Georgia's Royal Governors

Who Am I?

During my time as royal governor of Georgia, I completed the defenses around Savannah and made the area forts stronger. However, there was no plan to defend the colony. I believed that Georgia would grow if farms were bigger, trading expanded and western lands were opened. More schools were built during this time. There was more economic growth that included important crops like rice, indigo, and the production of silk. Sunbury became the official port for Georgia.

Who am I? **James Wright**

During my time as royal governor of Georgia, the population of Georgia grew and the slave population was 3600. Many economic gains were made with more profitable farms and more merchants with a large variety of goods.

Who am I? **Henry Ellis**

As royal governor of Georgia, I introduced self-government because I wanted the colonists to help run the government. I also set up the first court system. However, I became angry with the legislature and sent the legislators home and tried to govern the Georgia colony by myself. The colonists did not like having their right to self-government taken away and complained to the King. I was eventually replaced.

Who am I? **John Reynolds**

Fill in the blanks for Georgia's first government.

Georgia's First Government

Bicameral (2 Chambers)

*Governor's Council* (Upper House) – appointed by the King of England

Duties- advise the governor, approve land grants, make laws, and sometimes act as judges

*House of Commons* (Lower House) – elected

Duties- write and votes on bills before they became laws