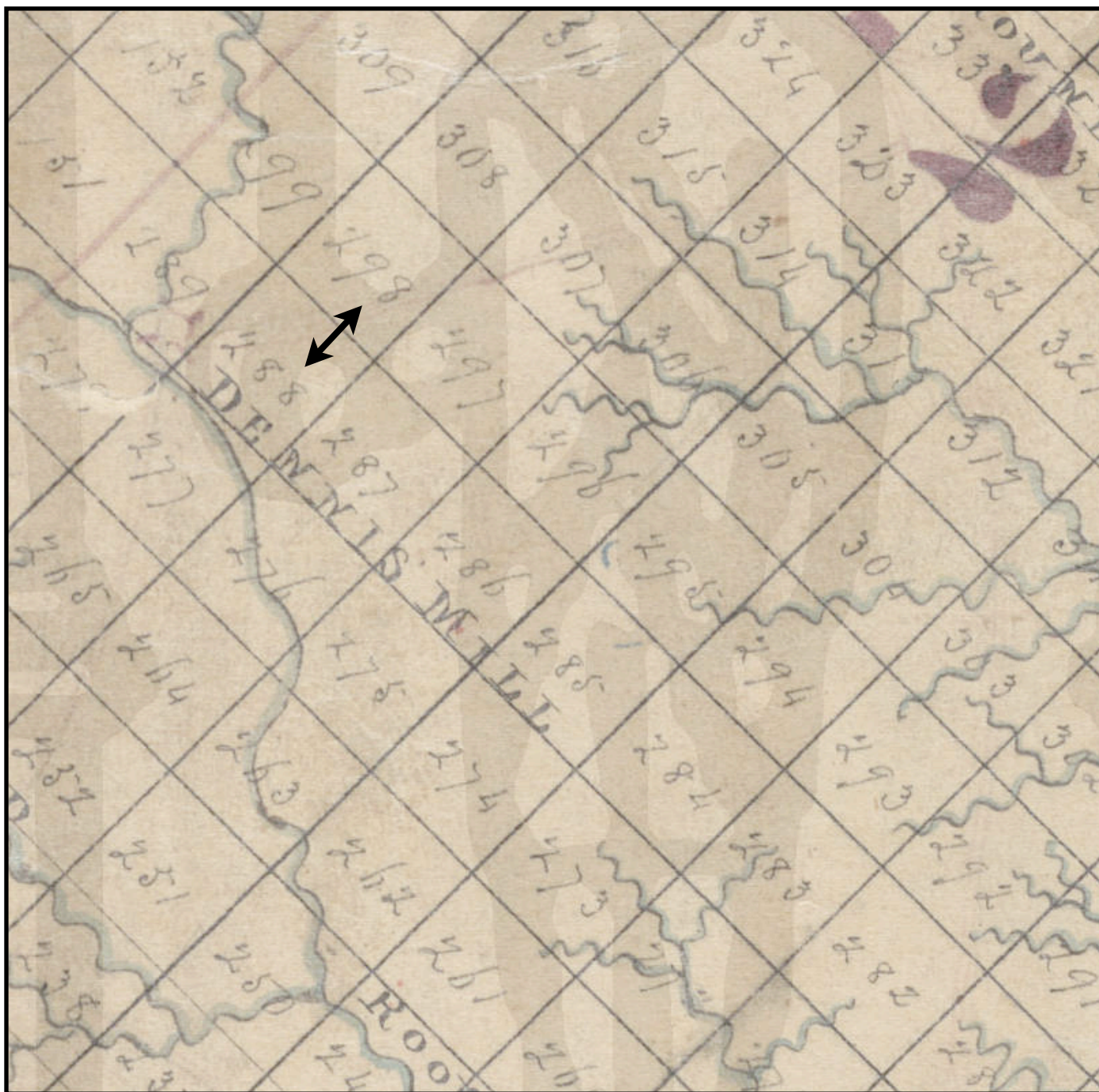


# ***The Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery***



***Location of John Middlebrooks (b. 1755), land lot 288 and son Zere Middlebrooks, land lot 298, in the second district, Putnam County. The farms were on the waters of Rooty Creek and near the Dennis Mill. 1869 Putnam County land lot map,***

## ***Introduction***

The following document on the Georgia Land Lottery was presented at an early Middlebrooks Family Association meeting, in Georgia. The document was prepared by **Neal Middlebrook** in collaboration with **Dianne Middlebrooks**.

