Georgia Constitution

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society **Title:** Georgia Constitution

Dates: 1777

Extent: 0.05 cubic feet (2 oversize folders)

Identification: MS 1704

Biographical/Historical Note

In May 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted a resolution authorizing the colonies to establish state constitutions. That same year, the Georgia Trustees responded by assembling the Provincial Congress in Savannah, Georgia, to create the state's first constitution. A final draft of the constitution was unanimously approved by the congress on February 5, 1777. The 1777 constitution remained in effect for twelve years, until its first revision in 1789.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of the published form of the 1777 Georgia Constitution. It was printed in the Georgia Constitutional Gazette, no. 41, on March 31, 1777. The Georgia Constitutional Gazette was printed in Savannah by William Lancaster.

Index Terms

Georgia Constitutional Gazette (Savannah, Ga.) Georgia. Constitution (1777) William Lancaster (printer)

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