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Grass Huts—type of dwelling the first Salzburgers used.



The Georgia Salzburger Society

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Annual Salzbugers' Landing Day Celebration

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Location: Historic Jerusalem Lutheran Church
2980 Ebenezer Rd, Rincon, Ga 31326

11:30 AM: Meet and Greet

12:00: Luncheon (\$5.00 Donation)

2:00 PM In Church: Worship Service, Business Meeting,
Election of GSS Officers and Board Members

Reception: In Church Social Hall

Speaker: Norman Turner, Historian, *Remembering Life
at Old Ebenezer, 1734-1736*

Afterward: Old Ebenezer Cemetery Tour Guided by Norman Turner



The Landing Day celebration has been an annual event for many years. When the Salzburgers, protestant refugees, were exiled from “present day ‘Austria’ ”, they compared their expulsion with the Israelites’ exile from Egypt. King George II of England heard of their plight, and he and the English Trustees of the Georgia colony extended an invitation to come and settle in the new world. It was a heartfelt sacrifice leaving their loved ones and homes never to see them again. Believing that God would supply their needs, they boarded ships for the new country knowing they would be able to worship the God they loved. They did this unselfish act so we, their descendants, could live in a country where we have religious freedom. General James Oglethorpe oversaw these transports and guided them during their settlement at Ebenezer. The Salzburger refugees were welcomed by the Savannah colonists, including Ben Sheftall and his wife Perla, on March 12, 1734 with a meal of “good rice soup,” as recorded by Martin Boltzius in the *Detail Reports*. Boltzius’ description of the Salzburgers:

“...people who have already suffered for the sake of Christ who have their Christianity not only in their mouths, but also in their hearts, and show it in their deeds.”

This annual Landing Day Celebration is dedicated to the Salzburgers, led by the spirit of God to a new land where they worshiped in freedom the God they loved. We, their descendants and friends, along with the community, honor those Salzburgers and their heartfelt sacrifices. ~ Diane Holder

Touring of Old Ebenezer: Please be prepared to walk the undeveloped area by wearing walking shoes for safety.



Georgia Salzburger Society

Founded in 1925

An Affiliate Chapter of the Georgia Historical Society

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President's Message 2019

The annual Landing Day celebration is an important part of Salzburger History. Among the many reasons of importance, we recognize this opportunity to praise God for the unending plans and blessings He has granted throughout the years. From the very beginning of the Salzburgers' exile and settlement in Georgia, the Salzburgers have taken time for worship and praise to God.

Landing Day at Ebenezer is our reminder to stop and set aside some time to remember, to honor and to appreciate those who have built the beginnings of our Georgia Salzburger heritage that we know today.

The first Annual Meeting of the Georgia Salzburger Society was held on March 12th, 1926 (March 12th, being the Anniversary of the arrival in 1734 of the Salzburgers in Georgia). The meeting was held at the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ebenezer.

Richard L. Gnann, D.D.S., was elected the first permanent president of the Georgia Salzburger Society. Other officers were: Vice President—Harvey Seckinger; Secretary—Julian H. Shearouse; Treasurer—William G. Gnann. Serving as members of the Executive Board Committee were: C. Bowers Gnann, Blois Ziegler, George Rahn, John W. Reiser, Joshua A Helmly, Maude Arden, Gideon Seckinger, Susie Gnann and B. Cubbedge.”

GSS Memberships Approved

February 9, 2019

Debra Stafford Herrin, Registrar

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Diana Meadows Malone
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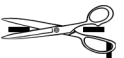
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