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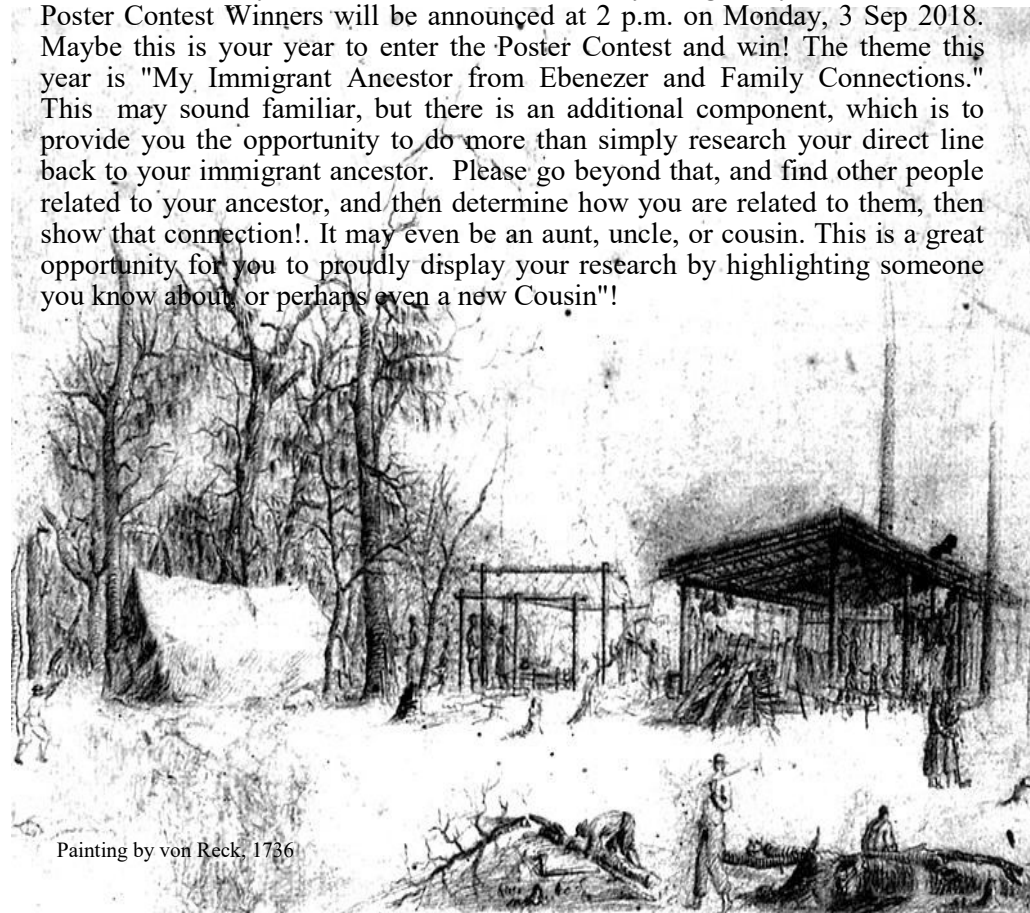
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Hinely Salzburger Heritage Poster Contest 2018

## *“My Immigrant Ancestor from Ebenezer and Family Connections”*

The Annual Heritage Day Poster Contest is held to foster a greater appreciation of our Salzburger heritage and culture. Posters are judged on historical accuracy, educational value, creativity, originality, and neatness. Poster Contest Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. on Monday, 3 Sep 2018. Maybe this is your year to enter the Poster Contest and win! The theme this year is "My Immigrant Ancestor from Ebenezer and Family Connections." This may sound familiar, but there is an additional component, which is to provide you the opportunity to do more than simply research your direct line back to your immigrant ancestor. Please go beyond that, and find other people related to your ancestor, and then determine how you are related to them, then show that connection!. It may even be an aunt, uncle, or cousin. This is a great opportunity for you to proudly display your research by highlighting someone you know about, or perhaps even a new Cousin!"



