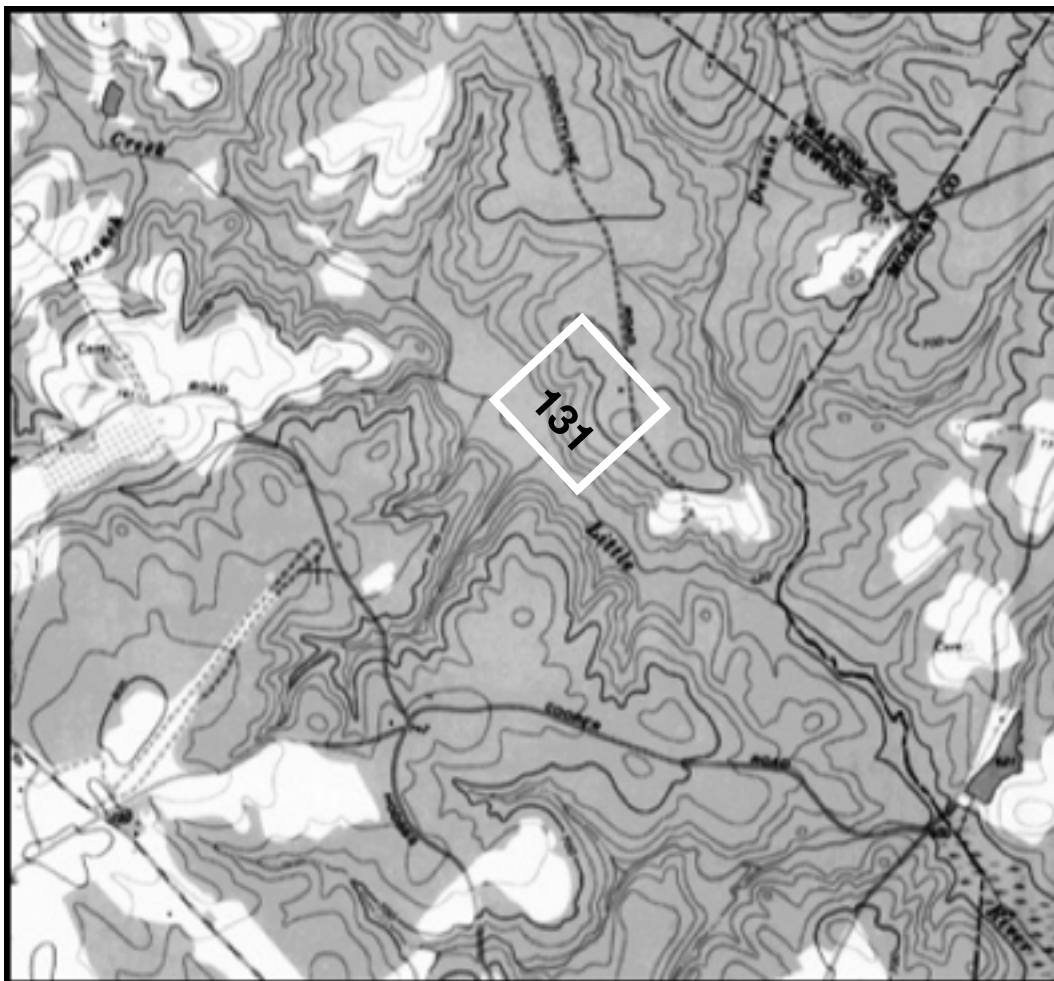
*Jesse M. and Christopher A. Carter testify on 7 March 1831 that John Middlebrooks was of sound mind at the time his will was written, 7 February 1828. So John died sometime between 7 February 1828-7 March 1831. (Newton Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 43, 44, ancestry.com)*

At the time John Middlebrooks died, he lived on his 125 acre farm (land lot 131, first district) on the waters of Little River. (See map on next page) When John Middlebrooks estate was settled Zere and A. C., Middlebrooks sold land lot 131 to David Middlebrooks in 1831. The estate of John Middlebrooks deceased relinquished all right and claim to first district land lot 131, 125 acres, **where I lived** to my executors Isaac, David and John Middlebrooks Jr. for \$150.00, 17 March 1831. Signed: Zere, A. C. Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton. Witnesses: C. A. Carter, A. B. Middlebrooks and John S. Stanton. (Newton County Deed Book D-Pg. 179-80)





**John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) first district, land lot 131  
1869 Newton County Land Lot Map**



**Approximate location of  
John Middlebrooks  
(b. 1755) lands (where he  
lived and died) first  
district land lot 131 on the  
waters of Little River,  
Newton County.**

## **Zere Middlebrooks**

The oldest son of John Middlebrooks, was born 4 July 1782 in Caswell County North Carolina. He was the son of John and Mary Lyon Middlebrooks. Zere died 17 April 1869, Newton County, Georgia. Zere came to Hancock County, Georgia with his father by 1794, He was on the Hancock County Tax List of 1804. He applied for land in the 1805 Land Lottery, was designated a Batchelor, but did not receive land.

Zere married Sophia Weston Shell about 1808 most likely in Hancock County where she lived. She was born 31 March 1789, Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Sophia died 10 April 1877. On the 1880 U.S. Census, Barnesville, Pike County, Georgia Sophia (83) lived with her son John C. and his wife Delithia Middlebrooks. The death of Sophia W. Middlebrooks was also recorded on 10 April 1877, Doraville, Dekalb County, Georgia.(South Carolina, Wofford College Library Obituary Index, 1837-2008 ancestry.com), buried at the Middlebrooks Family Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Sophia's son Anderson C. and his wife Elizabeth (Woodward) Middlebrooks had moved to Doraville, Dekalb County, Georgia before 1880. Sophia near the end of her life may have moved to live with son Anderson C. and died there in 1877.

Sophia's parents were John Ellis Shell and Lizzy Malone of Newberry, South Carolina. Lizzy died 29 March 1847, Newton, Georgia.(Southern Christian Advocate Obituaries, 1867-1878 ancestry.com) Sometime after their marriage, Zere and Millie moved to Newberry District, of South Carolina presumably to be near her parents. We know this from the following records registered in the Caswell County, North Carolina, Court of April 1818. Before they moved to South Carolina, Zere and Millie lived in Putnam County, Georgia, near his parents and brothers.

*2 Jan 1817 - Power of Attorney : Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia to Zere Middlebrooks of **Newberry District South Carolina** to collect legacy left by grandfather Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina.*

*2 Dec 1816- Power of Attorney: Robert Lyon of Jasper County, Georgia to Zere Middlebrooks of **South Carolina** to collect from the estate of Robert Lyon Caswell ounty, North Carolina.*

See footnote 8.

Apparently, Rebecca, widow of Robert Lyon (Sr) had died ,or remarried, so Lyon's estate could be distributed to his heirs.Zere Middlebrooks returned to Georgia before 1811 when he moved with his father and brothers to Putnam County, Georgia. By 1823 Zere had moved to Newton County where he remained for the remainder of his life.

**1820 Putnam County, Georgia Census, Zere Middlebrook**  
*4 males under 10, 1 female under 10, 1male 26/45, 1 female 26/45, 3 slaves*

*In the **1827 GA Land Lottery** Zere Middlebrooks received a draw in Lee County, Georgia. Again before 1823 Zere moved with his father and brothers. This time they went to Newton County, Georgia.*

**1830 Newton County, Georgia Census Zere Middlebrooks**  
*2 males under 5, 2 females under 5, 2 males 5/10, 1 female 10/15, male 10/15, 1 female 40/50, males 15/20, 1 female 60/70 Sophia's mother, 1 male 40/50*

*In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery**, Zere received Lot #0413 in District 1, Sec 4. This was in Paulding County, Georgia.*

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### Newton County

As mentioned earlier, Zere had moved with his parents and brothers to Newton County before January of 1823. Zere had sold his land in Putnam County on 4 December 1819 to Thomas Pearce, land lot 298. (Book J pg. 160). While residing in Putnam County Zere spent sometime (1816-17) residing in the Newberry District of South Carolina, according to Caswell County, North Carolina court records.

According to deed records, Zere's first land purchase was at a Sheriff's sale in 1833. The 1849 Newton County Tax Digest listed Zere was taxed on 848 acres with 29 slaves. His land included, 606 acres, 202-1/2 ac.( land lot 25, 10 dist.), 202-1/2 acres, (land lot 354, 28 dist.), 40 ac. (land lot 413 first dist.). Land lots for the 606 acres were not listed. This land may have been leased. Also on the 1849 Tax Digests were Anderson C., Isaac S., and E. E. Middlebrooks, assessed with one pole, no land. (Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, ancestry.com)

#### Newton County Deeds

*Zere and A. C., Middlebrooks to David Middlebrooks 1831.*

*The estate of John Middlebrooks deceased relinquish all right and claim to first district land lot 131, 125 acres **where I lived** to my executors Isaac, David and John Middlebrooks Jr. for \$150.00, 17 March 1831. Signed: Zere, A. C. Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton. Witnesses: C, A. Carter, A. B. Middlebrooks and John S. Stanton. (Book D-Pg. 179-80)*

*On 7 January 1832 Isaac S. Middlebrooks purchased land lot 131, 125 acres from the estate of his father John Middlebrooks Sr. for \$200.00. Signed David and John Middlebrooks Jr. Witnesses: Seth and C. A. Carter. (Book D-Pg. 180)*

*Alfred Livingston Sheriff to Zere Middlebrooks, 1833, D-400 (could not find)*

*Henry B. Mears et. al. to Zere Middlebrooks 28 August 1838. Zere purchased 202-1/2 acres form Henry B. Mears et. al. Tenth District land lot 25, Originally Henry now Newton County, for \$700.00. (Book F-Pg. 207)*

*Samuel B. Wylie to Zere Middlebrooks, 10 November 1849. Zere purchased 101-1/4 acres, south half of land lot 8 in 10 District. (Book I-Pg. 570)*

*Zere Middlebrooks to Inferior Court and Assessor, 19 February 1864. Here Middlebrooks conveys the family burying ground to the Inferior Court and Assessor Office. The **burying ground was in land lot 25, Tenth District**, originally Henry now Newton County. **To protect and defend the family burying ground.** (Book N-Pg. 199)*

