

How Our Church Came to Our Country

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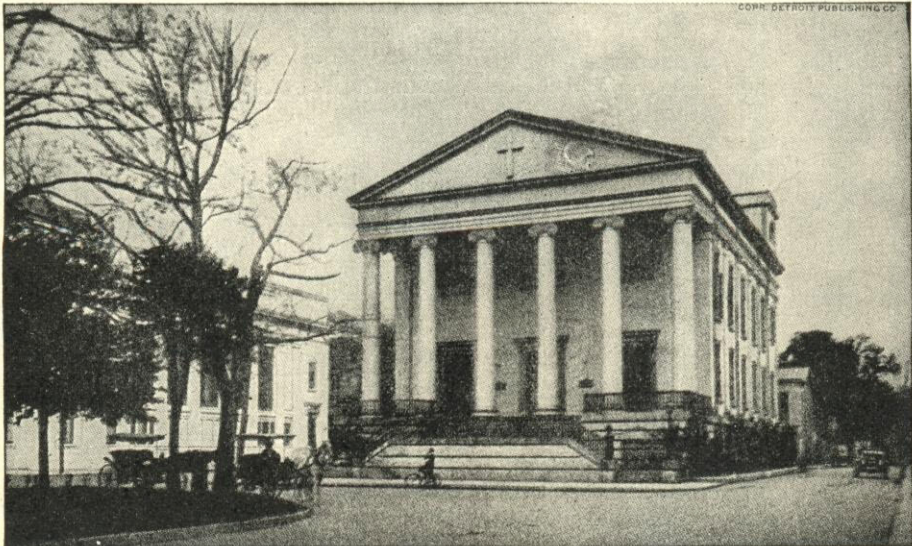
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I. Colonial, 1733-1782

ON November 17th, 1732, the *Ann*, a galley of two hundred tons, set sail from Gravesend with the first emigrants to the Colony of Georgia. The Rev. Henry Herbert, D.D., with the single purpose of caring for the spiritual needs of the colonists, and without fee or hope of reward, accompanied them on the voyage. On January 13th, 1733, they first sighted land, and on the 20th they landed at Beaufort, S. C. Here they were hospitably entertained until January 30th, when they embarked on a sloop of seventy tons and on five plantation boats for the place where General James Oglethorpe had chosen a site for the new colony. Thus, on

February 12th, 1733, they finally landed at Yamacraw Bluff on the Savannah River, and having offered thanksgiving to God for their prosperous voyage and safe arrival, they set about the work of building what is now the city of Savannah. Dr. Herbert remained three months in the colony, when, on account of illness, he set sail for England. He died on the return voyage and his body rests in its watery grave until that great day when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead.

A site was appointed for a church and a sufficient glebe for the minister. Of the many missionaries who gave their services to the church in Savannah, only one remained any consider



OLD CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH, GA.