Painting by von Reck, 1736

Volunteers are needed on Labor Day to help with setting up and taking down tents, tables, and chairs. Another way to help is to sit with a display or booth while the vendor takes a break to attend the church program or get some lunch. Please consider volunteering, and let us know what you are willing to do. You may leave a message with the GSS office at 912-754-7001.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'm very excited to be once again working with the people of the Georgia Salzburger Society! In addition to streamlining and implementing more cost-effective ways of conducting business, such as increased emphasis on electronic communication, we also need to do a lot of work on the repair, upkeep, and maintenance of our existing structures and buildings. To continue to be successful and grow, we must focus not only on recruiting new members, but in retaining the members we already have. For instance, as of 1 Jun 2018, we've only received 33% of Renewal dues for 2018. As this is our primary Operating Funds (Life dues go straight to the Endowment Fund), you can see that we need all of the help that we can get in this area. Our Registrar, Debra Herrin, along with our Admin Assistant, Kara Gelderman, have revamped our procedures toward providing a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, putting everyone at ease, and making them feel at "home". Kara also has a wealth of experience in the Banking Industry, and is working hard on our Annual Budget. To our newest officers and Board Members, I cordially welcome you, and look forward to working with you over the ensuing year. And to the returning Board Members, I heartily welcome you back.

- Scotty Scott

## FINDING FAMILY CONNECTIONS WITH AUTOSOMAL DNA TESTING —MARGARET WATERS

On Labor Day of each year, the Georgia Salzburger families and the congregation of Jerusalem Lutheran Church gather together at Ebenezer, Georgia with friends, neighbors, and visitors to celebrate Salzburger Heritage Day. Much pride and fellowship is shared among participants as they stroll the grounds filled with a variety of arts and crafts, displays, and other activities; and don't forget to look for the old time wooden lemonade barrel! A variety of experiences will be set up to provide a view of how things were made during the early settlement of Ebenezer. Each year more and more volunteers are cooking up samples of German food and other treats.

This year will renew the opportunity to display your family heritage. Please plan to set up your family tent, displaying photos, family trees, artifacts, and other memorabilia unique to your family. Look for ways to find a family connection with others attending that day at either the various family tents or by attending the genealogy workshop presented by our guest speaker, Ms. Margaret Waters at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall. More details will follow on [visitebenezer.com](http://visitebenezer.com) or Facebook websites.

Many GSS members and friends are currently involved in researching familial connections. They seem to quickly learn that learning more about individual ancestors is a great way of adding new dimensions to their existing family history. Questions are being asked for help beyond the accessible records. Since DNA testing is now easily available, many researchers are questioning how to best use their results to fill in where records are missing. Many people who are using DNA results have discovered relatives they never knew about. Often these new relatives can add information explaining family traditions or customs and tell why they exist in their related families. Finding these "New Relatives" can be a fun-filled and exciting way to preserve and appreciate your family heritage. Also, just realizing that we share a blood line with someone we have never met is not only interesting, but is a viable way to learn how to respect and appreciate a variety of customs, traditions, and family values.

Ms. Water's presentation on Labor Day will include a variety of research suggestions gathered from her vast background and experiences doing genealogy research, including helpful tips for using DNA findings to further your research. - Claudia Christiansen



The Georgia Salzburger Society made its presence known at the Pioneer Days Parade and Festival in downtown Sylvania on 31 Mar 2018. Participants were Debra Herrin, Alecia Waters, Kara Gelderman, Scotty Scott, and brand-new member, Donny Mallard. Besides making a modest amount of money for the Museum, we recruited nine new members, had two annual members renew, and six people received applications. Remember that northeastern Screven County was the site of *New Goettingen*, where Salzburgers and Purrysburgers created a settlement in 1752 near Stoney Bluff on the Savannah River, and several years later started intermarrying with the Scots-Irish settlers from “*Old Irish Town*” in Jefferson County, Georgia. Many descendants of these early settlers still reside in Screven, southern Burke, Jenkins, and Effingham Counties today.

