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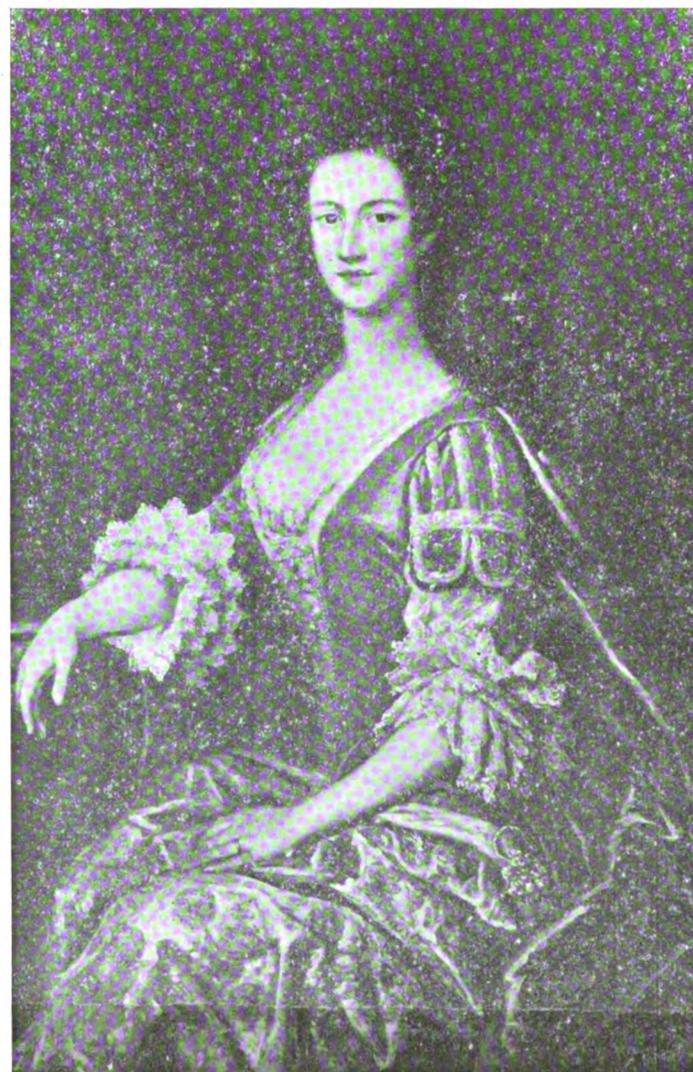
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The interior of the little church at Cranham where General and Lady Oglethorpe lie buried. The name of the church is All Saints and Rev. Leslie Wright is its beloved and distinguished Rector. The memorial tablet hangs just to the right. The church was not constructed exactly on the foundations of the former building but about one foot and three inches to the east (Right). This throws the vault, itself, out of alignment with the center line of the chancel. The spot excavated is covered by the strip of carpet. The vault begins about three feet from the step leading from the chancel to the altar.

This spot will be sacred forever in the life of Oglethorpe University and the people of Georgia, who, having now discovered the exact spot where the founder of our commonwealth lies, will never again permit it to be forgotten.



These two portraits of General and Lady Oglethorpe are of exceeding great interest to Georgians. The portrait of General Oglethorpe shows him at a younger age than the drawings and pictures generally seen. The portrait of Lady Oglethorpe is believed to be the only one in existence. She was Miss Elizabeth Wright and the story goes that, at a party given to raise funds to pay the expenses of transporting the colonists to Georgia young James Oglethorpe met "Bess" Wright, who later became his wife. They lived happily for forty years at old Cranham Hall hard by little All Saints Church.

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"Who Is This That Cometh To Disturb My Rest?"

[At The Opening Of The Vault, October 10th, 1923, 4.30 P. M.]

Oglethorpe, awake, it is we!
From Georgia, thy Georgia, dost recall?
Castell—the Anne—old Charleston—then the bluff
Of densely wooded Yamacraw--
Savannah, drawn by thine own hand--
•Old Ebenezer--Frederica--Spanish guns--
And that red day at Bloody Marsh?
Awake, we come for Thee!
Numbered no longer by an hundred and a score,
But million-voiced, we call!
Come, see the travail of thy soul:--
Glynn's marshes, to sweet music their Lanier
Hath taught, wave rhythmed welcome.
Tomochichi beckons, though his Creeks
Have followed fair Ioskeha to the West.
Cities by hundreds hum their grateful notes
Within the land thou gavest them,
Wherefrom great commonwealths have sprung:--
Rich Birmingham is thine; Augusta fair;
Electric, thine, Columbus, where the Chattahoochee
roars.
While at thy Georgia's farthest Western bounds,
By mighty Mississippi, Vicksburg waits.
And lo, thy capital upon her watchful ridge,
Atlanta, toils and sings and dreams of thee!
O Founder--Father, Oglethorpe, awake!

Thou art no longer precious dust
Nor group of sacred bones.
But living once again thou hast become
Monarch of millions! Dominant, again, thy will pre-
vails.
Hear this thy praise that rings throughout the land;
Thine is this adulation, this vast love;
Thine this memorial University;
Wherein thou canst unhand thy mighty soul
And teach us, as of yore, thy fairest dreams:
Of Friendship, militant for sad humanity;
Of conduct mailed in wise sobriety;
Of human liberty, uncowed by slaves;
Of Anglo-Saxon oneness; O Thou first
American and Englishman in one.
Thou honored Chief of England's swords,
Who would not fight against thy flesh and blood.
Didst see, afar that Vaster Essex,
That sisterhood of nations, Saxon wombed,
To whose warm heart and steady will
A world hegemony would come?
Great Oglethorpe, awake from visioned sleep!
All thou hast dreamed is true!
At last, thy morning dawn.
And thou dost rise, a King!

—THORNWELL JACOBS.

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