

***The John Middlebrooks Family
of North Carolina and Georgia***



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Age (82) years

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(Updated October 2025)***

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Front Cover Picture

***Sophia Weston (Shell) Middlebrooks (1789-1877),
wife of Zere Middlebrooks (1782-1869),
Newton County, Georgia.***

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Preface

The purpose of compiling this information on our ancestor John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) was in preparation for the 2025 **Middlebrooks Family Association (MFA)** annual meeting, October 23-26, Covington, Georgia.

The *John Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia*, was posted on the MFA web site under research reports.

John and his descendants migrated from Orange/Caswell County, North Carolina to Georgia, residing in Hancock County (1794), Putnam County (1811), and finally Newton County (1823). John's first wife, Mary Lyon, died in Caswell County after 1784. John and his second wife, Milley Sutton, were buried in Newton County.

Information for *John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) Family of North Carolina and Georgia* was primarily abstracted from: ***The Middlebrooks of Orange and Caswell County North Carolina***, by Neal Middlebrook 2019, 46 pages and ***The Middlebrooks Ancestry of William Sims Middlebrooks***, by Margaret Goodrum, 2002, 29-41 pages. Additional information and illustrations were also included. Other sources consulted were ancestry.com, familysearch.org and the Georgia State Archives.

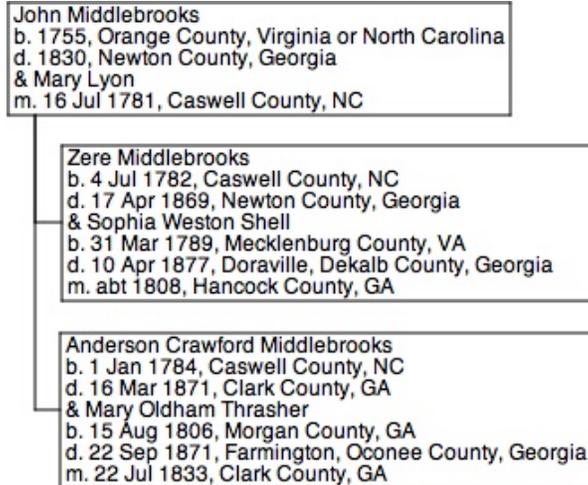
This report provides a good starting point to continue a more detailed research effort into John Middlebrooks and his descendants. With additional research we could learn much more about this family.

If you have any questions or would like to provide additional information, please let me know.

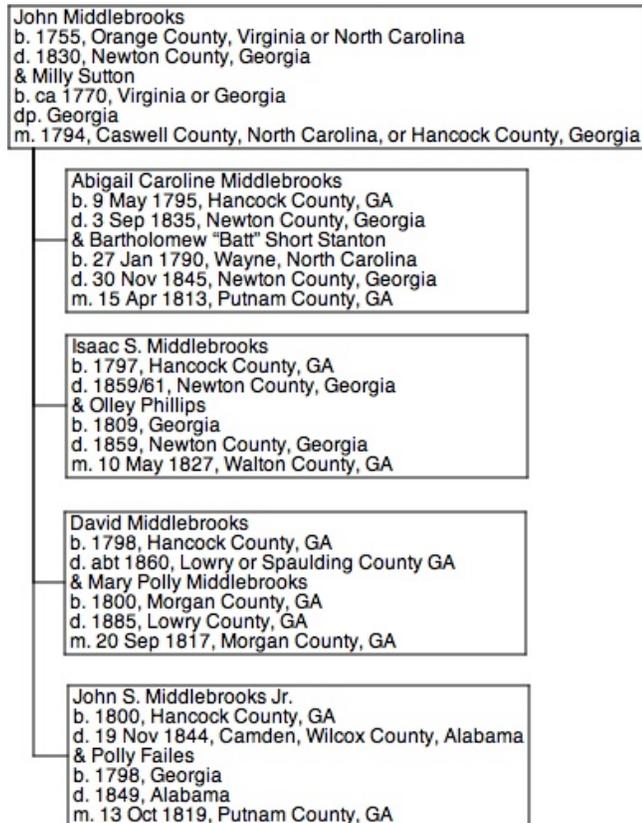
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Descendants of John and Mary (Lyon) Middlebrooks



Descendants of John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks

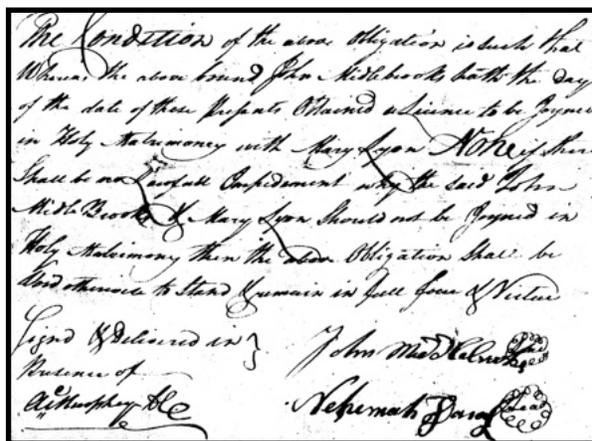


John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) Orange and Caswell County North Carolina

John Middlebrooks was born about 1755 in Orange County, Virginia or Orange County, North Carolina. Johns' older brother, Isaac (b. 1753) was born in Virginia according to his daughter Lucy (Middlebrooks) Chaney.¹ Therefore, it is likely that John was also born in Orange County, Virginia. John died *circa* 1830, Newton County, Georgia.²

We believe John's parents were Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1727) in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia and Ann Sims, thought to have been born about 1735 in Louisa or Orange County, Virginia.³ Isaac and Ann moved to Hogans Creek, Orange County, North Carolina. Before 1760, they were baptized near Hogans Creek at a Separatist Baptist meeting house.⁴ Caswell County was created in 1777 from northwestern part of Orange County, North Carolina formed in 1752.

On 18 January 1781, John Middlebrooks married Nancy Humphries in Caswell County. Richard Boggess and William Campbell were listed as bondsman. Six months later (July 1781), John Middlebrooks married Mary Lyon, the daughter of Robert and Rebecca Lyon.⁵ It is believed John's first wife, Nancy, may have died in childbirth. Robert Lyon purchased 250 acres on south side of Moon's Creek from Abram Perkins on 31 August 1782.⁶ Robert was already living on the property at the time of purchase, according to deed records. The Middlebrooks and Lyons are now related and were neighbors.



Marriage of John Middlebrooks and Mary Lyon 16 July 1781, Caswell County, NC.
ancestry.com

Robert Lyon died in 1804, leaving his estate to his wife, Rebecca, his six children and two grandchildren. His will was dated 23 October 1804. The executors are James Burton and Henry Howard. The two grandchildren, Zere (born 1782) and Anderson (born 1784) are sons of John and Mary Lyon Middlebrooks. As grandsons of Robert Lyon, they demand their legacy from his estate.⁷

¹. Memoirs of Georgia, Vol. I, it states "Lucy Middlebrooks is a daughter of Isaac Middlebrooks (b. 1753), a native of Virginia, and a settler in Georgia, 1800."

². Georgia Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992, Newton County, Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871 pg. 43, 44. ancestry.com

³. Ancestry.com. New Kent County, Virginia St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register, 1684-1786, page 481. "Isaac y son of Thomas Middlebrook born Jan 12 1727/8." We believe the parents of Isaac were Thomas and Racheal Middlebrook, however this relationship has not been proven. The support for this conclusion is the name of Isaac's father in the St. Peters Parish record above as Thomas, and the following records in which Thomas and Rachael are recorded: Store of Thomas Partridge and Company, Hanover County, Virginia 1734-1756, the Fredricksville Parish Louisa County, Virginia 1757-1761 and the Thomas Middlebrooks Estate Settlement Orange/Louisa County, Virginia, 1759-1766. See *The Middlebrooks Virginia Research Update Middlebrooks Family Association Meeting, Hillsboro, Texas July 18, 2008* .

⁴. Morgan Edwards, Materials towards a History of the Baptists Vol. 2, (Danielsville, GA: Heritage Papers, 1984), 44.

⁵. Katherine K. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Marriage Bonds 1778-1888, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1981), 99

⁶. Caswell County, Deed Book A, Pg. 606, # 896, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.

⁷. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 95, 96

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Apparently, Zere Middlebrooks was not able to collect his legacy from the estate until the death of his stepmother, Rebecca Lyon, on 12 August 1817. Mary Lyon Middlebrooks is believed to have died *circa* 1793 in Caswell County.⁸ John Middlebrooks married Millie Sutton *circa* 1794 in Caswell County, North Carolina, or Hancock County, Georgia. By 1804, John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks, Anderson and Zere are living in Hancock County, Georgia.⁹

Settlement of Robert Lyons Estate

14 December 1804.

Zere Middlebrooks of Hancock County, Georgia, granted Power of Attorney from his father John and his brother, Anderson, of Hancock, to collect legacy of his grandfather, Robert Lyon. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 96.)

30 July 1806.

John Lyon, the son of Robert Lyon, deceased, also gave Power of Attorney to Zere, his friend, to receive from the executors of his father's estate, which is in the hands of his stepmother, Rebecca Lyon. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 96.)

2 December 1816. Power of Attorney granted to **Zere Middlebrooks of South Carolina**, from Robert Lyon (Jr.) of Jasper County, Georgia, to collect from the estate of Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, 103.)

2 January 1817.

Power of Attorney conveyed to **Zere Middlebrooks of Newberry District, South Carolina** from his brother, Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia to collect legacy left by Grandfather Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina. (Katherine K. Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 29).

2 February 1817,

Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia, to brother **Zere Middlebrooks of Newberry District of South Carolina**, to receive balance of legacy left by grandfather Robert Lyon, Caswell County, North Carolina. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 29.)

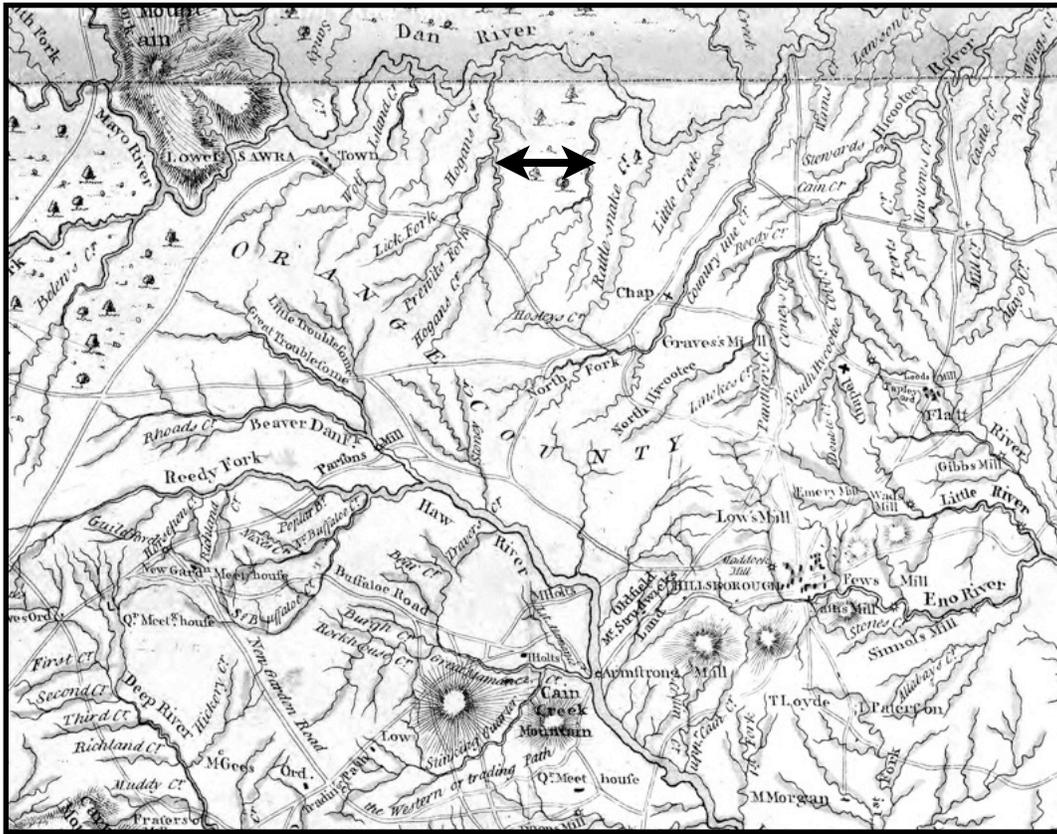
12 August 1818.

Receipt of **Zeri (Zere) Middlebrooks** for legacy left John Lyon, deceased November 20, 1809; and after the death of Rebecca Lyon on August 12, 1817. (Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, 30)

⁸ .Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1983), 30.

⁹Tax Digest 1794, 1796, 1804, Wilkes County, Georgia, film 159194, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

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1770 Map of Orange County Est. 1752 and surrounding area. Arrow denotes Hogans and Moon's Creeks, location of Middlebrooks lands. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3900.ar150000/>

Henry and Charles Dixon are close friends and neighbors of the Middlebrooks in the Hogan's Creek area. The will of Henry Dixon, Jr. was recorded 4 August 1795 and Charles Dixon's will was recorded 24 November 1805, both in Caswell County.¹⁰ The estate papers for Henry Dixon Jr. list the following entry on an account ledger for John Middlebrooks:

Nov 10, 1784, To cash Pd. John Middlebrooks for Wheel 8 schilling

Another item found in these estate papers was a letter dated 13 August 1783 and witnessed by **John Middlebrooks** and Ruth Bogess. Tillman Dixon wrote the letter to the Sheriff of Caswell County demanding payment of 36 pounds 10 schillings to the estate of his father, Henry Dixon, Jr. Decd. from Samuel Jones.

Other friends and neighbors mentioned in the estate papers include: James Boggis, John Bullock, Charles Burton, Franky, Susan, Martha (wife of Henry Dixon Jr. Decd.), Roger, Elizabeth, Henry, Robert and Wynn Dixon, Joel McDaniel, James Miller, Pleasant and Col. Peter Perkins, James and John Somers.

¹⁰ Kendall, Caswell County, North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814, (Privately Published, Raleigh, NC 1979), 49, 100.



**Hogan's Creek, Walter's
Mill Road, Caswell
County, NC**

John Middlebrooks Caswell County Records

3 July 1773, John Middlebrooks and Richard Boggass were witness to the will of Stephen Norton. (Orange County, Wills, 1752-1850, A-179.)

16 July 1781, John Middlebrooks applied for a license to marry Mary Lyon. John and Nehemiah Long posted the bond. (Caswell. Marriage Bonds 1780-1868.)

