

Tomochichi, Mary Musgrove and James Oglethorpe:

Three people who used
cooperation to help settle Georgia!

- When the first Europeans came to what we now call Georgia, the area was already populated with several tribes of native people including the Cherokee, Creek, and Muskogee.
- Let's find out how three important people were able to begin the successful settlement that became our state of Georgia!

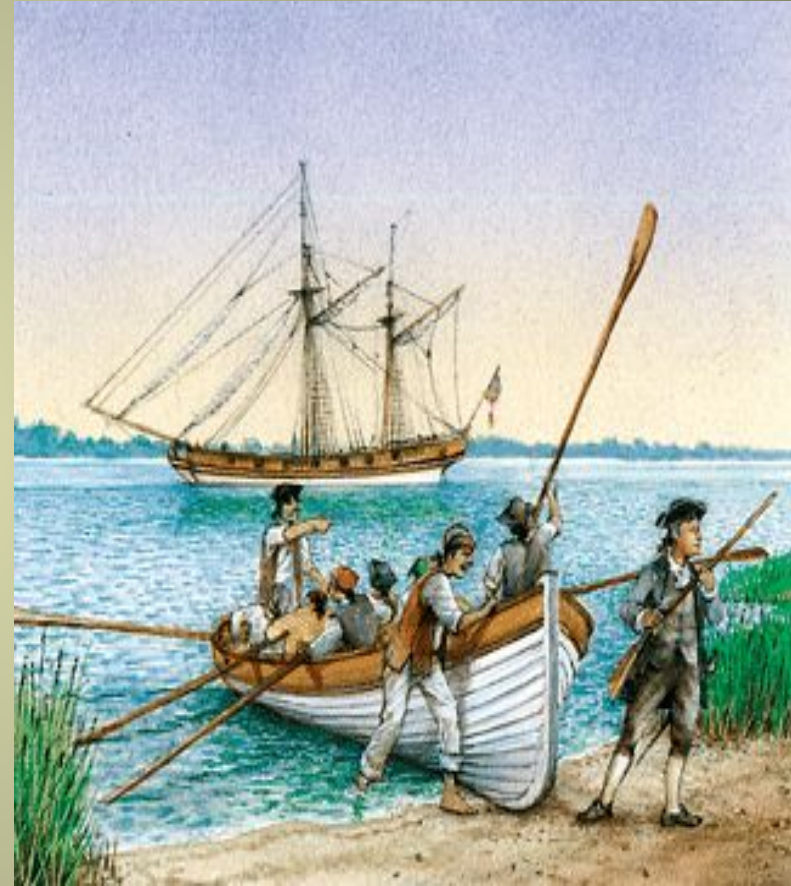
James Oglethorpe

- James was born into a wealthy family in England.
- At that time, if someone owed money, King George II ordered for them to be put into debtor's prison until the **debt** was paid.
- Oglethorpe thought it was very wrong and he wanted to help these people!



The Beginning of Georgia

- James Oglethorpe and a group of his friends decided to ask King George II of England if they could find a new land where the debtors could live to start a new life.
- James said he would name the new land after the king and he would be free from the poor people.
- In 1733, Oglethorpe and 120 colonists arrived on the coast and named the colony after their king...Georgia.
- In the new land, these people would not owe money, would be given land to settle and could worship like they wanted to.



Mary Musgrove

- Ogelthorpe landed in South Carolina and met a friendly woman named Mary Musgrove.
- Mary's father was an English trader and her mother was a Creek Indian, so she learned to speak two languages.
- After marrying, Mary and her husband opened a trading post near Savannah, Ga.



Tomochichi

- When the English decided to settle the area that is now Georgia, the Creek Indians already lived there.
- Tomochichi, who was a Creek Indian, was the chief of his own tribe, called the Yamacraw Indians.



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The New Land

- Tomochichi and his tribe lived on land near a place called Yamacraw Bluff. A bluff is a high place of land that looks down over the Atlantic Ocean. It was located along the Savannah River
- Oglethorpe chose this place to build the first town in Georgia, for he felt it would be safe.



Mary Musgrove's Role

- James Oglethorpe spoke only English and Tomochichi spoke only Creek.
- Because Mary Musgrove spoke the languages of the Creek and the English settlers, she was able to translate at meetings between the two leaders.



Mary was very **dependable** as a translator! They could depend on her to help.