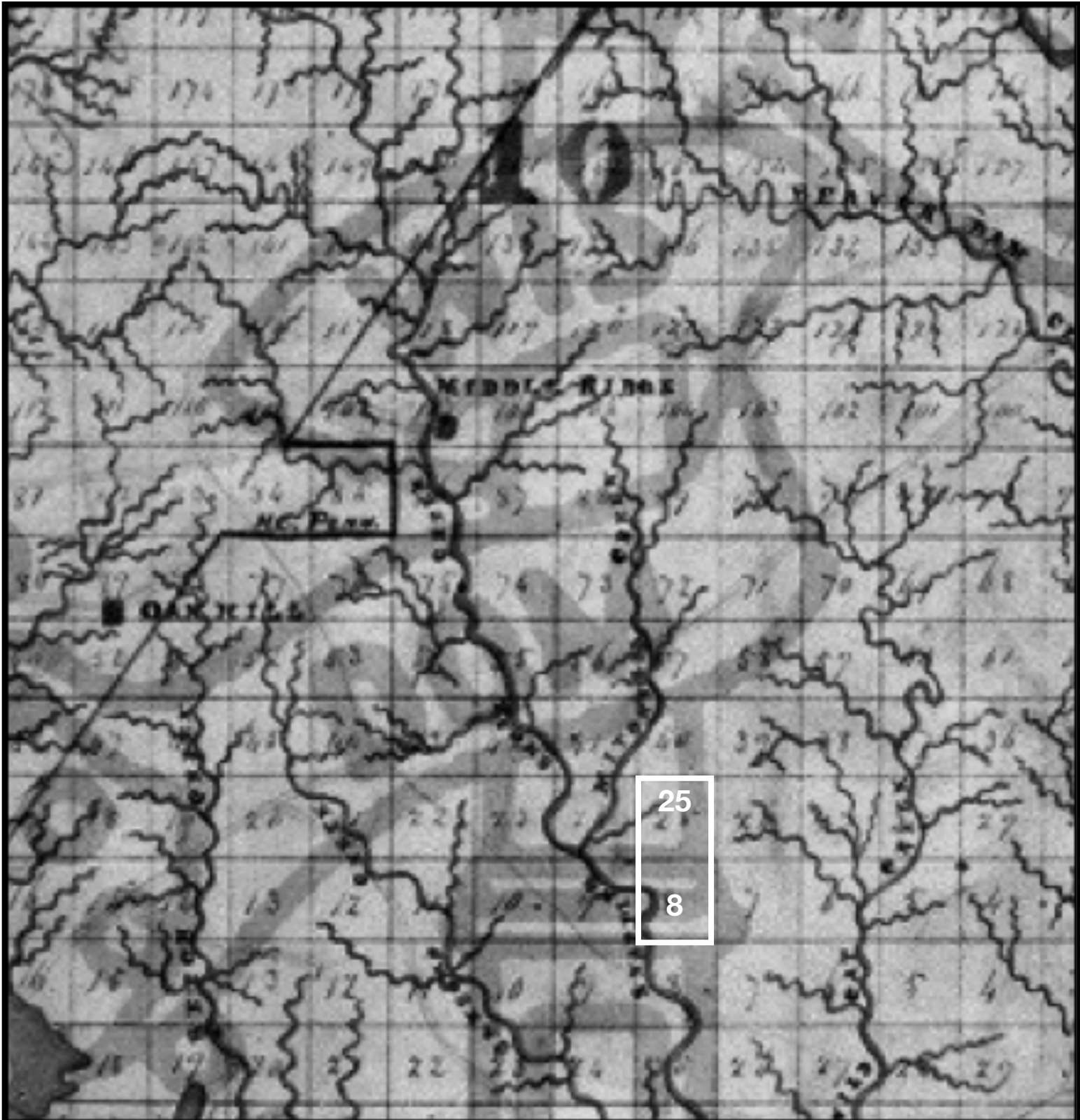
Elizabeth Shell, Sophia's mother, died in Newton County in March 1847. In her will she named children, Sophia Middlebrooks and Isham Shell. The Executor was Zere Middlebrooks. The witnesses were A.B. and J.C. Middlebrooks, Zere's sons, and Isaac S. Middlebrooks, Zere's brother.

#### 1840 Newton County, Georgia Census, Zere Middlebrooks

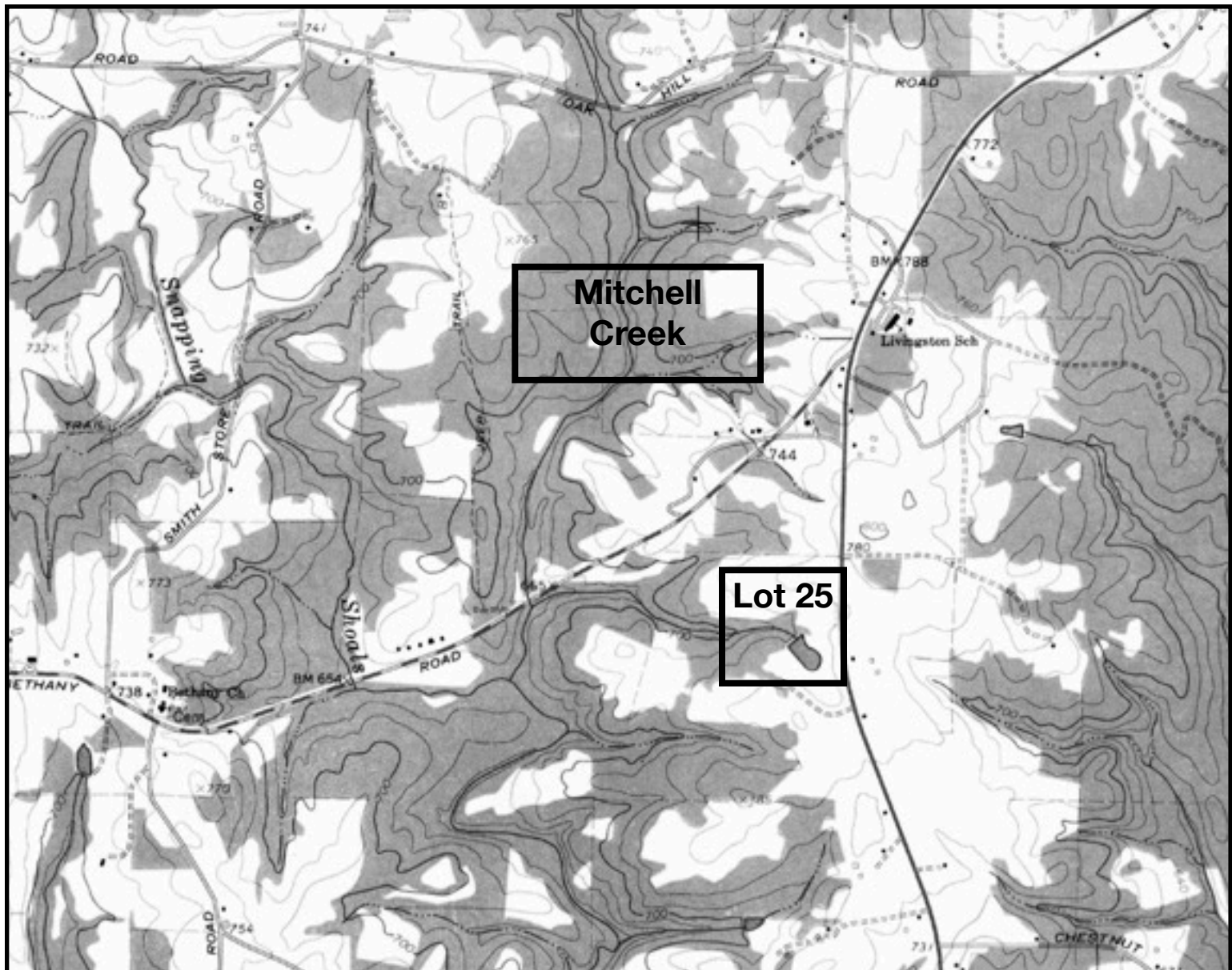
*1 male 5/10, 1 female 10/15, male 10/15, 2 females 50/60 (?), males 15/20, female 70/80, 1 male 50/60*

#### 1850 Newton County, Georgia Census

*Zany (Zere) Middlebrook 67, born NC, Sophia, 61, born VA, Weston, 20 She was Sophia Weston Pendergrass 15 Youngest Child, Nancy Stanton 21 Neice, Hester Ann Middlebrooks, 7 relation unknown*



***Location of Zere Middlebrooks (b. 1782) 10th district, land lot 25 and 8, Newton County, Georgia. Purchased 1838 (25) and 1849 (8), on the waters of Snapping Shoals Creek. The Middlebrooks Cemetery south of Porterdale was located in lot 25. 1869 Newton County Land Lot Map***



***Approximate location of Zere Middlebrooks (b. 1782) 10th district land lot 25, Newton County, Georgia. Zere purchased lot 25 on the waters of Snapping Shoals Creek in 1838. The Middlebrooks Cemetery reservation was made for land within lot 25 in 1864 by Zere.***

**Nuncupative (spoken) Will of Zere Middlebrooks 16 April 1869**

*I give to my wife Sophia W. Middlebrooks ten acres of land beginning at the original east line and running due west including the buildings and spring north of the buildings. At her death it goes to her bodily heirs.*

*I give my wife Sophia the following property: one bay horse and buggy, one cow and calf and one Heifer of her choice, one years provisions, bedstead and bed clothing and above all a child's balance a part of the property which is equally divided among heirs.*

*I appoint my sons Anderson C. Middlebrooks and John C. Middlebrooks my executors of this my last will and testament. 16 April 1869. Witnesses: A. C. Middlebrooks, John T. Robinson and John Sullivan.*

*Newton County, Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 326, 327.*

Zere Middlebrooks spoken will was filed with the court on 16 April 1869. His gravestone reads he died 17 April 1869.

**Children of Zere and Sophia Middlebrooks**

1. **Azariah Burton**, b. 30 July 1811
2. **Thomas Lemon**, b. 22 May 1813; d. 18 April 1849. Married **Miranda C. Bellah** 1834  
**1850 Census Newton County, Georgia**  
Miranda Middlebrooks 36, Margaret 11, Bolding 9, Mary, 5, Lucus 2
3. **Zacheus A.**, b. 28 February 1815; d. 26 June 1844
4. **Elizabeth Caroline**, b. 16 November 1817; d. 19 August 1896
5. **Anderson Crawford**, b. 12 October 1819; d. 15 Dec 1894
6. **John Coleman**, b. 16 Nov 1821; d. 16 October 1901 Married **Delitha Susan Stanton** 21 Dec 1847. She was the daughter of Zere's sister **Abigail Stanton**.  
**1850 Census Newton County, Georgia**, John Middlebrooks 26; Delitha 21; Isaac, 17.
7. **Elijah Edmond**, b. 26 Jan 1823; d. 8 Jan 1906; married **Martha** ca. 1844  
**1850 Census Newton County County, Georgia** Edmond Middlebrooks, 26; Martha-25, Elizabeth, 5; Doncanas 3 (F ); Martha-10/12
8. **Isaac Simeon**, b. 23 Jan 1826; d. 18 Aug 1889
9. **Mary Anne**, b. 8 June 1828; d. March 1895
10. **Sophia Weston**, Born 14 Feb 1830; Died 29 Dec 1883
11. **Zere Pendergrass**, b. 28 Feb 1835; d. 3 July 1862. Married **Penelope J. Walker**, 29 September 1857, Newton County, Georgia, b. 6 Jun 1841, Georgia, d. 18 Nov 1922, Georgia.

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### **Middlebrooks Cemeteries of Newton County**

Two Middlebrooks Cemeteries currently exist in Newton County. One is denoted below as **Covington** and the other is referenced as **Porterdale**.

### **Covington Cemetery**

The Middlebrooks Cemetery (Covington) has only two marked graves for Thomas Lemon and Miranda C. Middlebrooks his wife. A rock wall surrounds the cemetery with a number of unmarked graves.

**Thomas Lemon Middlebrooks:** b. 22 May 1813 Putnam County, Georgia, d.15 April 1849 Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrook Cemetery, Covington, Newton County, Georgia, **Miranda Collingsworth (Bellah) Middlebrook**, b.16 Oct 1813, d. 14 Feb 1883, Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrook Cemetery, Covington, Newton County, Georgia.

**Thomas L Middlebrooks** married **Miranda C Bellah** on 4 Dec 1834, Newton County, Thomas' sister, Elizabeth C Middlebrook, had married his wife's brother, Samuel Steele Bellah, earlier the same year.