18 July 1781, John Middlebrooks and Richard Boggass are bound unto Abner Nash for the payment of 500 pounds, plus interest. Caswell County Marriage Bonds 1780-1868.)

1 October 1781, land warrant #1243, for the survey for John Middlebrooks, 33 acre, joining lines of Norton and Henry Dixon Jr., on the waters of Hogan's Creek. (Caswell. Land Warrants 1735-1957.)

1 October 1781, John Middlebrooks began the same land entry process as his mother to purchase thirty acres on the south side of Hogan's Creek. The State patent was issued the same day as his mother's on 18 August 1787. (Caswell County, Deed Book D, Pg. 334, # 864, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)

December 1783, John Middlebrooks appointed road overseer of road to John Oaks, with former hands. (Caswell. Court Minutes 1781-1788)

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January 1786, John Middlebrooks appointed road overseer, road from Humphries to Richard Beasleys new house and from Thomas Swanns to Arneetts Mill. (Caswell. Court Minutes 1781–1788.)

17 April 1788, John Middlebrooks, witness to the deed between Ann Middlebrooks and Joel Cannon, in consideration for 100 pounds, 195 acres. Signed Ann Middlebrooks her mark. (Caswell County Deeds 1785-1789, Pg. 286.)

17 September 1788. Richard Boggas of Caswell County, 200 pounds, sells 202 acres to John Middlebrooks, of same, on Hogan's Creek, adjoining Boggass tract granted him by State, and Charles Burton. Witnesses: James Grant Jr., and **Sims Middlebrooks**. (Caswell County, Deed Book F, Pg., 117-8, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)

October 1788, John Middlebrooks is summoned by the court to be juror.. (Caswell. Court Minutes 1788–1794.)

July 1795, Stephen Rice appointed overseer of road from George Humphries to James Grants old store, in room (in place of) John Middlebrooks, with former hands. (Caswell. Court Minutes 1794–1801.)

10 November 1795, John Middlebrooks of Caswell County sold 202 acres to Jesse Carter and James Burton, of same, on Hogan's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina, adjoining Boggass (tract granted by state) and Charles Burton. Witnesses: Jesse Perkins, W. Dixon. (Caswell County, Deed Book J, Pg. 156-7, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)

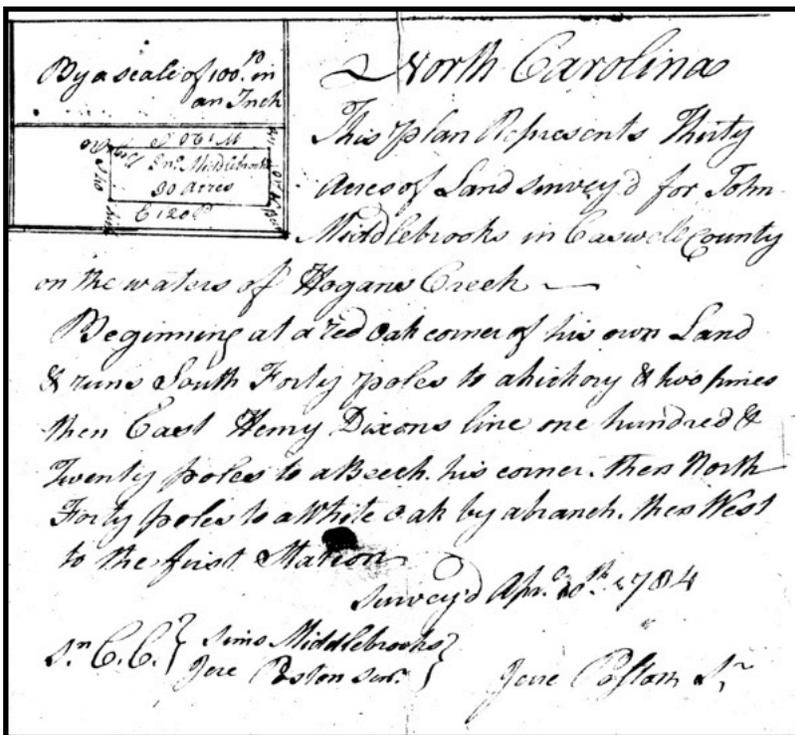
10 April 1800, John Middlebrooks identified in the deed between Jesse Carter and James Burton, was the same parcel John sold to Jesse and James, on Hogan's Creek. (Caswell. Deeds 1797–1804, Pg. 25.)

January 1796, Deed from John Middlebrooks to Jessie Carter and James Burton, for 230 acres, was proved by Jessie Perkins and ordered registered. Deed from Richard Boggass to John Middlebrooks for 202 acres proved by James Grant ordered registered. (Caswell. Court Minutes 1794–1801.)

1 December 1801

John Middlebrooks is an adjacent landowner to the sale of 100 acres from John Summers to James Burton on Hogan's Creek, Caswell County, North Carolina, adjoining Ware and Bullock. Witnesses: Joel McDaniel, and Marady Price. (Caswell County, Deed Book M, Pg., 170, Registrar of Deeds Office, Yanceyville, NC.)

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Survey plat for John Middlebrooks of Caswell County, 30 acres, witnessed by brother, Sims Middlebrooks, 10 April 1784. The survey was ordered 1 April 1781. (Grant #864, issued 18 August 1787, Entry #1243, Book 68, Pg. 76, ancestry.com)

John Middlebrooks Caswell County Taxes 1777-1795

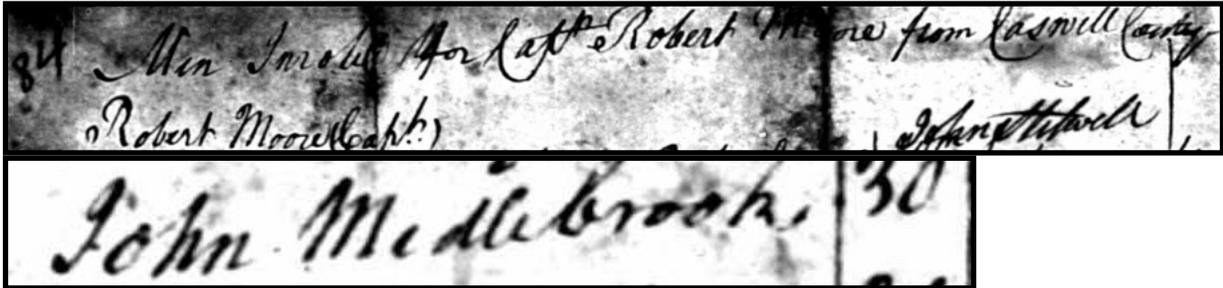
Year	Acres	Year	Acres	Year	Acres
1777	0	1785	230	1791	363
1780	1,132	1786	230	1792	366
1781	1,835	1787	341	1793	340
1782	240	1788	363	1794	340
1783	240	1789	363	1795	340
1784	232	1790	360	1805	

Note: Tax years 1780/81 are not correct acreage figures.

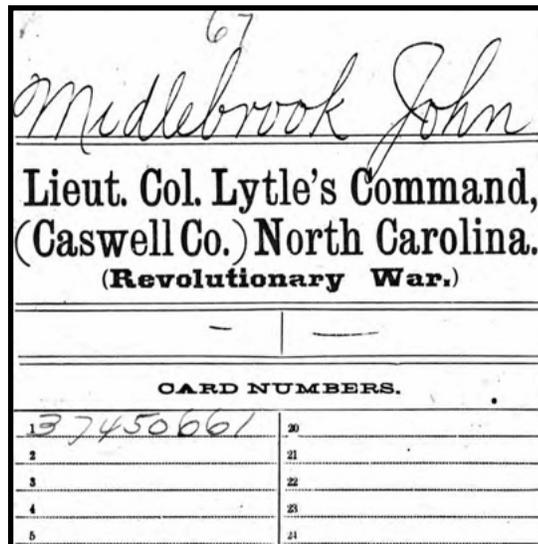
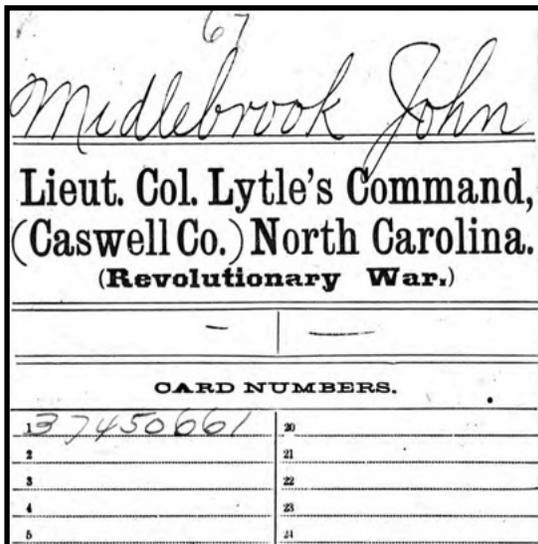
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John Middlebrooks Revolutionary War Military Service

John served as a private in Captain Robert Moore's Company, Col. Lytle's Regiment, North Carolina Continental Line.



John Middlebrooks was listed on a roster of Captain Robert Moore's Company as number 30.
(North Carolina 01st Regiment, 1775-1783 (Folder 1) - Various Organizations (Folder 23)
ancestry.com



North Carolina Lieutenant Colonel Lytle's Command (Caswell County A - Z.)
ancestry.com

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Leaving Caswell County

John and Millie (Sutton) Middlebrooks had moved to Hancock County, Georgia by 1794. It appears John still owns land in Caswell County as late as December 1801, when he is mentioned as an adjacent landowner. This may be his State grant of thirty acres originally adjacent to his mother's 640 acre tract. John was taxed as a land owner 1780-1795. John and his family moved to Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia as early as 1793/94.¹¹

Names of Persons	Swamps			Oaks and Pines			Adjoining Lands of	On the Water of	Poles	Stocks	Payable for each
	1	2	3	1	2	3					
Mark Doddridge Hancock				72	72		R Hill	J Bone	1		57 3/4
John Boyd				262			D White	Gold Co	2 1/2		1 46 7/8
Amos Chapman Hancock				200			Callis	J Bone	3 1/2		1 76 6/8
Thos Middlebrooks				366			R Paper	do	1		2 20
Thos Chapel									1		2 50
Jos Woodrow				272			J Alexander	J Bone	1 1/2		1 49 3/4
Hugh Montgomery				30	65		J Adams	do	2 1/2		1 29 50
Sharing Lato				300			L Kappeler	do	6 1/2		3 44 1/2
do do Grimes				305							4 48
do do do				287 1/2							39 28
Philip Barnhart Hancock									1		2 50
John Coullie									14 1/2		8 62 60
Robert Hill				161	61		Adams	J Bone	6 1/2		3 14 58
Thomas Hill				95			H Chamberlayne	do	1		68 33
Jos Middlebrooks ←									1		3 50
Joseph Middlebrooks									1		3 50

1796 Tax Digest, Captain Adams District, Hancock County, Georgia. John and Joseph Middlebrooks are listed next to each other with no land and one pole assessed. Thomas, Sims, M. (Micajah) Middlebrooks are listed on the next page.

Hancock-Wilkes County, Georgia

We know from Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia tax records that **Thomas, John, Sims, Robert, Micajah and Joseph** left Caswell County before 1792-94. They may have traveled to Georgia together with their families. The Caswell County tax lists give us an indication of when our ancestors were not assessed for property taxes. Although, some of the tax years are not complete it may reveal when they decided to move to Georgia. Of course, they could also sell land in North Carolina after they moved to Georgia. John's last tax year was 1795, even though John is reported on the 1794 tax roles for Wilkes-Hancock County, Georgia.

John Middlebrooks sold his 202 acres on Hogan's Creek to Jesse Carter and James Burton for 100 pounds, 10 November 1795. In the deed John was said to be of Caswell County, North Carolina, but since he was on the Hancock Co GA Tax List of 1794, we suspect he had already moved there. John was on Hancock County Tax Lists until 1804/06.

John and his family remained on his 128 acre farm on the **Watery Fork of Buffalo Creek**, when it was purchased in January 1797 until they moved to Putnam County, where they purchased land in January 1811, a period of 14 years.

¹¹. Tax Digest 1794, 1796, 1804, Wilkes County, Georgia, film 159194, <https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

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John Middlebrooks 128 acre farm was located on the Watery Fork of Buffalo Creek, Hancock County, Georgia

Buffalo Creek, Linton Rd., Hancock County



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Hancock County Records

3 March 1789, surveyor John Ragen for John Middlebrooks, 37 acres on Watery Buffalo Creek, bounded by John Middlebrooks, Marshall, Bemins and Thomas Mathis lands. (See plat) (Hancock. Land Records 1772–1909.)

28 January 1797, Dr. Seth and Polly Kennedy of Hancock County sold to **John Middlebrook of same**, 128 acres, 65 pounds on the waters of the **Watery Fork of Buffalo Creek**. Signed Seth and Polly Kennedy. (Hancock County Deed Book B pg. 317 and Book D pg. 91)

12 April 1797, John Middlebrooks witness from Doctor Seth Kennedy to **Joseph Middlebrooks. Shoulderbone Creek**, 66 acres. Bounded: North by Harper, South by Wheelers?, West by Crockett and Stokes. John Middlebrooks paid 30 pounds sterling to Doctor Seth Kennedy. Deed registered 29 May 1800. (See deed.) Hancock. Deed Books 1794–1798, 1798–1800, Pg. 357-58.)

9 June 1797, **John Middlebrooks** and William Selmon, both of Hancock County were buyers of the estate of James Adams. (Hancock County Deed Book C pg. 352-357)

26 February 1802, **John Middlebrooks** named overseer of road from James Scarlett's to Musselwhites Plantation. (Hancock. Court Minutes.1800–1808, Pg. 41.)

7 January 1804, **John Middlebrooks** resigned as road overseer, road from Doctor Kennedy's to John Musslewhite's Plantation. Hancock. Court Minutes 1800–1808, Pg. 102

7 September 1804 and 8 January 1805 jury duty **John Middlebrooks** selected as Juror, Inferior Court. (Hancock. Court Minutes 1794–1809.)

1804 Tax Digest, **John Middlebrooks** 128 acres, Pine land, from Kennedy, **Buffalo Creek**, assessed .40. (Hancock. Tax Records 1804.)

10 May 1805, **John Middlerooks** assigned as a road crew member, leading from **Dennis Mill to Mitchell's Old Store**. (Hancock. Court Minutes 1809–1833, 1833–1850, 1800–1808.)

1805 Georgia land Lottery **John Middlebrooks** of Hancock County did not receive a draw.¹²

1807 Georgia Land Lottery **John Middlebrooks** of Hancock County received a draw in Wilkinson County, Georgia.¹² (Georgia Land Lotteries 1805-1832, Morgan, Clark, Hancock, Newton, Putnam Jones, Upson and Monroe Counties.)

