

Sophia's Schoolhouse Video Guide  
Episode 16: Get to Know James Edward Oglethorpe  
Part 4, 1744 - 1785

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## Video Script

Oglethorpe left Georgia in July 1743 and never returned again. Oglethorpe continued to attend meetings of the Georgia Trustees in England for a little while, but he eventually stopped. In 1745 Oglethorpe was put in charge of troops and sent to defend England against a Jacobite uprising in Scotland. If you'll remember, Oglethorpe's family was **Jacobites**. Some people thought Oglethorpe didn't try hard against the **Jacobites** even though he did keep them from invading. He had to go to court to defend his actions. He was officially **acquitted** - meaning he didn't face punishment - but his **reputation** was hurt.

In 1752 Oglethorpe lost his **Parliament** seat – that same year Georgia became a royal **colony** and the Georgia Trustees no longer had any say in how the **colony** would run. For the rest of his life, Oglethorpe spent his time with his wife and friends. He also supported writers and spent a lot of time studying and reading.

Oglethorpe lived long enough to see Georgia become a state in the United States of America. Did you know that Oglethorpe met with John Adams twice in June 1785? John Adams the first U.S. **ambassador** to Great Britain. John Adams wrote that Oglethorpe "expressed his great **esteem** and regard for America" on their first visit together. His two meetings with John Adams were some of his last. Oglethorpe died on June 30, 1785.

## Vocabulary

**acquitted:** An acquitted defendant is off the hook. If you're on trial for a crime and you're found "not guilty," then you're acquitted and you can go free.

**ambassador:** An ambassador is an official representative for his or her country, stationed in another nation

**colony:** A *colony* is a group of people who settle in a new place but keep ties to their homeland. The people who founded the United States first came to America to live as part of a British *colony*.

**esteem:** Esteem is all about respect and admiration. If you have high self-esteem, it means you like yourself.

**Jacobite:** a supporter of James II after he was overthrown or a supporter of the Stuarts.

**Georgia Trustees:** a group of men appointed by the King to administer the Georgia Colony from 1732 to 1752.

**Parliament:** The most common meaning of parliament refers to a country's legislative (law-making) body. England's parliament is very famous.

**reputation :** Your reputation is the general belief or opinion that other people have about you. If you are considered trustworthy and kind, you have a good reputation.

## Video Quiz

Question 1: True or False? James Edward Oglethorpe returned to Georgia several times after 1743. \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2: What American did James Edward Oglethorpe meet with twice in 1785?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. John Adams
- c. Abraham Lincoln
- d. George Washington

Question 3: True or False? James Edward was acquitted of any wrong doing in the Jacobite uprising. \_\_\_\_\_

Question 4: True or False? Oglethorpe died in Savannah, Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_

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Video Quiz Answers

Question 1. False; Question 2. B; Question 3. True; Question 4. False

## Suggested Links and Readings

### Links:

[James Edward Oglethorpe Featured Historical Figure Pages](#)

[Three Centuries of Georgia History Online Exhibit: 18th Century](#)

[Today in Georgia History June 30, 1785 "James Oglethorpe Died."](#)

[Jackson, Edwin L. "James Oglethorpe \(1696-1785\)." \*New Georgia Encyclopedia\*.](#)

[Cashin, Edward J. "Trustee Georgia, 1732-1752." \*New Georgia Encyclopedia\*.](#)

### Suggested Readings:

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Oglethorpe's Uniform by C.C.P Lawson. Historic postcard from unknown source.

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Map of County Savannah, 1741. From the Georgia Historical Society Map Collection, MS1361-MP 030.

[Elderly James Oglethorpe, lithograph, in, \*Biographical memorials of James Oglethorpe : founder of the colony of Georgia in North America\* by Thaddeus Mason Harris. From the Georgia Historical Society Rare Collection, F289 .O34 1841.](#)

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