

**MFA November 2021 Newsletter**  
**The Middlebrooks Family Association**  
**274 Wilder Drive, Forsyth, Georgia 31029**

Happy Fall Middlebrook Family! Hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, safe, and ready for winter, holidays, a new year, and our long awaited 2020/2021/2022 Middlebrook Family Association Annual Meeting in Covington, Georgia! May 5, 6, and 7 at the Hampton Inn in Covington, Georgia. Please refer to our website for details.

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We had a small but powerful group ZOOM meeting in September. We met a new member, Norma Stary, who just happens to be well versed on the female DNA research information. We got so into the 45-minute meeting that ZOOM literally shut us down mid-sentence.

Joan Miller's husband let us know that Joan is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Of course, we rushed Joan to be our new DAR project representative left vacant by the passing of Jean Shroyer. Keep reading this newsletter for a bit of information regarding DAR/UDC.

Let's have another ZOOM meeting in December! As I always say, virtual will never replace people side-by-side in a meeting room and around a restaurant table; however, such a meeting does keep us a bit more connected. I suggest we have a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 P.M. The link is provided below, on our Facebook page, and on the MFA website. If you would like a direct link for the ZOOM meeting, please send me an email and I would be glad to email it to you. Please be patient at the beginning of the meeting. I still have a little trouble navigating all the little things to be done right before and during the meeting. Would someone like to hop onboard this tech train and help me out?? Just let me know.

ZOOM MEETING..... Topic: Middlebrook Family Association Meeting  
Time: Dec 14, 2021, 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8116664525?pwd=L1JVMk5KWUZEVGt6RTRtK3B2K3gvdz09> Meeting ID: 811 666 4525 Passcode: X1b6JX

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Bob Middlebrooks**

It is now time for us to put things in perspective. To paraphrase the famous saying by Charles Dickens in his book *The Tale of Two Cities*, "It is the worst of times, it is the best of times."

The Covid virus created havoc in our lives for the past couple of years. Perhaps some of you lost family members like Ruth and I did due to the virus. In any event, almost every family in America was affected somehow by the pandemic. We are not totally over it yet, but we are getting there. We all need a break from the negativity that is so present in the daily news. Ruth and I have had our two basic vaccine shots and most recently the booster. We have had our flu shots, and the pneumonia and the shingles vaccine. We are doing our part to protect our family the best we can, and we hope you are doing that too.

Now for the best of times. Somethings are not within our control even though we do the best we can. Nevertheless, it is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives right now. It is time to climb out of our hiding holes that we have used to avoid the Covid virus. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Check on your elderly neighbors and help them when you can. We will be better for doing that.

Make plans now to attend our Middlebrooks Family Association meeting in May 2022. Time flies and life is fleeting. Join with the others in the MFA who give of themselves to keep our organization alive.

Look for Dale's plan to conduct a zoom meeting soon and plan on participating. For our team leaders I ask that you communicate with each member of your team to encourage them to join the zoom. And I ask that all of our team leaders and all our officers and project chairs join the zoom too. This is a wonderful way to maintain continuity within the MFA.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas.

## ***The Daughters of the American Revolution***

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890, during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. Women felt the desire to express their patriotic feelings and were frustrated by their exclusion from men's organizations formed to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent. As a result, a group of pioneering women in the nation's capital formed their own organization and the Daughters of the American Revolution has carried the torch of patriotism ever since.

The objectives laid forth in the first meeting of the DAR have remained the same in 125 years of active service to the nation. Those objectives are: **Historical** - to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; **Educational** - to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, thus developing an enlightened public opinion..."; and **Patriotic** - to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty. Since its founding in 1890, DAR has admitted more than 950,000 members.

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[dar.org/national-society/about-dar/dar-history](http://dar.org/national-society/about-dar/dar-history)

## **Nine Steps for Civil War Research**

The Civil War produced voluminous documents about more than 3.5 million men (and a few hundred women) who fought both for the Union and

the Confederacy. The following is an edited version of an article by David A. Fryxell.

