

June 2024 MFA Newsletter

2024 Planning Committee

I want to thank Barbara Camp, Nyah Edwards and Angelia Gantz for serving on the 2024 MFA meeting planning committee. It was decided at our May 30, Zoom meeting to cancel the the 2024 meeting due to issues with the hotels in Covington, Georgia. I would also like to thank those who responded to the 2024 meeting survey. Starting in January we will focus on planning the 2025 meeting.

Team Leader Zoom Meeting April 18

I want to thank those members attending the last Team Leader Zoom meeting. We discussed the Process and Roles and Responsibilities of Team Leader positions. The goal of these positions are to: *follow-up, in a timely manner with people contacting or joining the MFA and to organize, manage and maintain information on their ancestor line.* The Process and of Roles and Responsibilities of Team Leaders will be posted on our website. Let us know, if you would like a copy of the meeting notes or you are interested in becoming a team leader.

Zoom Meetings

Our next Zoom meeting will be **July 11, 2024, 6:30 PM, CST**. Contact Dale for the Zoom Meeting link. Our main discussion topic will be to follow-up on the recommendations from the April 18, Zoom Meeting. If you have other topics, let us know. We have a Zoom subscription, so anyone can request Dale to set up a meeting. The planning committee had a Zoom May 30.

MFA Facebook

As mentioned in the March Newsletter, we continue to add new friends every week. Those requesting ancestor information are encouraged to create a user account on the MFA website and fill out the Registration Form. This way we can put them in touch with an ancestor team leader. We continue to post family history information and Zoom meeting notices.

Dale Kidwell Steps Down as MFA VP

Dale has asked to be relieved of her duties as VP, due to health reasons. She will continue to facilitate the Zoom meetings until our Zoom subscription ends in October and continue to help with the Newsletter until December. Dale has helped lead the MFA through some very precarious times during the Covid pandemic. She served as VP for six plus years with Bob Middlebrooks, our past President. Her efforts as Newsletter editor, Zoom meeting coordinator and other jobs has helped sustain the MFA as a viable Association. I want to also thank her for all your help and advice when I started the position as Acting President.

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The Board of Directors will be accepting nominations for the VP position. Please contact us, if you would like to learn more about the position.

Neal Middlebrook, Acting MFA President

We Need Your Help!

DNA project manager. Requires some knowledge of DNA.

Robert 1766, Team Leader. If you are Robert descendant, let us know.

Middlebrooks Military Project. This project deals with all military conflicts.

Latest Research Reports on the website

The Middlebrooks of the Georgia Land Lottery, By Neal Middlebrook and Dianne Middlebrooks.

Nathaniel Middlebrook (b. 1764) vs. Garland Middlebrook (b. 1774), By Sandy Ahmad. SandyBBRWC@aol.com

Nathaniel Middlebrook (1764-1829), By Sandy Ahmad.

Micajah Middlebrooks...the Mysterious Micajah. by Jean Shroyer and Leonard Middlebrooks (gambol@bellsouth.net).

If you have any questions, please contact the authors.

The Mystery of the Origin of the Southern Branch of Middlebrook(s) Families, Connecticut or Virginia?

Were the ancestors of our southern branch of Middlebrooks families originally from Virginia or Connecticut? This family mystery remains unsolved. The 1909, Register of Middlebrook Family(RMF), states that a David Middlebrook (b. 1704) Fairfield, Connecticut, migrated to Caswell County, North Carolina. (1723/24). However, in the *Families of Old Fairfield* (by Donald Lines Jacobus), it is stated that David (bapt. 10 December 1704, Fairfield), died young. David's father was Joseph Middlebrook^{3rd} of Fairfield. Countless researchers have been unable to prove or find information that supports the notion that a David (b. 1704), migrated from Fairfield, Connecticut to Caswell County, North Carolina. (1723/24).

In Virginia, an Isaac Middlebrooks was born (1727/28), at St. Peters Parish, New Kent County. His father was listed as Thomas Middlebrooks. By 22 August 1760 an Isaac Middlebrooks and his wife were baptized on the Virginia-North Carolina border, thought to be near Hogan's Creek, North Carolina. Later, we find Isaac in Orange County, NC., where he died about 1771.

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We also find a number of sons of a John Middlebrooks (b.1726) and his wife _____ Sims, of Orange County, listed in the RMF. John was listed as the son of David Middlebrook, mentioned above. We have not be able to find this John Middlebrook in Orange or Caswell County, NC records, who reportedly, died in 1817. Some have speculated that this person could be Isaac John Middlebrooks, but Isaac died in 1771, not 1817, as reported in the RMF. The mystery continues!

By Neal Middlebrook
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Also consult: *The Middlebrooks of Orange and Caswell County, North Carolina*
[https://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/
The_Middlebrooks_of_Orange_Caswell_NC.pdf](https://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The_Middlebrooks_of_Orange_Caswell_NC.pdf)

Was Joseph Middlebroughe (Middlebrook) born 18 FEB 1609, Cranfield-Salford, Bedfordshire, England or was he baptized 12 September 1613, Dewsbury, West Riding, Yorkshire, England?

When searching the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for a Joseph Middlebrook, the first thing I noticed was dozens of entries suggesting that he had been born in Salford or Cranfield in Bedfordshire. This was a surprise to me, because that is not an area of England where I would expect to find the Middlebrook surname.

Unfortunately none of those IGI entries seem to be the result of a genuine extraction from any parish register – they all appear to be un-sourced individual submissions. This assumption of a Bedfordshire birth has also found its way onto a few internet genealogies, but again I was unable to identify any genuine source from these.

It seemed pertinent to clear this up, and members of the MFA kindly rented and searched microfilm copies of the registers for Salford and Cranfield parishes. They found no Middlebrook entries whatsoever, never mind any sign of Joseph.

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It is most likely that this assumption has originated from Joseph's connection with the Wheeler family of Concord who, I believe, can be traced back to this area. But the real evidence does suggest that Joseph must have originated elsewhere.

Clearly the first Joseph Middlebrook to appear in the records, at Dewsbury in 1613, is the only one born in the right time frame for the man who emigrated to New England in 1635 and therefore worthy of further research.

By Ian Middlebrook

Also see: *The Search for Joseph Middlebrook (born circa 1610)*
https://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Middlebrook_Batley_Yorkshire.pdf

MFA Table of Organization

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Brent Bragg, 2024-2025

Ancestor Team Leaders

Isaac born 1753: Leonard Middlebrooks
John b. 1754: Brent Bragg
John b. 1755: John David Middlebrooks and Leslie Shealy
Joseph b. 1610: Leonard Middlebrooks
Joseph b. 1773: Dave Clark

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Micajah b. 1758: Mary Baker
Nathaniel b. 1764: Ella Tripp
Robert b. 1766: Vacant
Sims b. 1762: Neal Middlebrook
Thomas b. 1763: Joyce Arnold
England Middlebrooks: Ian Middlebrook and Neal Middlebrook
Unknown Ancestors: Leonard Middlebrooks

On-Going Projects

Cemetery: William Sterling
DAR-SAR-UDC: Joan Miller
DNA: Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark
Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks
Middlebrook Family Trees Dave Clark
MFA Website: Dave Clark
MFA Newsletter: Dale Kidwell
Military Register Update: Vacant
MFA Facebook: Joyce Arnold and Neal Middlebrook

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By-Laws were Amended by the Board of Directors on October 13, 2017

http://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MFA_Bylaws_2017_11_13.pdf