### SISTER CITIES PROJECT

As a part of the Sister Cities project, Savannah established an ongoing relationship with Halle, Germany, by starting a teacher exchange program as a component of our cultural and educational experiences. Currently, the third set of teachers from the Savannah area (two from Chatham, and two from Effingham), is preparing to travel to Halle for two weeks of interacting with the educators and students there. Later in the Fall, we will host have four teachers from Halle visiting and learning in both Chatham and Effingham Counties.

Valerie Granzow and Brandon Howard, South Effingham High School teachers who are planning to go to Halle, visited New Ebenezer on 29 May 2018 to tour the Parsonage, Fail House, Museum, and Jerusalem Church. Curator Patsy Zeigler presented them with souvenirs to hand out while visiting Germany.

We are also attempting to organize an ongoing exchange program with Halle through a cross-cultural and educational program called "the Trans-Atlantic Project"). If you are interested in becoming involved with the exchange project with Halle, or in helping with guided tours for the visitors when they arrive from Halle, please contact the GSS office at 912-754-7001.

### NEW EBENEZER RETREAT CENTER

Are you interested in visiting Ebenezer and remaining overnight for our various activities and festivals? New Ebenezer Retreat Center has accommodations and meals available for you! Just steps away, you can visit our Museum and Research Library on Saturday or Sunday afternoon; attend services at historic Jerusalem Church at 11 a.m. Sunday; attend the Landing Day Meeting and Celebration festivities, and visit with other Salzburger descendants gathered for that particular activity. Additionally, the Museum, Library, and Gift Shop will begin opening on Fridays from 10-12, when we start our Summer hours on 8 Jun 2018.

Overnight lodging is available in private rooms, with private baths. Six meals are provided, beginning with dinner on Saturday. The cost for the two-night visit is \$148 per person.

**www.newebenezer.org  
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### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFORMATION

*Did you know that you can read our Newsletters, by going to <http://visitebenezer.com>? Just click on “Newsletter”, then download it. Remember that the electronic and e-mailed versions of our newsletters are in **COLOR**, versus the ones mailed to your home, which are in black*

#### Calendar of Events for Rest of 2018

1 Aug 2018	Summer Newsletter Out
11 Aug /1-3	Board of Directors Mtg
1 Sep/3-5	Loest Library Open
2 Sep/3-5	Loest Library Open
3 Sep/9-3	Heritage Day Festival
TBA Oct	Effingham Co Fair
TBA Nov	Christkindlmarkt
8 Dec/1-3	Board of Directors Mtg

### HERITAGE DAY LUNCH

The Ladies of Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be serving Barbeque Pork Plates, with choice of homemade desserts, for a \$12 donation. They will start serving at 11:30 a.m. Jerusalem Youth will be serving Bratwursts and Hot Dogs, with a drink during this same time period.

## Market Platz on Heritage Day

Labor Day brings lots of homemade goodies to our Heritage Day Festival. We would appreciate any and all donations for selling in the Marktplatz at this year's celebration.

So, if you can, please donate homemade jellies, pickles, baked goods, bread, candies, etc., as well as handmade articles, garden plants, vegetables, and/or fruit. Bring items to the Museum or Marktplatz on Labor Day, 3 Sep 2018. All proceeds will go to the Museum's Operating Fund.

### MUSEUM AND GIFT SHOPPE NEWS

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

**Come visit us for tours!**

**Please contact Patsy @ 912-655-4555**



Visit our gift shoppe for your gifts of:

Books  
Prints  
Jewelry  
T-Shirts

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Other Salzburger Related Items



Curator: Patsy Zeigler—912-655-4555  
Assistant Curator: Robert Peavy  
Volunteers: Lisa Repasy, Larry & Paulette Zettler,  
Gill Zeigler, and Sandy Gibson

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I met eight members of the family, my new found cousins. After greeting, hugs and talk, we were lead to a table laden with cakes, cookies, fruit, wine, coffee and beer. They were as thrilled to meet us as we were to meet them. It is difficult to describe the feelings, the excitement, and the warm welcome we received. We took many pictures and had a grand time. Also toured the remodeled living areas, and entered the bedroom of John Adam's birth. Nobody knew which one of the two bedrooms was the room of birth, but I was in both rooms.