20 February 1807, **John Middlebrooks** found four stray ewes. The court appraised the sheep and they were sold to John, 4 July 1807. (Estray Records 1804–1812, 1818–1863.)

25 October 1807, **John Middlebrooks** alerts the court about a yearling heifer was Estray (Astray). It appears the stray was not claimed and sold to John after being appraised by the court. (Estray Records 1804–1812, 1818–1863.)

24 January and February 1810, **John Middlebrooks** listed as a member of the petit jury. (Hancock. Court Minutes 1810-1817.)

3 November 1817 and 3 March 1817, Inferior Court of Ordinary, **John Middlebrooks** of Margaret Moon, orphan of Jacob Moon decd., returned amount of sale of real estate, belonging to said orphan \$1680. (Hancock. Court Minutes 1817–1837, Pg. 24, 756.)

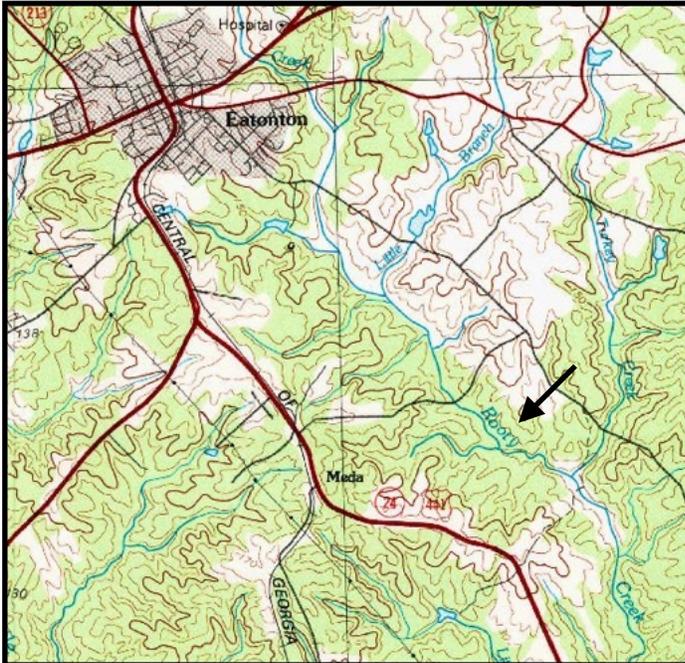
Putnam County Georgia

John Middlebrooks and his sons David, Isaac S., John Jr. and Zere moved to Putnam County, before January 1811, from Hancock County. Putnam was on the northwest boundary of Hancock County. John purchased 202-1/2 acres, **second district, land lot 288**, 29 January 1811. Son Zere purchased **land lot 298**, 25 January 1817. Two years later (1819) Zere sold land lot 298 to his father John and Batt Stanton. John and Batt then sell land lot 288, 22 May 1822. The family moved from Putnam to Newton County, before January of 1823.



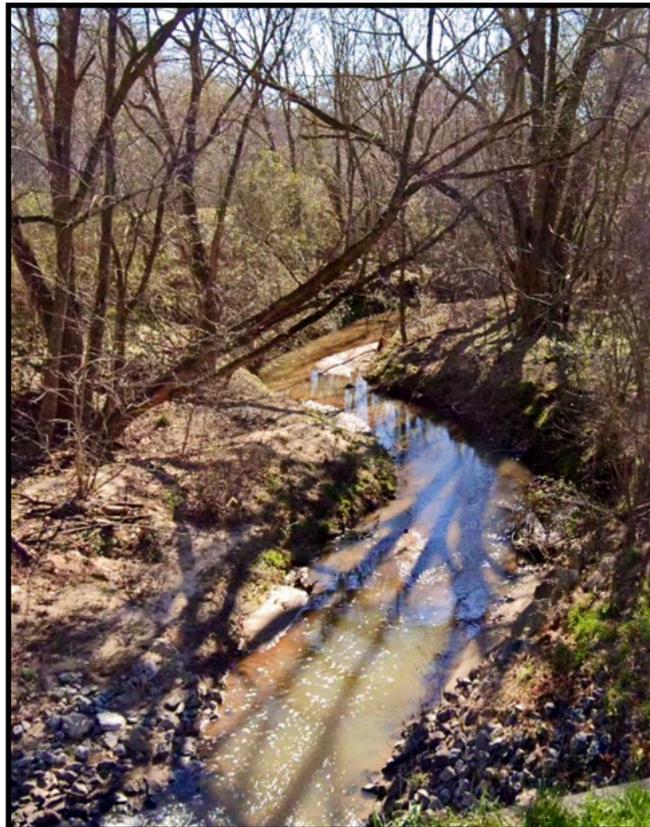
Location of John Middlebrooks (land lot 288) and Zere Middlebrooks (land lot 298) land in the second district, Putnam County. The farms were on the waters of Rooty Creek and near the Dennis Mill. 1869 Putnam County land lot map, <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/cmfi/id/44/rec/1>

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**John and Zere Middlebrooks land
on Rooty Creek, Putnam County,
Georgia
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**Rooty Creek, Lower
Harmony Rd., Putnam County.**



Putnam County Records

29 January 1811, John Moreland to John Middlebrooks, **Second District land lot 288**, \$1,000.00, 202-1/2 acres, Baldwin now Putnam County. Witnesses: John Lewis and Wm. Denning. (Book B pg. 174)

September 1812, John Middlebrooks and Tarpley Holt failure to appear in court of their own recognizance, when summoned. (Putnam. Court Minutes 1808–1812.)

14 September 1813, John Middlebrooks to B. S. Stanton,, 70 acres of land **lot 288**. (Book C pg. 273)

March 1814, Superior Court, John Moreland (defendant) for the use of Jesse Clementes John Middlebrooks (plaintiff). Debt paid by defendant. Putnam. Court Minutes 813–1817, Pg. 80.)

March 1815, 1 December 1818, 28 May 1818 and 18, 19, 22, 23 November 1819, 15 May 1820, John Middlebrooks assigned to jury duty, No. 1. (Putnam. Court Records 1810–1820, Pg. 107-110, 121, 123, 125, 133.)

1815, Estate of James Roddey,, John Middlebrooks account owed \$1.25 to the Estate. (Estate Records: Putnam. Probate Estate Case Files 1800–1928.)

1816, 1818, John Middlebrooks on a list of current for Remittance to pay Mrs. Jones and John Holland, \$3.00. (Putnam. Annual Returns 1808–1825, Pg. 470,)

1817 Tax records John Middlebrooks, 9 poles, 132 acres, Putnam Rootey Creek, Moorland, Hayes. 2921/2 acres Jones County, self, \$3.20.
Batt Stanton, 4 Poles, 70 acres, Rooty reek, Moorlane, Middlebrooks, \$.48-1/2.
Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 1 Pole, Rooty Creek, \$.31-1/2. (Putnam. Tax Records 1817.)

25 January 1817, J. Davis to Z. Middlebrooks, land **lot 298**. (Book J pg. 161)

4 December 1819, Z. Middlebrooks to Thomas Pearce, land **lot 298**. (Book J pg. 160)

14 October 1819, Polly Fails married John Middlebrooks (Jr.), Putnam County,
General Index
Marriages, Females Pg 17, Book W, Pg. 139.)

June 1820, John Middlebrooks, to serve on the jury. (Putnam. Court Minutes 1813–1843.)

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1820 Tax List, John Sr., for Putnam County, in Captain Peter F. Mahones District. Putnam County was on the northwest boundary of Hancock County.

1820 Putnam Co GA Census, John Middlebrook

1 Male under 10, 1, Female 16/26 (John Jr wife), 1 Male 16/26 (John Jr.), 1 Female over 45, 1 Male over 45 (John Sr.)

22 May 1822, John Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton to Presley Pritchard, second district, land **lot 288**, 202-1/2 acres, Baldwin now Putnam County, joining lands of James Hayes and Orin D. Carstarphen and others. Signed John Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton. Witnesses: John and Edward Hayes and W. B. Prichard. (Book K pg. 86, 87). **We do herby certify that Milly Middlebrooks the wife of John Middlebrooks and Abigail Stanton the wife of Batt S. Stanton announce relinquishment of their dower, 30 November 1822.**

6 May 1823, John Middlebrooks mentioned as an adjacent landowner to James Hayes, lot 297 and runs along line lot 298, 25 acres purchased from John Robertson. (Putnam. Annual Returns 1823-1825, Pg. 120.)

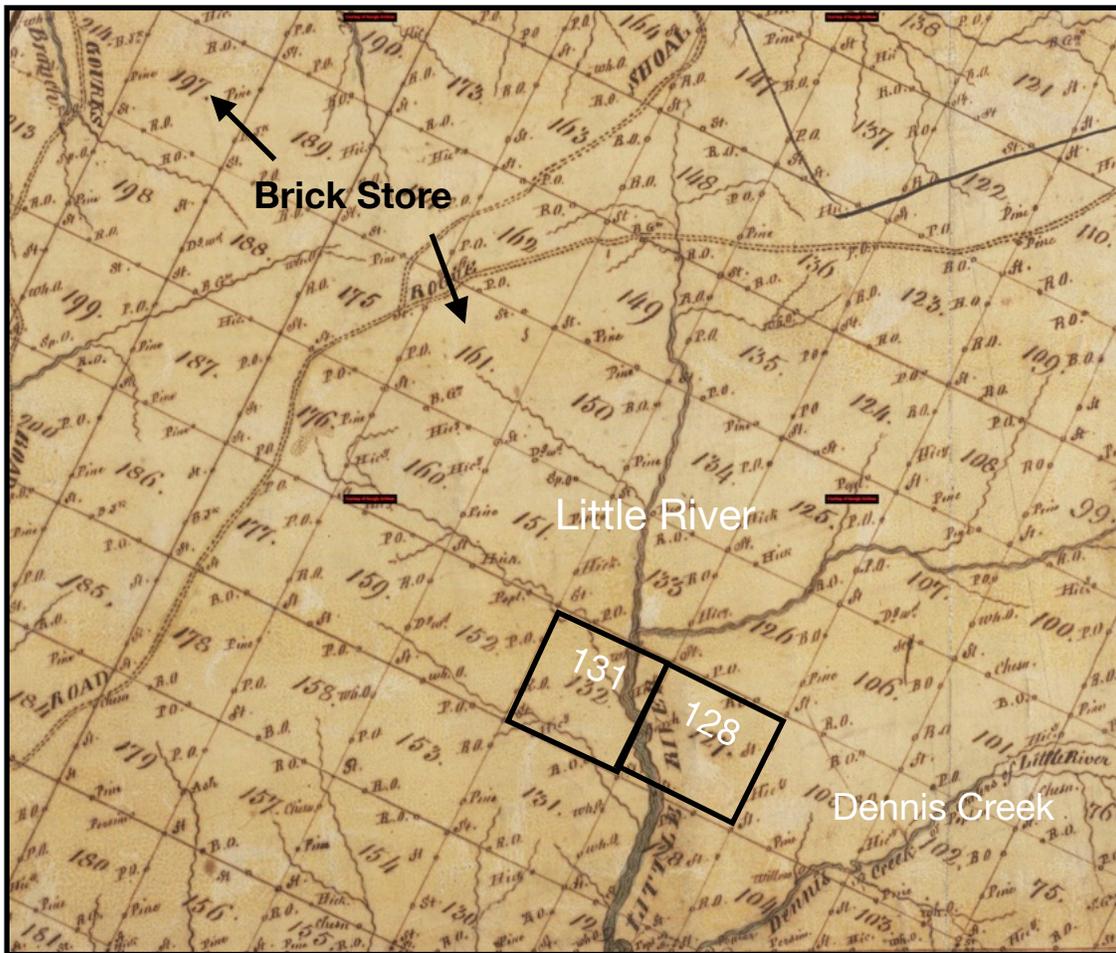
Tax record 1824, John Middlebrooks, 6 Poles, 133-1/2 acres, Rooty Creek, Moreland (granted) and Hayes (joins).

Batt S. Stanton, 2 Poles, 70 acres, Rooty Creek, Moreland and Middlebrook, \$.79. (Putnam. Tax Records 1820.)

Newton County Georgia

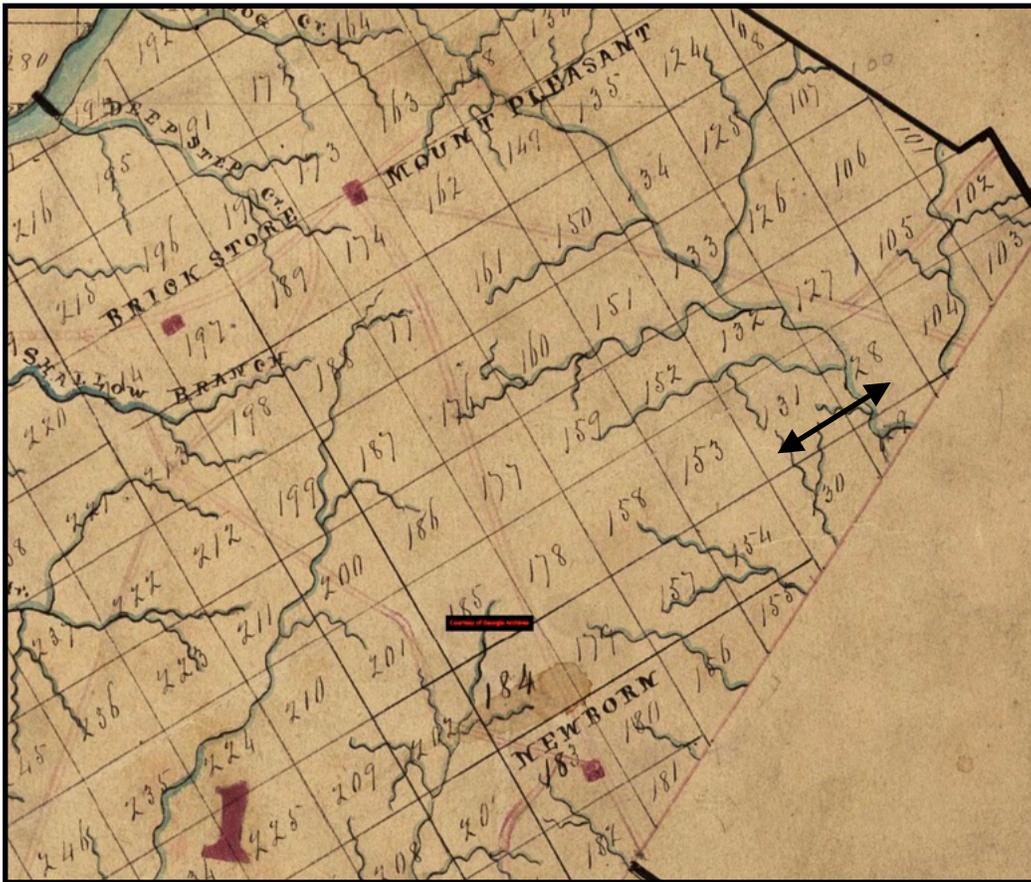
Before January of 1823 the John Middlebrooks family had moved to Newton County Georgia. This move to Newton County, also included sons John Jr., David, Isaac S., Zere and daughter Abigail who was married to Batt Stanton. The only son who did not move with the family was Anderson Crawford. He lived in Morgan County, Georgia, until 1830, then moved to Clark County, Georgia. He remained there until his death.

