

MFA Newsletter March 2025

How Does Knowing Your Family History Help Your Family?

“Knowing where you come from and a sense of who you are.”

Keeps us grounded.

Healthy sense of identity.

Commitment to family values

Sense of connectedness.

Inspires confidence.

Promotes positive relationships.

Possibilities include telling stories around the dinner table, creating family-history focused rituals like celebrating ancestors' birthdays or vacationing in places family members previously lived. Sharing photos with family members and relatives.

BYU Study

<https://news.byu.edu/intellect/family-history-knowledge-helps-american-adolescents-develop-healthy-sense-of-identity>

Neal Middlebrook, Acting President

Newsletter

We need your help! Two ways you can help is to send articles or information to be included in the *Social Happenings/Announcements* or *Ancestor Spotlight* sections of the newsletter. These two sections are important in helping us stay informed and providing information about our ancestors.

Zoom Meetings

Our Zoom meetings, scheduled about every six weeks have really helped in keeping us connected. Brent Bragg has volunteered to take over as our Zoom Meeting coordinator. Members can request a Zoom and suggest topics they would like to discuss. Let us know!

Next Zoom Meeting: April 10, 2024

Come join us at our next Zoom meeting, **6:30 PM, CST**. You will need to download the free Zoom app. We will be discussing the 2025 Georgia meeting and MFA research projects. Let us know if you would like to include other agenda items?

Contact Brent. Bragg bbragg6920@aol.com for the Zoom meeting ID and Passcode.

Time to Renew 2025 MFA Membership

We would like to thank past and current members for supporting the Middlebrooks Family Association (MFA). Please consider renewing your membership for 2025. July 31 is the end of the fiscal year for the MFA. Dues are: \$25.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a family living at the same address.

The membership page on the MFA website describes the benefits of renewing your membership and how to pay online or by check. Click on the link below to renew your membership. <https://middlebrooksfamily.org/membership/>

We Need Your Help!

Presidents Position. if you would like more information about the position please contact Neal Middlebrook nealmidbroo1@charter.net

Vice President Position. Let us know, if you would like more information about the position.

MFA Newsletter Editor. The newsletter is published four times a year.

Robert 1766, Team Leader. If you are Robert descendant, contact us.

Micajah 1758 Team Leader. Contact us if you are Micajah descendant.

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

Fake E-Mails

Some our Board members have received fake e-mails. The person sends the e-mail, posing as me (Neal), asking for money using Paypal or gift cards. Simply delete the e-mails and do not forward them. Let me know if you receive one of these fake e-mails. Thanks, Neal

What do Ancestor Team Leaders do anyway?

Do you need help researching a Middlebrooks or allied family ancestors? Well, team leaders were created to assist you in this endeavor. Even if you do not know who your ancestor was they may be able to help. Give it a try, and e-mail one of the team leads listed at the end of the newsletter. Moreover, ancestor information is also available on the MFA web site, under research and projects at <https://middlebrooksfamily.org/>

The DNA Connections Between the Northern and Southern Branches of our Middlebrook/s Ancestors?

One of the challenges we face is trying to find DNA participants to document our ancestral connections between our northern and southern branches of the family. Our efforts to find genealogical records have not been successful.

We are looking for **direct line male descendants of our Connecticut Middlebrook/s ancestors**. Please contact Ellen Thompson Jennings, ellen@familyhistoryhound.com or Bob Middlebrooks, mid293@earthlink.net. MFA DNA project managers.

MFA Annual Meeting 2025

At our Feb. 26, Zoom we discussed planning for the 2025 Georgia meeting. Angelia Tucker and Nancy Brock have agreed to help with the planning. Thank You!

Discussion/Decisions:

The location of the meeting will be in the **Covington-Conyers**, Georgia area. Dates would be selected for the end of September or October, avoiding dates of other scheduled local events.

Arrival would be on Thursday and departure on Sunday.

The agenda would include social events, family history presentations and a field trip on Saturday afternoon.

John Middlebrooks b. 1755, of Newton County, will be the featured ancestor.

Possible field trip sites include the Porterdale Cemetery, Brick Store and Social Circle Middlebrooks locations etc.

Outreach would include posting the meeting information on the MFA website and social media.

We expect attendance to be 25-30 people.

Meeting Follow-up Actions:

- Angelia Tucker will select the meeting dates and accommodation options. The conference room can be at the hotel or some other location such as, a library or restaurant etc.
- In coordination with the Board Angelia will make the hotel reservations.
- Neal and Leonard will provide Angelia an outline of a draft agenda.
- Angelia will post the meeting announcement on social media sites and Neal will have Dave post it on the MFA web site. Neal will provide Angelia with an e-mail list of MFA members living in GA.
- Neal and Brent will schedule a Zoom meeting the end of March or early April to discuss 2025 GA meeting planning and progress.

