

## The Ancestry of Middlebrook Families Living in the UK in 1901

This paper is an attempt to present the probable ancestry of all Middlebrook/Middlebrough families that were still living in the UK at the time of the 1901 census. This has been prepared by tracing back, in outline, as many individuals as possible from that 1901 census. The main research tools were the many records and indexes that are readily available online – ie. earlier census returns (1841-1891), GRO birth, marriage and death indexes (1837 onwards) and numerous parish register extracts (varying dates, but back to 1538 in a few cases).

It must be stressed that original documents have only been referred to in a minority of cases, with the exception of all census returns which are available online. This means that these notes should not be considered as documented pedigrees, but only as a guide for further research. Nevertheless, I am confident that at least 90% of existing UK Middlebrook/Middlebrough families will find their ancestry amongst the following ancestral groups.

The families have been divided into 10 geographical groups according to the locations of their earliest 'known' ancestors. No doubt many of these groups will be linked together with further research, but I am using these 10 groups as a starting point. These geographical groups have been further divided into a total of 20 family groups and 54 sub-groups. Each of these family groups should trace back to a single Middlebrook ancestor, and the relationships between some of these ancestors are already known. Where possible, the family groups start with an ancestor born in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, with the sub-groups being some 2 or 3 generations later.

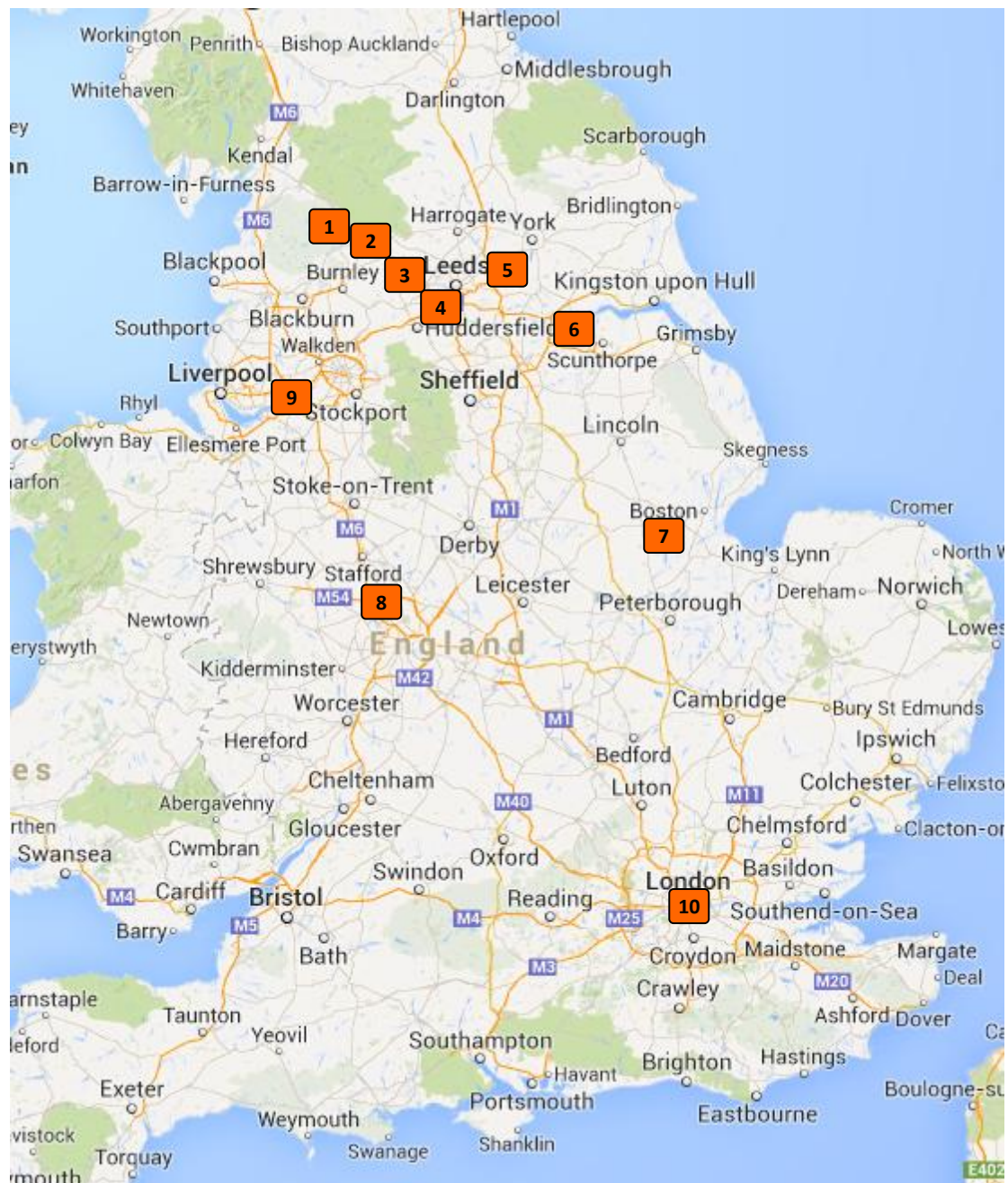
The locations of the geographical ancestry groups are shown on the map below. It can be seen that several of the groups in Yorkshire are quite close to each other, so it might be expected that they are linked together in some way. A DNA project is being managed by the Middlebrook(s) Family Association in the USA, and early results already show that UK groups 2.B and 4.A (as defined in this report) are genetically linked to each other as well as being linked to many of our American cousins. I have no doubt that some of the other groups will also prove to be closely linked.

