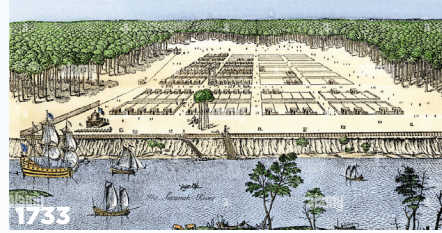


1700's - 1800's



1733

Gen. James Oglethorpe and 114 colonists arrive from England and establish Savannah as the new colony of Georgia.

Cotton and rice quickly become the colony's main exports.

1819

The S.S. Savannah becomes the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to Europe, departing from its namesake in Savannah, Georgia.



1900's

1945

Georgia Gov. Ellis Arnall signs legislation creating the Georgia Ports Authority.

Since its founding, Georgia's ports have served as magnets for international trade and investment, enriching the state's economy to benefit all Georgians.



1956

The GPA designates Brunswick and Bainbridge, Georgia as state ports. Two years later, Ocean Terminal is purchased from the Central of Georgia Railway. It will later handle Ro/Ro, bulk and containerized cargoes.



1958

Ocean Terminal is purchased from the Central of Georgia Railway. It will later become a roll-on, roll-off terminal, handling primarily automobiles and wheeled heavy equipment.

1962

Three new berths are put into operation at Garden City Terminal.

The GPA purchases Colonel's Island in Brunswick.



1982

Mayor's Point Terminal joins the lineup of terminals at the Port of Brunswick.

Three years later, the Yugo is the first automobile to come through Colonel's Island terminal.



2000's

2001

GPA moves more than 1 million TEUs for the first time.

Just five years later, the port handles 3 million TEUs.

That same year, the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project kicks off to deepen the river to 47 feet.



2018

The Port of Savannah handles 10 percent of all U.S. container exports. Groundbreaking for Mason Mega Rail, the largest on-dock intermodal facility in North America.

Appalachian Regional Port opens in Northwest Georgia.

2023

Georgia ranked #1 State to Do Business 10 years in a row.

Savannah Transload Facility begins operation.

Gainesville Inland Port given approval for North Georgia, while GPA announces plans for Carolina Intermodal Connector.



2024

Port of Brunswick achieves record year and sets all-time record.

Garden City Terminal West yard opens increasing container storage.

GPA board approves Ocean Terminal improvements - new berths and overpass.



2025

The Port of Brunswick becomes the No. 1 RoRo gateway in the nation.

Ocean Terminal lay berth opens, optimizing Savannah River transit for inbound vessels to Garden City Terminal.

Georgia Ports celebrates 80th anniversary of driving trade and economic growth.



2026

The Gainesville Inland Port opens in May, a new \$134 million inland terminal connecting Gainesville, Georgia to the Port of Savannah.

A new U.S. Customs CES warehouse opens at Garden City Terminal, a \$44 million dollar investment in customs inspection efficiency.



Georgia Ports Authority

From Post-War Vision to Global Gateway

The Georgia Ports Authority - with control over the deepwater ports in both Savannah and Brunswick - was created by an act of the Georgia legislature in response to the post-World War II economic boom. The new authority was empowered to operate state-owned facilities and "to do any other things necessary to proper to foster or encourage the commerce, domestic or foreign, of the state, the United State of America, or the several sister states." The order was signed by Governor Ellis Arnall on March 9, 1945.

Today the Georgia Ports Authority continues its historic role as the epicenter of Georgia's and the Southeast's economy. Interstate highways have joined railroads as the vital arteries of international trade that connect Georgia's ports with America's trading partners across the globe.