

# TOM MIDDLEBROOK

*Raphael D'Ortolan, an African Creole on the El Camino Real de los Tejas*

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## The STONE FORT MUSEUM

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Monday, March 1st, 2010 ✨ 12 noon to 1:00pm

SFA Forestry Building Room 117 ✨ Corner of East College and Raguet Streets

**Light lunch fare will be available at no charge with reservations.**

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### *Itinerary*

12 noon Luncheon buffet & Welcome - Speaker Introductions

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Speaker, Tom Middlebrook

Tom Middlebrook's presentation will review the life and times of a little known man of African descent who was born into slavery near Natchitoches but lived almost half of his life as a freeman on a Spanish rancho in western Nacogdoches County. Recent archeological work has brought to light clues to his residence of 42 years.

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**Tom Middlebrook** is an avocational archeologist and Archeological Steward with the Texas Historical Commission who has authored numerous presentations and journal articles dealing with Caddo and Spanish Colonial archeology in East Texas, including, *The Middle Caddoan Period in East Texas: A Summary of the Findings of the East Texas Caddoan Research Group*, co-authored with Timothy K. Pertulla in 1997. He is the founder and current President of the East Texas Archeological Society, and the co-founder of both the East Texas Caddo Research Group and the East Texas Archeological Conference. Tom is a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Historical Foundation and the 1998 recipient of the Public Service Award from the Southern Texas Archeological Association.

In 2007, Dr. Middlebrook recorded an interesting historic period site in downtown Nacogdoches. The Pocket Park Site (41NA303) is located on the *Plaza Principal*, one of the early military plazas in the downtown district. Excavations are yielding a vast array of artifacts covering the first five decades (1779–1830) of Nacogdoches' history.