The land lot information can be used as a census substitute (1805-1832) for the heads of families, determine the marital status and the movement of families to new counties.

When land lottery information is used in conjunction with census, tax records and conveyance documents, the residence and movement of our ancestors can be more precisely documented. By plotting land lot locations on conventional maps, in many cases you can determine the location of your ancestors homestead.

The 1805 Georgia LL is the only one of the six lotteries that also has a list of unfortunate drawers.

The Georgia Land Lottery Maps are accessible online through the Georgia State Archives at the link below:

**<https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/dmf>**

The example of the land lottery map on the previous page shows the utility of using these maps/plats to locate your ancestors property. We were able to locate John and son Zere Middlebrooks land in Putnam County, formed from Baldwin County in 1832.

Once you know the District and land lot you can use USGS Historical Topographic maps to more accurately determine the location.

**<https://ngmdb.usgs.gov/topoview/viewer/#4/40.01/-100.06>**

We hope others interested in our Middlebrooks family heritage will find the information useful in locating the land of your ancestors in Georgia. ***“Walk the land of your Ancestors.”***

## **Georgia Land Lotteries 1805 to 1832**

Six different lotteries – 1805, 1807, 1820, 1821, 1827 and 1832 (sometimes counted as 2 different lotteries)

All based on land lots in land districts

Varied sizes, 40 acres, 160 acres, 202.5 acres, 250 acres and 490 acres

Individuals were given 1 or 2 draws

Problems caused by the headright system and the two major land frauds made the legislature realize it must find a better system to distribute the public land remaining in Georgia as of 1805. The system they created was the Land Lottery system. It should be noted that the Public Land System was already developed and in use for territories under Federal Government control. Georgia elected not to use this system and instead created their own, the Land Lottery.

1805 to 1832 is known as the Land Lottery Period. Georgia had 6 different land lotteries to distribute public land to private ownership. The 1832 lottery is sometimes counted as two different lotteries as it was the result of two different legislative acts. For that reason some people identify 7 lotteries.

### **Military Service**

Thirty-five years after the Revolutionary War, Georgia's third land lottery of 1820 recognized these veterans in the distribution of lands. The two previous land lotteries, 1805 and 1807 did not acknowledge military service as one of the lottery qualifications.