Social Happenings/Announcements

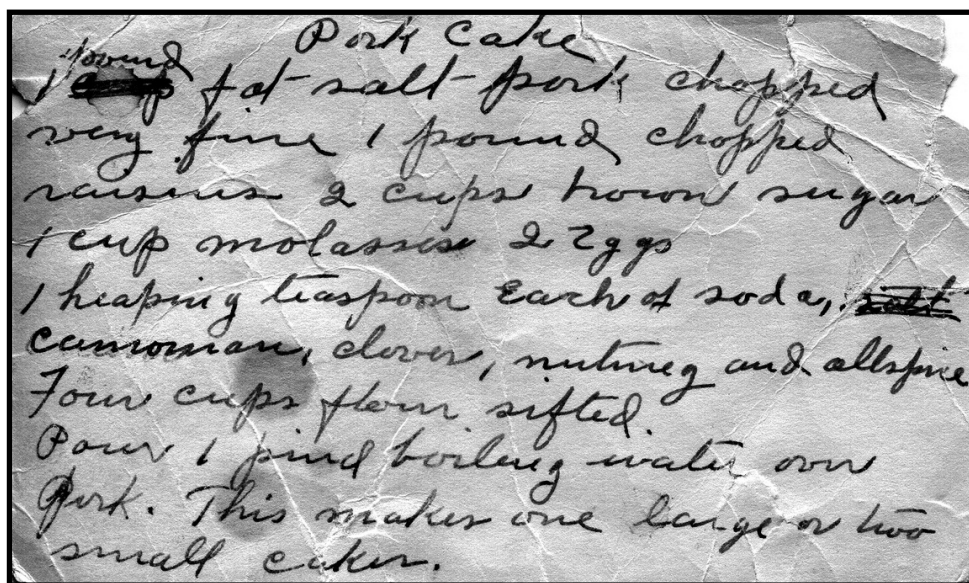
This section of the newsletter will be devoted to news about our Middlebrooks families. Send us information or articles that you would like to share. This would include information about, family reunions, passing of family members, family stories and traditions, your favorite recipes or hobbies etc.

When I was Young

Do you remember sitting down for the afternoon meal or dinner to black eyed peas, turnip greens or collard greens. Sometimes a ham hock or other pork was also included. Gram taught my mother how to fix the dish. I learned the juice from blackened peas, turnip greens or collard greens was called pot liquor. Cornbread with sorghum was also served with the meal. My grandmother and grandfather, were born on a cotton farm south of Hope, Arkansas. The family moved to Los Angeles, in 1929.

One day I, remember my grandmother talking about making poultice when they lived on the farm. She said it was a homemade remedy, a paste made to treat soreness or inflammation. Another weird thing is when I saw Gram lining her hat with leaves while working in the garden. She told me it helps prevent heat stroke.

My grandfather would butcher 6-10 hogs every year on the farm. My sister found Gram's recipe for Pork Cake. I cannot remember if I ever tried it, but I guess you needed to find creative ways to use all that pork.



"Grams" Evelyn Middlebrooks Pork Cake Recipe.

Roots Tech 2025 Meeting Family Search

RootsTech is the largest genealogy conference in the world. I haven't heard yet the numbers of people that attend this year, but I'm sure we will break last year's record of 4.7 million people participating in person and online. I've been going to RootsTech since the very beginning in 2011 and I've been on the RootsTech media team for many of those years.

Why I love going to RootsTech is the classes that you can take about genealogy, DNA, telling your story and so many other topics. It's an opportunity to fill your day with learning and the vendor Expo Hall is like a genealogy "candy store". But the best thing of all is the people you meet. People that speak your language and who you can talk to about your genealogy or DNA finds and they "get you".

RootsTech might be over but you can still enjoy the online classes any time from the comfort of your home. If you go to RootsTech.org you'll find the complete [video archive](#) which has videos from 2019 to 2025.

I hope you'll think about meeting me next year at RootsTech 2026 which will be March 5-7, 2026

Ellen Thomson Jennings.

Ancestor Spotlight

Each newsletter will feature one of our Middlebrook/s ancestors. It can be about any ancestor in your Middlebrooks line. Please submit family history articles you would like to share about your ancestors.

