

NEW MEMBERS....ANNUAL / LIFE / UPGRADE TO LIFE....

<u>ANNUAL Regular</u>	<u>Direct Descendant</u>	<u>UPGRADE – Life Regular</u>	<u>Direct Descendant</u>						
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		Janice S. Moody	Solomon Cramer Exley						
		John Robert Peavy	John George Ebiner						
		Marilyn Pearce Graham	Johannes Heinle						
<u>ANNUAL Associate</u>	<u>Direct Descendant</u>	<div><p><i>The GSS extends our sympathy to the families of the following deceased members...we thank you for keeping us informed.</i></p><table><tr><td>Louise Boswell</td><td>1-05-2015</td></tr><tr><td>John Shealy Reiser</td><td>1-08-2015</td></tr><tr><td>Mary Katherine Reiser Stelling</td><td>1-24-2015</td></tr></table><p>REMEMBER ... we do not know about our family members...unless we are notified via</p><p>THANK YOU!</p></div>		Louise Boswell	1-05-2015	John Shealy Reiser	1-08-2015	Mary Katherine Reiser Stelling	1-24-2015
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Heritage Day Program

Translation of Bergmann Letters

The Bergmann letters offer some fascinating insights not only into life at Ebenezer but also to the situation of the early United States right after the American Revolution. Bergmann approaches life in America with the eye of an outside critic. While the Revolutionary War secured American independence, Bergmann wonders what Americans will do with their new-found freedom. Worried about the fate of Ebenezer as a result of the war, he is certain that Ebenezer will not return to the way it was at the time of Boltzius but unsure about what the future holds. Much of what he has to say is not material typically found in standard history books and should spark much interest not only among the Georgia Salzburger Society but anyone interested in the story of the early American nation.

Heritage Day Speaker

Russell Kleckley is Associate Professor of Religion at Augsburg College (Minneapolis). He is a graduate of Newberry College (B.A.), Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (M. Div.), Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (S.T.M.) and the Ludwig-Maximilians Universit%ot Munich (Dr. Theol.) Besides his past work as editor and translator of the Boltzius letter project in 2009 and current work on the Bergmann letters, he writes and researches in the area of Reformation history and the history of science and religion. His hobbies include scuba diving, kayaking, and riding his motorcycle.

Sharing our Time, Talents & Resources

Many of us give to the Georgia Salzburger Society in various ways. We give of our time, talents, sponsorship and resources. We are able to give time during our lives depending on the work load of our life walk. Sometimes we just make room in our schedules because we believe the society has a need for our service. Society buildings and holdings need donations of time for upkeep. Our talents are very diverse and the society always has need for them. Being born from a resilient culture that survived the move from surrounding parts of Salzburg and Swabia, living in the “New World” with the Indians and other settlers, insects, food, care, making a living, etc. until today is a display of the many talents we possess. We sponsor our heritage in various ways through family gatherings and reunions, verbal discussions of our heritage throughout our life walk with others (usually bounded by great-grand parents to great grandchildren). We honor our heritage through donations of resources for the museum and other society needs. These may be in the form of books, clothing, buildings, wood, misc. materials, office supplies, etc. This also includes our monetary holdings, life insurance bequeaths, and various endowment donations (land, investments, etc.). The benefit of life membership in the society was great for me at a young age since I didn’t have to remember sending in my dues, but it was not a good monetary deal for the society. My life membership cost \$100 and is now averaging approximately \$3 per year since that date. The society couldn’t operate very long on those rates unless we convinced all our known relatives that don’t belong to join. (Can you imagine 20-30 times our membership?) When I converted to lifetime membership we didn’t have any buildings, etc. to maintain other than library items. It is important to preserve those items so our descendants can share visual experience. This in one of the many reasons I donate dollars to help fund the society to continue on the course heading founded by our visionary elders.

Gary Nizzi



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a great 281st Landing Day meeting on March 14 and began another year of the Society. A great set of officers and board members were elected. We met together for common fellowship, honored our ancestors' founding the society, learned a little more of our documented history, and worshiped together at Jerusalem. Our program on the status of Kennesaw student and staff projects was informative. We are always delighted to listen to Dr. Sabine Smith as she is such a solid supporter of the Georgia Salzburger Society. We do appreciate the efforts and attention researchers Christine Koch and Joann Trodahl provide to us and look forward to any collaboration on a capstone or research project that meshes with our charter. Stay tuned as more information will follow on these endeavors as well as the translations of the Bergman Letters.