*From the Southern Christian Advocate newspaper (M. E. Church, South, of Charleston, SC) of May 04, 1849: Died, in Newton County, Ga., April 14, 1849, Thomas L. Middlebrooks, aged 36 years. He had been a member of the M. E. Church since 1832. He had been sorely afflicted for some months previous to his death with a disease of the liver, which he bore with Christian patience - expressed no fear at the approach of death, but felt ready for his change. A few months before his death he addressed a letter to his fond mother, in which he adverted, with great pleasure, to the early impressions made on his mind by her pious instruction and example, which nothing could obliterate. O what a rich treasure it is to have a pious mother! M. H. H.*

### **Newton County Deeds**

*Thos. L. Middlebrooks to James M. Bellah, 1 January 1838, first district Walton County, lot 200, containing 100 acres, for \$600.00 **on the waters of Bear Creek**, starting at corner of lots 185 and 210, on line of lot 199. Signed: Thomas L. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Alexander Pharr and Lawrence Baker JP. Recorded: 12 January 1838. (Book F pg. 33)*

*Henry Lane to T. L. Middlebrooks 27 March 1849, 202-1/2 acres, \$1,000.00, first district lot 236, in Walton now Newton, except the lot where the **Methodist Episcopal Church** now stands, containing three acres. Signed Henry Lane. Witnesses: Richard Howell and Bertrand Zachery, Recorded: 19 March 1850. (Book I-pg. 479)*

*Meranda C. Middlebrooks to Robert M. Rakestraw 13 August 1853, lot 236, first district, (except 2 acres granted to Methodist Church), \$1,500.00, originally Walton now Newton. Signed: Miranda C. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Robert Rakestraw and A. M. Ramsey JP. Recorded 16 September 1864. (Book L pg 55)*

*Miranda C. Middlebrooks to J. Mid Smith, 10 August 1859, \$5.00 for the maternal love and affection of J. Mid Smith I give the negro named Hemitt, nine years old, small for her age, from the estate of her mother Mary Bellah deceased. Signed: Miranda C. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Silas H. Starr and Wm. J. Wright. Recorded 9 December 1859. (Book L pg. 490)*

***Middlebrooks Covington Cemetery***



***Thomas Lemon Middlebrooks 1813-1849***

***Miranda Collinworth Middlebrook  
1813-1883***





Reservation of Middlebrooks Family Cemetery Porterdale by Zere Middlebrooks with Newton County, Georgia, 19 February 1864. (Deed Book N Pg. 199)

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Georgia, Newton County

This Indenture made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1864 in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty four between Zere Middlebrooks County and State aforesaid and the Superior Court of this County and their Successors in office of the other part Witnesseth that the said Zere Middlebrooks for a family burying ground hath voted & conveyed by this present deed, vest & convey unto the present Superior Court their successors in office all that Tract or Parcel of Land situated lying and being in the County of Newton, originally Henry Keweenaw and distinguished as No. 25 in the 10<sup>th</sup> district fifty three rods, south of the North East Corner of said lot commencing on the original line & running west 177 seven rods, thence south ten rods, thence East seven seven rods, to the original line, thence North ten rods, to the beginning corner, containing Seventy rods, bounded on the East by the Main road running from Covington to the Snapping Shoals - To have and to hold together and premises, Tract or Parcel of Land unto the said Superior Court and successors in office all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof to the same in any manner in order that they may protect & defend it against all intension as a family burying ground forever and the said Zere Middlebrooks, for himself, heirs, executors, & administrators, the said premises unto the said Superior Court & their successors in office well warrant & forever defend the right & title thereof against the claim themselves, and all others.

In witness whereof the said Zere Middlebrooks hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

In presence of  
W. E. Hailey test  
Henry Duigg  
J. S. Middlebrooks

Zere Middlebrooks

Registered 25<sup>th</sup> December 1864  
Stephen Hill Clerk

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### ***Porterdale Cemetery***

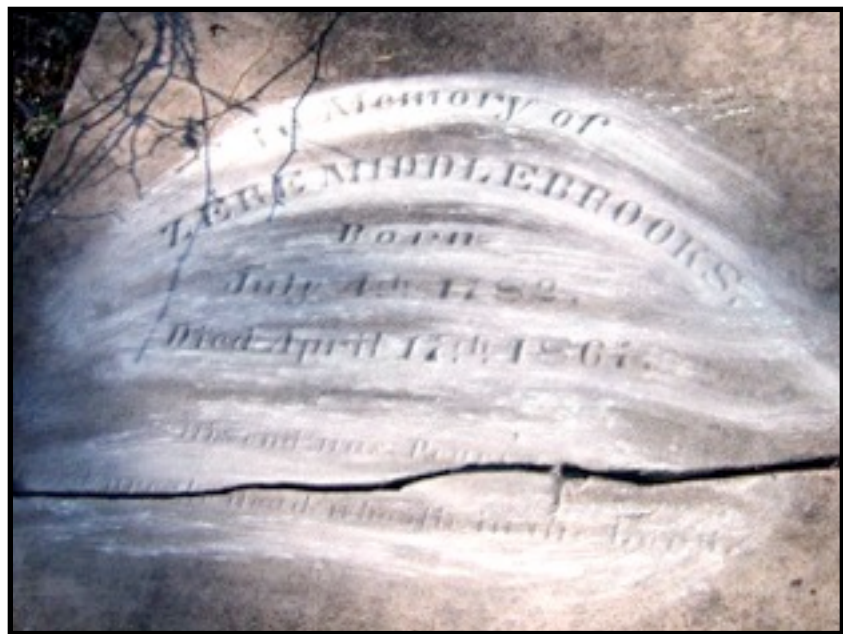
The Middlebrooks Cemetery (Porterdale) includes marked graves for **Zere Middlebrooks** and his wife **Sophia Weston (Shell) Middlebrooks**, **Mary Ann (Middlebrooks) Waldorp**, **Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks** and his wife **Penelope J. Walker**. This cemetery also has many unmarked graves and a rock wall. This cemetery is currently maintained by the Camp Wheeler, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Zere Middlebrooks**, b. 4 Jul 1782, Caswell County, North Carolina, d. 17 Apr 1869, Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrooks Cemetery Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia, married Sophia Weston Shell about 1808, Hancock County, Georgia.

**Marie Ann Waldrop**: b. 8 Jun 1828, d. 11 May 1895, Newton County, Georgia, Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Spouses: (1) **James D. Christian** (2) **Milton Waldrop**

**Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks**: b. 7 Feb 1834, Georgia, d. 3 Jul 1862, Loudon County, Tennessee. Zere P. Middlebrooks died while guarding a bridge for the Confederate Army near Knoxville, Tennessee. He was buried Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Married **Penelope J. Walker**, 29 September 1857, Newton County, Georgia, b. 6 Jun 1841, Georgia, d. 18 Nov 1922, Georgia, buried Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia,

Military Service: 2nd Sgt. Co. E 42nd Georgia Regiment CSA Newton County, Georgia (Harper Guards).



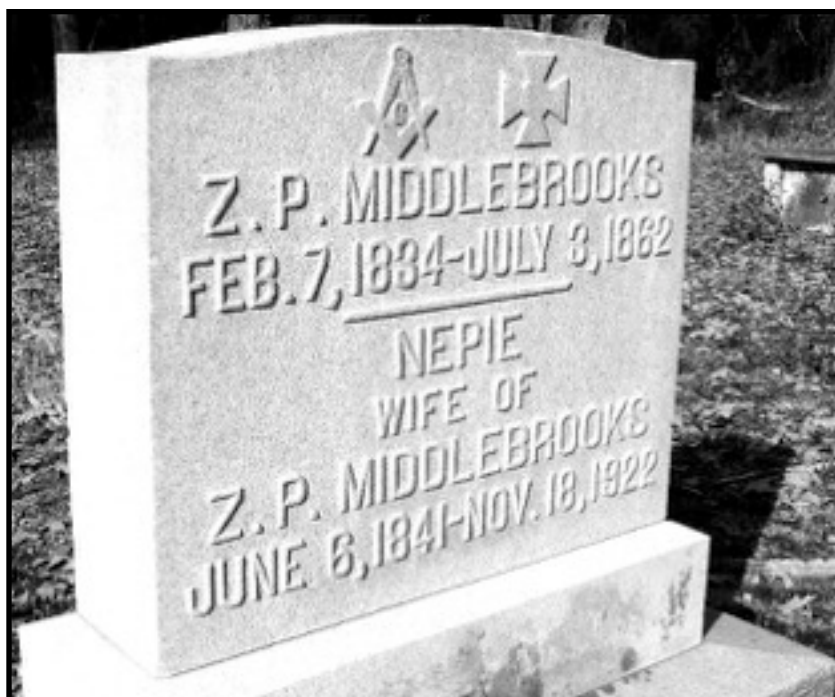
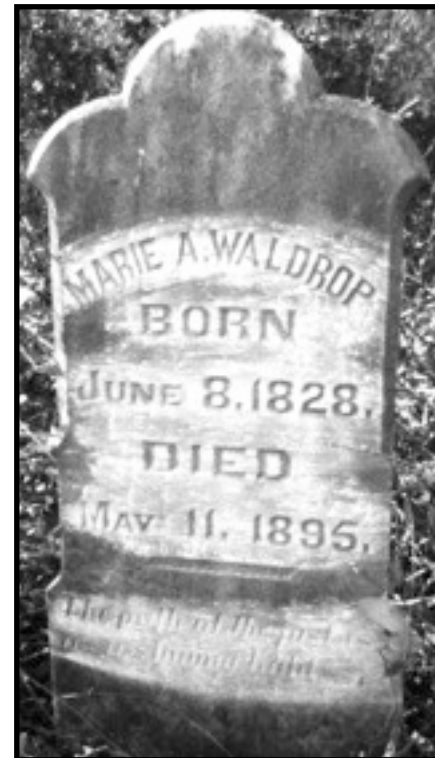
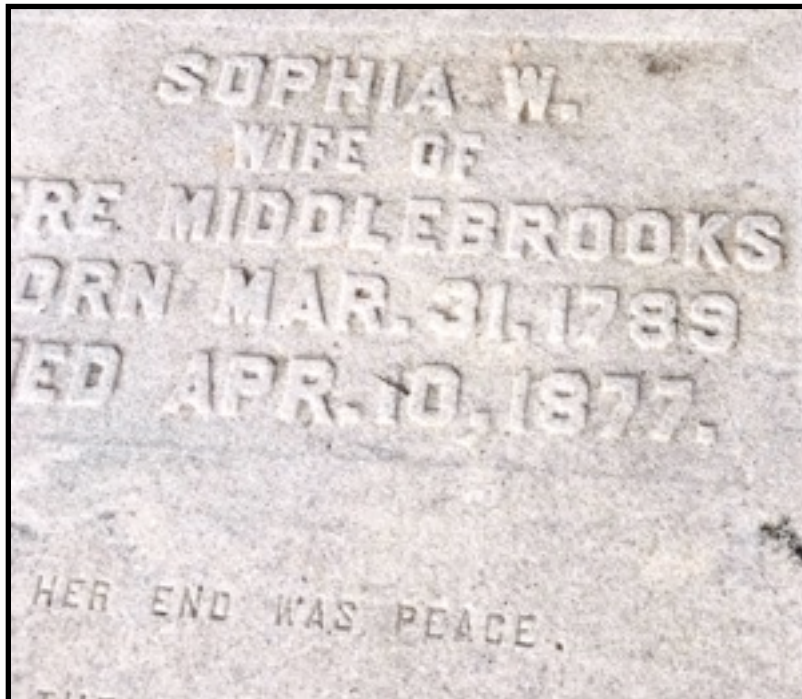
***Zere Middlebrooks gravesite Middlebrooks Porterdale Cemertery***

Note: On 19 February 1864 Zere Middlebrooks transferred the Middlebrooks Cemetery (Porterdale) located within land lot 25, 10th district to Newton County *to protect and defend the family burying*

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**Middlebrooks Family Cemetery Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia**





***Middlebrooks Cemetery Porterdale  
Restoration and continued maintenance by Camp Wheeler Sons of Confederate Veterans  
(SCV).***

*In 2010, Camp Wheeler was approached by Debbie Autry and her mother, Peggy, are descendents of the Middlebrooks family. Their Great-Great-Great Grandfather, Confederate 2nd Sgt. Zere Pendergreass Middlebrooks and his brother in-law Pvt. James Christian are buried in the Middlebrooks Family Cemetery located in Porterdale, Georgia. The cemetery is just off Ga. Hwy 81 about a half mile south of Livingston Elementary School, not too far from Bethany Rd.*

*When the camp was approached about the project, the cemetery was totally hidden by overgrowth to the point no one could tell it was a cemetery as seen in the picture above. Camp Wheeler Compatriots spent several weekends during 2011 to reclaim the cemetery from Mother Nature. The picture above shows the cemetery after we completed our initial reclamation efforts in 2011.*

*By using ground penetrating radar, 93 full graves were located along with one location that has the appearance of being a cremation remains (cremains) urn. All told, 94 souls who final resting places that had been lost are now known. Cement markers were placed at each unmarked gravesites by SCV.*

We are truly indebted to the Camp Wheeler, Sons of Confederate Veterans for their dedication and hard work. What they have accomplished in helping preserve our Middlebrooks family heritage is truly amazing and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

**The Middlebrooks Family Association**

See the link below for a detailed report of restoration, mapping and gravestone placement efforts.

