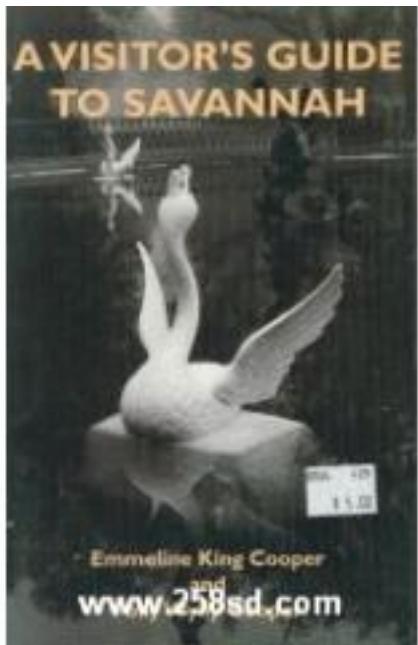


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Oglethorpe's Vision
The year was 1732; the place was London. James Edward Oglethorpe, a distinguished soldier and prison reformer at age 30, was urging King George I to sign a charter for a new colony where people of decayed circumstances could begin a fresh life. The colony would be called "Georgia" in honor of the king. Oglethorpe had three strong arguments: the prospect of profits from raw materials; protection for South Carolina from the Spaniards to the south; and asylum for men and women fleeing religious persecution. Ink flowed from the royal pen on April 21, 1732, as King George lowered his bewigged head to sign the charter for the 13th and last British colony in America. "Non sibi sed aliis" (Not for self but for others) was

the Latin motto chosen by Oglethorpe and the twenty other men who agreed to serve as "Dustees for Georgia. Next came the task of selecting settlers from the hundreds who volunteered. By early November 35 families had been

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