John Middlebrooks first land sale was to Batt Stanton, his son-in-law, on 22 January 1823, first district, **land lot 131**, near **Shoal Creek**. Then on 25 April 1824, Batt Stanton sold the same land lot 131 back to John. Land lots were 202-1/2 acres so the above sales could have been for parcels of land lot 131. The other deeds below denote their location as on the waters of **Little River**.



Location of John Middlebrooks (LL 131) and Batt Stantons (LL 128) lands, on the waters of Little River, North of Dennis Creek. On an 1820 map, the Brick Store was located in LL 161, near the intersection of Shoal and Rouge Roads. On another map the Brick Store was drawn in LL 197. We believe the correct location was LL 161. John and Batt's PO Box was the Brick Store.

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This 1869 Land Lot map shows the location of the Brick Store in LL 197, instead of LL. 161 on earlier maps.

John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) first district, land lot 131. Son-in-law, Batt and Abigail (Mks.) Stanton lived next door in LL 128. The Brick Store is in LL 197, Mt. Pleasant Church, 174 and New Born 183.

Newton County Land Lot Map 1869. Georgia State Archives <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/cm/id/43>



Approximate location of John Middlebrooks (b. 1755) lands (where he lived and died) first district land lot 131 on the waters Of Little River, just north of Dennis Creek. Batt Stanton LL 128, Newton County.

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Location of Batt Stanton (LL 128) and son John B. Stanton (LL 105) lands. South of Stanton Road, on Little River, North of Dennis Creek. Contributed by Bill Hodges.



Little River where it crosses Hwy. 278.

The Brick Store Community

John Middlebrooks P. O. was the Brick Store, Newton County, two miles from where the family settled (land lot 131) on Shoal Creek-Little River. (See the LL Map.) The Middlebrooks travelled to the Brick Store to get their mail, buy supplies and sell or trade goods. In 1818 the town was given the name of Winton. The town was at the intersection of well, traveled roads and stagecoach routes. This was the first location of a brick building in the county. The Brick Store location was drawn on the 1820 land lottery map, in lot 161 (197). William Deaton sold the land to Martin Robb (Kolb?) on 24 December 1821.

Over the years the Brick Store served as a home, store, courthouse, stagecoach stop, post office, jail, elections, debates, temperance lodge. The building, was first constructed as the residence of Martin Kolb, sometime before 1822. The Brick Store also names the community that grew up around it.

The Brick Store is significant locally in the area of commerce, because the building housed a mercantile between 1821 and 1935 and evolved the operation of such enterprises during that period. During the antebellum period, this store was a waypoint for migrants and early white settlers who purchased supplies and used the building as a social gathering place and campsite. Frontier merchants maintained contact with distant wholesalers as well as with local suppliers.

In 1822, the counties first Superior Court was held at the Brick Store. Later a tavern and Inn for stagecoach passengers was built as part of the Brick Store Community. The Brick Store house also served as an early covert of law enforcement.

The Brick Store Community included schools and churches. Three churches were in the Brick Store neighborhood, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Harris Spring Primitive Baptist Church and Graves Chapel.

Stagecoach Stop

Brick Store sat along the early roads through Newton County, long before US Hwy 278 crossed the land. When stage coaches traveled the area before the Civil War, Brick Store served as a stop. Passengers could get food or rest at a nearby inn.

Independent Order of Good Templars

In 1879, then-owner Peter P. Knox leased the second floor of Brick Store to the trustees of Brick Store Lodge No. 479 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, a strict temperance organization. The organization was dedicated to abstinence from alcohol, but distinguished itself from other temperance organizations by the fact that it did not exclude women or people of color.

Kidnapping Victim Found at Brick Store

An interesting account of events at Brick Store in 1894 appeared in a later newspaper article. Lovick Rowe, then 15 years old, was in Monroe, Georgia, on a trip to buy supplies with his father. The boy disappeared, and eyewitnesses told the father that someone had put the boy in their wagon and driven off. Lovick's father and the sheriff tracked the wagon to Brick Store where they discovered the boy bound in the wagon. The kidnappers were found in the inn behind Brick Store. Apparently several such incidents occurred in which boys were kidnapped to be sold in the logging camps of middle and south Georgia.

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Wagon Maker

During the 1850s and 1860s, owner Isaac H. Parker built a thriving carriage industry around Brick Store. Just a few households away were another carriage maker, a wagon maker, a carpenter, and a chair maker. A blacksmith shop was also part of the Brick Store community.

Sources:

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Brick Store: Oldest Building in Newton County

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1821, the Georgia Assembly officially formed Newton County. Named in honor of Sargent John Newton, a Revolutionary War soldier, the county was created from parts carved out of Henry, Walton and Jasper counties. The first settlers in the area established homes to the east and created a town they called Winton, Georgia. They began to build homes and a community soon followed. At the center of this burgeoning city, was the Brick Store.

Built in 1821, the Brick Store served as a focus point for Newton County. Built entirely from locally made bricks, the building used architectural details to mimic those found in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Ben Carter, architect for Carter Watkins Associates, Inc. found that the gutter-like systems and evidence of scaffolding building were not commonly seen in Georgia at the time, but specifically in Williamsburg. The very brick that forms the building was fired in a wood-burning kiln and sealed with linseed oil. And the joints were penciled in by hand and given a lot of attention to detail, all to mimic buildings in New York, explains Carter in this detailed video.

The Brick Store was originally created as a general store and schoolhouse for the citizens of Winton. In fact, the original well and well-house still exist on the property today. Newton County was a leader among school systems, having been the first to transition from a communal drinking bucket to individual dixie cups, as well as implementing the first horse-drawn wagon bus system. The photo shown here was taken of a class outside of Brick Store School in 1912.

The Brick Store then evolved to become a stopping point for major stagecoach routes. The store was the ideal location for this stopping point because of its proximity to old Creek Indian trading paths that had been long established and well known in the area. The community of Winton flourished and was renamed several times as the community grew (we kind of wish they'd kept the name Sun Up, Georgia) and the Brick Store would be revamped as well. Throughout its history the general store would become a post office, a private residence, a school house, a jail, and even a courtroom. In fact, the first session of the Newton County Superior Court was held at the Brick Store on April 15, 1822.

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The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places (almost 190 years later) on April 9, 2009. The historic site includes a tablet from 1933 commemorating the Stage Coach Crossroads, a plaque commemorating the building's donation by Charles M. Jordan to the Newton County Historical Society in 1971, and a plaque from the landmarks commission dated 1990.

Today the historic Brick Store – the oldest brick building in Newton County – is all that remains of the site on Highway 278, east of the city of Covington. Though store and the well are the only structures left of the site, the area is appropriately nicknamed Brick Store to perpetuate its name and history

Source: <https://newtonchamber.com/brick-store-oldest-brick-building-in-Newton-County/>



Brick Store Newton County today. Oldest-brick-building in Newton-County

***Newton County 1912
Brick Store School with
the class out front.
Brick Store Community.***



Newton County Records

22 January 1823, John Middlebrooks to Batt Stanton,, \$20.00, First District land **lot 131**, originally Walton County now Newton County, running along **Shoal Creek**, recorded 20 April 1823. Witnesses: George L. Smith, Jesse F. Gunn, Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Thomas Jones J. P. (Book A-Pg.144)

5 October 1823, John Middlebrooks to David Middlebrooks (Book A-Pg. 222) (Could not access)

2 January 1824, Jesse T. Gunn to John Middlebrooks, 106 acres on the waters of **Little River**, First District, Witnesses; Isaac S. Middlebrooks, Christopher A. Carter J. P. (Book A-pg. 420)

25 April 1824, Batt Stanton to John Middlebrooks, in consideration for \$400, **Lot 131**, First District, Walton now Newton, bounded by No. 132, 128, 130, 153. Signed Batt Stanton, by his mark, recorded 20 June 1824. Witnesses: Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Edward Williams. (Newton. Deeds 1822-1826, Book A-Pg. 358.)

27 January 1825, John Middlebrooks Sr. to John Middlebrooks Jr., inconsideration for \$400, contains 106 acres, in the First District, originally Walton now Newton. On the waters of **Little River**. Signed John Middlebrooks, his mark, 16 November 1825. Witnesses: Davies Jones and George L. Smith J.P. No Lot # mentioned or adjacent land owners. (Newton. Deeds 1822-1826, Deed Book A, Pg. 560.)

2 July 1825, Samuel Bryan and Charles Kennon to Isaac S. Middlebrooks, in consideration for \$600, 250 acres in Lot 127 First District, Walton now Newton. First grated to Isaac H. Robbins of Chatham County, in 1821, and by his widow transferred to us. Signed 16 November 1825. Witnesses: Charles Coursey and A, Summers J.P. (Newton. Deeds 1822-1826, Pg. 560.)

9 October 1826, Isaac Middlebrooks to Joseph F. Anderson, for the sum of \$1,000, Land **Lot 265**, originally in Henry County, now in Newton County. Recorded the 25 October 1826. Signed Isaac Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Stephen Hodges and Cary Wood.(Book B, pg. 84)

17, October 1826, Middlebrooks Jr. to Tammy (Tanny?) Thompson?, in the County of Walton, now Newton County, for the sum of \$400, 106 acres on the waters of **Little River**. Signed John Middlebrooks.Jr. Witnesses: David Middlebrooks, Thomas Henson and C. A. Carter J.P. (DB D, pg. 599)

September 1827, issued by the court that John Middlebrooks Jr., that debt payments be paid by Joseph Mosses, \$68.53, and \$56.81. (Newton. Court Minutes 1827-1830, Pg. 68.)

September 1929, John Middlebrook vs.John Dennard, Court ordered Dennard to pay John, \$37.37. (Newton. Court Minutes 1827-1830, Pg. 279.)

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13 August 1830, Isaac S. Middlebrooks to Batt S. Stanton, \$650, Newton County, 125 acres on the waters of **Little River**, SE half of **lot 121 (131?)**, in the first District. Signed Isaac S. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Geo. C. Davis and S. Jones J.P. Recorded 4 September 1833. (DB D, pg. 531)

19 April 1831 and May 1831, A schedule of John Middlebrooks personal property, and the sale of six negroes December 5, 1831. Newton. Appraisal Records 1827-1837, Pg. 249-253.)

7 January 1832, Executors of the Estate of John Middlebrooks Decd, bring part of the lot where he lived, **lot 131**, First Dist., 125 acres, Walton now Newton, in consideration of \$200. Signed David and John Middlebrooks. Recorded 26 January 1832. (Newton. Deeds 1830-1841, Pg. 180.)

8 August 1833, Isaac S. Middlebrooks to C. A. Carter,, \$375, called the Surry Place, First District. Land lot 131, 125 acres. Signed Isaac S. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Richard B. Hubbard and B. S. Stanton J.P. Recorded 22 January 1835. (DB E, pg. 134)

8 October 1834, Zere Middlebrooks to John Hurst,, \$875, on Little River where Zere Middlebrooks now lives, 125 acres, First District. Land lot 127. Signed Zere Middlebrooks. Witnesses: John L. Bledsoe and H. Austin. Recorded 19 December 1836. (DB E, pg. 560)

14 November 1835 Aariah B. Middlebrooks to Samuel S. Bullah,, \$600, Tenth District., South half of 57, 100 acres. Signed Azariah B. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Were Middlebrooks, Alfred Sears, and Shelly Down J.P. Recorded 15 June 1836. (DB F, pg. 458)

3 March 1834, Estate of John Middlebrooks, executor Isaac S. Middlebrooks, amount paid Anderson C. Middlebrooks \$1000, Registered 14 March 1834. (Newton. Appraisal Records 1827-1837, Pg. 383.)

8 October 1836, Thomas L. Middlebrooks to William C. Dobbins,, \$1,150, Tenth District., land lot 155, 202-1/2 acres. Signed Thomas L. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: John Smith and W. B. Christian. Recoded 3 May 1837. (DB E pg. 671)

1 January 1838, Thomas L. Middlebrooks to James M. Bellah,, \$600, 100 acres, First District land lot 200, at the corners of lot 185 and 210 on the waters of Bear Creek, Newton County. Signed Thomas L. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Alexander Pharr and Lawrence Baker J.P. Registered 12 January 1838. (DB F. Pg.33)

7 September 1850, Zere Middlebrooks to William S. McCord,, \$900? Tenth District., part of land lot 24 containing 50 acres, on the Northside of the Butter Bridge. Signed Zere Middlebrooks. Witnesses: C. C. Mop and Reuben Woodruff. Recorded 15 January 1852. (DB K, pg. 59)

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11 September 1852, Elijah E. Middlebrooks to William M. Mote,, \$800, 133 acres on the waters of the Yellow River. Signed E. E. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: John P. Mill, Lawrence Baker J.P. Recorded 30 August 1854. (DB L, pg. 35)

19 August 1859, Meranda C. Middlebrooks to John Med Smith,, in consideration for the love and affection of Meranda C. Middlebrooks for the sum of \$5.00, a negro girl nine years old, (See deed description, no land) Signed Meranda C. Middlebrooks. Recorded 9 December 1859. (DB L. Pg. 490)

2 June 1852, John C. Middlebrooks to Horace T. Shaw,, \$1800, 150 acres where John C. Middlebrook now resides, on Bear Creek, part of First District. land lot 200. Signed John C. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: W. B. Hodge and Andrew T. Hodge J.P. Recorded: 3 December 1860. (DB L., pg. 527)

1827 Georgia Land Lottery, John Middlebrooks, a-Revolutionary War soldier of Newton County, received a draw in Muscogee County, Georgia.

1830 Newton County Census, John Middlebrooks, 1 male 20/30 (?), 1 female 50/60, 1 male 70/80

1832 Cherokee Land Lottery

Milley Middlebrooks-widow, Rev. Sol. Newton County-received land in Cass County, Georgia.

Milley Middlebrooks-widow Rev Sol. Newton County-received land in Murray County, Georgia.

1832 Gold Lottery

Milly Middlebrooks received Lot #0368, Dist. 4, Sec. 3. This was also in Cass County, Georgia.

