

A History of Newton County Georgia

Middlebrook/s Pages 1816-1818

John Middlebrook, Jr. (R.S.) b. Sept. 20, 1755, Caswell Co., N.C., son of **John Middlebrook, Sr.** and **Miss Symmes**, d. Dec. 30, 1830, Newton Co., Ga., bur. in Newton County (Brick Store), moved to Newton Co. from Rockingham, N.C. sometime between 1782 and 1830. John Middlebrook, Jr. was a planter, a member of Lt. Col. Lytle's Command (Caswell County, N.C.) Troops, Captain Robert Moore's Company, The War of The American Revolution. He m. 1st Mary Ware, m. 2nd Milly Sutton. Children by his first marriage: **Zere** b. July 4, 1782, d. Apr. 16, 1869; **Anderson Crawford** b. Jan. 1, 1784, d. Mar. 16, 1871; **David** b. 1786, d. 1858. Children by his second marriage: **Isaac**; **John** (no known data); **Abigail Caroline** b. Mar. 9, 1795, d. Sept. 3, 1835.

The apparent reason for the Middlebrook family's settlement in Newton County may be attributed to the family's closely following the custom of an old English law pertaining to the descent of estates known as "Borough-English," whereby the "younger sons have stayed from generation to generation, successively, on the old landed estate in Stratford, Connecticut (now Trumbull) . . . while the elder brothers and their descendants have, like their pastoral ancestors, gone to seek new habitations, south and west." (According to the above-quoted statements of **Robert Brinesmade** Middlebrook and his brother, **L. F. Middlebrook**, compiler of the Middlebrook Family Record, published in Hartford, Conn., Mar. 1, 1909.)

Zere Middlebrook (as shown above) b. July 4, 1782, Rockingham Co., N.C., d. Apr. 16, 1869, bur. in Newton Co., m. **Sophia Weston Shell**, b. 1789, d. in 1877, in 1808. Children: **Azariah Burton** b. July 30, 1811, d.; **Thomas Lemon** b. May 22, 1813, d. Apr. 15, 1849; **Zacheus A.** b. Feb. 28, 1815, d. June 26, 1844; **Elizabeth Caroline** b. Nov. 16, 1817, d. Aug. 19, 1896; **Anderson Crawford** b. Oct. 12, 1819, d. Dec. 15, 1894; **John Coleman** b. Nov. 16, 1821, d. Oct. 16, 1901; **Elijah Edmund** b. Jan. 26, 1823, d. Jan. 8, 1906; **Isaac Simeon** b. Jan. 23, 1826, d. Aug. 18, 1889; **Mary Anne** b. June 8, 1828, d. Mar. 1895; **Sophia Weston** b. Feb. 14, 1830, d. Dec. 29, 1883; **Zere Pendergrass** b. Feb. 28, 1835, d. Jan. 3, 1862.

Thomas Lemon Middlebrook b. May 22, 1813, Newton Co., Ga., d. Apr. 15, 1849, StarrsviUe, Newton Co., m. **Miranda Collingsworth Bullah**, b. Oct. 16, 1813, d. Feb. 14, 1883, on Dec. 4, 1834 by Allen Turner, M.G. Children: **James Zere Bunyan** b. Apr. 14, 1837, d., m. **Sarah Honze**; **Margaret Adaline Choice** b. Nov. 10, 1838, d., m. **John Wilson Flemister**; **Penelope Golden** b. Oct. 17, 1840, m. **John Claborn Cash**, d. May 1, 1884; **Hester Ann Rogers** b. Dec. 14, 1842, m. **James Middleton Smith**, d. Jan. 9, 1904; **Mary Frances Asbury** b. Nov. 11, 1845, d., m. **James Chisolm Flemister**; **Lucius Lamar** b. Feb. 8, 1848, m. **Emma Phedorah Corley**, d. Jan. 22, 1912.

Lucius Lamar Middlebrook b. Feb. 8, 1848, Bear Creek (near Covington), Newton Co., Ga., d. Jan. 22, 1912, Covington, Ga., bur. in Westview Cemetery, Covington, Ga., m. **Emma Phedorah Corley**, daughter of **James Thomas Corley** and **Sarah Elizabeth Moseley**, Nov. 12, 1874, by J. N. Bradshaw, M.G. Emma Phedorah Corley b. Feb. 6, 1857, Covington, Ga., d. Nov. 30, 1938, Adanta, Ga., bur. in Westview Cemetery, Covington, Ga.