I cannot thank you enough for your efforts to improve our society. Many new members joined this year or renewed past memberships. We are beginning the path to improve our organization's fiscal health. The society is eager for more to participate in the society. A wise pastor once informed me that we each are like individual pieces in a pie. Right now we are operating like a small pie that has many pieces missing. Our pledge is to make room and fit your piece in for a more complete pie. We have many committees that could use your input and expertise so just contact the office or myself to discuss how to fit yourself in.

Another project from our relationship as part of the Teutonic Council with Halle, Germany is moving forward. It will create the opportunity for educators to take part in an exchange program in our sister city of Halle. Please contact us or your local board of education for more information on this endeavor.

We continue to thank you for your support of the society with both talents and monetary gifts. And remember to put September 7th on your calendar to attend the Heritage Day celebration. Continue to email suggestions to improve our communications and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Labor Day.

Gary Nizzi

Email only Newsletter Delivery

Important news on the delivery of the newsletter. We have embarked on the path to deliver newsletter content electronically to members of the Georgia Salzburger Society.

"Only" electronic newsletter content for email and posting on our web site will be published after this newsletter.

We need your help since many have not sent in their email addresses. Please send your current email address to the office for better communication and help us verify our records. Publishing on our web site makes the newsletter available to locations across. If you desire a newsletter by mail, please contact the office at gaslzbrgr@aol.com or 912-754-7001.

MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOPPE NEWS

The GSS Museum is open
Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (except holidays)
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Tours ... please call Sheryl Howell, Curator
@ 912.826.2237

or

Patsy Zeigler, Assistant Curator
@ 912.754.3293

for scheduling appointments

The GSS Gift Shoppe has a variety of booklets and pamphlets as well as other books in our Gift Shoppe ... items that make great gifts.

MarketPlatz

Labor Day brings lots of homemade goodies to the MarketPlatz. We would appreciate donations for selling in the MarketPlatz at the Labor Day Heritage Celebration.

So please if you can donate homemade jams, pickles, baked goods, bread, cakes, pies, etc also handmade articles, garden plants, vegetables or fruit.

Please bring to the museum or to the MarketPlatz on Labor Day, September 7th.

All proceeds go to the Museum Operating Fund. Thank you so much for your participation and support of the museum.

Announcements

Museum will have Tee Shirts available for the Georgia Salzburger Staff to wear on Labor Day so our visitors can recognize us for any questions. They will be blue with the Georgia Salzburger Logo. If you would like one please email me your size and how many shirts to me at gsssherylcurator@gmail.com or call

912- 826- 2237. DEADLINE: July 15th.

Also, the museum will sell Tee Shirts at the Labor Day Festival.

The museum has the publications of the Neidlinger and Reiser Family Books written by Vince Exley on its shelves.

Please check the website for books, throws, pictures, tumblers, pins, and much more for your purchase. I will be happy to assist with your purchase. So please check the museum out for the latest merchandise to purchase to celebrate the Salzburger Heritage.

Again the museum has a wonderful family. We would love for you to take a couple of hours out of your schedule to assist the museum. We look forward to assisting you in any way that we can.

HERITAGE DAY EVENTS

9:30 Exhibits, Demonstrations,
Booths & Crafts Open

10:00 Hayride & Grounds Tour

11:00 Georgia Salzburger Society
Annual Meeting in the Church

11:00 Youth Brat & Hotdog Lunch
available for purchase

BBQ Pork plate with homemade
desserts available for \$12.00

1:30 Hayride & Grounds Tour
The Crabbettes (*German music*)

3:00 Exhibits, Demonstrations,
Booths & Crafts Close

The Women of Jerusalem Lutheran Church are looking for historically appropriate period crafts for demonstration on this day. If you have a special craft you would be interested in sharing, please contact Kathleen Wendelken at KmurfH@aol.com or (912)665-0395 for information. If you would simply like to help with activities of the day, please let me know.