26 March 1847, John Middlebrooks Jr, Luscious Middlebrook, Thomas Middlebrook and Isaac S. Middlebrooks listed in the case of the trespass upon the lease of Abraham Riley. Newton. (Court Minutes 1846-1850, Pg. 60, 61.)

Death of John Middlebrooks

At the time John Middlebrooks died, he lived on his 125 acre farm (land lot 131, first district) on the waters of the North Fork of Little River. (See maps) When John Middlebrooks estate was settled Zere and A. C., Middlebrooks sold land lot 131 to brother David Middlebrooks in 1831. The estate of John Middlebrooks deceased relinquished all right and claim to **first district land lot 131, 125 acres, where I lived** to my executors Isaac, David and John Middlebrooks Jr. for \$150.00, 17 March 1831. Signed: Zere, A. C. Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton. Witnesses: C, A. Carter, **A. B. Middlebrooks and John S. Stanton.** (Newton County Deed Book D-Pg. 179-80)

Will of John Middlebrooks Newton County, GA, 7 February 1828.

Item 2: I give to my son, Zere \$10.00

Item 3: I give to my son, Anderson, \$10.00

Item 4: I give to my daughter Abigail Stanton, \$10.00

item 5: I give to my son Isaac S. a negro man Boling at \$500.00

Item 6: I give to my son David, 125 acres where he now lives, \$200.00

Item 7: I give to my son John a certain tract of land that he sold to Hanson, \$450.00

*Item 8: I give to my wife Milly **where I now live**, a man Jim, a women Clary and a girl Riake. Upon her death they will be divided between Isaac, David and John.*

Item 9: Isaac, David and John will divide the money from the sale of Joe a boy, Ben a boy,

Rachael a girl and Louisa a girl.

Item 10: My wife shall have at my death, one serviceable work brute, four head of cattle, together with my household and kitchen furniture. After her death it will be divided as in Item 8.

Item 11: At my death all my perishable property be sold with the proceeds going to my executors pay to Zere, Anderson and Abigail Stanton and my three sons Isaac, David and John, my executors.

Witnesses: Jesse M. and Christopher A. Carter

Jesse M. and Christopher A. Carter testify on 7 March 1831 that John Middlebrooks was of sound mind at the time his will was written, 7 February 1828. So John died sometime between 7 February 1828-7 March 1831. (Newton Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 43, 44, ancestry.com)

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John Middlebrooks Estate

The disbursement of funds was on 7 January 1840 to the following relatives: Batt Stanton, Milly Middlebrooks, Anderson C. Middlebrooks, Lea Middlebrooks, and David Middlebrooks.

Taxes on the land from 1832-1839 were paid.

28 March 1843, P. Thomas, Easton, GA paid for sale of land.

1 May 1843, payment to Milly Middlebrooks for cost of John Middlebrooks coffin. Clerk fee Wm. D. Luckie.

1839, cash received for sale of 202-1/2 acres of land in **Jones County, GA**, \$140.00.

1843, cash for sale of negroes, James and Mariah, \$1,000.00.

Progress of sale of personal chattels and cash on hand at time of death of decd.

Note: Milly Middlebrooks is still alive on 1 May 1843, 15 years after her husband John's death in 1828.

Source: Newton County, Returns Vol. 3-4, 1837-1850, pg. 662-63, familysearch.org.

Zere Middlebrooks

The oldest son of **John Middlebrooks**, was born 4 July 1782 in Caswell County North Carolina. He was the son of John and **Mary Lyon Middlebrooks**. Zere died 17 April 1869, Newton County, Georgia. Zere came to Hancock County, Georgia with his father by 1794. He was on the Hancock County Tax List of 1804. Zere applied for land in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery. He was designated as a bachelor, but did not receive land.

Zere married **Sophia Weston Shell** about 1808, most likely in Hancock County where she lived. She was born 31 March 1789, Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Sophia died 10 April 1877. On the 1880 U.S. Census, Barnesville, Pike County, Georgia Sophia (83) lived with her son John C. and his wife Delithia Middlebrooks. The death of Sophia W. Middlebrooks was also recorded on 10 April 1877, Doraville, Dekalb County, Georgia.(South Carolina, Wofford College Library Obituary Index, 1837-2008 ancestry.com), buried at the Middlebrooks Family Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Sophia's son Anderson C., and his wife Elizabeth (Woodward) Middlebrooks had moved to Doraville, Dekalb County, Georgia before 1880. Sophia near the end of her life may have moved to live with son Anderson C. and died there in 1877.

Sophia's parents were **John Ellis Shell** and **Lizzy Malone** of Newberry, South Carolina. Lizzy died 29 March 1847, Newton, Georgia.(Southern Christian Advocate Obituaries, 1867-1878 ancestry.com) Sometime after their marriage, Zere and Sophia moved to Newberry District, of South Carolina presumably to be near her parents. We know this from the following records registered in the Caswell County, North Carolina, Court of April 1818. Before they moved to South Carolina, Zere and Sophia lived in Putnam County, Georgia, near his parents and brothers.

2 Jan 1817 - Power of Attorney : Anderson Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia to Zere

***Middlebrooks of Newberry District South Carolina** to collect legacy left by grandfather Robert Lyon of Caswell County, North Carolina.*

2 Dec 1816- Power of Attorney: Robert Lyon of Jasper County, Georgia to Zere
***Middlebrooks of South Carolina** to collect from the estate of Robert Lyon Caswell County, North Carolina.*

See footnote 8.

Apparently, Rebecca, widow of Robert Lyon (Sr) had died ,or remarried, so Lyon's estate could be distributed to his heirs. Zere Middlebrooks returned to Georgia, before 1811 when he moved with his father and brothers to Putnam County, Georgia. By 1823, Zere had moved to Newton County where he remained for the remainder of his life.

Putnam County

1820 Putnam County, Georgia Census, Zere Middlebrook

4 males under 10, 1 female under 10, 1male 26/45, 1 female 26/45, 3 slaves

*In the **1827 GA Land Lottery** Zere Middlebrooks received a draw in Lee County, Georgia. Again before 1823 Zere moved with his father and brothers. This time they went to Newton County, Georgia.*

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1830 Newton County, Georgia Census Zere Middlebrooks

2 males under 5, 2 females under 5, 2 males 5/10, 1 female 10/15, male 10/15, 1 female 40/50, males 15/20, 1 female 60/70 Sophia's mother, 1 male 40/50

In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery**, Zere received Lot #0413 in District 1, Sec 4. This was in Paulding County, Georgia.

Newton County

As mentioned earlier, Zere had moved with his parents and brothers to Newton County before January of 1823. Zere had sold his land in Putnam County on 4 December 1819 to Thomas Pearce, land lot 298. (Book J pg. 160). While residing in Putnam County Zere spent sometime (1816-17) residing in the Newberry District of South Carolina, according to Caswell County, North Carolina court records.

According to deed records, Zere's first land purchase was at a Sheriff's sale in 1833. The 1849 Newton County Tax Digest listed Zere as taxed on 848 acres with 29 slaves. His land included, 606 acres, 202-1/2 ac. (land lot 25, 10 dist.), 202-1/2 acres, (land lot 354, 28 dist.), 40 ac. (land lot 413 first dist.). Land lots for the 606 acres were not listed. This land may have been leased. Also on the 1849 Tax Digests were Anderson C., Isaac S., and E. E. Middlebrooks, assessed with one pole, no land. (Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892, ancestry.com)

Newton County Deeds

Zere and A. C., Middlebrooks to David Middlebrooks 1831. The estate of John Middlebrooks deceased relinquish all right and claim to first district land lot 131, 125 acres **where I lived** to my executors **Isaac, David and John Middlebrooks Jr.** for \$150.00, 17 March 1831. Signed: **Zere, A. C. Middlebrooks and Batt Stanton.** Witnesses: C, A. Carter, **A. B. Middlebrooks and John S. Stanton.** (Book D-Pg. 179-80)

Carter, **A. B. Middlebrooks and John S. Stanton.** (Book D-Pg. 179-80)

On 7 January 1832 **Isaac S. Middlebrooks** purchased land lot 131, 125 acres from the estate of his father **John Middlebrooks Sr.** for \$200.00. Signed **David and John Middlebrooks Jr.** Witnesses: Seth and C. A. Carter. (Book D-Pg. 180)

Alfred Livingston Sheriff to **Zere Middlebrooks**, 1833, D-400 (could not find)

Henry B. Mears et. al. to Zere Middlebrooks 28 August 1838. Zere purchased 202-1/2 acres form Henry B. Mears et. al. Tenth District land lot 25, Originally Henry now Newton County, for \$700.00. (Book F-Pg. 207)

Samuel B. Wylie to Zere Middlebrooks, 10 November 1849. Zere purchased 101-1/4 acres, south half of land lot 8 in 10 District. (Book I-Pg. 570)

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Zere Middlebrooks to William S. McCord, 7 September 1850, \$300.00, 10 District, land lot 24, 50 acres lying on the north side of Butler Bridge. Signed: **Zere Middlebrooks**. Registered 15
January 1852. (Newton County Deed Book K, Pg. 59, familysearch.org)

Zere Middlebrooks to Inferior Court and Assessor, 19 February 1864. Here Middlebrooks conveys the family burying ground to the Inferior Court and Assessor Office. The **burying ground was in land lot 25, Tenth District**, originally Henry now Newton County. **To protect and defend the family burying ground.** (Book N-Pg. 199)

Elizabeth Shell, Sophia's mother, died in Newton County in March 1847. In her will she named children, Sophia Middlebrooks and Isham Shell. The Executor was Zere Middlebrooks. The witnesses were **A.B. and J.C. Middlebrooks, Zere's sons, and Isaac S. Middlebrooks, Zere's brother.**

1840 Newton County, Georgia Census, Zere Middlebrooks

1 male 5/10, 1 female 10/15, male 10/15, 2 females 50/60 (?), males 15/20, female 70/80, 1 male 50/60

1850 Newton County, Georgia Census

Zany (Zere) Middlebrook 67, born NC, Sophia, 61, born VA, Weston, 20 She was Sophia Weston Pendergrass 15 Youngest Child, Nancy Stanton 21 Neice, Hester Ann Middlebrooks, 7 relation unknown

Zere Middlebrooks spoken will was filed with the court on 16 April 1869. His gravestone reads he died 17 April 1869.

Nuncupative (spoken) Will of Zere Middlebrooks 16 April 1869

I give to my wife **Sophia W. Middlebrooks** ten acres of land beginning at the original east line and running due west including the buildings and spring north of the buildings. At her death it goes to her bodily heirs.

I give my wife Sophia the following property: one bay horse and buggy, one cow and calf and one Heifer of her choice, one years provisions, bedstead and bed clothing and above all a child's balance a part of the property which is equally divided among heirs.

I appoint my sons **Anderson C. Middlebrooks** and **John C. Middlebrooks** my executors of this my last will and testament. 16 April 1869. Witnesses: A. C. Middlebrooks, John T. Robinson and John Sullivan.

Newton County, Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 326, 327.

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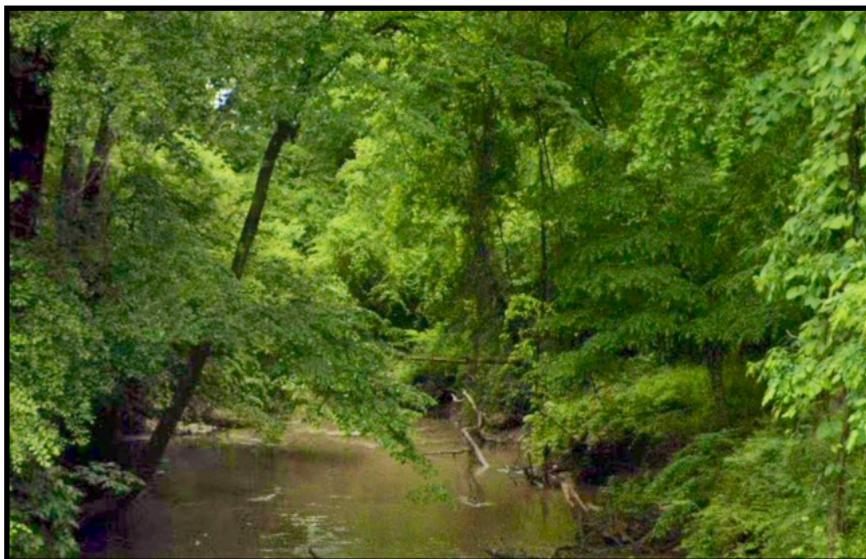


Location of Zere Middlebrooks (b. 1782) 10th district, land lot 25 and 8, Newton County, Georgia. Purchased 1838 (25) and 1849 (8), on the waters of Snapping Shoals and Mitchell Creeks.

**The Middlebrooks Cemetery south of Porterdale was located in lot 25.
1869 Newton County Land Lot Map**

Children of Zere and Sophia Middlebrooks

1. **Azariah Burton**, b. 30 July 1811
2. **Thomas Lemon**, b. 22 May 1813; d. 18 April 1849. Married **Miranda C. Bellah** 1834
1850 Census Newton County, Georgia
Miranda Middlebrooks 36, Margaret 11, Bolding 9, Mary, 5, Lucus 2
3. **Zacheus A.**, b. 28 February 1815; d. 26 June 1844
4. **Elizabeth Caroline**, b. 16 November 1817; d. 19 August 1896
5. **Anderson Crawford**, b. 12 October 1819; d. 15 Dec 1894
6. **John Coleman**, b. 16 Nov 1821; d. 16 October 1901 Married **Delitha Susan Stanton** 21 Dec 1847. She was the daughter of Zere's sister **Abigail Stanton**.
1850 Census Newton County, Georgia, John Middlebrooks 26; Delitha 21; Isaac, 17.
7. **Elijah Edmond**, b. 26 Jan 1823; d. 8 Jan 1906; married **Martha** ca. 1844
1850 Census Newton County County, Georgia Edmond Middlebrooks, 26; Martha-25, Elizabeth, 5; Doncanas 3 (F); Martha-10/12
8. **Isaac Simeon**, b. 23 Jan 1826; d. 18 Aug 1889
9. **Mary Anne**, b. 8 June 1828; d. March 1895
10. **Sophia Weston**, Born 14 Feb 1830; Died 29 Dec 1883
11. **Zere Pendergrass**, b. 28 Feb 1835; d. 3 July 1862. Married **Penelope J. Walker**, 29 September 1857, Newton County, Georgia, b. 6 Jun 1841, Georgia, d. 18 Nov 1922, Georgia.



**Snapping Shoals Creek,
Bethany Road, Newton
County.**

Middlebrooks Cemeteries of Newton County

Two Middlebrooks Cemeteries currently exist in Newton County. One is denoted below as **Covington** and the other is referenced as **Porterdale**.

