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Mrs. B. C. Blackwell -- *Niece of Edward C. Wade*
Quitman, Ga

My dear neice:

My Mother's father was (Colonel) Isaac Middlebrooks, born in Maryland 1755. He was a Revolutionary Soldier from first to last, was taken prisoner in a battle in South Carolina, escaped and swam across Savannah River at Purysburg 25 miles above Savannah, and joined the Army of Ga.. Com manded by Jasper and Newton, and was with them when they rescued the American prisoners at a spring 2 miles out of Savannah known for 100 years as Jasper Spring. I was born in Newton County, Ga. named for the other illustrious officer. Grandfather Middlebrooks was in the Battle of Savannah and assisted in carrying Count Pulaski from the field when shot dead from his horse. He was six months a prisoner in Charleston, S. C. and was starved and eaten by vermin nearly to death before he escaped. O, how I love and cherish my Grandfathers memory. I got all of this from my mother (Bethenia Middlebrooks Wade, Mrs. Jesse Wade)

Affectionately,
(signed Edward C. Wade)

P.S. Can't you have my mother's remains brought from Ware Co. and buried by side of Father's (*Jesse Wade buried in Quitman, Ga*) Uncle Edward

Uncle of Fran Goddson

Dear Leila:

I don't know anything about my relatives. I remember Uncle (Peyton* Lieby Wade, he came to Texas when my father did, he was a Methodist preacher and school teacher. Uncle Ed (Edward Clemens Wade, grand father of Francis Wade Goddson) wrote me all I ever knew, he said my grand father Middlebrooks was an old Revolutionary soldier who fought the British with Gen. Francis Marion in South Carolina for three years, the war of 1812 and in the battle of New Orleans on the 8th Jan 1813 when Gen Andrew Jacksons' army destroyed the English Army under Tackingham. I think you and sister can join daughters (meaning DAR)

Lovingly your Aunt
Mary Wade Wood, Graham, Texas

*Sister of Edward C. Wade
& of James Huff Wade*