Common in the days this house was built, there was a living area for the family, and also an area for the farm animals under the same roof. The barn area remained as it was built. There are stalls for horses and cows, a pig pen, rabbit hutch, hay loft and a collection of farming equipment. John Adam's father, Hans Michel, was a wine barrel maker, but today no one knows the location of his workshop.

Why did the family immigrate to the colonies? The new Archbishop of Salzburg, upon taking his office, issued an "Edict of Expulsion." All Protestants were ordered to leave the area of his domain. Many moved to other locations in Europe, but many also moved to the American Colonies. The Treutlens joined the exodus and made their way to Rotterdam. There, they sailed to England and awaited passage. While there, John Adam's father died as did one of his sons. That explains why John Adam, his mother and two brothers set sail as indentured slaves, because the money had run out. They sailed in the fourth group aboard the ship Judith. At sea, with three weeks to go before landing, the ship's captain, Walther Quarne, and the navigator, along with some passengers, died of typhus. There was no one who had any knowledge of navigation. Fortunately, on board was Pastor Hermann Heinrich Lemcke, who took command and with no more navigation skills than looking at stars, successfully guided the ship to Savannah!

As the day closed, we left Kurnbach, knowing that we have many, previously unknown relatives, entered in our family tree. We extended invitations to visit us in America. It was a day to fondly remember the rest of our lives. It was the highlight of our trip. We felt their love, and we hope they felt ours. - Hardy W. Bryan, 22 Apr 2018



The Bryans and Mayor Ebhart at the house in which John Adam Treutlen was born.

## 1752 map of the lower Savannah River —Dale Reddick



Note how the cartographer De Brahm misspells mill as “mihl” and mills as “mihles”, not to mention Abercorn as “Haberkorn.” He mixes up the surnames Zubly and Tobler, producing the fictitious surname Zubler. The two families did end up being inter-married twice or more. (Dale Reddick’s fourth great-grandfather’s brother) Peter Readick married a woman who was both a Zubly and a Tobler descendant.

## Officers and Board of Directors for 2018-19

The following Regular Members were elected to the indicated offices at our Annual Business Meeting on 10 Mar 2018. Please welcome and support them in their endeavors!

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Hardy Bryan with Mayor Armin Ebhart and Town Guide of Kurnbach, Germany, which was the birthplace Ebenezer's John Adam Treutlen.

*Loest Research Library—Barbara Rahn Scott*



### **Ready to Research?**

**The Loest Research Library will be open September 2, 2018, Sunday before Labor Day, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. Call Barbara Scott at 912-660-1786 to reserve your seat.**

**We will also be open Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 3 pm—5 pm, and we will extend these Saturday hours if we have any requests. Once again, you can call 912-660-1786 to make a request.**

# 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

**2018 Theme:**

*My Immigrant Ancestor from Ebenezer and Family Connections*

**Categories:**

Elementary School	2nd - 5th Graders
Middle School	6th - 8th Graders
High School	9th - 11th Graders
Seniors	12th Graders and College Students
Adults	All adults not in College
Sr. Adults	70 and over



**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, August 29<sup>th</sup>. See information below. All entries must be brought to New Ebenezer Retreat Center for judging before 9:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 "The Purrysburg/Ebenezer Relationship". The poster this year is on the relationship between Purrysburg and Ebenezer. The poster may include cultural, economic and personal links between the two settlements. 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, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

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](mailto:gaslzbrgr@aol.com) For further information: 912-754-7001.