SAVE THE DATES

GA Salzburger Society Chapter
Board Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

Old Parsonage, Calvin Seckinger Conference RM
2980 Ebenezer Road, Rincon, GA

Labor Day - Heritage Day
Celebration 2015

Celebrating 281 years of Landing of
first Salzburger transient

At the Ole Jerusalem Church

On the Banks of the Savannah River

September 7, 2015

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

GA Salzburger Society Chapter
Board Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2015

@ 1:00 PM

Old Parsonage, Calvin Seckinger Conference RM
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Material Culture Help Requested

Material culture is the study of the relationship of people to objects – the things they create and those they leave behind. Historic needlework and textiles with their connection to clothing, decoration and particularly to the training and education of young women make the study of samplers an intriguing approach to understanding the ideas and influences of specific cultural communities, such as the Georgia Salzburgers. Needlework was a ubiquitous endeavor in the lives of girls and young women across America, yet, relative to the number of surviving samplers from the Northeast and mid-Atlantic, Southern samplers are rare and samplers from the Georgia Salzburgers and their descendants are, so far, undiscovered. With the help of the Georgia Salzburger society I hope to enlarge our knowledge of sampler and needlework traditions at Ebenezer, the communities of the Savannah River basin and Coastal Georgia.



*The Mary Smallwood Sampler Liberty County, Georgia 1791
Collection of MESDA*

Many people may associate samplers with a simple embroidered motto or alphabet decoratively stitched and displayed in frame, but samplers and other needlework exercises were an essential component of a girl's education in Europe and the Americas evolving in style and significance over three centuries from the 1600's through the 1900's. Girls began to learn their stitches when very young and nearly all girls, regardless of class, had stitched at least one sampler by the time they reached their teens. Many went on to make several embroideries, each more challenging than the last. Samplers and related girlhood embroideries (mourning pictures, silk pictorials, family records, coats of arms, decorative towels, etc.) were a fixture of American education and used to demonstrate more than expertise with the needle. Embedded in the verses that appear on samplers are moral dictates for socially appropriate behavior, as well as text-centered celebrations of female literacy and learning. Embroidered motifs, patterns, and pictures echo the same culturally important symbols and decorative elements found on male produced objects of the period such as furniture, paintings, etchings, legal documents, silverware, and gravestones.

There are several theories as to why there are so few surviving Southern samplers — the deteriorating effects on textiles of a hot and humid climate, isolated and sparsely settled rural communities and the small number of cities large enough to support educational institutions, especially for female education. Yet none of these reasons are entirely convincing or definitive. The cultural and regional European background of the Georgia Salzburgers is comparable to that of the German Protestant settlers of rural southeastern Pennsylvania where there is a strong and distinctive tradition of girlhood embroideries. It seems logical that must have been a similar practice amongst the Georgia Salzburgers.

Discovering and identifying the samplers and needlework of the Georgia Salzburgers and their descendants is one component of a collaborative national project that will actively locate, document, interpret, disseminate, share, and promote awareness of historic schoolgirl samplers and related girlhood embroideries throughout America. The project is sponsored by the University of Oregon's Center for Advanced Technology in Education, and the Sampler Consortium, an international 1200-member organization dedicated to the study of historic samplers. Together, these organizations direct the Sampler Archive Project (<http://samplerarchiveproject.uoregon.edu>), which is an NEH funded initiative to create a publically accessible online database of documented information and high-resolution images of all known historic samplers and related schoolgirl embroideries stitched on what is now American territory. In recognition of the growing interest in the region, Georgia samplers will also be celebrated at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts [MESDA] 2016 Textile Symposium in conjunction with the Georgia Museum of Arts exhibition entitled "Georgia Girlhood Embroideries: 'Crowned With Glory and Immortality'".

I would welcome any assistance in locating and identifying samplers of the Georgia Salzburgers and/or any Georgia samplers or sampler collections, public or private, in Georgia. Please contact me at Lukacher@hvc.rr.com or 845-417-6238 or through Sheryl Howell, curator, at the Georgia Salzburger Society gsssherylcurator@gmail.com.

Joanne Martin Lukacher



*1745 Chicken Sampler from Goosecreek
Elizabeth Hext, instructress
Colonial Williamsburg Collection*



*Pennsylvania German Sampler
Private Collection*

Library News

Vince Exley



GSS Loest Research Library’s Holdings of the Colonial Records of The State of Georgia

Recently the Loest Library acquired Volume 20 of *Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. This volume, edited by Kenneth Coleman and Milton Ready, contains *Original Papers and Letters to the Trustees, Oglethorpe and Others, 1732 - 1735*. We now have in our Loest Research Library at Ebenezer twenty-eight of the thirty-five published volumes of this treasured work. It is remarkable that we have acquired in the two years of the library’s existence this many editions of these valuable source materials for historical and genealogical research. The first twenty-six volumes of the work, edited by Gov. Allen D. Candler, were published 1904 – 1916, and several additional volumes, edited by others, were published in the 1970s and 80s. We are indebted to Francis Hutto and Alice Conklin for their generous donations in acquiring most of these volumes.