<http://www.campjoewheeler.org/Graves/MiddlebrooksCemetery.html>

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### ***Children of Zere and Sophia W. (Shell) Middlebrooks buried at other locations***

**Dr. Anderson C. Middlebrooks:** b. 12 Oct 1819, d. 5 Dec 1894, Mount Zion Cemetery Dade City, Pasco County, Florida, married **Elizabeth Anderson Woodruff**, 23 December 1869, Newton County, b. 27 Nov 1851, Georgia, d. 3 Apr 1916, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, Mount Zion Cemetery, Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. Daughter of **James Monroe Woodruff** and **Margaret Ann (McCord) Woodruff**.

**Rev. Azariah Burton Middlebrooks:** b. 20 Jul 1811 South Carolina, d. 9 Dec 1881 (aged 70) Myrtlewood Cemetery, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama, married **Nancy B. Heath**, 2 February 1832, Newton County, b. 1810, Georgia, d. 26 Feb 1880, Myrtlewood Cemetery, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama.

**Capt. John Coleman Middlebrooks:** b. 16 Nov 1821, Putnam County, Georgia, d. 16 Oct 1901, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia, Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia. Married **Delilah Susan Stanton**, 21 December 1847, Newton County, b. 5 Oct 1827, d. Mar. 1911, Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia,

### **Deed**

John C. Middlebrooks to Horace T. Shaw, 1852, 150 acres on the waters of Bear Creek, (the place on which John C. Middlebrooks lives now) lot 236, first district, \$1800.00. Signed John C. Middlebrooks. Recorded 3 December 1860. (Book L pg 527)

**Sophia Weston Littlejohn:** b. 14 Feb 1830, Newton County, Georgia, d. 28 Dec 1893 Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. 63 year old wife of Reverend **J. B. Littlejohn**, married 2 December 1851, Newton County, b. 2 Jul 1828, d. 18 May 1883, Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia.

**Elizabeth Caroline Bellah:** b. 16 Nov 1817, Putnam County, Georgia, d. 19 Aug 1896, Holmes Baptist Church Cemetery, Barbour County, Alabama. W/o **Rev. Samuel Steel Bellah**, b. 7 Sep 1810, Newton County, Georgia, d. 4 May 1865, Edwin, Henry County, Alabama, Wrights Chapel Cemetery, Henry County, Alabama.

**Dr. Elijah Edmund Middlebrooks:** b. 6 Jan 1823, Newton County, Georgia, d. 8 Jan 1906, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama, Dothan City Cemetery, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama. 1st wife **Martha B. Maot**, married 28 December 1842, Newton County, Georgia. 2nd wife **Louisa I. Lee**, married 24 November 1867, Barbour, Alabama.

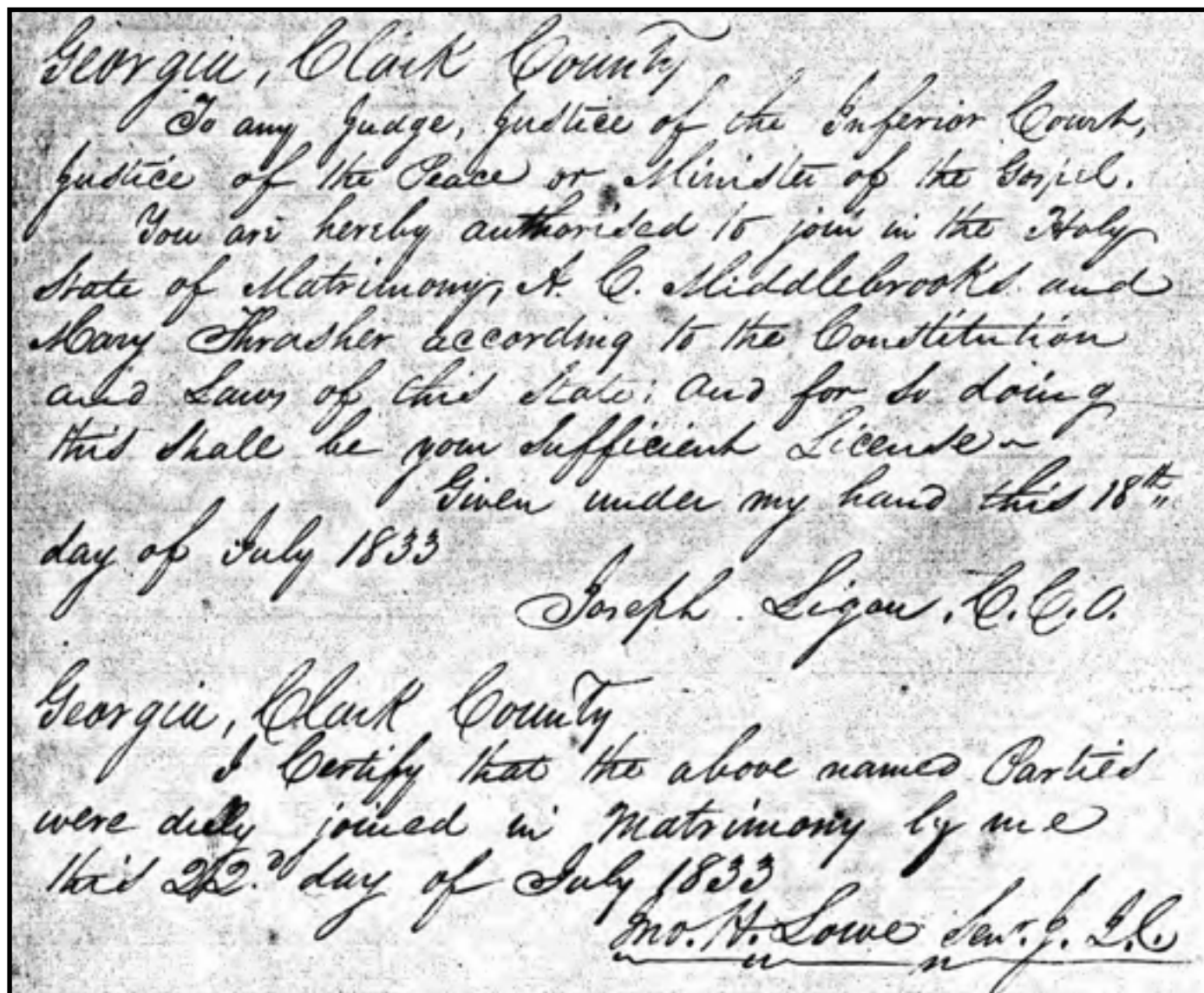
**Dr. Isaac Sims Middlebrooks:** b. 23 Jan 1826, d. 8 Aug 1889, Prospect Methodist Cemetery Chamblee, DeKalb County, Georgia. Wife **Sarah Naomi Jarman**, married 26 April 1870, Newton County. Sarah was b. 6 April 1843, d. 8 September 1889, Prospect Methodist Cemetery, Chamblee, DeKalb County, Georgia.

Source: findagrave.com

### Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks

Anderson was the 2nd son of John and Mary Lyon Middlebrooks. He was born 1 January 1784 in Caswell County, North Carolina. Anderson died 16 March 1871, Clark County, Georgia. He was married on the 1830 Census of Morgan County, Georgia with no children. There does not seem to be a record of that marriage. Anderson's 1st wife must have died because on 22 July 1833 Anderson C. Middlebrooks married Mary Thrasher in Clark County, Georgia.<sup>13</sup>

In 1804 Anderson C. Middlebrooks was on the Hancock Co Tax List. He had moved there with his father, John, by 1794. Also in 1804 in Hancock County, Georgia he was a buyer of the estate of Ezekiel Wilkinson. In 1805, as a 21 year old Batchelor, he applied for land in the Georgia Land Lottery. In 1810 he was on the Morgan County Tax List, with a poll, no land. In 1815 Anderson was on the Green County, Georgia Tax List. We doubt that he lived in Green County, because in the 1827 Land Lottery Anderson C. Middlebrooks was still in Morgan County, Georgia. This time he received land in Carroll County, Georgia.



Marriage between A. C. Middlebrooks and Mary Thrasher,  
22 July 1833, Clark County, Georgia

<sup>13</sup>. Clarke County Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book B, 1821-1838, pg. 192. ancestry.com

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*Anderson C. and Elizabeth Middlebrooks appeared on the **1827 Land Lottery list** of eligibles for Morgan County, GA, Isaac Middlebrooks Hendersons 66 9 Houston*

*Anderson Middlebrook Morgan County Deed Book HH 1824-29, pg. 209*

*Morgan County, Middlebrooks to Chaney (pg. 188), Elizabeth Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia, for my love and affection of my daughters, Elizabeth and Lucy Chaney, Frances Thompson, Florey Wade and Polly Middlebrooks, grant all my land and property. Signed 22 October 1829, Elizabeth Middlebrooks.*

*In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery**, Anderson received land in Dist. #21, Sec. 3, Lot 0022. This was in Floyd County.*

Anderson was still in Morgan County on the 1830 Census, but by 1840 he had moved to Clark County, Georgia.

**1840 Clark Co Georgia Census, Anderson C. Middlebrooks**

*3 males under 5, 1 female 30/40, 1 male 5/10, 1 male 20/30, 1 male 50/60*

**1850 Clark Co Georgia Census**

*A.C. Middlebrooks, 65 Born NC, Mary 44, James 14, Burton 13, Thomas 12, William 5. All born in Georgia.*

**1860 Clark County Georgia Census**

*Anderson C. Middlebrooks 76, born NC, Value of real estate \$9,500 value of personal property \$27,700, Mary, 56, GA; Thomas E., 20 GA, William D, 16, GA*

**Amnesty Oath Clark County, Georgia:** *Those persons who swore to support the U.S. Constitution and the Union of the States. Anderson's son Thomas E. received an artificial limb 1867.*

**1870 Clark County Census**

*Anderson C. Middlebrooks 86, Value 1800, Born NC, Mary, 66 GA, Thomas 30 GA*

In 1860 in Clark County, living next door to Anderson were two sons, Z.B. Middlebrooks 22 (Burton), Elizabeth 19 James H.?, J. L. Middlebrooks, 24 (James)

Anderson Middlebrooks lived in Clark County for an additional 21 years.

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### **Death of Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks**

Anderson C. Middlebrooks died in Clark County, Georgia 16 March 1871. Letters of Testamentary were requested by his executors/sons James L. and Thomas E. Middlebrooks, 5 June 1871. A request for discharge as executors was submitted to the court 27 July 1883. A copy of Anderson's will including other probate documents are found in Clarke County wills Volume D-E 1859-1911. pg. 273-280. Anderson's Estate Case File, 1871-July 1883, Clark County, images 857-866, ancestry.com. Source: Estate Records, 1797-1949, Matthews, William F-Moore, Thomas.

