

# Georgia Salzburger Definition

An Original Georgia Salzburger is one who resided at Ebenezer or a few related communities in the vicinity, sometime during the period from 1734 to the 1750's. Most arrived on ships during that time period. Others arrived from areas such as South Carolina, Pennsylvania, etc. Any descendent from that group is a Georgia Salzburger.

The book titled Georgia Salzburgers and Allied Families is the primary source of individual Salzburger family information. It is a four-volume set (third edition) and lists all individuals known to be Salzburgers and Allied families at the time of its last printing.

The Georgia Salzburger Society grants membership to the Society based on that definition and classifies members into groups as follows:

1. **Georgia Salzburger** – An Original Settler or a Descendant of an original settler
2. **Allied** – Spouse of a Georgia Salzburger but not a direct Salzburger descendant
3. **Friend** – Friend of Georgia Salzburgers – not directly related but a friend
4. **Ancestor** – Ancestor of an Original Settler

The fourth category has been added for the purposes of this project. That category is "Salzburger Ancestor". These are ancestors of an Original Settler but never resided in the Ebenezer area. Generally, they were ancestors living in Europe.

The first wave of immigrants came on 4 ships and included many families who were exiled from the Principality/Archbishopric of Salzburg in 1731-1732. The Province of Salzburg was not part of Austria at that time. The Salzburger name is derived from those exiles. However, many were not from the Province of Salzburg proper but from other areas such as southern Germany, Switzerland, Austria and other locations centered around those areas.

11 ships have been documented that brought immigrants to Ebenezer and surrounding areas during the period of 1734 to the 1750's. These ships/transportations are documented at the link below plus other sites.  
<http://www.gasalzburgers.com/history/transportations-ships>

Salzburgers were generally German speaking Lutheran Protestants.

The Georgia Salzburger Society, headquartered in historic Ebenezer, Georgia, celebrates the history and heritage of the Georgia Salzburgers. Visit their [web site](#) for more information.

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*This information is not an official definition of the Georgia Salzburger Society.*