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**MR. AND MRS. TOM THUMB**

Middleborough's most famous resident, born Lavinia Bump, daughter of James S. Bump, appeared at P. T. Barnum's American Museum in New York. In 1863, she married Charles S. Stratton, dubbed "General Tom Thumb" by Barnum. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb became Barnum's most lucrative business venture over and above even the legendary Jumbo the elephant. Tom Thumb memorabilia is exhibited at the Middleborough Historical Museum. General Tom Thumb died in 1883 at the Plymouth Street residence. Lavina died in Middleborough on November 25, 1919 at the age of 78.

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