Covington Cemetery

The Middlebrooks Cemetery (Covington) has only two marked graves for Thomas Lemon and Miranda C. Middlebrooks, his wife. A rock wall surrounds the cemetery with a number of unmarked graves.

Thomas Lemon Middlebrooks: b. 22 May 1813 Putnam County, Georgia, d. 15 April 1849 Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrook Cemetery, Covington, Newton County, Georgia, **Miranda Collingsworth (Bellah) Middlebrook**, b. 16 Oct 1813, d. 14 Feb 1883, Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrook Cemetery, Covington, Newton County, Georgia.

Thomas L Middlebrooks married **Miranda C Bellah** on 4 Dec 1834, Newton County, Thomas' sister, Elizabeth C Middlebrook, had married his wife's brother, Samuel Steele Bellah, earlier the same year.

Thomas L. Middlebrooks

Died, in Newton County, Ga., April 14, 1849, Thomas L. Middlebrooks, aged 36 years. He had been a member of the M. E. Church since 1832. He had been sorely afflicted for some months previous to his death with a disease of the liver, which he bore with Christian patience - expressed no fear at the approach of death, but felt ready for his change. A few months before his death he addressed a letter to his fond mother, in which he adverted, with great pleasure, to the early impressions made on his mind by her pious instruction and example, which nothing could obliterate. O what a rich treasure it is to have a pious mother! M. H. H.

From the Southern Christian Advocate newspaper (M. E. Church, South, of Charleston, SC) of May 04, 1849

Newton County Deeds

Thos. L. Middlebrooks to James M. Bellah, 1 January 1838, first district Walton County, lot 200, containing 100 acres, for \$600.00 **on the waters of Bear Creek**, starting at corner of lots 185 and 210, on line of lot 199. Signed: Thomas L. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Alexander Pharr and Lawrence Baker JP. Recorded: 12 January 1838. (Book F pg. 33)

Henry Lane to **T. L. Middlebrooks** 27 March 1849, 202-1/2 acres, \$1,000.00, first district lot 236, in Walton now Newton, except the lot where the **Methodist Episcopal Church** now stands, containing three acres. Signed Henry Lane. Witnesses: Richard Howell and Bertrand Zachery, Recorded: 19 March 1850. (Book I-pg. 479)

Meranda C. Middlebrooks to Robert M. Rakestraw 13 August 1853, lot 236, first district, (except 2 acres granted to **Methodist Church**), \$1,500.00, originally Walton now Newton. Signed: Miranda C. Middlebrooks. Witnesses: Robert Rakestraw and A. M. Ramsey JP. Recorded 16 September 1864. (Book L pg 55)

John Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Miranda C. Middlebrooks to J. Mid Smith, 10 August 1859, \$5.00 for the maternal love and affection of J. Mid Smith I give the negro named Hemitt, nine years old, small for her age, from the estate of her mother Mary Bellah deceased. Signed: **Miranda C. Middlebrooks**. Witnesses: Silas H. Starr and Wm. J. Wright. Recorded 9 December 1859. (Book L pg. 490)

Middlebrooks Covington Cemetery



**Thomas Lemon Middlebrooks
1813-1849**

**Miranda Collinsworth Middlebrook
1813-1883**



**Reservation of Middlebrooks Family Cemetery Porterdale by
Zere Middlebrooks with Newton County, Georgia, 19 February
1864. (Deed Book N Pg. 199)**

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Georgia, Newton County.

This Indenture made this 19th day of February 1864 in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty four between Zere Middlebrooks County and State aforesaid and the Superior Court of this County and their Successors in office of the other part Witnesses that the said Zere Middlebrooks for a family burying ground hath vested & conveyed & by them presently does vest & convey unto the present Superior Court & their successors in office all that Tract or parcel of Land situated lying and being in the County of Newton, originally Henry Kinson and distinguished as No. 25 in the 10th district - fifty three rods, south of the North East Corner of said lot commencing on the original line & running west 77 seven rods, thence south ten rods, thence East seven seven rods, to the original line, thence North ten rods, to the beginning corner, containing Seventy rods, bounded on the East by the Maccas road running from Covington to the Snapping Shoals - To have and to hold together and forever, Tract or Parcel of Land unto the said Superior Court and successors in office as and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof to the same in any manner in order that they may protect & defend it against all intension as a family burying ground forever and the said Zere Middlebrooks, for himself, heirs, executors, & administrators, the said premises unto the said Superior Court & their successors in office well warrant & forever defend the right & title thereof against ~~the claim~~ themselves, and all others.

In Witness whereof the said Zere Middlebrooks hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

In presence of
 W. E. Hailey test
 Henry Dising
 J. S. Middlebrooks

Zere Middlebrooks 

Registered 25th December 1864
 Stephen Hill Clerk

Porterdale Cemetery

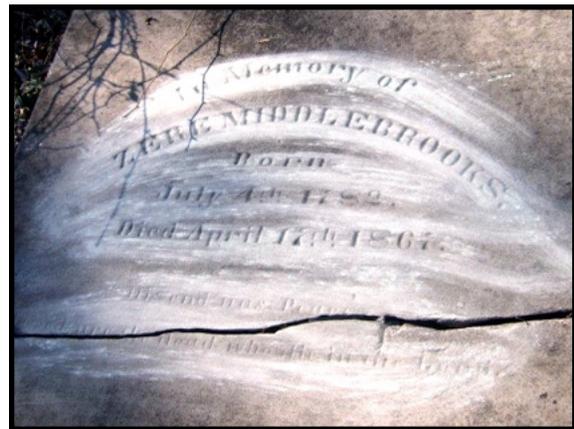
The Middlebrooks Cemetery (Porterdale) includes marked graves for **Zere Middlebrooks** and his wife **Sophia Weston (Shell) Middlebrooks**, **Mary Ann (Middlebrooks) Waldorp**, **Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks** and his wife **Penelope J. Walker**. This cemetery also has many unmarked graves and a rock wall. This cemetery is currently maintained by the Camp Wheeler, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Zere Middlebrooks, b. 4 Jul 1782, Caswell County, North Carolina, d. 17 Apr 1869, Newton County, Georgia, buried Middlebrooks Cemetery Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia, married Sophia Weston Shell about 1808, Hancock County, Georgia.

Marie Ann Waldrop: b. 8 Jun 1828, d. 11 May 1895, Newton County, Georgia, Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Spouses: (1) **James D. Christian** (2) **Milton Waldrop**

Zere Pendergrass Middlebrooks: b. 7 Feb 1834, Georgia, d. 3 Jul 1862, Loudon County, Tennessee. Zere P. Middlebrooks died while guarding a bridge for the Confederate Army near Knoxville, Tennessee. He was buried Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia. Married **Penelope J. Walker**, 29 September 1857, Newton County, Georgia, b. 6 Jun 1841, Georgia, d. 18 Nov 1922, Georgia, buried Middlebrooks Cemetery, Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia,

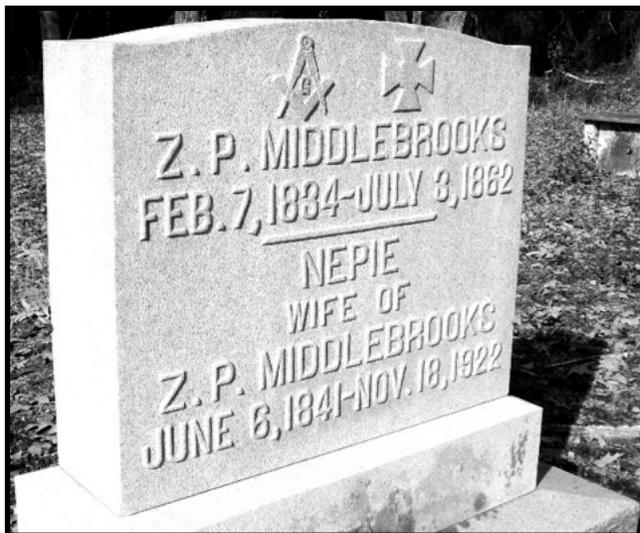
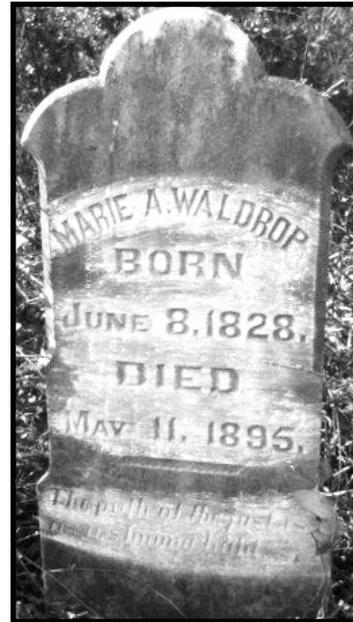
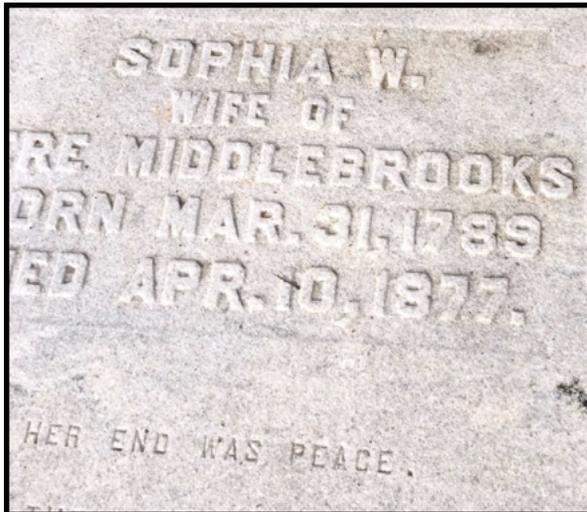
Military Service: 2nd Sgt. Co. E 42nd Georgia Regiment CSA Newton County, Georgia (Harper Guards).



Zere Middlebrooks gravesite Middlebrooks Porterdale Cemetery

Note: On 19 February 1864 Zere Middlebrooks transferred the Middlebrooks Cemetery (Porterdale) located within land lot 25, 10th district to Newton County **to protect and defend the family burying ground**.

Middlebrooks Family Cemetery Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia



Children of Zere and Sophia W. (Shell) Middlebrooks buried at other locations

Dr. Anderson C. Middlebrooks: b. 12 Oct 1819, d. 5 Dec 1894, Mount Zion Cemetery Dade City, Pasco County, Florida, married **Elizabeth Anderson Woodruff**, 23 December 1869, Newton County, b. 27 Nov 1851, Georgia, d. 3 Apr 1916, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, Mount Zion Cemetery, Dade City, Pasco County, Florida. Daughter of **James Monroe Woodruff** and **Margaret Ann (McCord) Woodruff**.

Rev. Azariah Burton Middlebrooks: b. 20 Jul 1811 South Carolina, d. 9 Dec 1881 (aged 70) Myrtlewood Cemetery, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama, married **Nancy B. Heath**, 2 February 1832, Newton County, b. 1810, Georgia, d. 26 Feb 1880, Myrtlewood Cemetery, Fort Deposit, Lowndes County, Alabama.

Capt. John Coleman Middlebrooks: b. 16 Nov 1821, Putnam County, Georgia, d. 16 Oct 1901, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia, Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia. Married **Delilah Susan Stanton**, 21 December 1847, Newton County, b. 5 Oct 1827, d. Mar. 1911, Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, Lamar County, Georgia,

Deed

John C. Middlebrooks to Horace T. Shaw, 1852, 150 acres on the waters of Bear Creek, (the place on which John C. Middlebrooks lives now) lot 236, first district, \$1800.00. Signed John C. Middlebrooks. Recorded 3 December 1860. (Book L pg 527)

Sophia Weston Littlejohn: b. 14 Feb 1830, Newton County, Georgia, d. 28 Dec 1893 Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia. 63 year old wife of Reverend **J. B. Littlejohn**, married 2 December 1851, Newton County, b. 2 Jul 1828, d. 18 May 1883, Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, Sumter County, Georgia.

Elizabeth Caroline Bellah: b. 16 Nov 1817, Putnam County, Georgia, d. 19 Aug 1896, Holmes Baptist Church Cemetery, Barbour County, Alabama. W/o **Rev. Samuel Steel Bellah**, b. 7 Sep 1810, Newton County, Georgia, d. 4 May 1865, Edwin, Henry County, Alabama, Wrights Chapel Cemetery, Henry County, Alabama.

Dr. Elijah Edmund Middlebrooks: b. 6 Jan 1823, Newton County, Georgia, d. 8 Jan 1906, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama, Dothan City Cemetery, Dothan, Houston County, Alabama. 1st wife **Martha B. Maot**, married 28 December 1842, Newton County, Georgia. 2nd wife **Louisa I. Lee**, married 24 November 1867, Barbour, Alabama.

Dr. Isaac Sims Middlebrooks: b. 23 Jan 1826, d. 8 Aug 1889, Prospect Methodist Cemetery Chamblee, DeKalb County, Georgia. Wife **Sarah Naomi Jarman**, married 26 April 1870, Newton County. Sarah was b. 6 April 1843, d. **8 September 1889**, Prospect Methodist Cemetery, Chamblee, DeKalb County, Georgia.

Source: findagrave.com

Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks

Anderson was the 2nd son of John and Mary Lyon Middlebrooks. He was born 1 January 1784 in Caswell County, North Carolina. Anderson died 16 March 1871, Clark County, Georgia. He was married on the 1830 Census of Morgan County, Georgia with no children. There does not seem to be a record of that marriage. Anderson's 1st wife must have died because on 22 July 1833 Anderson C. Middlebrooks married Mary Thrasher in Clark County, Georgia.¹³

In 1804 Anderson C. Middlebrooks was on the Hancock County Tax List. He had moved there with his father, John, by 1794. Also in 1804 in Hancock County, Georgia he was a buyer of the estate of Ezekiel Wilkinson. In 1805, as a 21 year old Batchelor, he applied for land in the Georgia Land Lottery. In 1810 he was on the Morgan County Tax List, with a poll, no land. In 1815 Anderson was on the Green County, Georgia Tax List. We doubt that he lived in Green County, because in the 1827 Land Lottery Anderson C. Middlebrooks was still in Morgan County, Georgia. This time he received land in Carroll County, Georgia.

Georgia, Clark County
To any Judge, Justice of the Superior Court,
Justice of the Peace or Minister of the Gospel.
You are hereby authorized to join in the Holy
State of Matrimony, A. C. Middlebrooks and
Mary Thrasher according to the Constitution
and Laws of this State; and for so doing
this shall be your sufficient License.
Given under my hand this 18th
day of July 1833
Joseph. Sigon, C. C. C.

Georgia, Clark County
I Certify that the above named Parties
were duly joined in Matrimony by me
this 22nd day of July 1833
Geo. H. Lowe Sec. G. C. C.