Thomas E. estate in Clark County was settled 1904 and the Zack B. estate was settled in Clark County in 1869.

### **Children of Anderson C. and Mary (Thrasher) Middlebrooks**

**John Anderson**, b. abt. 1834, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. abt. 1843, Clark County, Georgia.

**James Lyon**, b. 14 February 1836, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. May 1908, Oconee County, Georgia. Married **Ann Olivia Ogleby**, b. 25 November 1841, d. 5 August 1903, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia. Both were buried at the Farmington Cemetery, Oconee County, Georgia.

**Zarah Barton**, b. 9 October 1837, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. 4 November 1926, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia. Married **Martha E. Maddox** 12 October 1858, Greene County, Georgia. Martha was b. 28 March 1841, Georgia and d. 21 March 1907, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia.

*The 3rd Georgia. Participated in over 50 battles with the Army of Northern Virginia. Pvt Middlebrooks (Zarah Barton) enlisted Aug 20, 1861 and was discharged in 1862 after furnishing a substitute. His brother William, same Co., died of congestion at South Mnt., Md. Brother Thomas E. was wounded at Chickamauga and again in Virginia and appears in 1865 at the Ocmulgee Hosp. Macon, Georgia with "amputation of right thigh at lower third.*

**Thomas Elder**, b. 28 November 1840, Clarke County, Georgia, d. 11 August 1924, Athens, Clarke, Georgia. Married **Lunette A. Hillsman**, 10 December 1871, Clark County, Georgia. Lunette was b. 9 May 1852, d. 11 March 1926, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia. Both are buried at the Oconee Hill Cemetery, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia.

#### **Obituary of Thomas Elder Middlebrooks**

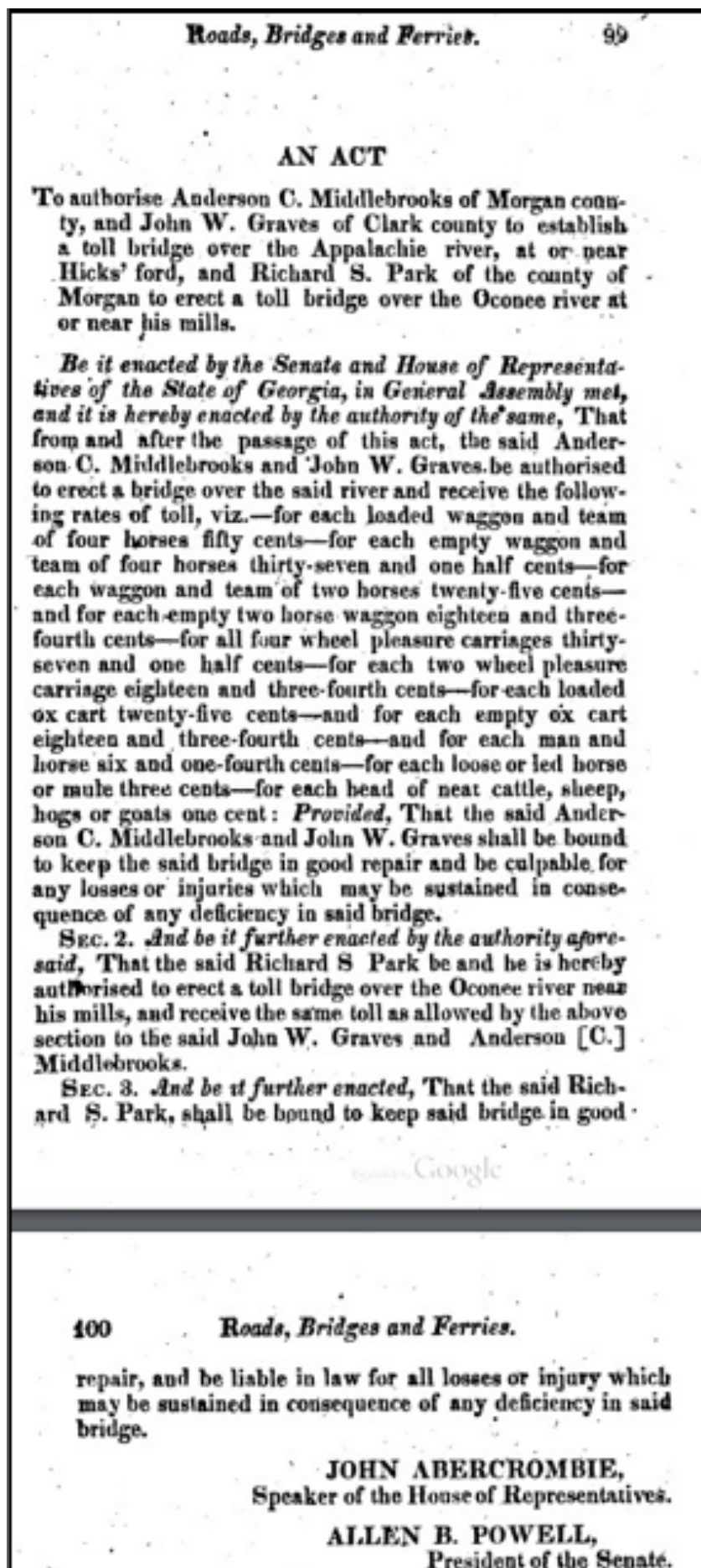
*Mr T E Middlebrooks, prominent Athens citizen and a pioneer of Oconee county, died at his home on Henderson avenue Monday night after a prolonged illness of several months. He was 84 years old last November 29th and despite his advanced years bore his illness cheerfully and without complaint.*

*Mr Middlebrooks was born at Farmington in Oconee county, and until he moved with his family to Athens to live fourteen years ago was one of the leading citizens of that county, numbering his friends there as well as here, by the hundreds. He was a veteran of the War Between the States and was so severely wounded that he lost a leg in action at Griswoldville, Ga.*

*Surviving him are his wife, Mrs T E Middlebrooks and the following daughters: Mrs Claude Cox of Athens, Mrs J H Beusse of Athens, Mrs R V Harris of Savannah, Mrs Andrew Hogue of Charleston, West Va, and Mrs R W Nisbet of Macon; two sons, Mr Guy Middlebrooks of Appalachee and Dr C O Middlebrooks of Athens; one brother, Mr C B Middlebrooks of Farmington. The funeral services will be conducted from the home Wednesday morning at 10:30 by Dr J C Wilkinson, assisted by Rev J V M Morris. The interment will follow in Oconee cemetery.  
Banner-Herald, Aug 12, 192 ~ page 6*



William David, b. 1844, Clarke County, Georgia, d. 1862, South Mountain, Maryland.



An Act: To authorize Anderson C. Middlebrooks of Morgan County and John Graves of Clarke County to establish a toll bridge over the Appalachie River at or near Hicks ford. 9 December 1824.



*Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks, Old Freeman  
Creek Church Cemetery, Farmington, Oconee  
County, Georgia. (findagrave.com)*

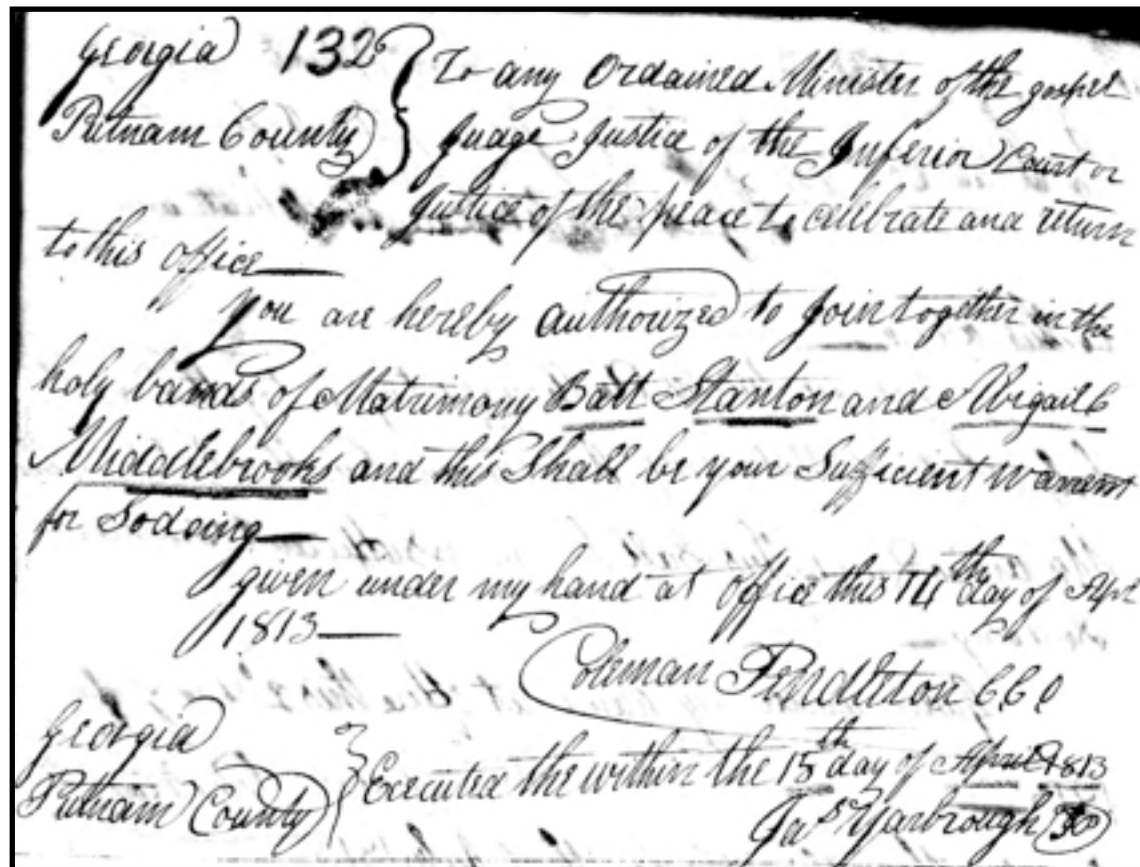
For additional information on the Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks family consult:  
***The Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks Family of Oconee County, Georgia***, by Evelyn  
Bugg (Middlebrooks Family Association Quarterly Newsletter Vol. Nine, Number Two, March  
2010)

<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/201003MFAQuarterly.pdf>

### **Abigail Caroline (Middlebrooks) Stanton**

After Mary Lyon Middlebrooks died, probably in 1793/94, John married Milley Sutton in Hancock County, Georgia. The first child of Milley and John Middlebrooks was John's only daughter, Abigail Caroline. Abigail was born 9 May 1795, most likely in Hancock County. She married "**Batt**" (**Bartholemue**) **Short Stanton** in Putnam County Georgia, 15 April 1813.. Batt was born 27 January 1790 in Wayne County, North Carolina.

In the **1820 GA Land Lottery**, Batte Stanton of Putnam County, Georgia received 2 draws , 1 in Walton County and 1 in Early County.