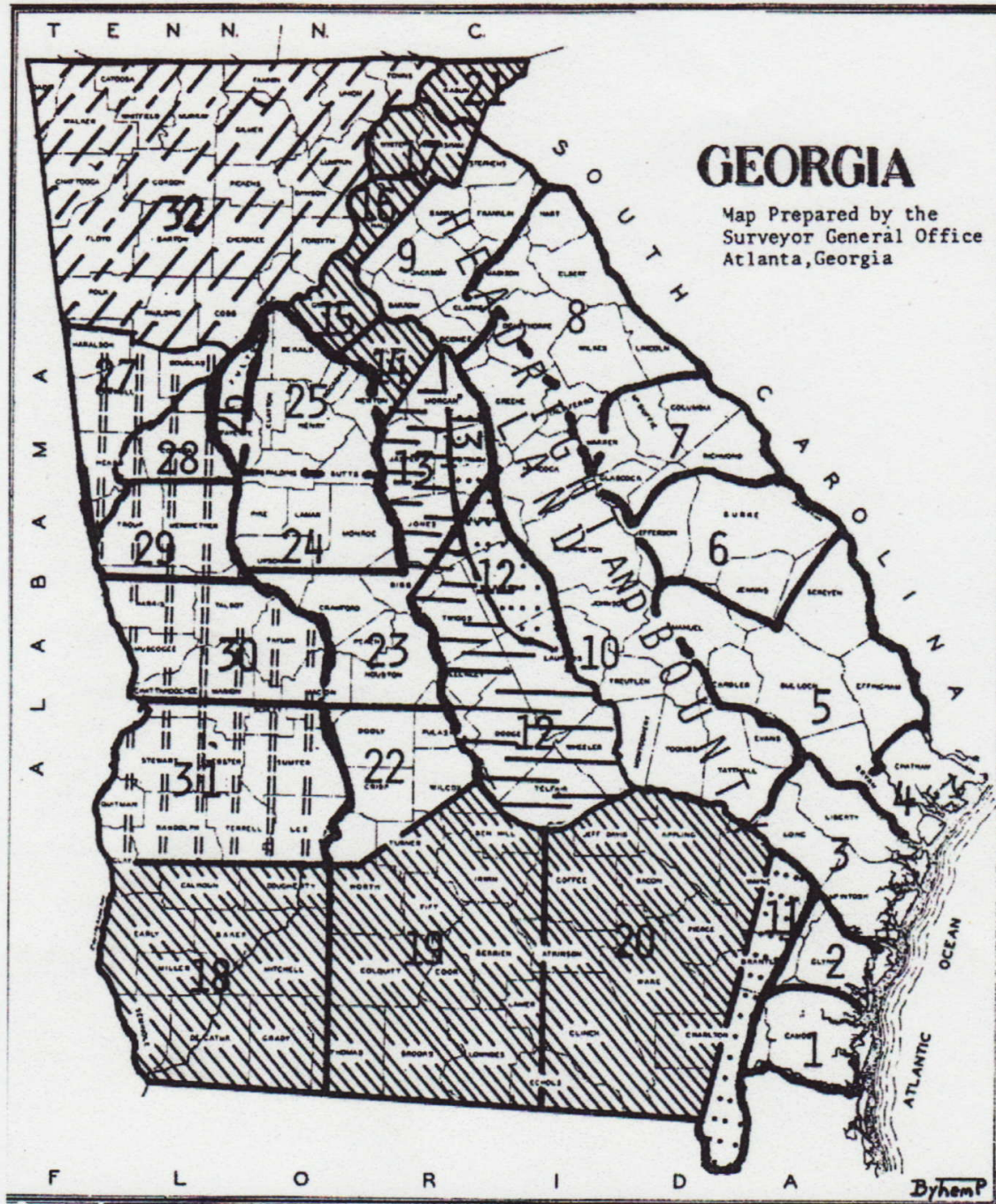
For the 1820 land lottery, a bachelor or married man that was an invalid or indigent veteran of the Revolutionary War was allowed two additional draws. The military service did not need to be in or under the State of Georgia. The veteran as part of the qualification process required an oath of military service and three-year state residency.

The 1827 Land Lottery removed the invalid and indigent requirement and opened the lottery up to all Revolutionary War veterans. Every veteran with three years residency in Georgia was allowed three draws if unmarried and four draws if married. The state of enlistment or military service was not a factor. An oath was required for military service.

Exactly the same preferences and qualifications that were given to Revolutionary War veterans in the 1827 Land Lottery were also included in the 1832 Land Lottery plus it was expanded to veterans of service in United States armies. However, a veteran was not allowed any additional draws if he had drawn two land lots (as a veteran) in the lotteries of 1820 and 1827 and was allowed only one additional draw if he had previously drawn one land lot. The oath of military service was required, as was three-year Georgia residency. A total of 2,069 veterans received land lots under the 1820, 1827 and 1832 Georgia Land Lotteries.

