

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF  
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REFERENCES  
TO THE  
TRANS-ATLANTIC HUMAN TRADE  
ON  
TYBEE & COCKSPUR ISLANDS, GEORGIA**

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**SELECTED SECONDARY SOURCES:**

du Chantal, Julie, Heidi Moye, and Anastatia Sims. *African Americans at Fort Pulaski, 1733-1900: A Special History Study*. National Park Service in cooperation with the Organization of American Historians. 2022. [https://www.oah.org/site/assets/files/10217/508\\_fopu\\_final\\_508.pdf](https://www.oah.org/site/assets/files/10217/508_fopu_final_508.pdf) See Chapter 3 “Cockspur Island in the Colonial Period,” for references to arrivals at Cockspur. The authors explain that ships bound for Savannah often stopped at Cockspur before entering the Savannah River and often acted as a ship repair station (p. 25). There is a detailed discussion of lazarettoes at both Cockspur and Tybee (pp. 23-32).

McMillin, James A. “The Transatlantic Slave Trade Comes to Georgia.” In *Slavery and Freedom in Savannah*, edited by Leslie M. Harris and Daina Ramey Berry, 1–25. University of Georgia Press, 2014. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt175743m.8>. Discusses the Tybee Lazaretto on p. 23.

Schafer, Daniel L. *Zephaniah Kingsley Jr. and the Atlantic World: Slave Trader, Plantation Owner, Emancipator* (University Press of Florida, 2013), 84-86. <http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/emory/detail.action?docID=1518994>. Provides a detailed accounting of the *Gustavia* vessel, which arrived at Charleston via Tybee in 1806.

Sweeney, Kara Bridgman. "Brief Historical Summary of the Tybee Lazaretto." "Brief Historical Summary of the Tybee Lazaretto." Department of Sociology and Anthropology Faculty Publications, Paper 189. 2023.

<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/soc-anth-facpubs/189> Provides a thorough accounting of the Tybee Lazaretto with references to primary sources.

**PRIMARY REFERENCES TO VESSELS (TYBEE & COCKSPUR COMBINED):**

SlaveVoyages Database Link (Tybee): <https://www.slavevoyages.org/voyages/gVHtMKFR>

Notes: as of 7/28/23, SlaveVoyages contains 2 listings for Tybee and none for Cockspur. While some vessels stopped at Tybee and Cockspur to quarantine, generally to prevent the spread of smallpox, it's unclear why others stopped at these locations. Some may have stopped for health inspections. However, scholars have noted that large oceangoing vessels had difficulty navigating the shallow waters of the Savannah River and so boats may have been used to transport cargoes (see McMillin, p. 13).

Year of Arrival	SlaveVoyages ID	Vessel Name	Voyage itinerary imputed port where began (ptdepimp) place	Voyage itinerary imputed principal place of slave purchase (mjbyptimp)	Voyage itinerary imputed principal port of slave disembarkation (mjslptimp) place	Captives arrived at 1st port	Captain's name
1768		Britannia		Gambia	Savannah via Cockspur	170	Deane, Stephen

**Newspaper reference(s):**

*South Carolina (Charleston) Gazette*, April 5, 1768. Accessible Archives.

Notes: references the arrival at Cockspur

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), March 23, 1768, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia,

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1768-03-23/ed-1/seq-3/>

Notes: references the arrival at Cockspur.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), March 30, 1768, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1768-03-30/ed-1/seq-3/>

Notes: references the sale of the same ship's cargo in Savannah

1768	91211	Gambia	Liverpool	Gambia	Savannah via Tybee		Hodgson, Thomas Keast
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), July 27, 1768.

Notes: quarantined at Tybee

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Aug. 3, 1768, 5. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1768-08-03/ed-1/seq-5/>

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Aug. 10, 1768, 4. NewspaperArchive.

1769		Mercury		St. Kitts	Cockspur		Ainslie [?]
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Aug. 2, 1769, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-08-02/ed-1/seq-3/>

1769	77969	Britannia	London	Gambia	Savannah via Tybee	150	Deane, Stephen
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), March 8, 1769.