**Marriage of Batt Stanton and Abigail C. Middlebrooks 15 April 1813, Putnam County Georgia. (Marriage Book D, pg. 166)**

### **Children of Batt S. and Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton**

1. **John Simeon**: b. 28 Feb 1814; d. 27 Feb 1864; Married 1st 1835 **Elizabeth Dacus**; married 2nd **Elizabeth Cooper** One of these wives was also named Louise or John had a third wife.  
**1850 Census Newton County**, John-36; Louise 30; Elizabeth 14, Caroline 13; Julia 11; Milley 9; John 6; Martha 3; William 1,
2. **Elizabeth**, b. 22 June 1815; d. 27 Jan 1834,
3. **Thomas Henry**, b. 4 Feb 1817; d. 2 Jan 1888; Married, **Sarah Gibson** in 1843.  
**1850 Census Newton County**, H.T. Stanton 32; Sarah 35; Sam E. 6; George 4; William D. Stanton 26-Brother
4. **Lodisca Caroline**, b. 3 October 1818; d. 26 Jan 1855; Married **James Lowe**
5. **William David**, b. 14 July 1820; d. 24 July 1904 Unmarried
6. **Ralph Short**, b. 9 Jan 1823; d. 29 April 1887; Married 1st-**Sarah Jones**; 2nd **Susan Plunkett**
7. **Emilia** (Amneliza) Frances, b. 28 Feb 1826; d. 7 July 1902; Married **Elbert Rabun Davis**  
**1850 Census Newton County**, E.R.Davis 30; Amneliza 24, Elizabeth 6; Sarah J. 4; William 1

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8. **Delitha Susan**, b. 4 Oct 1829; d. 1911; Married **John Coleman Middlebrooks**
9. **Rebecca**, b. 28 Dec 1831; d. 2 May 1933
10. **Batte Anderson**, b. 4 Sept 1832; d. 15 Nov 1869; Married, **Mary Bradley**
11. **Lisa Jane**, b. 26 Sept 1833; d. 25 Sept 1834

John Stanton and Elizabeth Short were the parents of Bartholomew Short Stanton. John was born 1756, Prince George County, Virginia and died 1832, Sandersville, Georgia. John and Elizabeth were married about 1778, she died about 1815.<sup>14</sup>

Abigail Stanton died 3 Sept 1835 in Newton County, Georgia. This was just a year after the death of her last child. Batte Stanton, on 2 May 1836, then married Mrs. Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney.<sup>15</sup> She was the widow of William Milton Cheney who had died early in 1836. William was the 2nd son of Lucy (Middlebrooks) Cheney and Thomas B. Cheney.<sup>16</sup> Lucy and Abigail were 1st Cousins. Lucy was the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Middlebrooks.<sup>17</sup> Abigail was the daughter of John and Milley Middlebrooks. William Cheney was only 27 when he died so we would presume that Elizabeth, his widow, was the same age.<sup>15</sup>

### ***Children of Batt S. and Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney Middlebrooks***

1. **James Newton**, b. 27 August 1837; d. 20 Jan 1912; Married **Eugenia Thompson**
2. **George Madison**, b. 17 March 1840; d. 28 March 1892; Married **Kate Walker**
3. **Wiley Harrison**, b. 29 March 1842; d. 9 Sept 1913; Married **Katherine Douglas**
4. **Marion (male) Davis**, b. 21 June 1844; d. 13 Nov 1926 Married 1st **Mary Reeves**, 2nd **Dicia Dickson**

**1850 Newton County Census**, Elizabeth B. Stanton, 38, Batte A., 20, James, 12, George, 10, Wiley, 8, Marion (m), 5, William R. Carry, 17 ?, Elizabeth, 14 ?, Batbe

Batt Stanton died 30 November 1845 in Newton County, Georgia of measles.

### ***Will of Batt S. Stanton 27 November 1843 Newton County Georgia<sup>18</sup>***

Item 2. I give to my wife Elizabeth B. Stanton and my four children by her, James N. Stanton, George M. Stanton, Wiley H. Stanton and Marion D. Stanton the tract of land containing 850 acres, and my named negro slaves Harriet and her three children, Fanny, Daniel and Bob. Peter a man, Squire a boy and Simon a man and Dianah a women and her three children, Dolly a girl and Ben a by and Eliza a girl and Alfred a man with their natural increase and three of my best mules on my plantation and a black horse. All personal property would be equally divided, appraised value of \$470.00.

Item 3. I give to my sons John S. Stanton and Henry T. Stanton \$1,000.00 each.

Item 4. I give to my daughter Lodisca C. Lowe, one negro women named Hannah and \$755.75.

Item 5. I give to my daughter Emillia F. Davis one negro man named Susan and \$694.62.

Item 6. I will my daughter Lodisca C. receive \$244. 25 and that Emillia F. Davis receive \$305. 37.

Item 7. William D. Stanton, Robert S. Stanton, Delitha S, Stanton and Batt A. Santon receive \$1,000.00 each and remaining property be divided among John S. Stanton, Henry T. Stanton, Emillia F Davis, Lodisca C. Low, William D. Stanton, Robert S. Stanton, Delitha S, Stanton and Batt A. stanton and that Batt A. Stanton have my silver watch.

Item 8. I herby nominate my sons William D. Stanton and Henry T. Stanton as my sole executors.

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<sup>14</sup>. North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 ancestry.com

<sup>15</sup>. History of Newton County, Georgia, Newton Historical Society.

<sup>16</sup>. Morgan County, Georgia Heritage, written by by the Book Committee 1997, pg. 53, 95.

<sup>17</sup>. Morgan County Georgia Probate Court, Loose Wills n1807-1865, Will Book D

<sup>18</sup>. Newton County Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 149-151

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Signed: Batt Short Stanton 27 November 1843. Witnesses: Thomas Baber, Isaac S. Middlebrooks and David F. Montgomery. The same above witnesses testify as to the authenticity of Batt S. Stanton will, 12 January 1846.<sup>18</sup>

Henry T. Stanton Wm. D. Stanton and John S. Stanton post a bond of \$4,000.00 for appointment as guardians of Batt S. Stanton's children, Batt A. Stanton and Delitha S. Stanton, 2 March 1846. Signed John S., Henry T. and Wm. D. Stanton.<sup>19</sup>

From information contained in Batt S. Stanton's will he was the owner of a large plantation in Newton County, containing 850 acres with slaves. As mentioned earlier, he received two draws in the 1820 land lottery one in Walton County and one in Early County. These draws would have been for 202 acres in each county. The Stanton's and Middlebrooks moved together from Putnam to Newton County and sold land to each other.

### **Newton County Deeds**

*James Carson to Batt S. Stanton, 10 March 1832, \$600.00, County of Walton now Newton, land lot 159, first district, 250 acres, recorded 14 March 1832 (Deed Book D pg. 215)*

*Isaac Middlebrooks to Batt S. Stanton, recorded 4 September 1833. Isaac S. Middlebrooks sold to Batt Stanton 125 acres on Little River lying on the southeast half of land lot 127, for \$650.00, bounded on the northeast by Hill and southeast by Carter. Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks (Book D-Pg. 531)*

*Batt S. Stanton to John S. Stanton, 5 December 1837, \$1,000.00, 250 acres, land lot 159, first district. (Deed Book F pg 2)*

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<sup>18</sup>. Newton Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 149-151. ancestry.com

<sup>19</sup>. Newton Administrators and Guardian Bonds, 1822-1829, 1840-1851, no page number. ancestry.com

## Isaac S. Middlebrooks

Isaac was the 2nd child, first son of John and Milley Middlebrooks. He was born in 1797 in Hancock County, Georgia. Isaac S. married Olley or Lolley Phillips, 10 May 1827, Walton County, Georgia. (Marriage Book B, pg 65) In the 1850 Census his wife's name was Olly. She was born about 1809, Georgia. By 1860 Isaac's wife is no longer in the household. Olly possibly died before 1860. In 1820 Isaac S. Middlebrooks, age 16/26, was in Putnam County, Georgia Census as a Batchelor. His father John, brother David and half-brother Zere also lived there.

Georgia Walton County. To any Judge Justice of the Superior Court Justice of the Peace or minister of the Gospel You are hereby authorized to Join Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Olley Phillips 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 for given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1827  
Job Smith Clerk of the Court

This is to certify that Isaac S. Middlebrooks & Olley Phillips was joined in the holy bands of matrimony this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1827  
Recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> July 1828 (W.A.R.V. & C.C.O. Loll Lolley de G)

**Marriage between Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Olley Phillips, 10 May 1827, Walton County, Georgia. (Walton County Marriages 1825-1832, Book B pg. 65. ancestry.com)**

In the **1821 Georgia Land Lottery**, Isaac S.. Middlebrooks received land in Henry County, Georgia.

29 January 1821 Isaac S. was a witness on the deed of James Bradley to Wiley George in Putnam County.

### **1830 Census Newton County**

Isaac S. Middlebrooks 1 male 30/40, 2 females under 5, 1 female 20/30

In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery** of Georgia Isaac S. received Lot # 0536, Dist 3, Sec 3 in Cobb County.

### **1850 Newton County Georgia Census,**

Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 53, Celly, 41, Martha, 20, Tabitha, 18, Permelia, 14, Sarah, 12, Abigail, 10

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### **Will of Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 24 August 1859, Newton County**

Item 2: Each daughter shall have a bed and bedstead in the same amount as listed in my day book.

Item 3: My daughters shall have the same amount of my property and negroes.

Item 4: I give to my grandson William Franklin Robertson, son of my daughter Martha Jane Robertson deceased \$500.00, when he reaches 21. (Real and personal property)

Item 5: The rest of my estate will be equally divided among my children.

Item 6: My sons-in law Rufus F Montgomery and Bluford T. Montgomery are appointed executors of my will.

Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 24 August 1859. Witnessed: John S. Stanton, William S. Montgomery and David F. Montgomery.<sup>20</sup> Isaac died between August 1859 and December of 1861.

On the 2 December 1861 the same witnesses appeared before the court swearing to the authenticity of Isaac's S. Middlebrooks will. Probate date 24 August 1859.<sup>20</sup> Letters of Testamentary granted 2 December 1861, Isaac's estate was granted to Rufus F. and Bluford T. Montgomery.<sup>21</sup>

#### **Newton County Deeds**

*S. J. Bryan et. al. to Isaac S. Middlebrooks 2 July 1825, A-560, Land lot 127, 250 acres, for \$600.00*

*Isaac Middlebrooks to Batt S. Stanton, recorded 4 September 1833. Isaac S. Middlebrooks sold to Batt Stanton 125 acres on Little River lying on the southeast half of land lot 127, for \$650.00, bounded on the northeast by Hill and southeast by Carter. Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks (Book*

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<sup>20</sup>. Newton County, GA Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 155-56. ancestry.com

<sup>21</sup>. Newton County, Letters Testamentary, 1856-1954, pg. 83. ancestry.com

## **David Middlebrooks**

David was the third child of John and Milley (Sutton) Middlebrooks. He was born in 1798 in Hancock County, Georgia and married his first cousin, **Mary Polly Middlebrooks** in 1817. She was the daughter of John's brother Isaac who lived in Morgan County, Georgia.

Polly Middlebrooks was the youngest daughter of **Isaac and Elizabeth (Perkins) Middlebrooks**. She was born in 1800, probably in Jackson County, Georgia. On 21 November 1817 Polly married her first cousin, David Middlebrooks, Morgan County. He was the son of John Middlebrooks, Isaac's brother.

In the **1820 GA Land Lottery** David Middlebrooks of Putnam County received 2 draws, one in Early Co and one in Habersham County.

In the **1820 Census** David and Polly Middlebrooks had 1 son and were living with his father, John 3.

**1830 Census Newton County** David Middlebrooks  
male under 5, 1 female 20/30, males 5/10, 1 male 30/40

**1840 Census Henry County, Georgia** David Middlebrooks  
2 males under 5, 1 female 30/40, 2 males 5/10, 1 male 15/20 1 male 40/50

**1850 Census Henry County, Georgia**  
David Middlebrooks 52, Polly (Mary) 50, N., 21, Job 20, Thomas 17, William 14

### **Georgia Property Tax Digest**

1852 David Middlebrooks, Bear Creek District, Henry County, 250 acres, eight slaves, district 6, lot 80.

1852 David Middlebrooks, Bear Creek District, Henry County, 250 acres, district 3, sec. 4, lot 181. John and Isaac Middlebrooks were also listed for tax year 1852. John, Isaac and Lewis were listed for the 1855 tax year.