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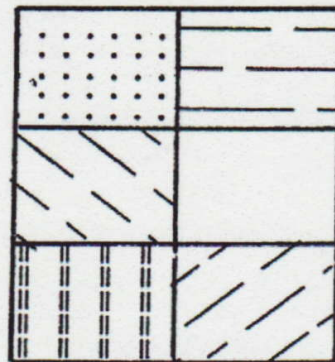
MAP SHOWING THE LAND AREA AND THE COUNTIES FORMED IN EACH OF THE SEVEN LAND LOTTERIES, AND THE HEAD-RIGHT-BOUNTY GRANT LANDS. See next page for more details.



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Land &  
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<b>Original 32 Georgia Counties formed through the Headright and Bounty Grants and Land Lotteries.</b>		
<b>Grant/Lottery</b>	<b>Counties Formed</b>	<b>Map Number</b>
<b>Headright and Bounty Grants</b>	Camden	1
	Glynn	2
	Liberty	3
	Chatham	4
	Effingham	5
	Burke	6
	Richmond	7
	Wilkes	8
	Franklin	9
	Washington	10
<b>1805 land Lottery</b>	Wayne	11
	Wilkenson	12
	Baldwin	13
<b>1807 Land Lottery</b>	Remainder of: Wilkenson	12
	Baldwin	13
<b>1820 Land lottery</b>	Walton	14
	Gwinett	15
	Hall	16
	Habersham	17
	Early	18
	Irwin	19
	Appling	20
	Rabun	21
<b>1821 Land Lottery</b>	Dooly	22
	Houston	23
	Monroe	24
	Henry	25
	Fayette	26
<b>1827 Land Lottery</b>	Carroll	27
	Coweta	28
	Troup	29
	Muscogee	30
	Lee	31
<b>1832 Land Lottery</b>	Cherokee was divided into: Cass (later Bartow), Cherokee, Cobb, Floyd, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Murray, Paulding and Union.	32

***Corresponds to map numbers on previous page***

## **1805 LAND LOTTERY**

- Covered 13 Land Districts (Baldwin, Wayne & Wilkinson Co.)
- 202.5 and 490 acre land lots
- Single men, over 21, Ga. Resident 1 yr. got one draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 1 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 1 yr. got 2 draws

The first was held in 1805 and was based on an Act passed in 1803. It covered 13 land districts in Baldwin, Wayne and Wilkinson counties. It was the first to divide land into regular geometric shapes. Baldwin and Wilkinson counties had 202.5 acre land lots while Wayne had 490 acre land lots. Males living in Georgia 1 year or longer received 1 chance if they were single and 2 chances if they were married. Widows with a minor child who had lived in the state 1 year or more also received 2 chances. Minor orphans received 1 chance. If the registered individual “drew” a land lot by chance, the grant was \$0.04 per acre.

<b>Counties, Number of Districts and Lot Size</b>		
County	Number of Land Lot Districts	Lot Size
Baldwin	5 Dist. (1 – 5)	202 ½ Acres
Wayne	3 Dist. (1-3)	490 Acres
Wilkinson	5 Dist. (1-5)	202 ½ Acres

<b>1805 Middlebrooks Fortunate and Unfortunate Draws</b>				
Name	Serial No.	Draw Positive/Blank	County of Residence	County of Draw/Land Lot No./District
Anderson	1142	B	Hancock	
John	1055	B, B	Hancock	
Joseph	885	B, B	Greene	
Micajah	1102	B, B	Hancock	
Robert	933	B, P	Hancock	Baldwin land lot 65, dist. 10
Sims	1035	B, P	Hancock	Baldwin land lot 66, dist. 10
Thomas	934	B, B	Hancock	
Zara (Zere?)	1056	B	Hancock	
Isaac	369	B, B	Clarke	

## 1807 LAND LOTTERY

- Covered 38 Land Districts
- 202.5 acre land lots
- Single men, over 21, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws

The second lottery was held in 1807. This one covered 38 land districts. The same eligibility rules applied except a 3 year residency was required and widows did not have to have a minor child. Winners in the first lottery were excluded from participating. The grant fee for the second lottery was \$0.06 per acre. The counties covered were Baldwin and Wilkinson. All lots in this lottery were 202.5 acres.