Notes: quarantined at Tybee

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), March 15, 1769, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-03-15/ed-1/seq-3/>

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 5, 1769, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-04-05/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: quarantined at Tybee

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 12, 1769, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-04-12/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: appears that some captive Africans imported on the *Britannia* from Gambia who disembarked at Savannah were then transported to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for sale aboard the Brig. Georgia packet (Captain George Bridges)

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 19, 1769, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia: <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-04-19/ed-1/seq-3/>

1769	75495	Fly	St. Croix	Windward Coast, place unspecified	Savannah via Cockspur	130	Taylor, Alexander
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 19, 1769, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-04-19/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: arrived via Cockspur

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), May 3, 1769, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-05-03/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: sale in Savannah

1768		Fortune		Coast of Africa, unspecified place	Savannah via Cockspur		Baird
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**State colonial records:**

Georgia. Legislature. *Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. Atlanta, GA: Franklin Printing and Publishing Co., 1904. Volume 10 (1767), p. 541. <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=568&q1=lazaretto&start=1>  
**Notes:** indicates that the snow Fortune had to quarantine at Cockspur because the Brig. Gambia was already quarantining at the Tybee lazaretto. Not listed in the SlaveVoyages Database.

1769		Dembia		Sierra Leone	Cockspur	97	Bare, Francis
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), July 19, 1769, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-07-19/ed-1/seq-2/>.

**Notes:** not listed in SlaveVoyages database

1770		Cavendish		Sierra Leone; Windward Coast	Savannah via Cockspur	~200	Penny, James
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), May 2, 1770. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1770-05-02/ed-1/seq-2/>.

**Notes:** arrived via Cockspur.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), May 9, 1770, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1770-05-09/ed-1/seq-2/>

**Notes:** sold in Savannah

**Notes:** not listed in SlaveVoyages database

1798	37302	Eagle		Charleston	Savannah via Tybee		Howard, Benjamin
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**Newspaper reference(s):**

*Georgia Gazette (Savannah)*, June 1, 1798, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-06-01/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: “arrived at Tybee on Tuesday last in 59 days from Africa. About the 10<sup>th</sup> [?] she was boarded by a French privateer schooner, of 10 guns, commanded by one Schau, who plundered her of about 60l. worth of ivory, threatened the Supercargo with the guillotine, gave him much abusive language, and put on board the Eagle 11 seamen who belonged to two brigs from Antigua, bound to New Haven, which they had captured. A few days after was boarded by another French privateer, and treated with rather more politeness.”

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, June 15, 1798, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-06-15/ed-1/seq-2/>

Notes: sale in Savannah

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, June 22, 1798, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-06-22/ed-1/seq-3/>

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, June 22, 1798, 4. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-07-19/ed-1/seq-4/>

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, June 26, 1798, 1. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-07-26/ed-1/seq-1/>

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, July 6, 1798, 1. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-07-06/ed-1/seq-1/>

*Georgia Gazette Advertiser (Savannah)*, Aug. 9, 1798, 1. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-08-09/ed-1/seq-1/>

*Georgia Gazette (Savannah)*, Aug. 23, 1798, 1. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn82016264/1798-08-23/ed-1/seq-1/>

1803	36780	Amastad	Rhode Island, port unspecified	Congo River	Tybee Island		Marterell, James Collins, Chas.
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<b>Newspaper reference(s):</b>							
1803	36781	Punch (a) Dolphin	Bristol (RI)	Cape Coast Castle	Tybee Island		Sabens, John
<b>Newspaper reference(s):</b>							
1806		Gustavia		Mozambique	Charleston via Tybee		Hill
<p>Notes: See Schafer for (2013) for a detailed accounting of the <i>Gustavia</i>.</p> <p><b>Newspaper reference(s):</b></p> <p><i>Charleston (SC) Daily Courier</i>, April 30, 1806, 3. Newspapers.com, <a href="https://www.newspapers.com/image/604356314/">https://www.newspapers.com/image/604356314/</a>  Notes: notes the enslaved people as being natives of “Gondo, Mocoa, and Swahaytie nations, much distinguished by the Planteres of Mauretius.”</p> <p><i>Charleston (SC) Daily Courier</i>, June 27, 1806, 3. Newspapers.com, <a href="https://www.newspapers.com/image/604356688/">https://www.newspapers.com/image/604356688/</a>  Notes: mentions the cargo “having undergone the Vaccine,” which probably occurred at Tybee Island.</p>							

### PRIMARY REFERENCES TO THE LAZARETTO:

Colonial Records

Georgia. Legislature. *Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. Atlanta, GA: Franklin Printing and Publishing Co., 1904.

