

MFA August 2022 Newsletter
The Middlebrooks Family Association
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President's Message – Dr. Bob Middlebrooks

Have you thought about how decisions made by our ancestors brought us to this place and time in our lives? Have you ever thought about how life's trajectory is influenced by decisions made years ago?

Many years ago, my Middlebrooks ancestors decided to move within England and to emigrate to the United States. In the United States they decided to travel south, and our genealogy research tells us where they settled and moved and settled again. Along the way their location determined who they met and who they married.

Where they lived impacted on where their children went to school and how their family earned money to sustain themselves and where they went to church. Then when they moved the sequence began again. The children grew up and met their mates and married. As we narrow this remembrance closer in time we know more about the details of our own parents, and we can only conjecture about the lives of our more distant relatives. And now the decisions we make daily will impact on future generations who can look back and judge our decisions and write articles about us.

Within the MFA we do not dabble in politics, but we do share our love for our country. America was defended by our ancestors all the way back to the Revolutionary War. For our members who reside in other countries we hope you share our feeling of comradery. The Middlebrooks Family Association provides an organization that allows fellowship as we research our namesakes. You need search no further than our website to find information that must be read and reread to grasp the significance of the research that has already been gathered and shared. Our membership has grown to a great extent as the result of the research done by dedicated key members. It would be difficult to create an honor roll to include those who fall in that category. Nevertheless, it would be a huge oversight to not take time to recognize these unsung heroes who have made the MFA what it is today. This does not mean that there is nothing left to research. It just means that we need some new heroes to join in.

Success Story!!!! Terry Schultz had some questions relating to his property once owned by Middlebrooks. He discovered our MFA website and contacted our President. Bob passed the request on to me and I tapped into one of my favorite Texans, Joyce Arnold. Joyce provided a wealth of information for Terry about his Middlebrook Homestead!

Keep up with our MFA website AND our Facebook page. Folks are searching and we can help! And when we help, we find new MFA members!



Welcome to the first installment MFA Member Spotlight.

August Spotlight Member is..... Dave Clark

Dave hails from Cedar Park, Texas. He is the guy who engineers MFA's place in cyberspace. As a Web-Master, Dave created and maintains the MiddlebrookFamilyAssociation.org website.

Astronomy and observing the stars with his telescope as well as photography, genealogy research, and traveling are Dave's special interests along with his wife, Valerie. He does continue to work doing medical analytics for a regional healthcare system.

Dave is a descendant of Joseph 1770/73.

Thank you, Dave, for your contribution to the Middlebrooks Family Association.

WELCOME!!!

We have several new members/subscribers so far this year: Brent Bragg, Diann Kittok, Mark Middlebrook, Mike Middlebrook, Ben Middlebrooks, Rodney Middlebrooks, Susan Haynes, and Judith Mason.

Should any of you want to get in touch with any of our new folks, please shoot me an email and I will pass your request right along.

Members, Subscribers, Dues

MFA has over 400 subscribers and/or members. About 10% are actually paid members. Membership dues are \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families (living at the same address). Our membership year begins August 1 each year. Membership benefits include the newsletter and access to the website PLUS access to some project photographs and information. Most importantly, your dues will be helping preserve our family heritage for our children and future generations of family members.

Please note that our Secretary/Treasurer Lanell Middlebrooks (and J.A.) have moved to Arkansas! Their new address is 104 Birchwood Circle, Cabot, Arkansas 72023.

Legacy

I found this on my cousin's Facebook page.

"I've heard a lot about legacy lately. What I've witnessed is a man's legacy will only last two generations at best. His property will not look the same, his talents will not be known, the ability to tell his story by those who knew him will be gone when they are gone, his name may be on a plaque, a trophy or a street sign, but in reality, all traces will be gone.

What will last will be the character he poured into or planted in someone else. Things like commitment, kindness, fairness, generosity, forgiveness and other such virtues.

That next person that reflects on those things will be his legacy. "

Interesting, right? As genealogists, we (yes, we are all genealogists here at the Middlebrook Family Association) help ensure that our ancestors' stories are shared and that legacies last many generations. Every family has stories whose central characters might be heroes or villains. Regardless of what hat they wore, most ancestors are worth remembering and their stories worth sharing.

Annual Meeting 2023

Get excited! But, be patient, please. Many members are ready for an in-person meeting; however, we need to consider some modifications and adjustments to meetings that we have had in the past.

- *Continue to plan on Covington, Georgia as a location for MFA 2023.
- *Consider having a Two-day (Friday and Saturday) rather than a three-day event.
- *Consider the month of May rather than a fall month for meeting.

*****Last, but certainly not least.... did you know there is a "box" on the upper right side of the opening page of the MFA website entitled "search this site"? Simply put in a name, place, or event and you will be directed to pertinent information.
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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 founded 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/>

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