The bulk of this document outlines the bare facts that I have discovered about each of these family groups. This includes some brief discussion of where they came from and how they might link with other groups. It also includes some brief details of how the families have spread out over the years, and the places they were living by the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The main objective in compiling this report is to stimulate and guide further research into the history and development of the Middlebrook family in the UK. It should also provide assistance for any other Middlebrooks looking to trace their own family history in the UK by guiding them towards the most suitable areas and lines of research. I should also stress that this is a working document, and I would be very pleased to hear from other researchers who have already taken their ancestral line further back than indicated here.

When trying to research the earliest Middlebrook families, getting back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and beyond, the number of surviving records is reduced and those that remain will not always contain sufficient information to provide the necessary answers. In such cases, modern techniques such as DNA testing can help to identify which family groups are linked together further back in time. Unfortunately DNA testing is still quite expensive, so my secondary purpose in producing this document is to help prioritise and target the DNA testing of Middlebrook/Middlebrough families in the UK. Initially it would be ideal to find willing DNA participants from each of the 10 geographical groups, then one from each family group, with the ultimate aim being a sample from as many of the 54 sub-groups as still survive.

## Map showing locations of the geographical ancestry groups



1. Long Preston parish, Craven District, North Yorkshire
2. Carleton-in-Craven parish, Craven District, North Yorkshire
3. Bingley parish, West Yorkshire
4. Batley parish, West Yorkshire
5. Elmet region, West Yorkshire
6. Thorne parish, South Yorkshire
7. Great Hale parish, Lincolnshire
8. Walsall parish, West Midlands
9. Lymm parish, Cheshire
10. London area

## 1. Long Preston parish, Craven District

There was a Middlebrook family in Long Preston parish by 1600, specifically at Wigglesworth. The will of William MIDDLEBROOKE of Wigglesworth was proved in 1614 and the family persisted there for 150 years or more.

There are no Middlebrooks mentioned at Long Preston in the lay subsidies of the 1540s, so they must have arrived here from another parish. Perhaps they came from Slaidburn, which is only short hop across the moor, and where there was an earlier Middlebrook family.

Once this family dissipated, their surname varied according to the direction they moved. Those that went through Gargrave retained the MIDDLEBROOK spelling, while those that headed directly towards Lancashire and Westmorland generally used the MIDDLEBROUGH spelling.

