

MFA August 2023 Newsletter
The Middlebrooks Family Association
274 Wilder Drive, Forsyth, Georgia 31029

MFA September 2023 President's Message

Bob Middlebrooks

It is with deep regret that I have resigned my position as President of the MFA. I can no longer in good conscience remain as president due to family health issues. My wife Ruth's condition requires my attention to the extent that I am distracted from my duties as President of the MFA. And at this time, we need to move on with new leadership.

Neal Middlebrook has agreed to step in as Acting President until a replacement for the position can be found.

There are a number of individuals that deserve thanks for their help over these years but none more so than Dale Kidwell. She has not only produced the MFA Newsletter but jumped in wherever needed to make our annual meetings fun and productive but also hosted Zoom meetings and Facebook updates. I hesitate to thank the many others in fear of leaving someone out.

Our annual meetings have been the highlight of the year with great attendance and informative agenda presentations. Each meeting brought us further into understanding the Middlebrook/s legacy we share today. The Covid pandemic interrupted our meeting series and caused us to cancel a meeting already planned in Georgia and precluded a next year follow up meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president over these years. I will assist in an orderly transition to new leadership and continue to help the organization in any way I can.

Bob

English, and American History of the Middlebrook(s) Name

Prepared by Neal Middlebrook

In HOLLAND and ENGLAND: The Middlebrook(s) name is believed to have originated in the northern area of the Netherlands known as Holland. Around the 6th century, our Dutch ancestors migrated to northern England and settled in Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, and Yorkshire Counties. In this area, the name was considered pure Dutch until the late 1300s. The Dutch meaning of Middlebrook is "marsh," and the English meaning is "dweller at the middle stream." Spelling variations, from both Holland and England, have changed over the centuries and include Middle-burgh, Midlebrugh, Myddelbroughe, Mydelbrough, Midlebrok, Mydelbrocke, Middlebrock, Middlebrough, Mistlebrooke, Middlebroke, Middlebrooke, and Middleborrow. The more recent English variations are Mittlebrook, Middlebrock, Meddowbrook, and Middlebrook.

The Middlebrook Family Register lists nine variants of the name found between the years 1190 and 1664. In AMERICA: Between 1600 and the early 1700s, there are four records of Middlebrook(s) in the early American Colonies. The first is Joseph Middlebrook, who came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in October 1635. The second is two Middlebrook sisters, Esther Middlebrook Wigglesworth and Mary Middlebrook Reyner, who arrived in Massachusetts, Esther in 1638, and Mary in 1642. The third record is Theophilus Middlebrook, a 21-year-old Cambridge, England, laborer who arrived on February 2, 1733/34. He paid for his passage with four years of service to Neal MacNeal in the Maryland Colony. We suspect a fourth Middlebrook served in the Kent County Militia 1776-78. Although Isaac's lineage is undetermined, many believe his ancestors later settled in New Kent, Hanover, Louisa, and Orange Counties, Virginia. In the early mid-1700s.

Our ancestors then migrated from Virginia to North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. The earliest immigrant, Joseph Middlebrook, was one of the Concord Plantation planters. The plantation was located on the Concord River, sixteen 14 miles west of Boston. Nine years later, Joseph, along with 15 other families, moved to the Connecticut Colony for better growing conditions and lower taxes. They settled in the Pequonnock District of Fairfield, under the leadership of Reverend John Jones. From the middle 1600s, and for nearly the next 100 years, most of the Connecticut family remained in the Fairfield area, while others settled in adjacent Greenfield Hill, Long Hill, Stratford, North Stratford, Norwalk, and Trumbull, Connecticut. However, during this period, (around 1724/25), the third Joseph Middlebrook's son, David, is reported to have moved to the Virginia–North Carolina border. The middle of this century saw many of this family staying in the same southern Connecticut area, while others are noted moving to areas in the adjacent New York and Vermont and the beginning of southerly migration to various Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina counties.

The late 1700s and early 1800s saw parts of what is by now the sixth and seventh family generations moving west and farther south. Movement is seen into New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. This family group is referred to as the northern branch, while those settling in Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi are known as the southern branch. Parts of this particular branch continued westward to Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, while others settled in Florida. Between 1820 and 1910, parts of the next two generations moved iMaryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi are known as the southern branch. Parts of this particular branch continued westward

to Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas, while others settled in Florida. Between 1820 and 1910, parts of the next two generations moved into Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, California, and Washington, following our country's westward expansion. Today, the United States has the largest number of Middlebrook(s) families, followed by Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. In the United States, Georgia, Texas, Florida, California, New York, Tennessee, Michigan, and Ohio have the highest number of Middlebrook(s) households. This is one of our country's oldest and greatest families, with members supporting our heritage from the early days of the Fairfield militia, through both world wars, to the current conflicts. ----- You can see this information on the MFA website: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~midregerrata>

All MFA memberships start August 1 and end on July 31.

\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family (living in the same residence)

Checks should be mailed to MFA Treasurer, Lanell Middlebrooks

104 Birchwood Circle, Cabot, Arkansas 72023

Other options for payment are discussed on the MFA website:

Middlebrooksfamily.org/membership

With Sympathy.....

Javon Allen Tucker was born 12-26-94 in Columbus, Ohio to Angelia S. Tucker Al-Shalabi and Jack Allen Burton. May 12, 2023 marked Javon's Sunset. He grew up in Columbus where he attended Linden McKinley High School. He later met the love of his life, Jesserea Fields. Together they had a beautiful daughter Ja'Niyah Aleeyah. Javon loved good food, family and friends, sports, singing, drawing, working in construction, and most of all, caring for his daughter.

Javon is survived by his daughter Ja'Niyah, his mother Angelia Tucker Al-Shalabi, his brother Jerome Tucker, his grandmother Jacinta Tucker, his father Jack Burton, his sister Jasmine, and his brother Jack Jr., as well as the love of his life Jesserea Fields along with a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and a Niece.

Javon was preceded in death by his cousin Antonio L. Tucker, his grandfather Leonard E. Tucker, his uncles Thomas E. Tucker and Ronnie Burgess, his great grandfather Henry L. Tucker, his great grandmother Beatrice Mell, and his great-great aunt Myrtle Middlebrooks.

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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: 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: Open

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/>

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