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Copper plate engraving, 1762. Three Cherokee, who came from the Head of the Savannah River to London in 1762 with Henry Timberlake where they had an audience with King George III.

The Jackson County Historical Society will present a program at the Historic Jackson County Courthouse at 85 Washington Street, Jefferson, GA 30549 on Sunday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. **Dr. Max White**, Professor of Anthropology at Piedmont College, will speak on Georgia's Indian heritage, including prehistoric Creek and Cherokee peoples, their culture, contributions, trials and successes. Dr. White will also discuss modern tribes we know today and how they came to be. He has a PhD, Anthropology (History Minor), Indiana University, 1980; MA, BA (History Minor), Anthropology, University of Georgia, 1968 - 1970 and is a member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference; Executive Board member and Endowment Treasurer for the Southern Anthropological Society and member of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina.

Heritage Room at the Commerce Public Library

1344 South Broad Street, Commerce, GA 30529

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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The Historical Society's collection in the Heritage Room of the Commerce Public Library contains research books on North Georgia counties, the Carolinas, Alabama, Virginia, and various other states.

Surname books, family files, Wills, Bible records, court records, deed records, cemetery records, obituaries, church histories, community histories, soldier records and published books on Georgia counties.

While visiting the collection you will also have access to Ancestry.com for free on the libraries Galileo account.

A new microfilm scanner is available for the census, newspapers, Confederate pension records and various films. It has the capabilities to send images as an e-mail and copy to a flash drive.

An index of the collection and past newsletters from 1997-2015 can be viewed and the newsletters text is searchable on the library website:

<http://prlib.org/our-libraries/commerce-public-library/>



Heritage Room at Commerce Public Library

The Jackson County Historical Society and the Commerce Public Library provided photographs for the Digital Library of Georgia. Check out the collection and explore other images on the site at:

[<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/CollectionsA-Z/pjc_search.html>](http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/CollectionsA-Z/pjc_search.html)

New books in the Commerce Public Library general collection:

Okefinokee Album (Charlton Co.)

Diary of Dolly Lunt Burge 1849-1879 (Morgan Co.)

Sam Richards's Civil War Diary (Fulton Co.)

The Darien Journal of John Girardeau Legare, Ricegrower (McIntosh Co.)

The Yazoo Land Fraud

New books for research in the Commerce Public Library Heritage room:

Georgia Land Lottery 1807

Burke Co. Land Records

Southern Banner newspaper clippings, Athens 1852-1854

Franklin Co. tax digest 1890-1893

Cemeteries of Greene Co

Jackson Co. Superior Court conveyances 1802-1803

Jefferson Co. Land Records

Oglethorpe Co. newspaper clippings 1896 & 1897

Richmond Co. Land Records

Warren Co. Land Records

Warren Co. Genealogy and Cemeteries

Wilkes Co Land Records Vol 1 & 2.

Savannah, GA newspaper clippings 1815-1821, 1808-1809

Elbert Co. GA Deed Book K-R, 1806-1819

Georgians, Sketches by George Gilmer

Greene Co. GA Wills 1786-1810

Greene Co. Cemeteries

Greene Co. Land Records Deeds 1785-1810

Greene Co. Land Records Deeds 1810-1815, book DD&EE

Greene Co. Ga Land records VIII

Greene Co. GA Land Records VIV

Wilkes Co. GA Wills 1787-1864

Oconee Baptist Church minutes transcribed from 1829-1876



Yuchi men recount war deeds, dance, perform with rattles and feather wands by Philip Georg Friedrich von Reck, 1736.

excerpt from "Spirits of the Air", Shepard Krech III

Philip Georg Fredrich Von Reck lived from 1710 to 1798. He first traveled to Georgia in 1734, accompanying a group of Lutheran Salzburgers who established a settlement called Ebenezer. In 1736, at the age 25, von Reck made his second ocean voyage to Georgia, Ebenezer was moved in 1736 to New Ebenezer.

The new settlement was close to communities of Lower Muscogee Creeks and Yuchis, who had moved to Georgia from their ancestral homelands in eastern Tennessee. Von Reck regularly visited with Creeks and Yuchis and recording them in his travel diary, which he illustrated with 50 drawings and watercolor sketches. His writings were published back in the 18th century but his drawings remained unknown until they were rediscovered in 1977 at the Royal Library in Copenhagen

Many of von Reck's sketches were botanical or zoological specimens, accompanied by terms in Yuchi, Mvskoke, German, and sometimes French. His portraits of Yuchis and Creeks provide a window into their world prior to the American Revolution, when the deerskin trade with English flourished.

Particularly interesting are the images and descriptions of personal attire. He writes, "The Indians are usually five to six feet tall, upright, with good feet, robust bones, yet delicate, fine, and longish fingers, and perfect breasts". He describes men cut their hair short, except for one long scalp lock. Women wore long hair, tied with red ribbons. Men painted their faces and chests, with red and blue pigment during ceremonial occasions, and red and black during warfare. Women only painted or tattooed their arms and chest. Indians wore earrings or feathers in their ears and rings with a bead through their nasal septa.

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Native People in the South, locations changing from the sixteenth through nineteenth century.