### 1.A Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1717 at Long Preston, son of John.

Thomas' father died when he was young. The family spread widely around the Craven district over the next few generations.

#### 1.A.i John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1795 at Broughton, son of Thomas.

John was probably a great-grandson of Thomas 1717, via a son John, and his son Thomas (1773, Malham). John had a large family at Gargrave and then moved to **Blackburn**, where his grandson Anson remained with his family in 1901.

#### 1.A.ii Isabella MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1797 at Gargrave, daughter of Thomas.

Isabella was the sister of John (above). She had an illegitimate son John (born c1825 at Thorlby), whose many descendants were living at **Skipton** and **Bradford** in 1901.

#### 1.A.iii Stephen MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1809 at Gargrave, son of Thomas.

Stephen was probably a great-grandson of Thomas 1717, via a son John, and his son Thomas (1773, Malham). This line may have died out. Only his 59-year old son Thomas remained in 1901.

#### 1.A.iv William MIDDLEBROOK, born c1780, probably a son of John.

William's baptism has not been found, but I believe him to be a grandson of Thomas 1717, and uncle to John and Stephen above. He married in 1805 at Gargrave, and his grandson Thomas (born 1840) had a large family at **Potter Newton** in 1901.

#### 1.A.v Richard MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1800 at Waddington, son of William.

I believe Richard was a grandson of Thomas 1717, via his son William (1755, Long Preston). He had a family at Slaidburn and his descendants were living at **Salford** and **Bolton** in 1901.

#### 1.A.vi Betty MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1779 at Waddington, daughter of William.

Betty was the sister of Richard 1800 (above). She had an illegitimate son John (1800, Waddington) who had a large family at **Slaidburn**. His descendants were also living at **Bacup**, **Bashall Eaves**, **Grindleton** and **Rawtenstall** in 1901.

#### 1.A.vii Thomas MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1794 at Whalley, son of Thomas.

I believe Thomas was a grandson of Thomas 1717, via his son Thomas (1757, Long Preston). He had a large family who were all living at **Padiham** in 1901.

### 1.B Christopher MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1725 at Long Preston, son of John.

A brother of Thomas 1717 (see 1.A above), but with a less extensive family.

#### 1.B.i Christopher MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1797 at Clapham, son of Thomas.

I believe Christopher was a grandson of Christopher 1725, via his son Thomas (1763, Malham). He had a family at **Hutton Roof** and his descendants were also living at **Carnforth** and **Cartmel Fell** in 1901.

#### 1.B.ii John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1831 at Gargrave, son of John.

I believe John was a grandson of Christopher 1725, via the second marriage of his son John (1773, Clapham). His son Herbert was still in **Gargrave** in 1901, and other descendants were at **Toxteth Park** and **St Marylebone**.

## 2. Carleton-in-Craven parish, Craven District

There was a Middlebrook family at Carleton-in-Craven as far back as 1511, when Thomas MEDYLBROK junior was listed in a muster roll. By the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century there were two distinct branches of the family in the parish, with one at Lothersdale and the other at Carleton. The will of William MYDELBROKE of Loddersdall was proved in 1553 and Elisabeth MYDELBROKE of Carleton in 1558. This family dissipated around the Craven area from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

### 2.A William MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1717 at Malham, son of Robert.

William's father Robert had come from Carleton (baptised in 1692) and his ancestry can be traced back to Thomas (baptised 1547 at Carleton) through his son James.

#### 2.A.i John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1807 at Ingleton, son of James.

John was a great-grandson of William 1717, via James (1752, Warton) and James (1783, Tatham). His son Thomas was still at **Ingleton** with his family in 1901.

#### 2.A.ii James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1816 at Bentham, son of Robert.

James was a great-grandson of William 1717, via James (1752, Warton) and Robert (1791, Caton). He moved to Barnsley with his mother and sister before 1841, and then on to Stalybridge. His descendants were at **Burnley**, **Chadderton** and **Woodhouses** in 1901.

