

## New Issue of Stamps to Honor James Oglethorpe, Georgia's Founder-Savior

Friend of Poor Debtors to Receive Tribute Feb. 13.

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On Feb. 13, Georgia will begin a bi-centennial celebration that will continue until Thanksgiving. To inaugurate it fittingly this commemoration, the United States government will issue a 3-cent purple stamp, carrying the likeness of General James Edward Oglethorpe, founder of the first permanent settlement in Georgia.

There has been quite a bit of sarcastic criticism of the numerous commemorative issues of stamps, but certainly General Oglethorpe and the colony in Georgia deserve a memorial.

In 1894, when urging the erection of a monument to General Oglethorpe, an impassioned Georgian orator, with typical southern extravagance of speech, said: "The delivery of Georgia from the Spaniards is such that it may not be paralleled except by some instances out of the Old Testament. In annals of the English speaking race, there is none more deserving of imperishable monument than James Edward Oglethorpe."

Founding and maintaining a colony in Georgia was a feat of military skill. Oglethorpe demonstrated his strategic ability when his small army of 600 almost annihilated a Spanish force of 5,000. Nevertheless, the benevolent impulse behind the colonization was of greater importance.

The suffering occasioned by the cruel practice of imprisoning for debt was opposed bitterly by Oglethorpe, who persuaded parliament to pass a bill improving prison conditions and freeing many of the debtors.

As these people found difficulty in reuniting themselves in society and finding work, Oglethorpe offered to take them to Georgia to found a colony.

Malcolm Campbell. Covers to Chamber of Commerce, Daytona, Fla.

Feb. 12—Lincoln and Century of Progress, 1933. Covers to Ben Guzo, 105 North California street, Chicago.

Feb. 22—Washington's birthday cachet. Covers to Robert Cook, Box 795, Asbury Park, N. J.

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THE hostile Spaniards in Florida had made colonization in Georgia unsuccessful. Therefore the English King was delighted to have a man of Oglethorpe's military attainments, willing to undertake such venture. In 1733, forty debtors and their families came to America under his leadership, and settled on a high plateau, which now is the site of Savannah. Later, a band of persecuted German Moravians found refuge with them, as did John Wesley, destined to be the great Methodist leader.

The claim that Oglethorpe's defeat of the Spaniards preserved America to the English speaking people seems a bit extravagant. In reality, twelve of the thirteen original colonies were flourishing before Oglethorpe established his settlement, in spite of the fact that St. Augustine was and had been under Spanish rule for 168 years.

Rather, his great claim to fame lies in his work for humanity. A contemporary said of him, "Every humane and noble cause exercises his heart and head. He is one of the most enabling characters of whom the annals of the time give an account. Pope wrote of him—One driven by strong benevolence of soul, shall fly like Oglethorpe from pole to pole."

SEVERAL poems were written to him by famous men, for it was considered the elegant gesture of that day to dash off a verse at the slightest provocation. Aside from his philanthropic and military exploits, "the noble veteran ever was a favorite with the ladies" which seems to complete a perfect character.

For the United States to immortalize a man of such caliber is logical and timely. It may be that more boys and girls will remember the story of the founding of Georgia from the discussion and study occasioned by this stamp than from their textbooks.

The government bulletin concerning the issue does not specify which portrait will be used. It merely states, "The central subject of the stamp is a likeness of General Oglethorpe, wearing a coat of armor."

The accompanying portrait, in armor, may be used, but the Detroit News reports that a painting of Oglethorpe recently was discovered in London and purchased for the art department of Oglethorpe university. As it is supposed to be the only contemporary portrait, possibly it was the one selected.

According to the bulletin, "The stamp will be issued on sale at Savannah on Feb. 13. Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations may send a limited number of addressed covers, not to exceed a total of twenty-five, to the postmaster, Savannah, Ga., with the cash or postal order to cover exactly the value of the stamps required."

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