

MFA MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

The Middlebrooks Family Association
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We certainly hope you are all doing well, are happy and safe, and ready to resume life as we knew it before the pandemic! First things first: please address the following:

2021 MFA Annual Meeting
September 23, 24, and 25
Covington, Georgia

We are hopeful, yet still have concerns. You can help make the final decision. If you are committed to attending the 2021 meeting, please email/call/text me with your decision. The consensus among doctors and scientists is that we should reach some level of normality by the end of 2021. Until then there remains the recommendation of masks inside, additional sanitizing, social distancing, and the vaccine. Of course, MFA cannot require any of these measures; however, some attendees might be more comfortable having the suggested guidelines in place and followed.

We need a commitment of thirty people. Please let us know what you think preferably within fifteen days (or so) of receiving the May 2021 MFA Newsletter. Please contact via email dalekidwell07@gmail.com or call/text 870-731-4226. A registration form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Let's take a little stroll down memory lane. The following is an article written in the Danville, Virginia newspaper after the Annual MFA Meeting.

Tracing Their Roots by Lauren Chestnut
Danville Register & Bee, Danville, Virginia
August 3, 2005

On a drizzly, dreamy Friday morning last week, descendants of an 18th century Caswell County Family walked the group of numerous rural sites where Isaac and Anne Middlebrook and their neighbors worked, raised families, and worshipped more than 200 years ago. The journey was part of a three-day annual genealogical association meeting of 28 Middlebrook family members in Danville, Virginia.

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Meeting attendees Betty Middlebrooks Holland and Jean Middlebrooks Shroyer share a love of history. Shroyer is a volunteer with the genealogy collection at the Texas State Library in Austin. Holland volunteers with the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, N.C.

“It’s great way to find your heritage, where you stem from...and how far back you can travel in time,” Shroyer said.

For Dale Lane of McCrory, Arkansas, the trip was a chance to bring her mother and two aunts to visit their “baby brother” Doug Middlebrook, and his wife, Brenda, in Conover, N.C. before they piled into minivans for the drive to Danville and Caswell County.

For Bob Middlebrooks, of Kitty Hawk, N.C., who said he made the trip out of “an absolute fascination with chasing the lineage,” it was a chance to solve a mystery.

“My father’s brothers --- I hardly knew anything about them,” Bob said. “On arrival, the first people we ran into were by father’s brother’s offspring. They had all the information I needed. That’s the kind of thing you get out of it. That’s almost like Christmas.”



From left, Charles Middlebrooks, Middlebrooks Association president Neal Middlebrooks, vice president Dianne Middlebrooks, Joyce Arnold and Leonard Middlebrooks enjoy looking at old rifles and pistols Friday at the Richmond Miles Museum at Court Square in Yanceyville, N.C.



photos by Julian Henderson/
Register & Bee
Middlebrooks Association members gather Friday outside the Richmond Miles Museum at Court Square in Yanceyville, N.C.

Thank you, Leonard Middlebrook, for the CD you gave us after that meeting. Great job! The CD had other information gathered from the local courthouse – which I will be glad to share with you all. dalekidwell107@gmail.com

With Sincere Sympathy

Dalton Middlebrooks of Kalamazoo, Michigan passed away on the evening of April 8th, 2021 at Bronson Methodist Hospital with his family at his side. Dalton was born January 5, 1930 in Tupelo, Arkansas to the late Earl and Agnes (Morgan) Middlebrooks. In his early 20s, Dalton moved to Flint, Michigan to work at General Motors. While living in Flint, he met the love of his life, Grace. Dalton and Grace married on July 19th, 1959. They moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan where Dalton worked at Rex Papermill, Burroughs, then Kalamazoo Public Schools as a bus mechanic. Both Dalton and his wife, Grace, retired from the Kalamazoo Public Schools and later moved north to Lake City, Michigan.

Dalton was an avid outdoorsman; fishing was his favorite past time. Every summer, he, along with some of his family, would return to Arkansas to fish on the Cache River near Tupelo. Dalton would entertain all with stories of his youth while catching some of the biggest catfish ever pulled from their hiding places around the cypress knees of the Cache.