#### 2.A.iii Robert MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1823 at Clapham, son of William.

Robert was a great-grandson of William 1717, via Robert (1756, Bentham) and William (1783, Bentham). He moved his family to **Blackburn** in the 1860s and his descendants were still there and at **Great Harwood** in 1901.

#### 2.A.iv John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1796 at Bentham, son of Robert.

John was a grandson of William 1717 via Robert (1756, Bentham). He married and settled in Preston, where he had a large family. Most of his family remained in **Preston**, although his son Robert moved to **Lancaster**.

### 2.B James MILBROUGH, baptised 1717 at Kettlewell, son of John.

James was based at Conistone-in-Craven. No baptism has been found for his father John, but the Middlebrough families of Cracoe, Malham, Silsden and Conistone have been linked together by the will of Agnes MIDDLEBROUGH, spinster of Cracoe, proved in 1725. This in turn leads back to Carleton, and the family of John, who was another son of Thomas (baptised 1547 at Carleton). Hence a distant relationship with William 1717 (see 2.A above).

#### 2.B.i John MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1809 at Colne, son of Stephen.

John was a great-grandson of James 1717, via John (1750, Conistone – nb. recorded as James in the parish register) and Stephen (1779, Conistone). John moved to the **Manchester** area, and his descendants were still there in 1901.

#### 2.B.ii James MIDDLEBROOK, born c1792, probably a son of James.

No baptism for James has been found, but I believe him to be a grandson of James 1717, probably via James (1761, Conistone). James married at Colne in 1812, where Stephen (father of John, above) was a witness. His large family were born at Colne (although only one was baptised) but they moved to **Bradford** around 1840. His descendants were still there in 1901.

#### 2.B.iii William MIDDLEBROOK, born c1811 at Colne, probably a son of James.

No baptism for William has been found, but I believe him to be a grandson of James 1717, probably via James (1761, Conistone) after his second marriage at Colne in 1806. His descendants were at **Blackburn** and **Nelson** in 1901.

### 3. Bingley parish, West Yorkshire

There were sporadic Middlebrook entries in the parish registers of Bingley and neighbouring Keighley during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, but it's not clear that a family was truly settled there until the early-18<sup>th</sup> century, when John MIDDLEBROOK married Grace GOTT there in 1711. I am not certain where John came from, but one possibility is Carleton parish, where there were two Johns baptised in 1684 and 1685.

#### 3.A Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1712 at Bingley, son of John.

Thomas married in 1740 at Baildon and had quite a large family at Bingley.

##### 3.A.i John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1802 at Keighley, son of Thomas.

John was a great-grandson of Thomas 1712, via John (1741, Bingley) and Thomas (1766, Bingley). John's descendants, through his sons George and Francis, were still living in **Bingley** and **Keighley** in 1901.

#### 3.B John MIDDLEBROAK, baptised 1717 at Haworth, son of John.

I am fairly certain that John is a brother of Thomas 1712 (see 3.A above). His family were based at Bingley.

##### 3.B.i William MIDDLEBROOK, born c1820 at Harden (Bingley parish), son of Thomas.

I believe William was a great-grandson of John 1717, via Christopher Hodgson (1757, Bingley) and Thomas (1787, Thornton near Bradford). William was still alive in 1901, along with descendants living at **Bradford** and **Halifax**.

##### 3.B.ii Christopher MIDDLEBROOK, born c1822 at Harden (Bingley parish), son of Thomas.

Christopher was the brother of William (above). His descendants were living at **Bradford** and **Nottingham** in 1901.

### 4. Batley parish, West Yorkshire

Michael Middlebrook arrived in Batley parish around 1600 and his family has been well documented. He was survived by three daughters who emigrated to America, and two sons who stayed in England. His son Matthew remained in Batley parish and the family grew in numbers. There were two Matthews with families there in the 1720s, but I believe the two men listed below were brothers from the Gildersome branch of the family.