Marriage between A. C. Middlebrooks and Mary Thrasher,
22 July 1833, Clark County, Georgia

¹³. Clarke County Marriage Records (White and Colored), Book B, 1821-1838, pg. 192. ancestry.com

John Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

*Anderson C. and Elizabeth Middlebrooks appeared on the **1827 Land Lottery list** of eligibles for Morgan County, GA, Isaac Middlebrooks Hendersons 66 9 Houston*

Anderson Middlebrook Morgan County Deed Book HH 1824-29, pg. 209

Morgan County, Middlebrooks to Chaney (pg. 188), Elizabeth Middlebrooks of Morgan County, Georgia, for my love and affection of my daughters, Elizabeth and Lucy Chaney, Frances

Thompson, Florey Wade and Polly Middlebrooks, grant all my land and property. Signed 22 October 1829, Elizabeth Middlebrooks.

*In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery**, Anderson received land in Dist. #21, Sec. 3, Lot 0022. This was in Floyd County.*

Anderson was still in Morgan County on the 1830 Census, but by 1840 he had moved to Clark County, Georgia.

1840 Clark Co Georgia Census, Anderson C. Middlebrooks

3 males under 5, 1 female 30/40, 1 male 5/10, 1 male 20/30, 1 male 50/60

1850 Clark Co Georgia Census

A.C. Middlebrooks, 65 Born NC, Mary 44, James 14, Burton 13, Thomas 12, William 5. All born in Georgia.

1860 Clark County Georgia Census

Anderson C. Middlebrooks 76, born NC, Value of real estate \$9,500 value of personal property \$27,700, Mary, 56, GA; Thomas E., 20 GA, William D, 16, GA

Amnesty Oath Clark County, Georgia: *Those persons who swore to support the U.S. Constitution and the Union of the States. Anderson's son Thomas E. received an artificial limb 1867.*

1870 Clark County Census

Anderson C. Middlebrooks 86, Value 1800, Born NC, Mary, 66 GA, Thomas 30 GA

Living next door to Anderson, in Clarke County, were two sons, Z.B. Middlebrooks 22 (Burton), Elizabeth 19 James H.?, J. L. Middlebrooks, 24 (James)

Anderson Middlebrooks lived in Clark County for an additional 21 years.

Death of Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks

Anderson C. Middlebrooks died in Clark County, Georgia 16 March 1871. Letters of Testamentary were requested by his executors/sons James L. and Thomas E. Middlebrooks, 5 June 1871. A request for discharge as executors was submitted to the court 27 July 1883. A copy of Anderson's will including other probate documents are found in Clarke County wills Volume D-E 1859-1911. pg. 273-280. Anderson's Estate Case File, 1871-July 1883, Clark County, images 857-866, ancestry.com. Source: Estate Records, 1797-1949, Matthews, William F-Moore, Thomas.

Thomas E. estate in Clark County was settled 1904 and the Zack B. estate was settled in Clark County in 1869.

Children of Anderson C. and Mary (Thrasher) Middlebrooks

John Anderson, b. abt. 1834, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. abt. 1843, Clark County, Georgia.

James Lyon, b. 14 February 1836, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. May 1908, Oconee County, Georgia. Married **Ann Olivia Ogleby**, b. 25 November 1841, d. 5 August 1903, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia. Both were buried at the Farmington Cemetery, Oconee County, Georgia.

Zarah Barton, b. 9 October 1837, Morgan or Clark County, Georgia, d. 4 November 1926, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia. Married **Martha E. Maddox** 12 October 1858, Greene County, Georgia. Martha was b. 28 March 1841, Georgia and d. 21 March 1907, Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia.

The 3rd Georgia. Participated in over 50 battles with the Army of Northern Virginia. Pvt Middlebrooks (Zarah Barton) enlisted Aug 20, 1861 and was discharged in 1862 after furnishing a substitute. His brother William, same Co., died of congestion at South Mt., Md. Brother Thomas E. was wounded at Chickamauga and again in Virginia and appears in 1865 at the Ocmulgee Hosp. Macon, Georgia with "amputation of right thigh at lower third.

Thomas Elder, b. 28 November 1840, Clarke County, Georgia, d. 11 August 1924, Athens, Clarke, Georgia. Married **Lunette A. Hillsman**, 10 December 1871, Clark County, Georgia. Lunette was b. 9 May 1852, d. 11 March 1926, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia. Both are buried at the Oconee Hill Cemetery, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia.

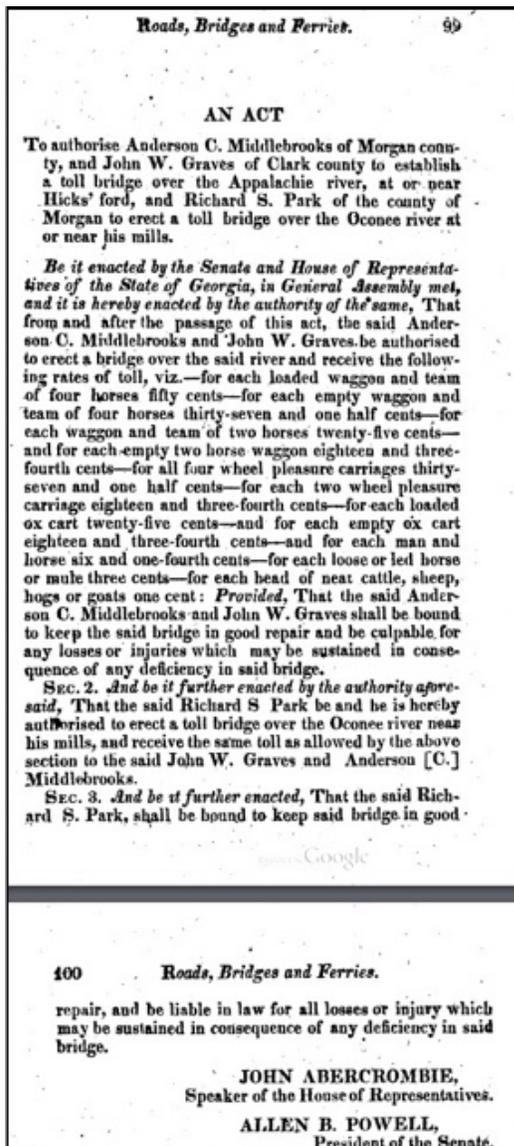
Obituary of Thomas Elder Middlebrooks

Mr T E Middlebrooks, prominent Athens citizen and a pioneer of Oconee county, died at his home on Henderson avenue Monday night after a prolonged illness of several months. He was 84 years old last November 29th and despite his advanced years bore his illness cheerfully and without complaint.

Mr Middlebrooks was born at Farmington in Oconee county, and until he moved with his family to Athens to live fourteen years ago was one of the leading citizens of that county, numbering his friends there as well as here, by the hundreds. He was a veteran of the War Between the States and was so severely wounded that he lost a leg in action at Griswoldville, Ga.

John Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs T E Middlebrooks and the following daughters: Mrs Claude Cox of Athens, Mrs J H Beusse of Athens, Mrs R V Harris of Savannah, Mrs Andrew Hogue of Charleston, West Va, and Mrs R W Nisbet of Macon; two sons, Mr Guy Middlebrooks of Appalachee and Dr C O Middlebrooks of Athens; one brother, Mr C B Middlebrooks of Farmington. The funeral services will be conducted from the home Wednesday morning at 10:30 by Dr J C Wilkinson, assisted by Rev J V M Morris. The interment will follow in Oconee cemetery.
Banner-Herald, Aug 12, 192 ~ page 6



An Act: To authorize Anderson C. Middlebrooks of Morgan County and John Graves of Clarke County to establish a toll bridge over the Appalachie River at or near Hicks ford. 9 December 1824.



*Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks, Old
Freeman Creek Church Cemetery,
Farmington, Oconee County, Georgia.
(findagrave.com)*

For additional information on the Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks family consult:
The Anderson Crawford Middlebrooks Family of Oconee County, Georgia, by Evelyn Bugg
(Middlebrooks Family Association Quarterly Newsletter Vol. Nine, Number Two, March 2010)

<http://middlebrooksfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/201003MFAQuarterly.pdf>

Abigail Caroline (Middlebrooks) Stanton

After Mary Lyon Middlebrooks died, probably in 1793/94, John married Milley Sutton in Hancock County, Georgia. The first child of Milley and John Middlebrooks was John's only daughter, Abigail Caroline. Abigail was born 9 May 1795, most likely in Hancock County. She married "**Batt**" (**Bartholemue**) **Short Stanton** in Putnam County Georgia, 15 April 1813. Batt was born 27 January 1790 in Wayne County, North Carolina.

In the **1820 GA Land Lottery**, Batte Stanton of Putnam County, Georgia received 2 draws , 1 in Walton County and 1 in Early County.



Marriage of Batt Stanton and Abigail C. Middlebrooks 15 April 1813, Putnam County Georgia. (Marriage Book D, pg. 166)

Children of Batt S. and Abigail (Middlebrooks) Stanton

1. **John Simeon**: b. 28 Feb 1814; d. 27 Feb 1864; Married 1st 1835 **Elizabeth Dacus**; married 2nd **Elizabeth Cooper** One of these wives was also named Louise or John had a third wife.
1850 Census Newton County, John-36; Louise 30; Elizabeth 14, Caroline 13; Julia 11; Milley 9; John 6; Martha 3; William 1,
2. **Elizabeth**, b. 22 June 1815; d. 27 Jan 1834,
3. **Thomas Henry**, b. 4 Feb 1817; d. 2 Jan 1888; Married, **Sarah Gibson** in 1843.
1850 Census Newton County, H.T. Stanton 32; Sarah 35; Sam E. 6; George 4; William D. Stanton 26-Brother
4. **Lodisca Caroline**, b. 3 October 1818; d. 26 Jan 1855; Married **James Lowe**
5. **William David**, b. 14 July 1820; d. 24 July 1904 Unmarried
6. **Ralph Short**, b. 9 Jan 1823; d. 29 April 1887; Married 1st-**Sarah Jones**; 2nd **Susan Plunkett**
7. **Emilia** (Amneliza) Frances, b. 28 Feb 1826; d. 7 July 1902; Married **Elbert Rabun Davis**
1850 Census Newton County, E.R.Davis 30; Amneliza 24, Elizabeth 6; Sarah J. 4; William 1

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8. **Delitha Susan**, b. 4 Oct 1829; d. 1911; Married **John Coleman Middlebrooks**
9. **Rebecca**, b. 28 Dec 1831; d. 2 May 1933
10. **Batte Anderson**, b. 4 Sept 1832; d. 15 Nov 1869; Married, **Mary Bradley**
11. **Lisa Jane**, b. 26 Sept 1833; d. 25 Sept 1834

John Stanton and Elizabeth Short were the parents of Bartholomew Short Stanton. John was born 1756, Prince George County, Virginia and died 1832, Sandersville, Georgia. John and Elizabeth were married about 1778, she died about 1815.¹⁴

Abigail Stanton died 3 Sept 1835 in Newton County, Georgia. This was just a year after the death of her last child. Batte Stanton, on 2 May 1836, then married Mrs. Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney.¹⁵ She was the widow of William Milton Cheney who had died early in 1836. William was the 2nd son of Lucy (Middlebrooks) Cheney and Thomas B. Cheney.¹⁶ Lucy and Abigail were 1st Cousins. Lucy was the daughter of **Isaac and Elizabeth Middlebrooks**.¹⁷ Abigail was the daughter of John and Milley Middlebrooks. William Cheney was only 27 when he died so we would presume that Elizabeth, his widow, was the same age.¹⁵

Children of Batt S. and Elizabeth (Davis) Cheney Middlebrooks

1. **James Newton**, b. 27 August 1837; d. 20 Jan 1912; Married **Eugenia Thompson**
2. **George Madison**, b. 17 March 1840; d. 28 March 1892; Married **Kate Walker**
3. **Wiley Harrison**, b. 29 March 1842; d. 9 Sept 1913; Married **Katherine Douglas**
4. **Marion (male) Davis**, b. 21 June 1844; d. 13 Nov 1926 Married 1st **Mary Reeves**, 2nd **Dicia Dickson**

1850 Newton County Census, Elizabeth B. Stanton, 38, Batte A., 20, James, 12, George, 10, Wiley, 8, Marion (m), 5, William R. Carry, 17 ?, Elizabeth, 14 ?, Batbe

Batt Stanton died 30 November 1845 in Newton County, Georgia of measles.

Will of Batt S. Stanton 27 November 1843 Newton County Georgia¹⁸

Item 2. I give to my wife Elizabeth B. Stanton and my four children by her, James N. Stanton, George M. Stanton, Wiley H. Stanton and Marion D. Stanton the tract of land containing 850 acres, and my named negro slaves Harriet and her three children, Fanny, Daniel and Bob. Peter a man, Squire a boy and Simon a man and Dianah a women and her three children, Dolly a girl and Ben a by and Eliza a girl and Alfred a man with their natural increase and three of my best mules on my plantation and a black horse. All personal property would be equally divided, appraised value of \$470.00.

Item 3. I give to my sons John S. Stanton and Henry T. Stanton \$1,000.00 each.

Item 4. I give to my daughter Lodisca C. Lowe, one negro women named Hannah and \$755.75.

Item 5. I give to my daughter Emillia F. Davis one negro man named Susan and \$694.62.

Item 6. I will my daughter Lodisca C. receive \$244. 25 and that Emillia F. Davis receive \$305. 37.

Item 7. William D. Stanton, Robert S. Stanton, Delitha S, Stanton and Batt A. Santon receive \$1,000.00 each and remaining property be divided among John S. Stanton, Henry T. Stanton, Emillia F Davis, Lodisca C. Low, William D. Stanton, Robert S. Stanton, Delitha S, Stanton and Batt A. stanton and that Batt A. Stanton have my silver watch.

Item 8. I herby nominate my sons William D. Stanton and Henry T. Stanton as my sole executors.

⁴. North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000 ancestry.com

¹⁵. History of Newton County, Georgia, Newton Historical Society.

¹⁶. Morgan County, Georgia Heritage, written by by the Book Committee 1997, pg. 53, 95.

¹⁷. Morgan County Georgia Probate Court, Loose Wills n1807-1865, Will Book D

¹⁸. Newton County Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 149-151

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Signed: Batt Short Stanton 27 November 1843. Witnesses: Thomas Baber, Isaac S. Middlebrooks and David F. Montgomery. The same above witnesses testify as to the authenticity of Batt S. Stanton will, 12 January 1846.¹⁸

Henry T. Stanton Wm. D. Stanton and John S. Stanton post a bond of \$4,000.00 for appointment as guardians of Batt S. Stanton's children, Batt A. Stanton and Delitha S. Stanton, 2 March 1846. Signed John S., Henry T. and Wm. D. Stanton.¹⁹

From information contained in Batt S. Stanton's will he was the owner of a large plantation in Newton County, containing 850 acres with slaves. As mentioned earlier, he received two draws in the 1820 land lottery one in Walton County and one in Early County. These draws would have been for 202 acres in each county. The Stanton's and Middlebrooks moved together from Putnam to Newton County and sold land to each other.