Lucius Lamar Middlebrook was but fourteen months old when his father died, and while his earlier years were guarded by a kind mother, he necessarily lost many advantages which his father might have secured for him had he lived. He received his early education in the schools of Newton County and attended Jefferson Academy at Newton. At the age of fourteen, he entered the Confederate service, enlisting Sept. 25, 1862, in Lee's Battalion of the 3d Georgia Regiment, and served at Atlanta twelve months until the term of his enlistment expired, when he re-entered the service upon the organization of the Georgia State Troops, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the company from Newton County, with which command he remained until the close of hostilities in 1865. He was wounded in action at the Battle of Griswoldville, Nov. 22, 1864.

In 1867, at the age of nineteen, he went to Central America and spent one year in Honduras prospecting for gold, returning in 1868, to his native home, where he began to study law, and was admitted to the bar in 1871. He began practicing in Covington, where he achieved a high standing in his profession and enjoyed an extended and profitable business. In public office he rendered valuable service as chairman of the city board of education, several years as City Treasurer, four terms and as Mayor of Covington in 1890-91. In 1896 he was an elector from his district for the Democratic Party.

He served one term in the Georgia State Senate, and was a member of the Legislature in 1880-86, 1894-95, 1909-1911. He was a popular candidate for the office of Governor of Georgia at the time of his untimely death in Jan. 1912, resulting from chest injuries received when thrown from an unruly parade horse in Mobile, Ala. He was prominently associated with the United Confederate Veterans for many years, and served on the staff of General Stephen D. Lee, as aide-de-camp until Lee's death, thereafter on the staff of General Clement A. Evans, and at the time of his death was adjutant general of the local camp in Covington.

Lucius was a member of the Methodist Church in Covington. Children: **Kathleen Elizabeth** b. June 16, 1876, m. **Fitz Emmett Heard** of Covington, d. Sept. 1932, bur. in Westview Cemetery, Covington; **Thomas Marvin** b. May n, 1878, m. **Minnie Moro Middlebrook**, d. Mar. 1938, bur. in Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga.; **Howard** b. July 13, 1882, m. **Willie Belle Minor** of Milledgeville, Ga., d. Dec. 1925, bur. in Westview Cemetery, Covington; **Miranda Evalena** b. Oct. 6, 1887, m. **Joel Robert Cook** of Covington, d. 1967, bur. in Cleveland, Ohio; **Ysabel Lamar** b. May 26, 1895, m. **John Donald Boyd** of Salem, Newton Co., still living at the time of this compilation with her daughter, **Angie Kathleen Boyd Rowe Elliott** of Conyers, Rockdale Co., Ga.

Thomas Marvin Middlebrook (as shown above) b. May, 1878, Covington, Ga., d. Mar. 1938, East Point, Ga., bur. in West-view Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga., m. **Minnie Moro Middlebrook**, daughter of **Dr. Anderson C. Middlebrook**, Apr. i, 1906. Minnie b. Nov. 29, 1879. Thomas Marvin Middlebrook served during the Spanish- American War in 1898, as corporal Co. A, 2d Georgia Vol. Infantry, but did not reach Cuba, again volunteered for Philippine service, Sept. 5, 1899, and served as private, corporal, sergeant, and 1st sergeant of Troop M, ninth U.S. Cavalry. He was actively engaged in fifty-four battles, engagements and numerous skirmishes, until Feb. 1, 1901, and was within a few paces of General Lawton when the latter was killed at San Mateo, Dec. 19, 1899. Sergeant Middlebrook kept a diary of every day of his military service. He also served as aide-de- camp on the military staff of Governor Joseph M. Terrell of Georgia for four years, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In his later years he was a merchant and newspaper columnist in East Point, Ga.

Howard Middlebrook b. July 13, 1882, Covington, Ga., d. Dec. 1925, Covington, Ga., bur. in Westview Cemetery, Covington, Ga., m. **Willie Belle Minor** of Milledgeville, Ga., Dec. 26, 1901. Willie Belle b. July 19, 1881. Children: **Adel** b. Feb. 24, 1903, d.; **Evalena** b. Aug. 13, 1908; Virginia b. Apr. 1912, d. June 1963. □ **Ysabel Leonda Rowe Garland**

Notes:

On page 816, it states the parents of John Middlebrooks b. 1755, were John Middlebrooks Sr., b. 1726, and (Ann) Symmes. They further indicate, that John b. 1755, moved from Rockingham Co., NC to Newton Co., Georgia, and was buried at the Brick Store. MFA research has found that the parents of John Middlebrooks were Isaac Middlebrooks b. 1727, New Kent Co., VA, and Ann Sims. John b. 1755, moved from Caswell Co., NC, ca. 1794 to Newton Co., before 1823. John b. 1755, died 30 December 1830. At the time of his death, John was living on Land Lot 131, 125 acres about three miles from the Brick Store Community.