#### 4.A George MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1720 at Batley, son of Matthew.

##### 4.A.i Richard MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1776 at Batley, son of John.

Richard was a grandson of George 1720, via John (1753, Batley). His descendants were living at **Headingley** and at **Crowle** in Lincolnshire in 1901.

##### 4.A.ii John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1794 at Batley, son of John.

John was a grandson of George 1720, probably via John (1753, Batley) although there were three Johns baptised at Batley within a year (all grandsons of George). This line may have died out. He was only survived in 1901 by two grandsons; 48-year old Joseph, a traveller, and 40-year old Arthur in **Hull**.

##### 4.A.iii George MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1789 at Batley, son of George.

George was a grandson of George 1720, via George (1759, Batley). This line may have died out. Only his 35-year old grandson Lincoln remained in 1901. However, apparently George's younger brother John emigrated to **Canada** in 1818, and his family survive there.

##### 4.A.iv Joshua MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1798 at Batley, son of George.

Joshua was a grandson of George 1720, via George (1759, Batley). His grandsons Albert, Ernest and Joshua were living at **Morley** with their families in 1901.

**4.A.v Thomas MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1796 at Batley, son of William.**

Thomas was a grandson of George 1720, via William (1762, Batley). He had a large family at Birstall and his descendants were living at **Bradford, Eccleshill, Morley and Harrogate** in 1901. Other descendants are also known to have migrated to **South Africa, New Zealand and Peru**.

**4.B Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1724 at Batley, son of Matthew.**

**4.B.i Joseph MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1782 at Morley, son of Thomas.**

I believe Joseph was a grandson of Thomas 1724, via Thomas (1747, Birstall). His descendants, mainly via grandson John Alfred and great-grandson James Anderson Herbert, were living at **Bradford, Ilkley, Pudsey, Scarborough and Sculcoates** in 1901.

**4.B.ii Samuel MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1784 at Morley, son of Thomas.**

I believe Samuel was a grandson of Thomas 1724, via Thomas (1747, Birstall). One of Samuel's sons John (1812, Batley) migrated to **New Zealand**. His other descendants were living at **Batley and Haworth** in 1901.

**4.B.iii Thomas MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1790 at Morley, son of Thomas.**

I believe Thomas was a grandson of Thomas 1724, via Thomas (1747, Birstall). He had an extensive family, via three sons, and virtually all his descendants were living in **Morley** in 1901.

## **5. Elmet region, West Yorkshire**

I know very little about the Middlebrough families from this area. I have grouped these two families together simply because they share the spelling of their name and come from similar areas, although I am not entirely certain how they are linked. There was a Middlebrook family in this general area all the way back in the 1530s, when three men were listed in a muster roll at Spofforth. A small family may have remained in the area over the following centuries. If not, then the families below must be connected to one of the other groups in this report.

**5.A Edward MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1784 at Aberford, son of Edward.**

Edward's place of baptism is assumed as the best fit from his age at death (age 59 in 1844) and subsequent location. I do not know where his father came from.

**5.A.i John MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1812 at Little Ouseburn, son of Edward.**

John initially lived at Hull when he married, but the family later moved to Merseyside. He had a large family, with descendants living at **Bradford, Everton, Horwich, Liverpool and West Derby** in 1901.

**5.B John MIDDLEBROUGH, born c1776-1781, farmer of South Milford.**

I know very little about John, but the closest possible baptisms are at Saxton-in-Elmet in 1776 and Aberford in 1778 (brother of Edward 1784 (see 5.A above). John's approximate age is taken from the 1841 census returns. John died in 1842.

**5.B.i. John Robinson MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1816 at Sherburn, son of Mary ROBINSON.**

Although John appears to have been born illegitimately, he was given MIDDLEBROUGH as a middle name at birth, and later assumed it as his surname. In the 1841 census, he is living with the older John MIDDLEBROUGH (see 5.B above), whilst Mary ROBINSON is also living in the household as a servant. So it seems that the elder John treated him as a son, perhaps because he was the biological father. In any case, the younger John seems to have inherited the farm. His descendants were living at **Clifford, Sherburn and South Milford** in 1901.