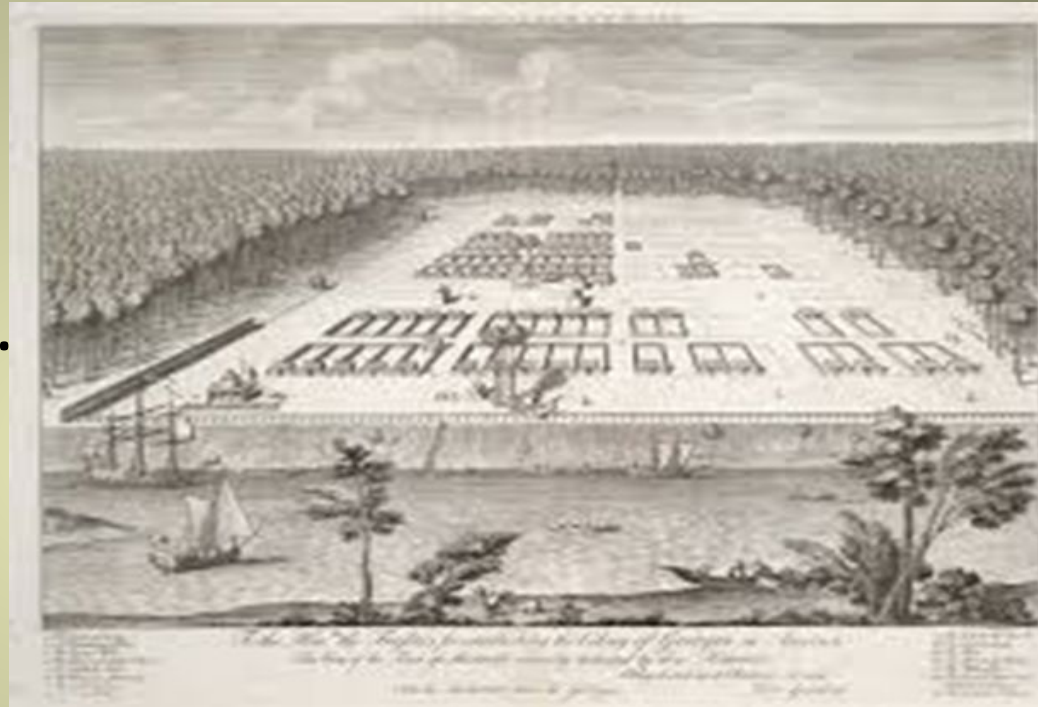
Tomochichi's role

- Tomochichi wanted to be friends with the English.
- He gave permission for Oglethorpe to settle in the area now known as Savannah.
- Tomochichi and his tribe traded with the settlers. The Indians gave the settlers food, and the settlers gave the Indians metal tools and cloth.



The First City, Savannah

- Yamacraw Bluff was a good place for a city. It was high up and this made it easy to defend or protect from enemies. It would later be called **Savannah**.
- To live in Savannah, the people had to follow some rules. People had to work – either by building, farming, or defending the colony.



Civility

- James and Tomochichi became friends. They were thoughtful and kind to each other. They showed the character trait of ***civility***. **Civility is treating others with respect.**



Oglethorpe Visits King George

- Oglethorpe went to see King George to tell him all about Georgia. He took Tomochichi with him to meet the King and visit other English people. He liked the English people and decided he could trust them.
- Tomochichi remained friends with Oglethorpe and helped work out peace treaties with other tribes. Without Tomochichi's help, Oglethorpe might have had a lot more difficulty in settling Georgia or in getting the peace treaties settled.

James Oglethorpe's role

- James Oglethorpe was the first governor of Georgia.
- He was friendly with the Indian tribes of Georgia.



How Georgia's Founders are Remembered

- Oglethorpe is best remembered for establishing and settling the colony of Georgia. Georgia would later become a state.
- Mary Musgrove is best remembered for her help in communicating for Oglethorpe and Tomochichi. Without her help, Oglethorpe and Tomochichi might not have ever become friends or made treaties.
- Tomochichi is best remembered for his help in granting land to settle Savannah and making peace treaties with Oglethorpe.



Things to think about...

- What might have happened if Tomochichi was not friendly to Oglethorpe?
- Why did the Indians want to be friends with Oglethorpe and the settlers?
- What might have happened if Mary Musgrove was not there?