Dalton and his wife, Grace, had six children: Donald Hose, Lois Hose, Jeffery Hose, Susan Embler, Patty Middlebrooks, and Lori Huff, along with many grand and great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Dalton was preceded in death by his wife, Grace; his daughter, Patty Middlebrooks; his siblings, Willie Middlebrooks, Letha Davis, George Middlebrooks, and Bill Middlebrooks; his grandson, Michael Ringle, and his son-in-law Charles Huff. Roy Middlebrooks of Kalamazoo is Dalton's surviving sibling.

Dalton was laid to rest aside his late wife, Grace, at Mt. Ever-Rest on Drake Road in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dale's note****Dalton was a direct descendant of Nathaniel Middlebrook (b. 1764) via Earl, William, Archibald, and Nathaniel. He was Mom's (Kathleen Hunter) first cousin. When he would come to Arkansas to fish the Cache River, he would tell of the care given to him, his siblings, and his mother after his father, Earl, died in an automobile accident. Both he and his brother, Alfred George, told stories of their family surviving thanks to the love and care of his brother, Sam Middlebrooks, and Sam's wife, Flossie (Mom's parents).

I am aware that this pandemic has been hard on all of us; however, I believe our ancestors saw much, much worse --- and survived largely due to the love and bond of family. Let's continue to do just that.

***DUES!!!! Let's all get those MFA Annual Dues paid.
\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

This special edition of the MFA Newsletter solicits a reply from our membership so we can decide if we will have a September meeting or let another year go by without one. Please reply as requested.

Now I would like to spend a little time talking about WHY you should attend. The MFA is unique. It was formed with a goal of *Preserving Our Family Heritage for Future Generations*. The Association was founded in 2001 to bring together family members interested in preserving our family history for future generations. Our main purpose is to locate, preserve and share the history of our ancestors. Our annual meeting serves to support this effort and provides an opportunity to revise friendships, make new friends, and share memories. Please look at our September meeting as your chance to participate and make a difference. We will have guest speakers, provide informative information, and socialize like we have not been able to do over these past long months.

This past year has been a challenge for all of us so now it is time for us to climb out of the hole we were in and meet in September.

We will adhere to the CDC guidelines whether it be hugging or wearing masks.

Good news regarding the hotel chosen for our 2021 MFA Annual Meeting....

Many hotels, including Hampton Inn, are diligent in delivering Clean Promise, a new, science-led protocol that will give guests greater confidence and hotel teams the protection they need through:

- Reduced contact at check-in, touchless transactions, front-desk screens, sanitizer stations, sanitized key cards, paperless checkout.
- Visible verification of sanitized items in guest rooms such as glassware or remote control, reduction of in-room furnishings/high-touch items, new laundry protocols, and use of new technology.
- Additional deep cleaning of high-touch surfaces, social distancing, "last cleaned" charts, best practices for pools, fitness centers, and lounges.
- New standards and service approach to food and beverage including buffets, banquets, room service, and catering.

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Ancestor Team Leaders

Isaac born 1753: Leonard Middlebrooks

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: (vacant)

DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark

Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks

MFA Newsletter: Dale Kidwell

MFA Website: Dave Clark and Leonard Middlebrooks

Military Register Update: Ri McGlamery

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Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc. (MFA) was found in 2001 for the purpose of assembling and preserving genealogical and historical material for our future Middlebrook/e/s generations.

MFA Web Site: <http://middlebrooksfamily.org/>

The *MFA Newsletter* (currently MFA's only publication) is published and sent to all present and former members and is available to the general public each February, May, August, and November. You may request to be removed from this list by contacting Dale Kidwell at dalekidwell07@gmail.com

MIDDLEBROOKS FAMILY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25 2021

Our meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, 14460 Lockridge Blvd., Covington GA 30014.

King bed or two queen beds will be available.

Remember to mention Middlebrooks Family Association to get the discount price.

PHONE: 678-212-2500

Name: _____ Guest/Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Circle you ancestor: Isaac 1753, John 1754, John 1755, Joseph 1610, Joseph 1773, Micajah 1758

Nathaniel 1764, Robert 1766, Sims 1762, Thomas 1763, Unknown

Circle days attending Thursday Friday Saturday

Registration Fee: \$20 for paid members and spouse/guest

\$25 for non-paid members and spouse/guest

Please make checks payable to Middlebrooks Family Association, Inc., and mail to

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You may also pay via PayPal.