Volume 1, pp. 58-59; 61. Recognizes the need for a lazaretto.

- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044015699747&seq=67&q1=lazaretto>

Volume 10 (1767), pp. 81; 399; 427; 540-541; 630-631; 699-700; 730-731; 747. Discusses land acquisition and construction of lazaretto; order for Brigantine Gambia to quarantine at Tybee and Snow Fortune to simultaneously quarantine at Cockspur; quarantine of the snow Britannia at Tybee; the loading of a vessel at Tybee Creek opposite fort George while 30 Africans quarantine at Tybee for 3 weeks.

- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=87&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=405&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=405&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=567&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=656&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=726&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=758&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=773&q1=lazaretto&start=1.](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780393&seq=773&q1=lazaretto&start=1;)

Volume 11 (1770-1771), pp. 28; 437. References the keeper of the lazaretto.

- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780401&seq=34&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780401&seq=471&q1=lazaretto&start=1.](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780401&seq=471&q1=lazaretto&start=1;)

Volume 12 (1771-1782), 334; 349; 356-358; 359. References the keeper of the lazaretto; quarantine of the Brig. Georgia Packet (does not mention enslaved people on board); references enslaved people aboard the Brig. Ann to quarantine at the lazaretto and for them to be inoculated; references enslaved people aboard the Brig. Ann from Antigua to quarantine at Tybee and to undergo inoculation and to transfer to Cockspur before going to Savannah; references enslaved people aboard the Sloop Betsie infected with smallpox to moor and Tybee Creek.

- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780419&seq=340&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780419&seq=355&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780419&seq=363&q1=lazaretto&start=1;>
- [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780419&seq=365&q1=lazaretto&start=1.](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780419&seq=365&q1=lazaretto&start=1;)

Volume 14 (1765-1768). Various references to land and construction of the lazaretto.



- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780435&seq=8&q1=lazaretto>  
Volume 15 (1769-1782). Various mentions of “sick sailors” to quarantine at lazaretto.
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780443&seq=12&q1=lazaretto>  
Volume 17 (1763-1774). Various mentions of erecting the lazaretto.
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780468&seq=7&q1=lazaretto>  
Volume 19 (1768-1773). Various mentions of “sick sailors” to quarantine at lazaretto
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780484&seq=7&q1=lazaretto>  
Volume 25 (1745-1750), p. 433-434. Need for quarantine site for enslaved people arriving to Georgia; proposes west side of Tibe [sic] for lazaretto location and for ships to first anchor at Cockspur; also recommends north end of Jekyll Island for a lazaretto.
- <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015039780534&seq=454&q1=lazaretto&start=1>

#### Historical Newspapers

“Savannah, April 25,” *Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 25, 1765, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1765-04-25/ed-1/seq-3/>. Reference to a schooner from Jamaica quarantined at Tybee Creek because of enslaved people infected with smallpox.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Nov. 12, 1766, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1766-11-12/ed-1/seq-2/>. References the need for the construction of a quarantine station on Tybee due to increased arrivals of enslaved Africans.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), April 1, 1767, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1767-04-01/ed-1/seq-2/>. Reference to purchasing of land for Tybee lazaretto.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah) May 6, 1767, 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1767-05-06/ed-1/seq-2/>. Reference to building proposals for the Tybee Lazaretto.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), May 27, 1767, 4. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1767-05-27/ed-1/seq-1/>. Reference to building proposals for the Tybee Lazaretto.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Aug. 3, 1768, 5. <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1768-08-03/ed-1/seq-5/>; Also, *Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), Aug. 10, 1768, 4. NewspaperArchive. Reference to quarantine of brigantine Gambia at Tybee with enslaved Africans infected with smallpox.

*Georgia Gazette* (Savannah), March 15, 1769, 3. Georgia Historic Newspapers, Digital Library of Georgia, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/lccn/sn83016182/1769-03-15/ed-1/seq-3/>. Reference to quarantine of the snow Britannia with enslaved Africans.

Gustavia [https://www.oah.org/site/assets/files/10189/508\\_timu.pdf](https://www.oah.org/site/assets/files/10189/508_timu.pdf)

Newspaper article discussing Gustavia ... cargo “having undergone the Vaccine, and now in perfect health, will be exposed for sale”

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