## 6. Thorne parish, South Yorkshire

There has been a Middlebrook family at Thorne since the earliest parish registers in the 1560s. The will of John MIDDLEBROKE of Thorne was proved in 1599, and a family persisted in the parish well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A family also appeared in the neighbouring parish of Whitgift at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and I have assumed this to be an offshoot of the family at Thorne. Two of the families I've attributed to Whitgift were actually born elsewhere but then moved to the Whitgift parish. I have assumed that they were returning to the area due to family connections rather than it being a coincidence.

### 6.A Richard MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1741 at Thorne, son of Thomas.

Richard's father was described as a 'gentleman' when his will was proved in 1780. He, in turn, was the son of William Senr, whose will was proved in 1726.

#### 6.A.i William MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1795 at Thorne, son of Richard.

William was a grandson of Richard 1741, via Richard (1769, Thorne). His numerous descendants were living at **Sheffield** and **Brightside Bierlow** in 1901.

### 6.B John MIDLBROOK, baptised 1703 at Whitgift, son of Samuel.

#### 6.B.i James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1805 at Whitgift, son of James.

James was a great-grandson of John 1703 via Richard (1734, Whitgift) and James (1767, Whitgift). This line may have died out. Only his 56-year old son John James remained in 1901.

#### 6.B.ii Richard MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1801 at Rothwell, son of John.

I believe that Richard was a great-grandson of John 1703 via Richard (1734, Whitgift) and John (1770, Whitgift). Richard 'returned' to have a family at Swinefleet in Whitgift parish. His descendants were living at **Hull**, **Goole** and **Swinefleet** in 1901.

#### 6.B.iii James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1804 at Rothwell, son of John.

James was the brother of Richard (above) and therefore, I believe, a great-grandson of John 1703. He farmed at Brighton, and his descendants were spread around in 1901, living at **East Stamford Bridge**, **Filey**, **North Cave** and **Ryther**.

### 6.C Richard MIDLBROKE, baptised 1707 at Whitgift, son of Samuel.

Richard was the brother of John 1703 (see 6.B above).

#### 6.C.i James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1820 at Bermondsey (London), son of George.

I believe that James could have been a 2x-great-grandson of Richard 1707 via Samuel (1732, Whitgift), George (1758, Whitgift) and George (1791, Whitgift). Although he was born in London, he farmed at Reedness in Whitgift parish. His descendants were living at **Reedness** and **Sculcoates** in 1901.

#### 6.C.ii Frederick Purvis MIDDLEBROOK, born 1857 at Reedness, son of Catherine.

As far as I can tell, Frederick was from the family of James (above), in as far as his mother Catherine was James' widow. However, since I believe James died in 1852, then he could not have been the father. He was living with his family in **Battersea** (London) in 1901.

## 7. Great Hale parish, Lincolnshire

The Middlebrook name has a long history in the south of Lincolnshire, particularly the area between Grantham and Lincoln. Middlebrook families are found in many of the earliest parish registers here going back to the mid 1500s, with Harmston standing out as the village where they were most abundant. The earliest Lincolnshire will dates back to John MIDDLEBROKE of Harmeston in 1545. Despite this long history, I believe that all of the Middlebrook families remaining in this area can probably be traced back to just one man. However, his descendants dispersed very widely.

### 7.A William MIDDLEBROOK, married 1762 at Great Hale.

I've not yet established which part of Lincolnshire William originated from. He was probably the same man who had three earlier children in the same parish. Two of his sons went on to have 24 children between them.