Newton County Deeds

James Carson to Batt S. Stanton, 10 March 1832, \$600.00, County of Walton now Newton, land lot 159, first district, 250 acres, recorded 14 March 1832 (Deed Book D pg. 215)

Isaac Middlebrooks to Batt S. Stanton, recorded 4 September 1833. Isaac S. Middlebrooks sold to Batt Stanton 125 acres on Little River lying on the southeast half of land lot 127, for \$650.00, bounded on the northeast by Hill and southeast by Carter. Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks (Book D-Pg. 531)

Batt S. Stanton to John S. Stanton, 5 December 1837, \$1,000.00, 250 acres, land lot 159, first district. (Deed Book F pg 2)

¹⁸. Newton Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 149-151. ancestry.com

¹⁹. Newton Administrators and Guardian Bonds. 1822-1829. 1840-1851. no page number. ancestry.com

Isaac S. Middlebrooks

Isaac was the 2nd child, first son of John and Milley Middlebrooks. He was born in 1797 in Hancock County, Georgia. Isaac S. married Olley or Lolley Phillips, 10 May 1827, Walton County, Georgia. (Marriage Book B, pg 65) In the 1850 Census his wife's name was Olly. She was born about 1809, Georgia. By 1860 Isaac's wife is no longer in the household. Olly possibly died before 1860. In 1820 Isaac S. Middlebrooks, age 16/26, was in Putnam County, Georgia Census as a Batchelor. His father John, brother David and half-brother Zere also lived there.

Georgia Walton County. To any Judge Justice of the Superior Court Justice of the Peace or minister of the Gospel You are hereby authorized to Join Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Olley Phillips in the Holy State of Matrimony according to the Constitution and laws of this State and for so doing this shall be your sufficient authority given under my hand and seal this 7th day of May 1827

Job Smith Clerk of the Court

This is to certify that Isaac S. Middlebrooks, Lolley Phillips was joined in the holy bands of matrimony this 10th day of May 1827
Recorded this 11th day 1828 (W. A. R. H. J. C. C. O. Job Smith Clerk)

Marriage between Isaac S. Middlebrooks and Olley Phillips, 10 May 1827, Walton County, Georgia. (Walton County Marriages 1825-1832, Book B pg. 65. ancestry.com)

In the **1821 Georgia Land Lottery**, Isaac S.. Middlebrooks received land in Henry County, Georgia.

29 January 1821 **Isaac S. Middlebrooks** was a witness on the deed of James Bradley to Wiley George in Putnam County.

1830 Census Newton County

Isaac S. Middlebrooks 1 male 30/40, 2 females under 5, 1 female 20/30

In the **1832 Gold Land Lottery** of Georgia **Isaac S. Middlebrooks** received Lot # 0536, Dist 3, Sec 3 in Cobb County.

1850 Newton County Georgia Census,

Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 53, Celly, 41, Martha, 20, Tabitha, 18, Permelia, 14, Sarah, 12, Abigail, 10

Will of Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 24 August 1859, Newton County

Item 2: Each daughter shall have a bed and bedstead in the same amount as listed in my day book.

Item 3: My daughters shall have the same amount of my property and negroes.

Item 4: I give to my grandson **William Franklin Robertson, son of my daughter Martha Jane Robertson** deceased \$500.00, when he reaches 21. (Real and personal property)

Item 5: The rest of my estate will be equally divided among my children.

Item 6: My sons-in law **Rufus F Montgomery and Bluford T. Montgomery** are appointed executors of my will.

Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks, 24 August 1859. Witnessed: **John S. Stanton, William S. Montgomery and David F. Montgomery**.²⁰ Isaac died between August 1859 and December of 1861.

On the 2 December 1861 the same witnesses appeared before the court swearing to the authenticity of Isaac's S. Middlebrooks will. Probate date 24 August 1859.²⁰ Letters of Testamentary granted 2 December 1861, Isaac's estate was granted to **Rufus F. and Bluford T. Montgomery**.²¹

Newton County Deeds

S. J. Bryan et. al. to Isaac S. Middlebrooks 2 July 1825, A-560, Land lot 127, 250 acres, for \$600.00

*Isaac Middlebrooks to Batt S. Stanton, recorded 4 September 1833. Isaac S. Middlebrooks sold to Batt Stanton 125 acres on **Little River lying on the southeast half of land lot 127**, for \$650.00, bounded on the northeast by Hill and southeast by Carter. Signed: Isaac S. Middlebrooks (Book D-Pg. 531)*

²⁰. Newton County, GA Wills, Vol 1-2, 1823-1871, pg. 155-56. ancestry.com

²¹. Newton County, Letters Testamentary, 1856-1954, pg. 83. ancestry.com

David Middlebrooks

David was the third child of John and Milley (Sutton) Middlebrooks. He was born in 1798 in Hancock County, Georgia and married his first cousin, **Mary Polly Middlebrooks** in 1817. She was the daughter of John's brother Isaac who lived in Morgan County, Georgia.

Polly Middlebrooks was the youngest daughter of **Isaac and Elizabeth (Perkins) Middlebrooks**. She was born in 1800, probably in Jackson County, Georgia. On 21 November 1817 Polly married her first cousin, David Middlebrooks, Morgan County. He was the son of John Middlebrooks, Isaac's brother.

In the **1820 GA Land Lottery** David Middlebrooks of Putnam County received 2 draws, one in Early Co and one in Habersham County.

In the **1820 Census** David and Polly Middlebrooks had 1 son and were living with his father, John 3.

1830 Census Newton County David Middlebrooks
male under 5, 1 female 20/30, males 5/10, 1 male 30/40

1840 Census Henry County, Georgia David Middlebrooks
2 males under 5, 1 female 30/40, 2 males 5/10, 1 male 15/20 1 male 40/50

1850 Census Henry County, Georgia
David Middlebrooks 52, Polly (Mary) 50, N., 21, Job 20, Thomas 17, William 14

Georgia Property Tax Digest

1852 David Middlebrooks, Bear Creek District, Henry County, 250 acres, eight slaves, district 6, lot 80.

1852 David Middlebrooks, Bear Creek District, Henry County, 250 acres, district 3, sec. 4, lot 181.

John and Isaac Middlebrooks were also listed for tax year 1852. John, Isaac and Lewis were listed for the 1855 tax year.

All of David's family, but one brother, had moved to Newton County from Putnam County before 1822. Between 1830 and 1840 David and Polly Middlebrooks moved to Henry County. By 1860 David and Polly had moved to Spaulding County, Georgia. David Middlebrooks 63, Mary 59, William 24.

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Newton County Deeds

David and John Middlebrooks to Issac S. Middlebrooks, on 7 January 1832 Isaac S.

Middlebrooks purchases land lot 131, 125 acres from the estate of his father John Middlebrooks Sr. for \$200.00. Signed: **David and John Middlebrooks Jr.** Witnesses: Seth and C. A. Carter. (Book D-pg. 180)

David Middlebrooks to Christopher A. Carter, 20 December 1838, beginning on Little River,

Children of David and Mary Polly Middlebrooks

Louis L., b. 4 January 1818, Newton County, Georgia, d. abt. 1908. Married **Elizabeth Colvin** 4 January 1842, Henry County, Georgia.

James Wiley, b. abt. 1824 Georgia, d. 5 November, Spaulding County, Georgia. Married **Elizabeth Anderson** 24 September 1840, Butts County, Georgia.

Nathan, b. abt. 1826, Georgia, d. 26 January 1917. Married **Elizabeth Middlebrooks** 27 July 1865, Spaulding County, Georgia.

Dr. John, b. 15 March 1833, Newton County, Georgia, d. 2 January 1864, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio. Married **Rhonda Jane Stewart**, 21 April 1859, Campbell County, Georgia.

William, b. 15 August 1835, Newton County, Georgia, d. 2 November 1824, Alabama. Married **Sina Ann Knight**, abt. 1865

Isaac, b. December 1843, Newton County, Georgia, d. abt. 1903. Married **Anna Middlebrooks** abt. 1895. (1900 U.S. Census)

Abstract of Will of David Middlebrooks 19 December 1859, Probate 9 April 1861

Wife: Mary S. Middlebrooks.

Children: **James W., Lewis Nathan, John, Isaac and William Middlebrooks.**

Trustee: Lewis for Isaac, Nathan and William Middlebrooks.

Each son to receive one sixth of his estate except that specifically left his wife and at her death one sixth of what she left.

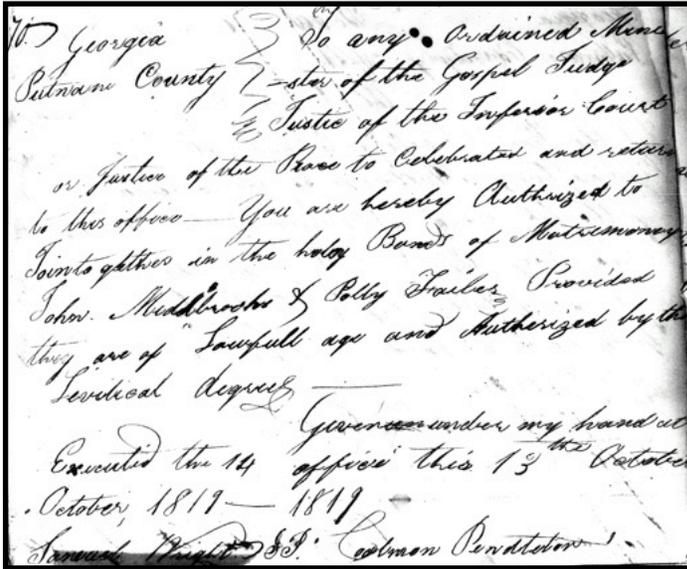
Executors: James W. and Lewis Middlebrooks.

Witnesses: John McDonald, Absolam Ogletree and Benjamin Ogletree.

Abstracts of Will Book A 1852-1880, Spaulding County, Georgia, by Mary Griffin, Griffin Historical and Preservation Society, 1983, pg. 6, 7. familysearch.org.

John Middlebrooks Jr.

John was the youngest child of John and Milley Middlebrooks. He was born in 1800, Hancock County, Georgia and on 13 October 1819, he married **Polly Failes** in Putnam County, Georgia. In the 1820 Census they were living with his father, John Middlebrooks.



Marriage between John Middlebrook Jr. and Polly Failes, 13 October 1819, Putnam County, Georgia. (Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950.)

Georgia Property Tax Digests 1820: John Middlebrooks, Putnam County, 132-1/2 acres

Batt Stanton Putnam County, 70 acres, Isaac S. Middlebrooks Putnam County, 227-1/2 acres

1830 Newton County Census, John Middlebrooks Sr. 2 males under 5, 1 female under 5, 2 males 5/10, 1 female 5/10, 1 male 10/15, 1 female 20/30, 1 male 20/30

In the **1827 Land Lottery, John Middlebrooks Jr.** received land in Muscogee County Georgia. In the **1832 Gold Lottery** he received Lot# 0613, Dist 01, Sec 4 in Paulding County, Georgia and Lot# 0945, Dist 03, Sec 4 in Floyd County Georgia.

1827 Georgia Land Lottery

Sec.	Dist.	Lot
2	2	254 Middlebrook, John Jr Newton County Dyers Muscogee County
2	2	231 Middlebrooks, John Jr Newton County Dyers Muscogee County

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Newton County Deeds

John Middlebrooks Sr. to John Middlebrook Jr. 7 January 1825, \$500.00, first district, property description given in chains and links on the **waters of Little River**. Signed John Middlebrooks his mark. (Book A-pg.560)

John Middlebrooks Jr. to Fanny Thompson 17 October 1827, on the **waters of Little River**, 106 acres, first district no land lot mentioned, \$400.00. Signed John Middlebrook Jr. Witnesses: **David Middlebrooks**, Thomas Henson and C. A. Carter J. P. (Book D-Pg. 599)

A **John Middlebrooks** received a public land patent in Butler County, Alabama on 2 September 1836 (NW/NW, Sec. 21 Twp 10N, R 15E, 40 acres). Butler and Wilcox county are adjoining counties and were created in 1819.

Source: *Newton County Deeds: Index to deeds and mortgages, v. A-B 1821-1887* (familysearch.org)

Children of John Jr. and Polly (Failes) Middlebrooks

Francis Caroline, b. 1825, Georgia, d. abt. 4 October 1865, Enterprise, Clarke, Mississippi. Married **William Henry Compton** abt. 1846?

Rufus Robert, b. 2 March 1829, Georgia, d. 5 October 1872. Married **Julia Ann Pridgin**, 22 February Marengo County, Alabama.

Jane, ?

Death of John Middlebrooks Jr.

The letter on the following page was written by Mrs. Jesse McDaniel, 19 August 1969. She contends that **John Middlebrooks Jr. died 19 November 1844, Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama**. The author says she has a 1845 court record that states a guardian was appointed for John's minor children. We could not find a guardian record for John and Polly's children. Polly Failes John's wife was thought to have died in 1849, Alabama. John or Polly could not be located on the 1840-1850 U.S. Census. Additional research is needed to prove these facts.

John Middlebrooks Family of North Carolina and Georgia

Mrs. Jesse W. McDaniel,
806-3-46th St.,
Temple, Texas. 76501.

Temple, Texas,
August 9, 1969.

Alabama Archives and History
Montgomery,
Ala.

8/14/69

Dear Sir;

In 1844 - Nov. 19 a John Middlebrooks died.
He was born in Georgia either Putnam or
Newton Cos. In 1845 his minor children had a
guardian appointed for them in Wilcox Co. Camden
Alabama. I have a photocopy of the court
proceedings.

John Middlebrooks was born in 1798 to
John Middlebrooks Sr. and Milly Sutton
Middlebrooks. He was married in Putnam Co
Georgia Oct. 14, 1819 to Polly Foiles. In the 1830
census of Newton Co. he was living there with
his family. We have not been able to locate
him in 1840 census in either Georgia or Ala.

I have a copy of a land grant that was
given to his father in 1827. He claimed it in
Oct. 1 - 1844. The father died in 1830. He was
a Revolutionary soldier.

I am enclosing check for \$1.00 for photo
copy if you have where he died and his
survivors. If not sufficient please advise.

Thank you for any help you may give to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jesse W. McDaniel
806-3-46th St.
Temple, Texas. 76501.

**John Middlebrooks Jr. died 19 November 1844,
Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama
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