All of David's family, but one brother, had moved to Newton County from Putnam County before 1822. Between 1830 and 1840 David and Polly Middlebrooks moved to Henry County. By 1860 David and Polly had moved to Spaulding County, Georgia. David Middlebrooks 63, Mary 59, William 24.

### **Newton County Deeds**

David and John Middlebrooks to Isaac S. Middlebrooks, on 7 January 1832 Isaac S. Middlebrooks purchases land lot 131, 125 acres from the estate of his father John Middlebrooks Sr. for \$200.00. Signed: David and John Middlebrooks Jr. Witnesses: Seth and C. A. Carter. (Book D-pg. 180)

David Middlebrooks to Christopher A. Carter, 20 December 1838, beginning on Little River, Coopers line, going south to Denny's Creek to corner of land lot 129, First District, to Stanton's corner land lot 128, to tension's and Carter's corner to Gunn's line etc. 163 acres, \$520.00, part in County of Newton and part in Morgan County. Signed: David Middlebrooks. (Book F-Pg. 349)



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### ***Children of David and Mary Polly Middlebrooks***

**Louis L.**, b. 4 January 1818, Newton County, Georgia, d. abt. 1908. Married **Elizabeth Colvin** 4 January 1842, Henry County, Georgia.

**James Wiley**, b. abt. 1824 Georgia, d. 5 November, Spaulding County, Georgia. Married **Elizabeth Anderson** 24 September 1840, Butts County, Georgia.

**Nathan**, b. abt. 1826, Georgia, d. 26 January 1917. Married **Elizabeth Middlebrooks** 27 July 1865, Spaulding County, Georgia.

**Dr. John**, b. 15 March 1833, Newton County, Georgia, d. 2 January 1864, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio. Married **Rhonda Jane Stewart**, 21 April 1859, Campbell County, Georgia.

**William**, b. 15 August 1835, Newton County, Georgia, d. 2 November 1824, Alabama. Married **Sina Ann Knight**, abt. 1865

**Isaac**, b. December 1843, Newton County, Georgia, d. abt. 1903. Married **Anna Middlebrooks** abt. 1895. (1900 U.S. Census)

### ***Abstract of Will of David Middlebrooks 19 December 1859, Probate 9 April 1861***

Wife: Mary S. Middlebrooks.

Children: James W., Lewis Nathan, John, Isaac and William Middlebrooks.

Trustee: Lewis for Isaac, Nathan and William Middlebrooks.

Each son to receive one sixth of his estate except that specifically left his wife and at her death one sixth of what she left.

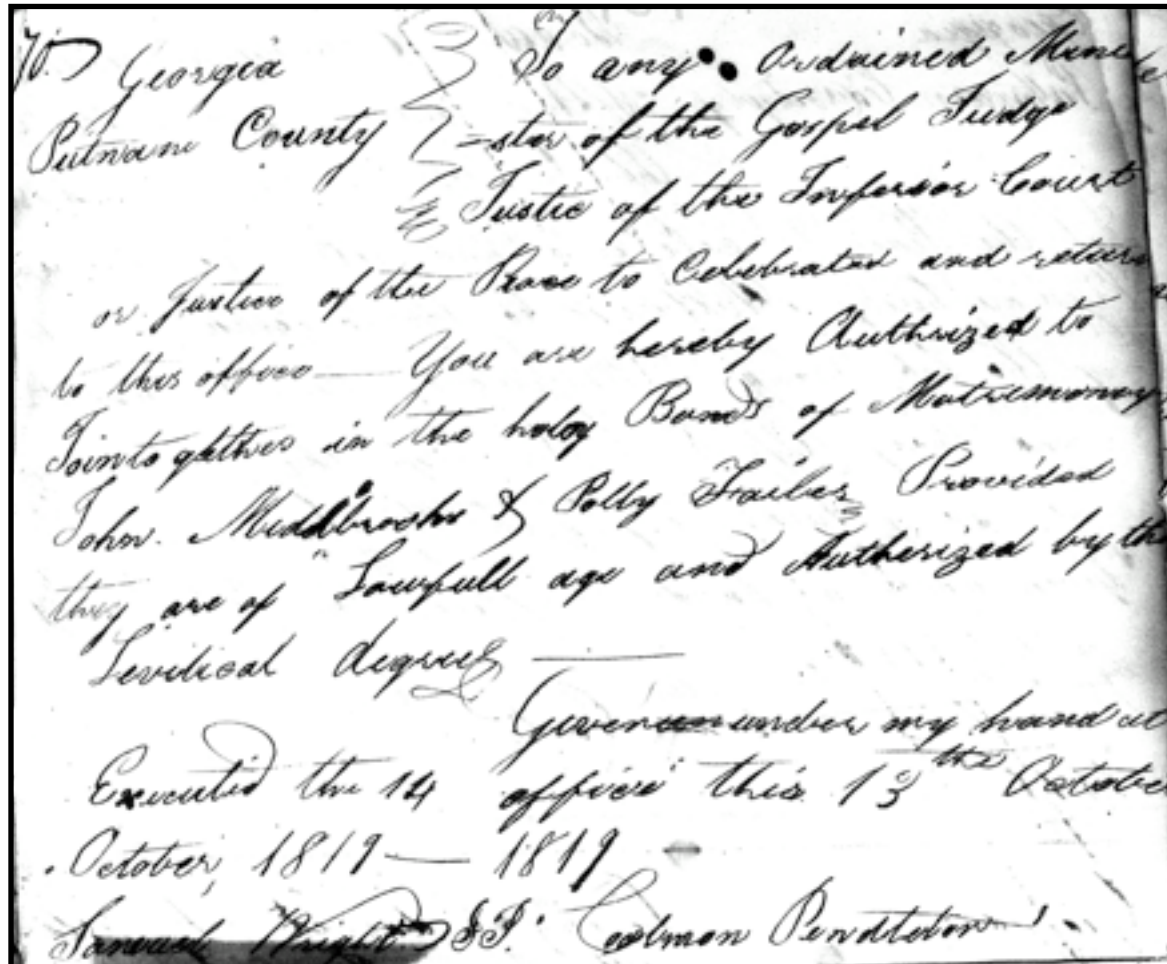
Executors: James W. and Lewis Middlebrooks.

Witnesses: John McDonald, Absolam Ogletree and Benjamin Ogletree.

Abstracts of Will Book A 1852-1880, Spalding County, Georgia, by Mary Griffin, Griffin Historical and Preservation Society, 1983, pg. 6, 7. [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org).

### John Middlebrooks Jr.

John was the youngest child of John and Milley Middlebrooks. He was born in 1800, Hancock County, Georgia and on 13 October 1819 he married **Polly Failes** in Putnam County, Georgia. In the 1820 Census they were living with his father, John Middlebrooks.



**Marriage between John Middlebrook Jr. and Polly Failes, 13 October 1819, Putnam County, Georgia. (Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950." Database with images. FamilySearch. <http://FamilySearch.org> pg. 70)**

**Georgia Property Tax Digests 1820:** John Middlebrooks, Putnam County, 132-1/2 acres  
Batt Stanton Putnam County, 70 acres, Isaac S. Middlebrooks Putnam County, 227-1/2 acres

**1830 Newton County Census,** John Middlebrooks Sr. 2 males under 5, 1 female under 5, 2 males 5/10, 1 female 5/10, 1 male 10/15, 1 female 20/30, 1 male 20/30

In the **1827 Land Lottery**, John Jr. received land in Muscogee County Georgia. In the **1832 Gold Lottery** he received Lot# 0613, Dist 01, Sec 4 in Paulding County, Georgia and Lot# 0945, Dist 03, Sec 4 in Floyd County Georgia.

#### **1827 Georgia Land Lottery**

Sec.	Dist.	Lot
2	2	254 Middlebrook, John Jr Newton County Dyers Muscogee County
2	2	231 Middlebrooks, John Jr Newton County Dyers Muscogee County

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### **Newton County Deeds**

*John Middlebrooks Sr. to John Middlebrook Jr. 7 January 1825, \$500.00, first district, property description given in chains and links on the waters of Little River. Signed John Middlebrooks his mark. (Book A-pg.560)*

*John Middlebrooks Jr. to Fanny Thompson 17 October 1827, on the waters of Little River, 106 acres, first district no land lot mentioned, \$400.00. Signed John Middlebrook Jr. Witnesses: David Middlebrooks, Thomas Henson and C. A. Carter J. P. (Book D-Pg. 599)*

*A John Middlebrooks received a public land patent in Butler County, Alabama on 2 September 1836 (NW/NW, Sec. 21 Twp 10N, R 15E, 40 acres). Butler and Wilcox county are adjoining counties and were created in 1819.*

*Source: Newton County Deeds: Index to deeds and mortgages, v. A-B 1821-1887 (familysearch.org)*

### **Children of John Jr. and Polly (Failes) Middlebrooks**

**Francis Caroline**, b. 1825, Georgia, d. abt. 4 October 1865, Enterprise, Clarke, Mississippi. Married **William Henry Compton** abt. 1846?

**Rufus Robert**, b. 2 March 1829, Georgia, d. 5 October 1872. Married **Julia Ann Pridgin**, 22 February Marengo County, Alabama.

**Jane**, ?

### **Death of John Middlebrooks Jr.**

The letter on the following page was written by Mrs. Jesse McDaniel, 19 August 1969. She contends that John Middlebrooks Jr. died 19 November 1844, Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama. The author says she has a 1845 court record that states a guardian was appointed for John's minor children. We could not find a guardian record for John and Polly's children. Polly Failes John's wife was thought to have died in 1849, Alabama. John or Polly could not be located on the 1840-1850 U.S. Census. Additional research is needed to prove these facts.

Mrs. Jesse W. McDaniel,  
806-3-46<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Temple, Texas. 76501.

Temple, Texas,  
August 9, 1969.

Middlebrook  
form  
8/14/69

Alabama Archives and History  
Montgomery,  
Ala.

Dear Sir:

In 1844 - Nov. 19 a John Middlebrooks died.  
He was born in Georgia either Putnam or  
Newton Cos. In 1845 his minor children had a  
guardian appointed for them in Wilcox Co Camden  
Alabama. I have a photocopy of the court  
proceedings.

John Middlebrooks was born in 1798 to  
John Middlebrooks Sr. and Milly Sutton  
Middlebrooks. He was married in Putnam Co  
Georgia Oct. 14, 1819 to Polly Foiles. In the 1830  
Census of Newton Co. he was living there with  
his family. We have not been able to locate  
him in 1840 census in either Georgia or Ala.

I have a copy of a land grant that was  
given to his father in 1827. He claimed it in  
Oct. 1 - 1844. The father died in 1830. He was  
a Revolutionary soldier.

I am enclosing check for \$1.00 for photo  
copy if you have where he died and his  
survivors. If not sufficient please advise.

Thank you for any help you may give to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jesse W. McDaniel  
806-3-46<sup>th</sup> St  
Temple, Texas. 76501.

