

## **MFA Zoom Meeting August 14, 2025, 6:30 CST Agenda & Notes**

### **Attending:**

Dianne Belk  
Brent Brag  
Lanell Middlebrooks  
Ken Pearman  
Neal Middlebrook

### **Meeting Topics:**

**Review of Agenda**, suggestions, ideas, Presentations, meeting notebook (Flash Drive) etc.

**Neal:** Will explain why we are having the meeting in Newton County and who were the early Middlebrooks ancestors and where they lived

**Neal:** Will prepare John Middlebrooks 1755 PP presentation to be given remotely at the meeting. Brent will help with the technology.

**Neal:** Will prepare a flash drive of the meeting documents for Lanell to hand out at registration. We need to encourage attendees to bring a laptop.

**Neal:** Send out a revised agenda once all details are finalized.

### **Dinner and Lunches**

**Angela:** Pull down Pippin's catering menu and send it to Neal by Tuesday, August 19th.

**Angela:** Find restaurants/catering in Covington/Conyers area. We will coordinate the field trip location with Saturday's dinner. Need head count for both restaurants and catering. For catered lunches we will need a menu for people to select items during registration.

### **Registration**

**Lanell:** Set up the registration desk, sign-in forms and prepare name tags.

**Lanell:** Create a simplified registration form that includes both personal and finance information and activity and food selections.

**Angelia:** will work with Lanell on payment for registration and food/cost of catered lunches using the iPhone.

## **Outreach**

**Neal:** Monitor responses to Information about the reunion that was sent out to all members, via the MFA website.

**Neal:** Continue to post meeting announcements on the MFA Facebook.

**Everyone:** Post meeting announcements on their Facebook page.

**Neal & Angelia:** Follow-up with attendees that RSVP on the MFA Website and through other means.

**Neal:** Update reunion information in October MFA newsletter.

**Neal:** Continue to send out E-mails to Georgia members.

## **Presentations:**

**Neal:** John Middlebrooks 1755, remotely

**Avis Williams:** History of early Newton County.

**SCV member:** Restoration of Middlebrooks Family Cemetery,

**Bill Hodges** (at Brick Store): The Brick Store Community

**Lanell:** coordinator ancestor group presentations.

## **Ancestor group discussions and sharing your family history.**

Encourage people to come with ancestor information and be prepared to share it with the their ancestor group.

**Lanell:** Send out e-mail to attendees about bringing family information.

After they meet in group of common ancestors then we could ask for volunteers to share their information with the everyone. This could be a formal presentation prepared in advance of the meeting or just sharing information they discussed in their group. Lanell will help with organizing ancestor groups.

*Stress you do not have to know your common ancestor. Bring information on your earliest known ancestor.*

## **Middlebrooks Common Ancestor Groups**

Isaac 1753, John 1754, John 1755, Micajah 1758, Sims 1762, Thomas 1763, Nathaniel 1764, Robert 1766, Joseph 1773. Unknown ancestor.

## **Field Trip:**

**Bill Hodges and Avis Williams:** Brick Store Community, Stanton houses and cemetery.

**SCV member:** Middlebrooks Family Cemetery, (MICHAEL A. SKELTON (770) 868-6616 mikeskelton2003@gmail.com)

**Angelia:** will draft a GPS map for the field trip.

**Angelia and Lanell:** will coordinate field trip logistics.