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Land lot 265 **Isaac Middlebrooks**, County of residence Putnam, 1st District of Newton - formerly Walton

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Howard Academy 1836 **Zere B. Middlebrooks**

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The will of **John Middlebrooks** says, "It is my will at my death the following negroes should be sold and the money divided so as to make what my three sons **Isaac, David and John** has received equal: Joe a boy, Ben a boy, Louise a girl, Washington a boy, and Nance a woman."

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Widows of Deceased Civil War Soldiers. **Mrs. Middlebrooks**

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Widows Having a Son or Sons in Service (Civil War). **Mrs. M. C. Middlebrooks.**

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Roster of Confederate Veterans. Company E, Surgeon Dr. Middlebrooks. Penn Middlebrooks 2nd Corpl.

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Civil War **Penn Middlebrooks** died at Camp McDonald

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Company F. **Bunyan Middlebrooks, I. S. Middlebrooks, L. L. Middlebrooks, Z. P. Middlebrook.**

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The Ansely Family, The plantations of Solomon Graves and of Thomas Burge, as well as that of Mrs. Ansley's (Rebecca Stanton) brother **Batte Short Stanton** (17 Jan. 1790-30 Nov. 1845). The last of these married (1) **Abigail Middlebrooks** and (2) Mrs. Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney, and some of his descendants of the Robert Stanton family still live in the Brick Store neighborhood.

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Avery Family. Charlie Bowden Avery, b. My 19, 1908, remarried July 31, 1976. His wife is **Mattie Lou Middlebrooks** b. July 2, 1926. They reside in Covington.

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Boyd Family. **Ysabel Lamar Middlebrook** daughter of **Lucius Lamar and Emma Phedorah Corley Middlebrook** by the Rev. Askew in Salem Methodist Church, May 14, 1914. **John Donald Boyd** b. Nov. 20, 1890. He d. June 6, 1973, Stockbridge, Ga., bur. Westview Cemetery, Covington, Newton County. Children: William Lucius, Frances Phedorah, John Marvin and Angie Kathleen.

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Ellington, Robert Lee b. Aug. 9, 1866 in Newton Co., Ga., d. May 25, 1930, bur. near Rome, Ga., m. **Sallie M. Middlebrooks** Apr. 12, 1908.

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James C. Ellis, A. Noah Arthur Ellis bur. Macedonia, m. **Marjorie Viola Middlebrooks**.

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Wesley (Shorty) Ellis, m. Gladys _____, children: Karen and Don; Annie Robbie m. Henry Mann. (C) Ollie m. Ike Jones. (D) Elma m. **Charlie Middlebrooks**, both bur. Lawnwood Cemetery.

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Ells family. Bennie Ellis married **Jacqueline Middlebrooks**.

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McCord family. Permelia E. McCord, m. **Dr. Anderson Middlebrooks**.

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Mercer Family. Levi Mercer's wife, Nancy A. Henderson purchased 60 acres from **T. G. Middlebrook** for \$480.00; on Dec. 20, 1872.

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Tom Reed Family. Great-grandmother **Patsy Middlebrook** was an ex-slave and she was the mother of Cynthia Ann Bryant, who probably was a child when slavery ended. There is no family record. This is a record of what I remember. Cynthia Ann Bryant married 1st **Charlie Middlebrooks**. Their children: (1) Eddie m. Jackie Swan, daughter of Tom and Ada Swann, Newton Co., Ga. Issue: **Rosetta Middlebrooks**. (2) Clara m. Tom Reed, son of Mernerva and Sandy Reed, sharecroppers in Newton Co.,

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Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton d. Sept. 3, 1835. **Batte Stanton** m. 2nd May 26, 1836, Mrs. Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney "of the Cheney's Expectorant medicine family."

Delith Susan Stanton b. Oct. 4, 1829, d. 1911, m. **John Coleman Middlebrooks**.

"**Batte Short Stanton** died of measles at the age of 55 years . . . and was buried in the family cemetery on the plantation with his wife **Abigail**, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Liza Jane. The burial lot is enclosed by an iron fence handmade by his son, William David."

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Stanton Family. **Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton** was the daughter of **John and Milly Sutton Middlebrooks**. Batte and Abigail married when he was 22 years of age and she was 17. Apparently, her parents and brother, **Zere**, followed her here as records indicate they were residents of Newton Co. at the time of their deaths.

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Alberta Josephine Hendricks Williams family. Jessie M. Williams b. May 5, 1917, lives with her husband, **Booker T. Middlebrooks** in Atlanta, Ga.