<b>Counties, Number of Districts and Lot Size</b>		
County	Number of Land Lot Districts	Lot Size
Baldwin	15 Dist. (6 – 20)	202 ½ Acres
Wilkinson	23 Dist. (6-28)	202 ½ Acres

<b>1807 Middlebrooks Fortunate Draws</b>				
Name	Military District	Land Lot/Dist. No.	County of Residence	County Drawn
John	Holt's	99/6	Hancock	Baldwin
John	Holt's	2/16	Hancock	Wilkinson

## 1820 LAND LOTTERY

- Covered 82 Land Districts
- 250 and 490 acre land lots
- Single men, over 18, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draws

1820 was the year of the third land lottery. It covered 82 land districts and contained land lots of either 250 acres or 490 acres. Counties included were Appling, Early, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Irwin, Rabun and Walton. Appling and Irwin contained the large land lots. Eligibility stayed the same as the second lottery expect the scope was expanded to include veterans of the Revolutionary War, the Indian War and the War of 1812. One catch, veterans had to be either invalid or indigent. The grant fee for the lots was a flat amount of \$18 whether the lot was 250 acres or 490 acres. Those drawing 490 acre lots got a bargain at \$0.037 per acre while those with 250 acre lots paid \$0.072 per acre.

**Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery**

<b>Counties, Number of Districts and Lot Size</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Land Lot Districts</b>	<b>Size of Lots, Acres</b>
Appling	13 Dist. (1-13)	490
Early	26 Dist. (1-23; 26-28)	250
Gwinnett	3 Dist. (5-7)	250
Habersham	10 Dist. (1-6; 10-13)	Dist. 1-4; 10-13 250, Dist. 5-6, 490
Hall	5 Dist., (8-12)	250
Irwin	16 Dist. ((1-16)	490
Rabun	5 Dist. (1-5)	Dist. 1; 3-5 490, Dist. 2, 250
Walton	4 Dist. (1-4)	250

<b>1820 Middlebrooks Fortunate Drawers</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Military Dist.</b>	<b>County of Land</b>	<b>Lot/Section</b>
David	Putnam	Robertson's	Early	146/2
Alford	Hancock	Coopers	Irwin	171/7
David	Putnam	Robertson's	Habersham	157/13
Isaac	Clarke	Starnes	Hall	43/11
Micajah	Hancock	Champions	Rabun	45/4
Silas T.	Jones	Shropshiers	Early	25/16
Wm S.	Jones	Seals	Early	376/18

**1821 LAND LOTTERY**

- Covered 69 Land Districts
- 202.5 acre land lots
- Single men, over 18,Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draws

One year later in 1821 the fourth land lottery took place and covered 69 land distirctcs. It unilaterally distributed 202.5 acre land lots for the grant fee of \$19 or \$0.094 per acre. Eligibility remained approximately as the 1820 lottery. Counties covered included Dooly, Fayette, Henry, Houston and Monroe.



**Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery**

<b>Counties, Number of Districts and Lot Size</b>		
County	Number of Land Lot Districts	Lot Size
Dooly	16 Dist. (1– 16)	202 ½ Acres
Fayette	4 Dist. (6, 7, 9, 14)	202 ½ Acres
Henry	18 Dist. (1-18)	202 ½ Acres
Houston	16 Dist. (1-16)	202 ½ Acres
Monroe	15 Dist. (1-15)	202 ½ Acres

<b>1821 Middlebrooks Fortunate Drawers</b>				
Name	County of Residence	Military Dist.	County of Land	Lot/Section
Isaac R.	Jones	Gresham	Dooly	102/9
Isaac	Morgan	Henderson	Houston	66/9
Isaac	Putnam	Mehone	Henry	265/9
Thomas	Jones	Pitts	Houston	18/11

**1827 LAND LOTTERY**

- Covered 94 Land Districts
- 202.5 acre land lots
- Single men, over 18,Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draws

In 1827 the fifth lottery was held. It covered 94 land districts and also granted land lots of 202.5 acres. The grant fee charged was \$18 or \$0.089 per acre. Eligibility was much like earlier lotteries except for categories added for male and female idiots, lunatics or insane over 10 years old. Counties included were Carroll, Coweta, Lee, Muscogee and Troup. Once again previous winners were excluded.

