

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Middlebrook [Middlebrooks]<sup>1</sup> W3443 Lucy Middlebrook f61VA  
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State of Virginia Caroline County: SS

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Mrs. Lucy Middlebrooks [sic] a resident in the County of Caroline State of Virginia, aged Sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Middlebrooks, who was a regular soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he enlisted in the Army under Captain Richard Stevens in the year 1777 or 8 that she does not know when he left the service, that he was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] then carried by the British to the West Indies, and was kept a prisoner until peace was made, or he was regularly exchanged.<sup>2</sup>

She further declares that she was married to the said John Middlebrooks on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1785 and that her said husband the said John Middlebrooks died on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1815 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Army but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, to wit at the time above specified.

S/ Francis W Gatewood

S/ Lucy Middlebrooks, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above mentioned before me

S/ Wm W. Dickinson, JP

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State of Virginia Caroline County SS

Be it known that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Smith Mason aged 76 years (a revolutionary pensioner of the United States) who being first duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with John Middlebrooks, late of this County, and that he knows the said John Middlebrooks enlisted for three years in the Army of the revolution (the name of the Captain he enlisted under he does not recollect), that when the said John Middlebrook had

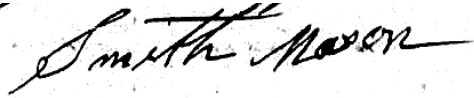
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<sup>1</sup> BLWt565-100 and BLWt38535-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Sic, it appears Middlebrook was enlisted in the Duke of Cumberland's Regiment. See [B406](#)

served the time of enlistment he returned to live in the same neighborhood he went from as overseer for one George Phillips – and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Smith Mason<sup>3</sup>



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State of Virginia Caroline County SS

Be it known that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Robert Satterwhite<sup>4</sup> (aged 85 years a revolutionary pensioner of the United States) who being first duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with John Middlebrooks (the husband of Lucy Middlebrooks now of Caroline County) while in the Army of the Revolution that he was in Philadelphia in the Army with said John Middlebrooks, and they marched in the said Army from Philadelphia under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] to Camden in South Carolina, that said John Middlebrooks was then enlisted for and during the war & was taken prisoner by the British at Charlestown and kept prisoner (as far as this affiant knows) till he was exchanged or until peace was made.

S/ Robert Satterwhite, X his mark

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It appears by the Register of the Musters of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment that John Middlebrook enlisted for the war. –

It also appears by a certificate filed with the Depreciation accounts of the State of Virginia signed by Samuel Hawes Lieutenant Colonel under date of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1784 that the said John Middlebrook was taken prisoner at the capture of Charles Town.

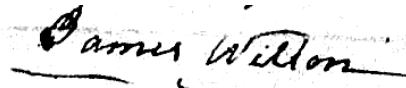
S/ Wm Simmons

Department of war  
Accounts Office  
December 17<sup>th</sup> 1810

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I do hereby certify that I was a Sergeant in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the year 1778 or 1779 – and Mr. John Middlebrook was a soldier in said Regiment, who did enlist about the above mentioned time for and during the war. Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1810.

S/ James Wilson



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I do hereby Certify that I have for many years been acquainted with John Middlebrook, that he was a Soldier in the War between the United States & Great Britain – as well as I recollect he enlisted for the war; & was a considerable time a prisoner; he is now a Citizen of Caroline

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<sup>3</sup> [Smith Mason S7180](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Robert Satterwhite S11346](#)

County, is in needy circumstances, has a wife and seven children, most of them small.  
I also am well acquainted with Mr. James Wilson whose certificate I think entitled to full credit.  
Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1810

S/ Danl. Coleman [Daniel Coleman]

[p 27: On June 25, 1840 in Caroline County Virginia, Augustine Dickinson, 64, gave testimony regarding the marriage of John Middlebrooks to Lucy Turner sometime between 1785 & 1789.]

[p 2: On January 25, 1841 in Caroline County Virginia, Jonathan Dickinson, 72, gave testimony that his daughter Nancy was born October 22, 1792 according to his family register; that John Middlebrooks and Lucy his wife had previous to the birth of his daughter Nancy moved from Hanover County and settled in the immediate neighborhood of the affiant; that John and Lucy had a daughter named Sallie who was born a few days previous to the birth of the affiant's daughter Nancy; at the time Sallie was born the affiant understood that John and Lucy Middlebrooks had two children.]

[p 6: On November 23, 1855 in Caroline County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she married her husband John Middlebrook in the County of Caroline; that they were married by the Reverend John Wafler; that her name prior to her marriage was Lucy Turner; she did not state her age in this document. She signed this document with her mark.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1784, in the name of John Middlebrook, as a Soldier of Infantry for £92.11.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to George Phillips and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
first day of June 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service in the Virginia service for two years.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 file, each of 1 page

I do certify that John Middlebrook enlisted in 1777 and continued in the Service till the year 1780 when he was taken prisoner in Charlestown, He was a Soldier for the war when he was made a prisoner.

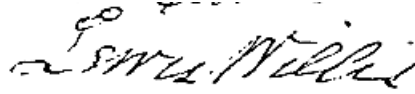
Given under my hand July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1784

S/ Samuel Hawes, Lt. Colo.



I do hereby certify that John Middlebrook was a soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment (in the year 1777) of which I was the Lieutenant Colonel

S/ Lewis Willis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lewis Willis".

Caroline County to wit

John Middlebrook Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in said County and made oath that he served as a soldier in the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of foot commanded by Colonel Willis & Stevens, the full term of 3 years. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1810

S/ William Dickinson