

MFA NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Middlebrooks Family Association

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Happy Fall to all the MFA Family. Hope this newsletter finds you happy, well, and safe. MFA had their first ZOOM Meeting September 24th. The event was definitely a learning experience for me and involved a few hiccups; however, the second meeting on the 26th went smoothly. I want to shout out a special thanks to Dave Clark for “zooming” with me in advance to share his expertise.

Collectively we had 26 members log-in with us -- seven folks who had not attended meetings in the past, allowing us to meet MFA members for the first time. We did discuss the MFA Website, the 2021 MFA meeting, and the potential use of ZOOM meetings by Team Leaders to better connect with their “lines.”

No virtual anything could ever replace our annual meeting; in fact, seeing everyone on screen just made me miss the meeting even more! Thanks to each and every one of you who logged in with us. It must be said: we are even more informative (and fun) at a real meeting!

President’s Message

Bob Middlebrooks

The Covid-19 Pandemic has proven to be a situation that was never expected, and it has taxed our country’s medical and economic resources to the max. Although 2020 has proven to be a tough year for planning purposes, we are moving ahead with optimism to have our 2021 Annual Middlebrooks Family Association meeting on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. This is a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Hampton Inn in Covington, Georgia. 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. This is a premier facility, and the staff is promising to help us have a great meeting. The Hampton Inn is close to the downtown area and nearby locations of interest.

While our agenda is not yet firm, it will include several guest speakers and at least one field trip. For the first time, Ri McGlamery will share her success in refining and expanding the Middlebrooks Military History Project. We appreciate Ri picking up this project when Kerry became ill and could no longer keep it up. We look forward to her presentation.

We will share more about our agenda as we near the time of our meeting. Dale’s Zoom Meeting and her newsletters serve to keep our membership in touch. Dave Clark’s work as the web master keeps our MFA site ever improving and worthy of exploration for those of you who have not roamed around to see what all it offers.

Meanwhile, stay safe, stay healthy, and make wise decisions as we come out of this challenging situation.

With Sincere Sympathy:

Gayle Englebert Meise, 95, of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2020. He was born on August 16, 1925 to the late John and Magdalene Walsh Meise in Sauk City, Wisconsin. Gayle served his country as a Marine and in the Army Air Force Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Faye Middlebrooks Meise, of the home; two sons, Jerry Meise and Wendell Meise; two step-sons, Don Neldon and Martin Neldon; sisters Patricia Kimball, Romona Bahr, Marion Yelk, Judy Waichman, and Alice Hawley; eight grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

**Aunt Lucy Faye is currently living with her son, Don Neldon, and his wife, Miranda, due to a fall resulting in a broken hip. She is recuperating nicely. Her current address is Lucy Faye Meise, % Don Neldon, 6880 HWY 141 South, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401.



Brent Bragg is our new Team Leader for John Middlebrook (born 1754). Brent's email is bbragg6920@aol.com. His email is also listed on the final page of the newsletter. By the way, the final page of the newsletter gives you all a wealth of contact information. Should you try to contact someone in particular and get no response, please let me know. After checking the contact information for accuracy (I have been known to mistype), I will do my best to push your request forward. My email is dalekidwell07@gmail.com. My mailing address is P.O. Box 451, McCrory, Arkansas 72101. Moreover, I do answer phone calls and messages! 870-731-4226.

A big thanks to Brent for taking on this responsibility.



Congratulations to Willene and Jimmy Middlebrooks on their marriage September 26th! By the way, they have a goat farm about 45 miles from Covington, Georgia that we might get to visit.

Stephen Hawking said, "We are all now connected by the internet, like neurons in a giant brain." Let's take advantage of the opportunities of our MFA Website, our MFA Facebook page, emails, texts, and messenger to stay connected till we meet again in Covington, Georgia – September 23-25, 2021.



The 2021 MFA Meeting is planned for Covington, Georgia on September 23-25. Covington is in Newton County. During our Zoom meeting, Wanda Middlebrooks and Angelia Middlebrooks gave us information about Covington. Thanks to both of you ladies! Perhaps the following information (taken from an article by Neal Middlebrook) will spark your interest in some of the surrounding areas. The following mentions Hancock County (67 miles from Covington), Jackson County (50 miles from Covington), Greene County (44 miles from Covington), and Wilkes County (84 miles from Covington.) These counties are marked with two blue dots.

Isaac (born 1753) and Elisabeth Perkins Middlebrooks are reported to have left Caswell County, North Carolina around 1787-88 and moved to Abbeville, South Carolina. Later they moved to *Jackson County*, Georgia where Isaac sold the remainder of his land (382 acres and 20.5 acres) on October 8, 1796 to Abram Perkins Jr. and Charles Dison, respectively.

John (1755) and Millie Sutton Middlebrooks moved to *Hancock County*, Georgia by 1794. It appears that John still owned land in Caswell County as late as December of 1801, when he was mentioned as an adjacent landowner. This must have been his state grant of thirty acres originally adjacent to his mother's 640-acre tract.

Micajah Middlebrooks (born 1760) is believed to have left Caswell County, North Carolina before 1793 when he was reported on the Muster Roll of Riflemen for *Greene County*, Georgia in 1793.

Sims Middlebrooks (born 1762/64) had moved to *Wilkes County*, Georgia by 1794. There is a record for Sims in Caswell County, North Carolina stating that he was a witness to a deed between Richard Boggas and John Middlebrooks on September 17, 1788.

Thomas Middlebrooks (born 1763) arrived in *Hancock County*, Georgia around 1792/93 along with the rest of his brothers: John, Sims, Joseph, Micajah, and Robert. Caswell County, North Carolina 1786 census lists Thomas with his mother, Anne, and brothers Isaac and John.

Robert Middlebrooks (born 1766) is thought to have moved from Caswell County, North Carolina to *Hancock County*, Georgia as early as 1797. The first record of Robert in *Hancock County*, Georgia was in 1801. Robert is listed in the *Register* as a son of Isaac and Anne Middlebrooks.

Joseph Middlebrooks (born 1770) left Caswell County, North Carolina about 1794 and moved to *Hancock County*, Georgia. Joseph is the last son born to Isaac and Anne Middlebrooks.



MFA Annual Meeting – September 23-25, 2021 – Covington, Georgia
.... mentioned FOUR times in this newsletter so you can mark your calendar NOW.

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Ancestor Team Leaders

Isaac born 1753: Leonard Middlebrooks and Jean Shroyer

John b. 1754: Brent Bragg and Neal Middlebrook

John b. 1755: John David Middlebrooks and Leslie Shealy

Joseph b. 1610: Leonard Middlebrooks

Joseph b. 1773: Dave Clark

Micajah b. 1758: Mary Baker

Nathaniel b. 1764: Ella Tripp

Robert b. 1766: J.A. Middlebrooks

Sims b. 1762: Neal Middlebrooks

Thomas b. 1763: Joyce Arnold

England Middlebrooks: Ian Middlebrook and Neal Middlebrook

Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks and J. A. Middlebrooks

On-Going Projects

Cemetery: J.A. Middlebrooks and William Sterling

DAR-UDC: Jean Shroyer

DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark

Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks

MFA Newsletter: Dale Kidwell

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Military Register Update: Kerry Middlebrooks/Ri McGlamery

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