<b>Counties, Number of Districts and Lot Size</b>		
County	Number of Land Lot Districts	Lot Size
Carroll	16 Dist. (1– 16)	202 ½ Acres
Coweta	9 Dist. (1-9)	202 ½ Acres
Lee	13 Dist. (1-13)	202 ½ Acres
Muscogee	24 Dist. (1-24)	202 ½ Acres
Troup	12 Dist. (1-12)	202 ½ Acres

**Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery**

<b>1827 Middlebrooks Fortunate Drawers</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>Military Dist.</b>	<b>County of Land</b>	<b>Land Lot /District</b>
Thomas A.	Jones	Blounts	Muscogee	98/6
John	Newton	R. S. Dyers	Muscogee	179/2
Zere	Putnam	Kendrick's	Lee	264/22
James H.	Hancock	108th	Muscogee	50/22
John Jr.	Newton	Dyres	Muscogee	254/2
And. C.	Morgan	Jennings	Carroll	81/6
John Jr.	Newton	Dyers	Muscogee	231/20

### **1832 LAND LOTTERY**

- Covered 93 Land Districts – 33 Gold Dist.
- 160 and 40 acre land lots (gold lots 40 acres)
- Single men, over 18,Ga. Resident 3 yr. got one draw
- Married men with wife or children, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 2 draws
- Widows & minors, Ga. Resident 3 yr. got 1 draws

The final lottery was held in 1832 and covered 93 land districts, 33 of which were “gold districts”. It transferred lots of 40 acres known as gold lots or lots of 160 acres. The two acts creating the lotteries were enacted December 21, 1830 and December 24, 1831. Gold lots were due to discovery of gold in Dahlonega. The grant fee charged was for either size was \$18. For the two size lots offered that amounts to \$0.45 per acre for gold lots and \$0.1125 per acre for the other size lots. Eligibility for normal lots was the same as previous lotteries including idiots, lunatics and insane. Gold lot draws were limited to married or single men, widows and orphan families, all at least 3 year residents of Georgia.

<p><b>First Section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 dist. (1-5): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 5 dist. (6-10): 160 acre land</li> <li>• 5 dist. (11-15): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 4 dist. (16-19): 160 acre land</li> </ul>	<p><b>Third Section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 dist. (1-4): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 12 dist. (5-16): 160 acre land</li> <li>• 5 dist. (17-21): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 7 dist. (22-28): 160 acre land</li> </ul>
<p><b>Second Section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 dist. (1-3): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 11 dist. (4-14): 160 acre land</li> <li>• 5 dist. (15-19): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 1 dist. (20): 160 acre land</li> <li>• 1 dist. (21): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 6 dist. (22-27): 160 acre land</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fourth Section</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 dist. (1-3): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 12 dist. (4-15): 160 acre land</li> <li>• 2 dist. (16-17): 40 acre gold</li> <li>• 2 dist. (18-19): 160 acres land</li> </ul>

**Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery**

<b>1832 Middlebrooks Fortunate Drawers</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>County of Residence</b>	<b>County of Land</b>	<b>Land Lot/Dist./Sec.</b>
<b>Isaac b. 1753</b>			
John Jr. b. 1800 2 draws	Newton	Paulding Floyd	0613 (1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.) 0945 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
Edward b. 1820	Harris	Union	373 (11 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sec.)
John A. b. 1822	Harris	Paulding	51 (1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
<b>John b. 1755</b>			
Milly Sutton (wife) 3 draws	Newton	Murray Cass Cass	43 (8 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.), 03683 (4 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.) 79 (5 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
Zere b. 1782	Newton	Paulding	0413 (1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
Azariah b. 1811 Child of Zere	Newton	Cherokee	1215 (15 Dist. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sec.)
Anderson Crawford b. 1784	Morgan	Floyd	0022 (21 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
Isaac S. b. 1797	Newton	Cobb	0536 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
<b>Micajah b. 1760</b>	Hancock	Paulding	409 (20 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
James H. b. 1805	Hancock	Cass	287 (4 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
<b>Sims b. 1762</b>	Jones	Cobb	434 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
Isaac R. b. 1796	Jones	Lumpkin	438 (12 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sec.)
Silas T. b. 1800	Jones	Lumpkin	975 (12 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sec.)
Thomas A. b. 1802	Jones	Paulding	295 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
John S. b. 1807 2 draws		Cobb	221 (21 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sec.)
<b>Thomas b. 1763</b>			
Ann Selmon b. 1778 (wife)	Jones	Cobb	780 (21 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
William S. b. 1793 (Rev. War Soldier)	Jones	Cobb	424 (18 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
James M. 2 draws		Paulding	352 (1 <sup>st</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
Thomas J. b. 1814 (orphan) 2 draws	Jones	Paulding	295 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Dist. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sec.)
<b>Robert b. 1770</b>	Monroe	Cherokee	0708 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sec.)
Thomas P. b. 1802	Monroe	Murray	306 (13 <sup>th</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)
Alfred b. 1809	Hancock	Cobb	4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dist. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sec.)

## **Discussion**

The Georgia Land Lotteries (LL) provides an early perspective on the movement within Georgia of our Middlebrook's ancestors after leaving Caswell County, North Carolina in the late 1700s. The LL can be used as a census substitute for the heads of families, determine martial status and movement of families to new counties.

When land lottery information is used in conjunction with census, tax records and conveyance documents, the residence and movement of our ancestors can be more precisely documented from 1805-1832. By plotting land lots on conventional maps, in many cases you can approximate the location of your ancestor's homestead. The 1805 Georgia LL is the only one of the six lotteries that also lists the unfortunate drawers.

### **Isaac Middlebrooks, b. 1753, Caswell County, North Carolina**

Isaac, although not successful in the 1805 LL was living in Clarke County. He was afforded two draws indicating he was married or had at least one child. In the 1821 LL Isaac was a fortunate drawer while residing in Morgan County, Georgia. His draw was for 202 ½ acres in Houston County, land lot 66, district nine.

According to LL information, Isaac moved from Clarke County to Morgan County during the period between 1805 and 1821. Prior to 1805 Isaac was living in Jackson County, based on the 1798/99 county tax records. The 1810 tax records indicate Isaac was still in Clarke County; but by 1820, the U. S. Census places him in Morgan County. Consequently, sometime between 1810 and 1820 Isaac moved to Morgan County. Isaac died in 1823 in Morgan County.

### **John Middlebrooks, b. 1755, Caswell County, North Carolina**

John, although not a successful in the 1805 LL, was living in Hancock County, Georgia. John was allowed two draws in the 1805 LL. John's two sons Zere, b. 1782 and Anderson Crawford, b. 1784, were allowed one draw each for 1805 LL, indicating they were possibly single at the time.

John, residing in Hancock County had drawn twice as part of the 1807 LL. For Baldwin (now Jones Co.) he was granted 202 ½ acres in land lot 179, District 2. In Wilkinson County, John was granted an additional 202-½ acres for Land Lot 99, District 9.

The 1827 LL lists John as a successful drawer residing in Newton County, Georgia. He acquired 202 ½ acres in Muscogee County, Georgia, land Lot 2, District 16.

In the 1832 LL, Milly (Sutton) Middlebrooks, (John's 3<sup>rd</sup> wife) was listed as a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier residing in Monroe County. Milly was successful in three draws be granted 160 acres in Murray County, 160 and 40 acres in Cass County. See table for locations.