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/military/a-house-divide>

1. **Look in the index** and confirm your ancestor was in the war. The Civil War Soldiers & Sailors (CWSS) [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)
2. **Go on record.** Get a copy of your ancestor's Compiled Military Service Record (CMRS). According to the NARA's Civil War records guide, CMRSs "were so carefully prepared that it is rarely necessary to consult the original muster rolls and other records from which they were made."
3. **Draw on pensions.** If your ancestor fought for the Union, it's likely that he, his widow or his minor children later applied for a pension. [archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/confederate/pension/html](http://archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/confederate/pension/html)
4. **Draft your ancestors.** Not all Union soldiers were volunteers. In 1863, Congress enacted the nation's first military draft. Draft records are at the NARA in record group 110, Records of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau. They include much genealogical data, even if your ancestor never actually served.
5. **Enlist the census.** The 1890 census included a special enumeration of Union veterans and widows. The 1910 census also asked whether a person was a survivor of the Union Army (UA) or Navy (UN), or the Confederate Army (CA) or Confederate Navy (CN).
6. **Join the club.** After the war, many Union veterans joined organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic. [loc.gov/rr/main/gar](http://loc.gov/rr/main/gar) Union officers formed the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. [suvcw.org/mollus.htm](http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm) Other hereditary organizations include the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War [www.duvcw.org](http://www.duvcw.org) and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War [suvcw.org](http://suvcw.org) Confederate veterans established the United Confederate Veterans in 1898. [www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/mil) Confederate hereditary groups include Sons of Confederate Veterans [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org) and United Daughters of the Confederacy [www.hqudc.org](http://www.hqudc.org)
7. **Visit the cemetery.** If you think your Civil War ancestor is buried in a government cemetery, start your search at the Department of

Veterans Affairs' National Gravesite Locator [gravelocator.cem.va.gov](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov)  
No single source lists all the 250,000 Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War. Two book series that may be helpful are *Confederate Burials* and *Deaths of Confederate Soldiers in Confederate Hospitals*. Also contact our own cemetery project leader, J.A. Middlebrooks ([jambks@yahoo.com](mailto:jambks@yahoo.com)) and/or William Sterling ([wgs10@embarqmail.com](mailto:wgs10@embarqmail.com))

8. **Follow the regiment.** For a quick regimental history, including major battles, just click on the CWSS site's Regiments link. It covers 4,000 Union and Confederate units, with links to soldiers' names and detailed battle histories. The ultimate information source for the Civil War events (note that it rarely names individual soldiers) is the War Department's 70-volume *The War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. A searchable version: [library5.library.cornell.edu/moa](http://library5.library.cornell.edu/moa)
9. Use visual aids. Nothing brings your ancestors' world alive like images. NARA (National Archives & Records Administration) offers a guide to Civil War images. [archives.gov/research/civil-war/photos](http://archives.gov/research/civil-war/photos)

Whatever you learn about your ancestor's part in the great drama of the Civil War -- Yankee or Rebel, hero or deserter -- finding how your family fits into this American epic will illuminate that time.

### ***Extending our sincere sympathy:***

Billy Gene Hunter of Manzanillo, Mexico passed from this earth on October 24, 2021. Bill was born in Tupelo, Arkansas on November 2, 1940 to Sterling and Reatha Bolden Runyon Hunter.

Bill served our country in the United States Navy and later had a successful career with Palmer Films of California directing and producing political ads.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Sterling and Reatha Hunter, his brother, Forrest R. Hunter, and his sisters Zyne Morgan and Mable Howard. He is survived by his wife, Sandi West Hunter.

\*\*\*note per Dale: Bill had the honor of being related to Kathleen Hunter on BOTH sides of her family. He was related to Kathleen on the Hunter side by

marriage and was related on the Middlebrook side because Reatha's mother, Betty, was Sam Middlebrook's (Kathleen's father) sister.



*It's Christmas card time!!! Add a bit of genealogy to your Christmas cards this year. Add a family story, a vintage family photo, and/or (my favorite suggestion) the URL of your family website, blog, or Facebook page!!*

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Facebook: Middlebrooks Family Association (MFA)

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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

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*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:* Joan Miller  
*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:* Kerry Middlebrooks/Ri McGlamery

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