

Middlebrook Register Report

Surname variations include: Middlebrook and Middlebook.

First Generation

1. Michael¹ MIDDLEBROOK. This is possibly the Michael Middlebrook who died in 1616 in Batley, Yorkshire, England and was buried there on 31 December 1616^[1]. Michael definitely lived in Batley, Yorkshire, England^[1]. One 1920 source says he lived in "Hold Mills", Yorkshire, England. The location -- then or now -- of this village has never been established^[2].

Michael married **Grace [surname not known]** who died in 1656 in Batley, Yorkshire, England and was buried there on 5 December 1656^[1].

They had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Mary |
| 3 | ii. | Esther/Hester |
| 4 | iii. | Matthew |
| 5 | iv. | Grace |
| 6 | v. | Michael |
| 7 | vi. | Mercy |

Generation: G9 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 3718/3719

Second Generation

Family of Michael MIDDLEBROOK (1) & Grace [surname not known]

2. Mary MIDDLEBROOK (*Michael¹*) married **Humphrey REYNER**.

They had the following children:

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| i. | Mary |
| ii. | Martha |
| iii. | Ann |

3. Esther/Hester MIDDLEBROOK (*Michael¹*) died after 10 September 1655 in New Haven, CT^[3]. Torrey wasn't sure if she was "Esther RAYNER" or "Hester MIDDLEBROOK"^[4] and this question remained until just recently. This issue was definitively solved in Maxine Stansell's article in the October 2002 issue of *NEHGR* entitled "The Middlebrook Sisters: Mother and Mother-In-Law of Michael Wigglesworth^[5]".

On 27 October 1629 Esther/Hester married **Edward WIGGLESWORTH**, son of **William WIGGLESWORTH**, in Wrawby, Lincolnshire, England^[4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14]. Torrey simply states that they were married "before 1631". The aforementioned *NEHGR* article cites the Bishops' Transcripts of Wrawby, Lincolnshire, England, which list a record for: "[] Wigglesworth" to "Ester Middlebrooke". She migrated with her husband and son to New England in 1638. They first settled in Charlestown, Suffolk co., MA; then removed to New Haven, CT.

They had the following children (*surnamed WIGGLESWORTH*):

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| i. | Michael |
| ii. | Abigail |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1858/1859

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4. **Matthew MIDDLEBROOK** (*Michael*¹) died after 6 April 1657 in Batley, Yorkshire, England^[19]. On 24 May 1637 Matthew married **Mary COOKSON**, daughter of **Christopher COOKSON**, in Batley, Yorkshire, England^[19].
5. **Grace MIDDLEBROOK** (*Michael*¹) was born in 1609 in Batley, Yorkshire, England and was baptized there on 11 April 1609^[19]. She married **Christopher TODD**. They came to New England and settled in New Haven [CT] Colony by 1638^[14].
6. **Michael MIDDLEBROOK** (*Michael*¹) married a woman about whom we currently know nothing.
7. **Mercy MIDDLEBROOK** (*Michael*¹) was born in 1616 in Batley, Yorkshire, England and was baptized there on 21 December 1616^[19]. Mercy died in 1616/7 in Batley, Yorkshire, England and was buried there on 5 January 1616/7^[19].

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