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## A TRIP TO MEET AN ANCESTOR



Patsy Zeigler and Thorsten Eisingerich

March 12, 2018 marked the 284th anniversary (1734) of the landing of 37 Protestant families in Savannah, Georgia following their expulsion from Salzburg, Austria, by Prince-Archbishop Firmian. These Salzburgers, who finally settled 25 miles upstream in New Ebenezer, Georgia, are the progenitors of the oldest Austrian community on American soil. In anticipation of this important anniversary, the Director of the Austrian Embassy's Press and Information Service, Thorsten Eisingerich, visited the Georgia Salzburger Museum, as well as the neighboring Jerusalem Lutheran Church in New Ebenezer (*the oldest standing structure in Georgia*) for a late-night viewing on Sunday, 25 Feb 2018, thanks to Museum Curator Patsy Zeigler.



The Eisingerichs: Thorsten, Thara, and Kulwadee

On 4 Apr 2018, Salzburger Descendant Hardy W. Bryan and his wife, Zenaida, visited the home of Hardy's great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather, John Adam Treutlen. Treutlen was the ninth of twelve children born 16 Jan 1734, to Hans Michel Treutle and his two wives in the small town of Kurnbach, Germany. John Adams's father, sired seven children with his first wife, Maria, who died in 1727, then married his servant, Clara, who gave birth to five boys, two of whom died at birth. Child number nine (John Adam) was given the identical name as one of his deceased brothers. When he was 10 years of age, Treutlen and his family joined the mass exodus of people from Salzburg, Austria. When he departed England for Savannah, the only family he had left was his mother, Clara, and two brothers. They arrived in Ebenezer (just west of Savannah), as indentured slaves. John Adam spoke excellent English, and was identified as a boy of high intellect and many talents by the farmer where he worked off the servitude. He entered local politics, fought in the Revolutionary War, helped write the Georgia state constitution, and was elected the first governor of the state. He was also a Freemason and a Lutheran. Somewhere, somehow, the spelling of his name changed from Hans Adam Treutle to John Adam Treutlen. Very little was known about his early years in Europe until Clemson Professor Helene Riley, went on a mission to determine more about John Adam and to establish the truth among the many erroneous stories. Starting with searching for where he was born and his date of birth, she chased down many leads, finding no evidence of his birth until she went to Kurnbach. As Helene was a German language professor, she was able to dig into church and family Bibles, where she finally located this family's history. Her findings, were published in a book titled "*John Adam Treutlen.*"

When Zenaida and Hardy were invited to Germany for a 24 day visit, their hosts were informed that a visit to Kurnbach was a must. The host, Klaus Doessler, contacted the city government to arrange our visit, and upon arrival, were greeted by Mayor Armin Ebbart, the town visitor guide, Hans Wilhelm (he wore middle age clothes and stayed with us the entire visit), members of his staff, as well as two newspaper reporters from Heidelberg and Karlsruhe. On the day of our visit, a newspaper article reported that we were coming.

The Mayor was presented a bottle of "Thirteenth Colony" bourbon from a Georgia distillery, and we were given two bottles of wine produced in Kurnbach, as well as some information on John Adam. We were then escorted to the front of John Adam's birth home, where many pictures were taken, then the town guide treated us to a wonderful lunch and tour of the town and vineyards encircling the town.

We visited the Lutheran Church (the town's largest original building), where we got to see the baptism font where John Adam was baptized, and is still in use today. As this church was on the border between two districts, whose rulers were at odds with one another, people from one district could enter the church on one side, and sit in pews only on that side, and the same for the other side. It remained that way until 1905!

We returned to John Adam Treutlen's birth home, which is still standing and occupied by the Treutlen family! I believe that I am the first descendant of John Adam to have visited Kurnbach! Not surprising, because his place of birth was not established until the publication of Riley's book. The house and the town as well, were not destroyed by World War II, and all the building were original, dating many centuries ago.

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