**John Middlebrooks Jr. died 19 November 1844,  
Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama**

[https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/61266/41904\\_539878-00884/90030458](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/61266/41904_539878-00884/90030458)

***Pictures of the Penn E. and Maggie S. Middlebrooks Family,  
Newton County, Georgia  
Contributed by Debbie Autry***

***Descendants of John and Mary (Lyon) Middlebrooks***

John Middlebrooks  
b. 1755, Orange County, Virginia or North Carolina  
d. 1830, Newton County, Georgia  
& Mary Lyon  
m. 16 Jul 1781, Caswell County, NC

Zere Middlebrooks  
b. 4 Jul 1782, Caswell County, NC  
d. 16 Apr 1869, Newton County, Georgia  
& Sophia Weston Shell  
b. 31 Mar 1789, Mecklenburg County, VA  
d. 10 Apr 1877, Doraville, Dekalb County, Georgia  
m. abt 1808, Hancock County, GA

Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks  
b. 28 Feb 1835, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 3 July 1862, Newton County, Georgia  
& Penelope J. Walker  
b. 6 Jun 1841, Georgia  
d. 18 Nov 1922, Georgia  
m. 29 Sep 1857, Newton County, Georgia

Penn Elijah Middlebrooks  
b. 30 Mar 1860, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 15 Feb 1936, Newton County, Georgia  
& Maggie S. Hill  
b. 16 Jan 1858, Tallapoosa County, Alabama  
d. 12 Feb 1930, Newton County, Georgia  
m. 11 Apr 1888, Newton County, Georgia

James Albert Middlebrooks  
b. 9 Sep 1889, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 7 Jan 1971, Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia  
& Katie Lou Thomas  
b. 11 Aug 1890, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 5 Sep 1975, Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia  
m. abt 1913, Georgia

James Woodrow Middlebrooks  
b. 5 May 1914, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 10 Aug 1964, Fort Worth, Tarrant, Texas  
& Viola McDaniel  
b. 28 Jan 1919, Forsyth Monroe County, Georgia  
d. 19 Feb 1993, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia  
m. 18 July 1936, Monroe Co., Georgia

Peggy Joyce Middlebrooks  
b. 6 May 1940, Newton County, Georgia  
d. 4 Jul 2012, Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia  
& Autry

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***Penn is top row 3rd from left His wife Maggie is beside him. Penn's mother Penelope is holding the flowers. My great grandparents are second row from bottom 3rd and 4th from left. On the same row the person on the far right end is William Louden Middlebrooks my great grandfather's brother and father of Shirley Middlebrooks McKinney. The original was in Shirley's possession. She died in 2012. I have no idea what became of the actual photo. She identified the ones she knew.***



***Penn and Maggie Middlebrooks house. Granddaughter Shirley (Middlebrooks) Buchanan-McKinney sitting on the front porch***

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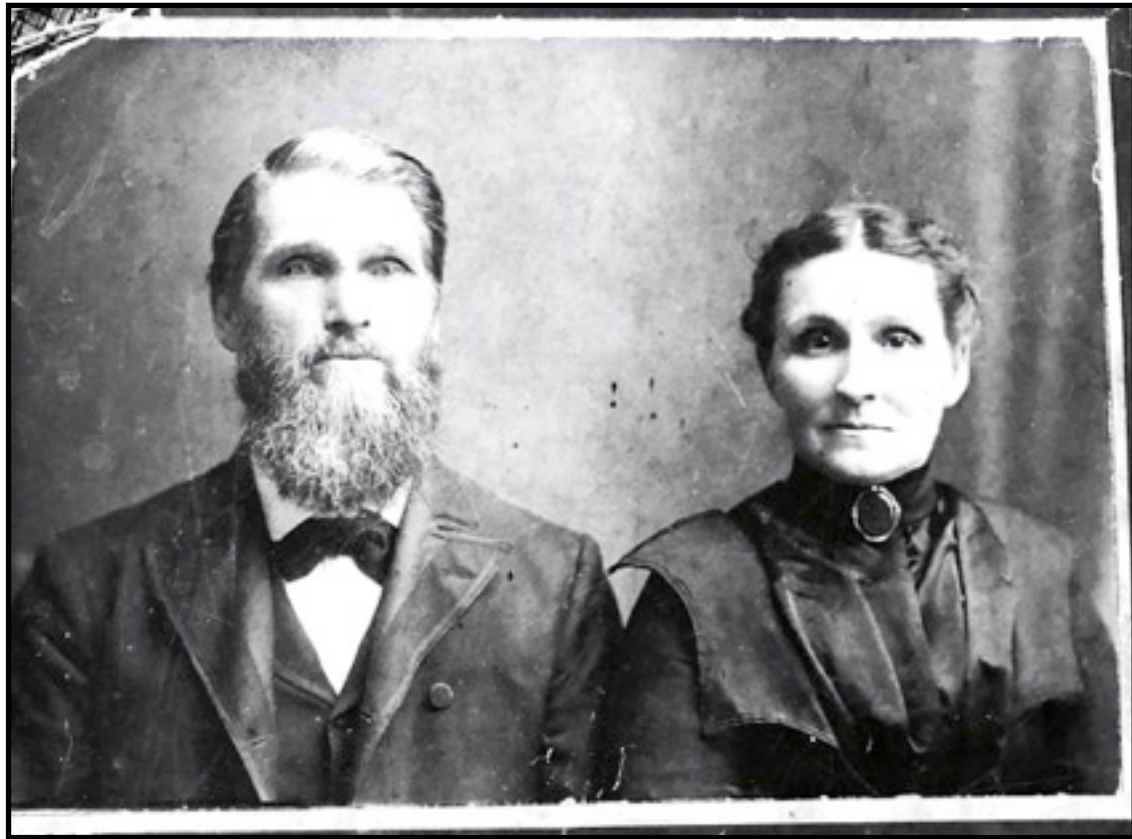
***Top Row: from left 2nd and 3rd person Penn and wife Maggie (Hill) Middlebrooks. Second Row: Lady with flowers wife of Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks, Penelope J. (Walker) Middlebrooks. Third Row from top: First two persons from left, James Albert and Katie Lou (Thomas) Middlebrooks***



***William Loudon Middlebrooks my great grandfather's brother and father of Shirley (Middlebrooks) Buchanan-McKinney.***

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*Penn Elijah and Maggie S. (Hill) Middlebrooks*



*Young Penn Elijah Middlebrooks*



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***Great grand parents James Albert Middlebrooks and Katie Lou (Thomas) Middlebrooks***



***Grandpa and Grannie Middlebrooks: my great grandparents Albert and Katie outside their home on Middlebrooks Hill, Oak Hill Road.***



***Peggy Middlebrooks Autry, me, and Grandpa (Albert my great grandfather) Easter 1963 Julia Porter Methodist Church Porterdale, GA.***

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***James Albert and Katie Lou (Thomas) Middlebrooks. Debbie Autry's great grandfather and mother. Old Liberty Church Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia.***



***James Woodrow Middlebrooks holding Debbie Autry and her sister. Jim died in 1964. He and my grandmother (Viola) were never divorced to my knowledge. He lived in Texas.***

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1888

State of Georgia, Newton County.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, or Justice of the Peace, to Celebrate:

You are hereby authorized to Join in the Honorable State of Matrimony.

Mr. Penn E. Middlebrooke and Miss Maggie S. Hill

according to the Rites of your Church, provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient license.

Given under my hand and seal, this 10 day of April 1888

E. F. Edwards (SEAL)

Ordinary.

I hereby Certify, That Penn E. Middlebrooke and Maggie S. Hill were joined together in the HOLY BANS OF MATRIMONY, on the 11 day of April 1888 by me.

G. C. Dunning  
Clerk N. C. G. South.

Marriage of Penn E. Middlebrook and Maggie S. Hill, 11 April 1888, Newton County, Georgia  
Newton County, GA Marriages, 1885-1894, ancestry.com

MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE OF GEORGIA, MONROE COUNTY

TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:

You are hereby authorized to join James Middlebrooke and Miss Viola McDaniel in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing this shall be your License. And you are hereby required to return this License to me, with your certificate hereon of the fact and date of the marriage.

Given under my hand and seal, this 18th day of July 1936

W.M. Clark Ordinary.

STATE OF GEORGIA, MONROE COUNTY. CERTIFICATE

I certify that James Middlebrooke and Miss Viola McDaniel were joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony by me, this 18th day of July 1936.

Recorded July 18th 1936 W.M. Clark ordy. & Judge C. of D.  
W.M. Clark

MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE OF GEORGIA, MONROE COUNTY

TO ANY JUDGE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL:

You are hereby authorized to join W. J. Rutland and Lucie May Bryan

Marriage license between James Woodrow Middlebrooks and Viola McDaniel, 18 July 1936, Monroe County, Georgia.

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### ***Debbie Autry E-Mails 1 March 2020***

I don't THINK it is correct I KNOW it is correct. (Location of Middlebrooks Cemetery Portedale)

I have actually seen the original will on file at the court house in Covington. And I have always known the land where the cemetery is located was family land because my great-grandfather James Albert Middlebrooks told my Daddy way back in the 1960s when they were driving down highway 61 one day. Grandpa Middlebrooks pointed out the cemetery to Daddy said "that is where all my people are buried, my Daddy and Mother and others." My Mama and her family always knew the land used to belong to the family but it had been sold over the years. Grandpa (my great-grandfather) would sell land to buy new farm equipment during and after the Depression. Some of the land was sold by my great great grandfather Penn Middlebrooks (1860-1936) The Middlebrooks farm was a working farm. Mr. Penn had tenants and collected rent...land was sold as the need would arise.

I loved looking at those maps.

Yes the cemetery is near a Bethany Road so the one from the 1864 map is the correct cemetery. My grandfather attended Livingston School, it is on that map. And the Middlebrooks farm was on Oak Hill Road. The other map, of Zere's land says Porterfield when it is Porterdale..although back in the 1800s it was known as Cedar Shoals.

The one where Thomas is buried is on private property, in a wooded area and there is no sign or marker indicating a cemetery or a cemetery name.

Here is a link to the cemetery and the story of the restoration:

<http://www.campjoewheeler.org/Graves/MiddlebrooksCemetery.html>

I have seen the Orphan deed where Penelope Middlebrooks asked for guardianship of her children. I remember seeing this in the courthouse in Covington way back in the 1980s. I did a little research and found that back in those days women had to petition the court for guardianship of their children after the death of their husbands. Crazy isn't it!

My great-great-grandfather was Pendergrass Elijah but in both the census of 1860 and in this document he is named Thomas Elijah. On the census of 1870 and all other censuses until he died in 1936 he is Pendergrass. He is also Pendergrass in his mother's will. Also in her will her other son V. E. Middlebrooks is listed.

I have never found anything where he officially changed his name from Thomas Elijah to Pendergrass Elijah but I imagine he started using Penn as a way to honor his father Zere Pendergrass because he was so young when his father died. Nor have I ever found anything about the birth of V. E. Middlebrooks. I just know that he lived in Texas, said he was born in 1865 and his father was Z. P. Middlebrooks who died in 1862!! can you say "HUH"!!?

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### ***Zere Middlebrooks death year 1867 or 1869? e-mail from Neal Middlebrook 5 April 2020***

Zere Middlebrooks spoken will was filed with the court on 16 April 1869. Yet his gravestone reads he died 17 April 1867. Therefore his will was filed two years after his death?

Very interesting, I wonder why the delay? The witnesses had a good memory or someone wrote it down at the time or they all agreed that was what he said. Sophia was still alive. Sophia received 10 acres that must have included the homesite where John lived when he died.

### ***Debbie Autry e-mail 5 April 2020***

Please just put that Zere died in 1869, I am 100 % convinced that the tombstone was placed there when Sophia died and whomever did it was going on what they remembered rather than having the will or death notice with them at the time

Also I think the stone was put on well after the fact. Probably at the time of his wife's death. If you see the stone in person you can tell it is 1869. The stone is so weathered and has cracks all in it. Somewhere I either have or have seen an announcement of his funeral. Which took place at Salem Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869

Zere Pendergrass died July 3, 1862