#### 7.A.i Thomas Wright MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1790 at Great Hale, son of Thomas.

Thomas was a grandson of William (marr. 1762) via his son Thomas (1766, Great Hale). By 1901 his descendants had moved to various parishes around Lincolnshire – **Fishtoft**, **Glanford Brigg**, **Haxey** and **Stenigot** – as well as **Guisborough** in Yorkshire.

#### 7.A.ii John MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1795 at Heckington, son of Thomas.

John was a brother of Thomas Wright (above). His descendants were living at **New Sleaford**, **Swineshead** and **West Fen** in 1901.

#### 7.A.iii Charles MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1799 at Heckington, son of Thomas.

Charles was a brother of John and Thomas (above). His descendants were living at **Holbeach**, **Spalding** and **Sutton St Edmunds** in 1901.

#### 7.A.iv William MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1801 at Heckington, son of Thomas.

William was yet another brother of the men above. He had the largest family which also dispersed widely around the East Midlands. In 1901 his descendants were living at **Carlton** (Notts), **Chesterfield** and **Whittington** (Derbys), **Coalville** and **Cotes** (Leics), **Heckington**, **Swineshead** and **Wigtoft** (Lincs) and **Lewisham** in London.

#### 7.A.v Henry MIDDLEBROOK, baptised in 1803 at Great Hale, son of Charles.

Henry was a grandson of William (marr. 1762) via his son Charles (1774, Great Hale). I do not believe Henry had any Middlebrook descendants left in England in 1901, but he had emigrated to **New York** and his son Henry (1841, Heckington) had a family there.

#### 7.A.vi John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1819 at Great Hale, son of Charles.

Henry was a grandson of William (marr. 1762) via his son Charles (1774, Great Hale). His descendants were living at **Hutton Henry** (co. Durham) and **Mansfield** (Notts) in 1901.

## 8. Walsall parish, West Midlands

The Middlebrook name first appears in Staffordshire at Hanbury parish, where Michael MIDDLEBROOKE had a son William in 1641. I'm not sure where Michael came from, but his will was proved at Lichfield in 1674, so hopefully this might provide some clues. Michael's son William had a family, and I believe it was his son Thomas (baptised 1687 at Hanbury), who first settled at Walsall. He began a large family who have persisted in the West Midlands region to this day.

### 8.A Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1712 at Walsall, son of Thomas.

#### 8.A.i John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1808 at Walsall, son of Thomas.

John was a great-grandson of Thomas 1712 via James (1753, Walsall) and Thomas (1776, Walsall). He had a large family who were all still living in the areas of **Rushall**, **Walsall** and **Wednesbury** in 1901.



**8.A.ii John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1817 at Walsall, son of James.**

John was a great-grandson of Thomas 1712 via James (1753, Walsall) and James (1779, Walsall). His descendants were living at **Smethwick** and **Walsall** in 1901.

**8.A.iii Samuel MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1825 at Walsall, son of James.**

Samuel was a great-grandson of Thomas 1712 via James (1753, Walsall) and James (1779, Walsall). He was succeeded by his son Alfred, who was still living in **Walsall** with his family in 1901.

**8.A.iv James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1810 at Bilston, son of Hannah.**

I'm not entirely sure where Hannah fits into this family. There is no obvious christening, but she could be a widow, and I'm certain she will be connected to the Walsall branch in some way. James' grandson William had a large family who were living at **Wednesbury** in 1901.

## 9. Lymm parish, Cheshire

There is not a long history of Middlebrook families in Cheshire, and only a few early occurrences in the neighbouring areas of south Lancashire. This family group here began when John MIDDLEBROOKE married at Lymm in 1784. As yet, I have no idea from which direction he arrived or which other families he might be connected to.

**9.A John MIDDLEBROOKE, married 1784 at Lymm, a book keeper.**

**9.A.i John MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1786 at Lymm, son of John.**

John was the eldest son. He had a small family at Leek but died fairly young, and it appears that his widow went on to have further children after his death. His legitimate son John went on to have family, but I believe this line may have died out. The only male survivor in the 20<sup>th</sup> century was a patient at an Institute for the 'feeble-minded' in 1911.

