

MFA FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Middlebrooks Family Association

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Hello Middlebrook/s Family! Here we are in a brand-new year yet still hunkered down due to Covid-19. Personally, this “stay at home” time has afforded me the opportunity to do some organizing and prioritizing which leads to some cleaning out. I’ve come across a couple of books in my MFA stash: Water for Your Tree and Wilton Academy. In this newsletter, I will be giving you some snippets from both books. Should you be interested in having the actual book in your hands, please shoot me an email, text, or call -- and the book will be in the mail to you!

Water for Your Tree, by Gay Scarbrough, is a guide for beginning family research. One interesting “droplet” is the following:

“The calendar, as we know it today, has not been in existence for too many generations. The Gregorian calendar was adopted by most of the Catholic countries in 1582, but not by England or the American Colonies until 1752. Russia began using it in 1928, and Greece in 1923. When the calendar was accepted in America, everyone born before September 2, 1752 became eleven days older than they actually were. To add to the confusion, in colonial times, March 25 was the first day of the year. Someone born in February would lay claim to the previous year.

The foregoing information was published in the “Graves Family Newsletter”, edited by Kenneth Vance Graves, of Wrentham, Massachusetts. I (G. Scarbrough) do not have the identity of the submitter, or the date of publication.”

**Dale’s notation: I admit that this information both intrigues and confuses me; however, there just might be a little something here that may spark a new direction for someone’s research.

Wilton Academy: Commemorative History of Wilton Academy, Wilton, Connecticut - Under the Preceptorship of Hawley Olmstead and of Edward Olmstead compiled by Mrs. Edward Olmstead. Waterbury, Connecticut. Published by The New England Press in 1912.

“An institution of education like the Wilton Academy, which exerted such widespread influence in molding and elevating the character of past and present generations, not only in the town of Wilton, but near to and far from its borders, should not be permitted to pass out of the knowledge of future generations! So, may these records compiled and put together from various sources within the reach of the writer, serve to perpetuate the memoir of this Academy, and in a measure render a fitting retrospect of tribute and to its educational advantages, bringing loving memories of honored teachers and their many scholars.”

Middlebrook/s Scholars in Wilton Academy:

- 1819 Samuel Middlebrook
- 1832 Mary H. Middlebrook (Mrs. William Harris)
- 1834 Charles O.H. Middlebrook
- 1834 Samuel Middlebrook
- 1836 Mary Middlebrook (Mrs. Flower)
- 1837 Susan Middlebrook (Mrs. S. L. Comstock)
- 1837 Clarissa Middlebrook (Mrs. E. G. Betts)

1855 Gertrude Middlebrook (Mrs. Turner)
1855 V. S. Middlebrook (Mrs. Wilkinson)
1856 Helen Middlebrook
1856 Elizabeth Middlebrook (Mrs. Barbour)
1855 Frank S. Middlebrook
1867 Chauncey Middlebrook (of Brooklyn, NY)
1875 Flora Middlebrook (of Brooklyn, NY)
1873 Sarah S. Middlebrook (Mrs. Thayer)
1880 Jas. L. Middlebrook
1872 F. L. Middlebrook (Columbia Law School)
1877 Jos. W. Middlebrook (Yale, 1887)
1892 Clarence Middlebrook
1897 Cora Middlebrook (Mrs. Mills)

**Dale's notation: Warning! This one may keep you on the internet for a while because there is some remarkably interesting history about the town of Wilton, Connecticut.

President's Message

Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

We live in different states and different counties with different rules for the COVID-19 virus. This means we deal with the virus in different ways in order to stay safe. One thing we still have in common is our membership in the MFA and a desire to meet in September for our annual gathering. There are no guarantees but there is reason to believe that there will be sufficient vaccine inoculations to allow it.

It is important to keep our annual meetings going and make up for the 2020 miss. Continuity is the key to the Middlebrooks Family Association's organizational health. Things still go on behind the scenes. We welcome new members who join, Dale prepares the newsletter and Lanell stays on top of the treasury. Dave Clark keeps the website humming and Neal and Leonard along with Dave help search for new opportunities to connect the gaps in our genealogy paper trails using DNA.

We would like for our Team Leaders to contact those on their team, stay in touch and invite them to submit information that Dale can use in the newsletters. And it is not too early to encourage them to plan on attending the September meeting in Covington, Georgia. And please encourage them to catch up their membership dues.

Meanwhile let us all join in positive thoughts about overcoming the virus pandemic and having a great September meeting.

With Sincere Sympathy:

Collette Ogerly Middlebrooks

Mary Collette Ogerly was born in Lamb County, Texas on August 12, 1962 and died December 9, 2020 in Carrollton, Texas as a result of multiple medical problems.

Collette was the daughter of Roy Rufus Jr. Ogerly and Marie Ruth (Allison) Ogerly. Collette graduated from Littlefield High School in 1980. She married Brett Allen Middlebrooks on November 26, 1981. For many years Brett and Collette have made their home in Irving, Texas after moving from Littlefield.

Brett and Collette have two sons, Dale Allen Middlebrooks (m. Liliana Resendez Middlebrooks), and Jett Lynn Middlebrooks (m. Daniela Sanchez Middlebrooks) both of Irving, Texas.

Collette worked for RGIS Inventory and PICS Inventory in Dallas, Texas. She had two grandchildren by Dale and Lili, Lucas, and Vivian Middlebrooks.

Collette is survived by her husband, both sons, her grandchildren, and mother-in-law, Sue Middlebrooks of Dallas Texas, and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dana and Bob Samuelson of Dallas, a nephew, Shawn Ogletree of Visalia, California, a great niece, Abigail Ogletree, also of Visalia, California, and a step nephew, Sammy Samuelson of Dallas.

Collette is also survived by a brother, Larry Ogerly, and a sister, Vanessa Ogerly, both of Littlefield, Texas and six uncles: Kenneth, Ralph, Wendell, Jerry, Terry, and Darrell Ogerly.

**When this information was submitted by Dana Samuelson, services were pending in Littlefield, Texas with arrangements being handled by Hammons Funeral Home. Dana's email is roxysam8@gmail.com should any of you need contact information.



Middlebrooks Family Association is proud to have over 300 subscribers ! However, MFA currently has only 15 members who have paid their yearly dues. \$25 for a single membership and \$30 for a family membership supports our association. Refer to the MFA website for more information.



Let's have another ZOOM meeting! We can socialize, catch-up, even address any MFA concerns and questions.

Topic: MFA ZOOMS Time: Mar 16, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73941884633?pwd=eHN6b0RZM0V3bHVIR2NhSExFZkE0QT09>

Meeting ID: 739 4188 4633 Passcode: 0qvQMT

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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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