Isaac Middlebrooks Rev. War Service

Periodically, the letter from Edward C. Wade, to his niece Mrs. B. C. Blackwell in 1908, surfaces and starts a discussion about the birth place and the military service of Isaac Middlebrook b. 1753, in Virginia. The letter states that Isaac b. 1755, was born in Maryland. It goes on to say, that Colonel Isaac Middlebrooks was in a battle in South Carolina and Savannah. (MFA MAZE November 2013, <https://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MAZE201311.pdf>)

Birth Place

It has been well documented that Isaac Middlebrooks was born in Virginia or North Carolina, not Maryland as stated in the Wade 1908 letter. (See The Middlebrooks of Orange and Caswell County, NC. [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))

Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia Vol. I-III

Isaac was listed a number of times as a Rev. War soldier in Mrs. Howard H. McCall's, *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia* Vol. I-III. (ancestry.com)
Vol. I, Pages 126, 202,
Vol. II, Pages 30, 95
Vol. III, Pages 126, 166, 184

The references used by Mrs. McCall were on pages ix and x, of Vol. II. She used Georgia Land Lottery lists, state and county histories, DAR rosters, records and lineage books, Georgia State Archives military records, church and family histories, and probate records. However, without specific citations used for each soldier it is impossible to know which records were cited for Isaac Middlebrooks b. 1753.

Isaac was also not named as a Revolutionary War soldier who drew lands in the 1825 Cherokee or the 1827 Georgia Land Lotteries. Elizabeth (Perkins) Middlebrooks, the widow of Isaac was also not listed in the 1827 Land Lottery. We could not find any records for Isaac or wife Elizabeth, applying for a Rev. War pension in Morgan County, Georgia, where Isaac died, at the age of 70, in 1823.

The Georgia Revolutionary Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots, Vol. 1

Mary Carter, the author states, "*Isaac (b. 1753) served as a Private in Georgia Troops, Continental Regiment.*" *Isaac Middlebrooks was at the Battle of Savannah, Georgia, and assisted in carrying the body of Count Casimir Pulaski from the field where he was killed, at the Siege of Savannah, (From the Wade, 1908 letter).*

Isaac Middlebrooks and Elizabeth Perkins

Isaac Middlebrooks (1753-1823) and wife, Elizabeth Jinney Perkins (1756-1840) were married in Caswell County, North Carolina, about 1780. Isaac served in the Rev. War from Georgia and according to the 1908, Wade letter he was at the Battle of Savannah, Georgia. Although, no service records were found to prove his service, except early DAR applications that give his birth as Maryland, instead of Virginia (Wade letter).

Eliz. Perkins was born to Abram/Abraham & Cicely/Sicily Turpin/e of Goochland County, Virginia. They later moved to Orange/Caswell County, North Carolina. Isaac's will is in Morgan County, Georgia, names his wife and children. **Elizabeth is not the child of Archibald Perkins and Elizabeth Gibbs, but rather a daughter of Abraham Perkins and Cecily Turpin.** Mrs Howard H. McCalls, *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia* Vol. I-III was incorrect in asserting that Archibald Perkins and Elizabeth Gibbs were the parents of Elizabeth Perkins, b. 28 November 1756, Goochland County, Virginia.

Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files

An Isaac Middlebrooks was mentioned in the Rev. War pension of Charles Garner. On 1822, 23 December, Isaac received \$85 on 5 October of that same year from Charles Garner for a negro boy. Sworn the 13th day of May 1824. This may be Isaac Jr., because Isaac Middlebrooks b. 1753, died in 1823, Morgan County, Georgia. (Page 31, State, Virginia Veteran, Garner, Charles Service, Va. Pension Number, S. 37,950, US Revolutionary War, Roll 1050, NARA, Fold 3)

State of North Carolina, Caswell County, 2 October 1781

In another pension record, Isaac Middlebrooks and William Ware post a bond of 50 pounds of spices to Alen Martin, Governor, for a marriage license. The bond was for the marriage of William Ware to Frances Perkins. (Page 6, State, North Carolina, Veteran, Ware, William, Pensioner, Ware, Frances, 2 October 1781. (Service, N.C. ,Pension Number, W. 6386, US Revolutionary War. Roll Name 2492, NARA, Fold 3)

Conclusion

it will be difficult prove Isaac's Rev. War service until we can document his service through at least one of the following record sources:

- Pay vouchers,
- Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs),
- Revolutionary War pension, payment ledgers or bounty land warrant applications,
- Rev. War roles and rosters,
and state militia records.

These records, are available through the national or state archives and other genealogical resources.

MFA Table of Organization

November 2024

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Ken Pearman, 2024-2025

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

Micajah b. 1758: Vacant

Nathaniel b. 1764: Sandy Ahmad

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: Ellen Thompson, Bob Middlebrooks and Dave Clark

Family Register Update and Repository: Leonard Middlebrooks

Middlebrook Family Trees: Dave Clark

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<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04>

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