

MFA May 2022 Newsletter
The Middlebrooks Family Association
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. BOB MIDDLEBROOKS

Choose anyone you wish and follow their life and you will find numerous twists and turns in the unfolding of their lives. Businesses and organizations are the same way. All must adapt to the challenges that they face. Some find disruption more frequent than others. We live with the knowledge that while some changes are voluntary like changing jobs, other changes are involuntary such as illness. Changes may have a minor impact such as buying a new car while some changes upend our lives as in the death of someone we dearly love. The Middlebrooks Family Association has experienced changes and our schedule has been modified due to the Covid virus. We will remain strong, and the future will be better. In the meantime, we need continued interest in gathering and sharing information about our ancestors.

There is an article in today's newsletter titled Brothers in War in 1896. Edward was my great grandfather and Eli was my 2nd great uncle. No matter what happens today or tomorrow our family history will not change. Only our understanding of our lineage may change.

For those of you who have not taken advantage of our Association Web Site, I encourage you to visit and explore. There is a wealth of information already researched and shared on this site.

My best wishes to all of you as we experience 2022 together.

Happy Mother's Day
A Genealogical Tribute

Genealogists love moms.... just not always those maiden names! Moms are very important but also can be very elusive.

Before going any further, let's take a moment to thank all the moms in our family trees. Your strength, courage, and determination make our family trees stronger than diamonds....and just as valuable.

So...talking about Moms.... how do you find them? Maiden names sometimes are the hardest names to track. We do get lucky and can find Marriage Records online. Depending on the family, the clues to the missing maiden names are in the middle names of the children.

Of course, maiden names are in cemetery records, census records (you never know when a mother or father-in-law might be living with the family), land records, will, and church records.

Remember, if you don't ask the right questions, you will never get the right answers!! Keep looking for those moms.... their maiden names are out there!

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Question!!!! Please help me out with changes in genealogy research. What do you do differently now than you did in 2001 when MFA was established?
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Getting Back to REAL Meetings

Weren't those ZOOM meeting the best?!?! No way! However, when it comes to meeting safety again in this era of Covid, not many want to be the canary in the coal mine. While sanitation equipment and some distancing guidelines may be with us indefinitely, much can be approached with flexibility. Seeking a "new normal" is certainly a "learning as we go" endeavor.

MFA was established in 2001. My first annual meeting was in 2005 in Danville, Virginia. Since then, and perhaps before then, there have been meetings every year until the pandemic of 2020. MFA will work toward our new normal with an Annual Meeting in 2023. Watch your email, text messages, and phone calls because we will be planning....and planning takes a village.

Brothers in War of 1836

Research by Diane Middlebrooks and Jean Shroyer

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Eli C. and Edward Middlebrooks were called up for service in the War of 1836. As more and more white settlers moved into the area, friction between the Creek Indians and the settlers flared up into war. Much of the military operation centered on Columbus (Muscogee County, Georgia), since it was right across the Chattahoochee River from the Creek Indian Reservation in Alabama.

Eli was mustered in by Captain H. Hutchinson as a Private in Colonel Virgil H. Walker's Company. His induction date was May 16, 1836, and his duty was to guard the Chattahoochee River in Harris County, Georgia. On May 15, 1836, Georgia's Governor Schley arrived in Columbus to muster the Georgia Militia into service. At this time in Georgia's history, she had a regular Militia, made up of all men between the ages of 15 and 60.

Eli's battalion was discharged after serving fifteen days; he was on guard duty for six of those days. All guards were to be paid and had to furnish their own rations. Eli was never paid.

On May 19, 1836, the Federal Army was ordered to suppress the Creek Indians so they could not join up with the Seminole Indians in the Florida swamps, and to begin the removal of the Creeks.

Twelve days after Eli was called up, his brother, Edward, was also called to join in the War of 1836. Edward served in the 67th Regiment, 2nd Division, 9th Brigade, Georgia Militia. Edward also was a guard on the Chattahoochee River in Harris County, Georgia. He served only two days – May 28-30, 1836.

Edward Middlebrooks (born 1813, died March 22, 1877), son of Isaac Middlebrooks and Elizabeth Thompson, married Martha Ann Davis on September 19, 1842 in Harris County, Georgia. Martha (born 1823, died 1893) is buried in the Middlebrooks Cemetery near Hopewell Community, Harris County, Georgia.

Eli C. Middlebrooks (born August 24, 1817, Harris County, Georgia, died October 4, 1875, Mooresville, Lee County, Mississippi), son of Isaac Middlebrooks and Elizabeth Thompson, married Martha Margaret Pound August 9, 1844, in Harris County, Georgia. Martha, daughter of Richard Pound and Cynthia Harkness, was born August 1, 1826, and died July 21, 1889, in Mooresville, Lee County, Mississippi. She is buried in the Boguefala Baptist Church Cemetery, Lee County, Mississippi.

.....There is a wealth of information accessible through our MFA Website:
<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/>

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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 Project

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

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.

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