Volumes VI through IX in the series, which are among the volumes we have obtained, are transcriptions of the original minutes of Georgia’s colonial council, records that include petitions for land. These petitions contain information about colonial settlers, such as family data and the location of lands they obtained in the colony—original source material very important in genealogical research.

The Loest Library has acquired an outstanding collection of 18th century source material for doing immigrant family research. Soon beginning our third year of operation, the library is open Saturdays from 3:00 till 5:00 p.m. and other times by appointment contact Barbara Scott, Librarian, brscotti1649@windstream.net or 912-660-1786.

Periodically, mini-workshops for beginning researchers are scheduled in the library. If you have interest in attending one of these, contact Vince Exley, oxcart1212@aol.com or 912-926-3334.

INFORMATION FOR ENTERING THE 2015 HINELY POSTER CONTEST

The Hinely Poster Contest traditionally relates to the subject of the program to be presented on Labor Day at Ebenezer or the festival theme. This year’s program is on the “Translation Status of the Bergman Letters”. Pursuant to this, the poster subject this year is centered on the Rev Johann Bergman, the last pastor sent from the Franke Institute in Halle. The poster may include such information pieces of his life at Ebenezer, the link with Halle, and any other information on Bergman. The use of the “Loest Research Library” is highly encouraged to document first source information used in developing the poster. Use of non-first source information is detrimental to scoring.

The Loest Research Library includes 18th century sources among its holdings. The library will be open on Saturdays during the months of July and August, but only during the regular Museum hours of 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Make an appointment at your earliest convenience to use the resources in the Loest Library by contacting Barbara Scott referenced below.

Key to judging posters in this year’s contest will be documentation with 18th century sources. There is a list of 18th century sources in the Loest Library that are recommended to poster contestants—sources such as the *Detailed Reports* (18 volumes), and Candler’s *Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. However, poster contestants may use the sources wherever they may be found, such as in genealogical research libraries in the main Effingham County Library in Springfield, the library of the Historic Effingham Society, the Georgia Room in the main Chatham County Library on Bull Street, or the library of the Georgia Historical Society. A list of the recommended 18th century sources will be provided to poster contestants or potential poster contestants upon request to Barbara Scott brscotti1649@windstream.net or 912- 660-1786.

Hinely Salzburger Heritage Poster Contest

Open to all Salzburger descendants from Second Grade through Adults

Purpose: To promote a greater appreciation for our rich cultural heritage

2015 Theme:
Rev Johann Bergman

Categories:	Elementary School	2 nd – 5 th Graders		
	Middle School	6 th – 8 th Graders		
	High School	9 th – 11 th Graders		
	Seniors	12 th Graders and College Students		
	Adults	All adults not in College		
Prizes:	CATEGORY	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
	Elementary	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
	Middle School	200.00	75.00	50.00
	High School	300.00	100.00	75.00
	Seniors	400.00	200.00	100.00
	Adults	200.00	150.00	100.00
	Sr.Adults	200.00	150.00	100.00

Guidelines: Deadline for all entry forms must be received by Wednesday, September 2nd. See information below. All entries must be brought to New Ebenezer Retreat Center for judging before 9:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 7th. Contestants can submit only one poster. You may use a threefold project board. On the top right corner on the back of your poster, list all of your information from the REGISTRATION FORM: category, name, address, city, state, phone number, grade in school, age, and your Salzburger ancestor. Judging will be on creativity, originality, educational value, historical accuracy, and neatness. Presentation to winners will be made during the 11:00 a.m. meeting in Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The posters will be displayed at this meeting. Afterward, they will be on display at a designated place announced during the meeting until 3:00 p.m. at which time they may be picked up.

Research suggestions: This year’s program is entitled “Rev. Johann Bergman Letters” The poster this year is on the Rev. Johann Bergman. The poster may include his arrival at Ebenezer, his tenure, and other facts about his life at Ebenezer. Use of the “Loest Research Library” is highly encouraged to document information to develop the posters.

Detach ENTRY FORM along the line
(Must mail or e-mail the following registration form by Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015)

Name _____ Category _____
Address _____ Grade in School _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Descendant of _____

Mail to: Poster Contest, Georgia Salzburger Society, 2980 Ebenezer Rd., Rincon, GA 31326;
Or e-mail to: gaslzbrgr@aol.com For further information: 912-754-7001.