**9.A.ii William MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1793 at Lymm, son of John.**

William was the second son. He had a large family and his descendants were living at **Fulham, Hazel Grove, Macclesfield** and **Warboys** in 1901.

## 10. London area

This group is something of a 'catch-all' for those families that were based around the London area in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Unlike the other regional groups, these families may not be closely linked to each other, and I do not believe there would have been a separate origin for the surname in London despite several early examples of the name there. Rather, I think these families may have all gravitated towards the capital at different times and from different parts of England.

**10.A William MIDDLEBROOK, married 1792 at St Marylebone.**

I include this man in the London group, though his family were born outside London in Hertfordshire. Nevertheless, he married in London and his descendants settle there. I am not sure where he came from, but I wonder if he is connected to a family at Woburn (Bedfordshire). A William was baptised there in 1760, and a man of the same age was buried at Finchley (North London) in 1824.

**10.A.i John MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1796 at Berkhamstead, son of William.**

John was a gardener and had a family at Kentish Town. His descendants, via his son John Nelson (1835, St Pancras) were living at **Hornsey** and **Wood Green** in 1901.

**10.A.ii James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1799 at Berkhamstead, son of William.**

James had a son James William (1828, St Pancras). His descendants were living at **Lambeth** and **St George Hanover Square** in 1901.

**10.B Jacob MIDDLEBROOK, married 1825 at Finsbury St Luke.**

Jacob was described as a widower at his marriage, so it's difficult to guess his age. A 66-year-old Jacob was buried at Spitalfields in 1841. This may or may not be the same man. There are previous Jacob Middlebrooks in London through the 18<sup>th</sup> century, so there is a good chance that he comes from that line.

**10.B.i Thomas George MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1827 at Bethnal Green, son of Jacob.**

Jacob's eldest son. His son and grandson, both called Thomas George, were living at **St Pancras** in 1901.

**10.B.ii Jacob MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1829 at Bethnal Green, son of Jacob.**

Jacob's second son. He had a large family and his descendants were living at **Limehouse, Ratcliff and West Ham** in 1901.

**10.B.iii George MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1837 at Bethnal Green, son of Jacob.**

Jacob's youngest son. His descendants were still living at **Bethnal Green** and **Mile End Old Town** in 1901.

**10.C Robert MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1794 at Finsbury St Luke, son of Robert.**

Robert lived at Tabernacle Walk. His father was buried in 1815, aged 40 and his mother's will was proved the following year. He may have come from a long line of Roberts in London.

**10.C.i Robert James MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1820 at Finsbury St Luke, son of Robert.**

This line may have died out in England, as only his 48-year old son George John remained at **Newington** in 1901.

**10.D Samuel MIDDLEBROOK, born c1814 at Spitalfields, son of Thomas.**

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I've not found out a great deal about Samuel. His father was named as Thomas at Samuel's marriage in 1842, and his mother may have been the Sarah who he was living with in 1841. Samuel had several children and his descendants were living at **Edmonton** and **Hackney** in 1901.

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**Checklist of the main family groups, showing the approximate number of male descendants that were still living in England in 1901.**

1.A	Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1717 at Long Preston	...	...	40
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5.A	Edward MIDDLEBROUGH, baptised 1784 at Aberford	...	...	23
5.B	John MIDDLEBROUGH, born c1776-1781, farmer of South Milford	...	...	5
6.A	Richard MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1741 at Thorne	...	...	13
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7.A	William MIDDLEBROOK, married 1762 at Great Hale	...	...	47
8.A	Thomas MIDDLEBROOKE, baptised 1712 at Walsall	...	...	29
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10.A	William MIDDLEBROOK, married 1792 at St Marylebone	...	...	8
10.B	Jacob MIDDLEBROOK, married 1825 at Finsbury St Luke	...	...	22
10.C	Robert MIDDLEBROOK, baptised 1794 at Finsbury St Luke	...	...	1
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