In summary, it appears John moved from Hancock County before 1827 to Newton County, Georgia. However, the 1820 U. S. Census places John and his family in Putnam County. Putnam County is located on the Northwest boundary of Hancock County. Therefore, John moved from Hancock County sometime between 1807 and 1820, to Putnam County before finally residing in Newton County. It is thought John moved to Newton County around 1825.

**Micajah b. 1760 Caswell County, North Carolina**

While living in Hancock County, Georgia Micajah participated in two draws unsuccessfully in the 1805 LL. However, in the in the 1820 LL, he acquired between 250 and 490 acres depending which district he drew. His parcel was located in Land Lot 45 and Section 4. Once again, Micajah of Hancock County was successful in the 1832 LL, acquiring 160 acres of land in Paulding, County, Land Lot 409, District 20, Section 3.

Based on LL records Micajah was living in Hancock County from 1805 to 1832. He is thought to have arrived in Greene County, Georgia as early as 1792 when he married Ann Alford. In 1793, Hancock County was created from Greene and Washington Counties. Micajah is first reported as living in Hancock County in 1796 based on tax records for that county. Micajah died in Hancock County between 1832 and 1840.

**Sims Middlebrooks b. 1762 Caswell County, North Carolina**

Sims was a fortunate drawer in the 1805 LL, living in Hancock County, Georgia. He acquired 202 ½ acres in Baldwin County (now Jones County), Land Lot 65, District 10. He was also successful in the 1832 LL, acquiring 40 acres in Cobb County. In 1832 Sims was residing in Jones County.

Land Lottery records established Sims living in Hancock County in 1805 and moved to Jones County prior to the 1832 LL. Sims was listed on the Wilkes and Hancock County tax roles in 1794. In 1793, this part of Wilkes County became Hancock County. Tax records confirm Sims remained in Hancock County until 1811 when he then moved to Jones County. Sims died in Jones County in 1839.

**Thomas Middlebrooks b. 1763 Caswell County, North Carolina**

Thomas, living in Hancock County, had two blank draws in the 1805 LL. However, Thomas was successful in the 1821 LL acquiring 202 ½ acres in Houston County, Land Lot 18, District 11. In 1821, Thomas was living in Jones County.

Land Lottery records indicate that Thomas was living in Hancock County in 1805 and by 1821 he had moved to Jones County. It is believed Thomas was residing in Hancock County as early as 1792/93. Although, tax records indicate Thomas was residing in Jones County by 1811, he may have actually moved as early as 1809.

**Robert Middlebrooks b. 1766 Caswell County, North Carolina**

Robert and his brother Sims were the only successful Middlebrooks drawers in the 1805 LL. Robert, residing in Hancock, acquired 202 ½ acres in Baldwin County (now Jones County). His Land Lot was 66, District 10, located within the Hog Creek drainage. Robert was again successful in the 1832 LL drawing land in Cherokee County totaling 40 acres, Land Lot 0708, District 3, Section 2. By 1832, Robert was living in Monroe County.

LL records establish that Robert moved to Monroe County from Hancock County sometime during the period of 1805 to 1832. It is suspected that Robert was residing in Hancock County as early as 1797, the same year he married Nancy Talbot of said County. According to tax records, Robert had moved to Jones County by 1811 and lived there until 1822 after acquiring land in Monroe County, Georgia. Robert died 1837 in Monroe County.

**Joseph Middlebrooks, b. 1770 Caswell County, North Carolina.**

Joseph of Greene County participated in the 1805 LL and was not successful. He was afforded two draws. As far as we know, Joseph was not successful in any of the five remaining LL or did not participate.

Joseph was listed in tax records for Hancock County for 1794 and 1796. By 1805, he moved to Greene County. Joseph next moved along with his brothers to Jones County, in 1811, and remained there until 1814. It is suspected he moved from Jones County to Greene County, Alabama in 1814. Joseph died in Chickasaw County, Mississippi in 1853.