

The Athens Historical Society, Inc.

The LeConte Brothers

by Dr. Lester D. Stephens, Professor Emeritus of History
The University of Georgia
Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m.
Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium

Joseph LeConte (1823-1901) and his brother John (1825-1883) were born and grew up in Liberty County Georgia, sons of Louis LeConte, one of the largest rice planters in the area. They received their degrees from Franklin College (as the University of Georgia was known) and both taught here prior to the Civil War; John taught physics 1844-1855 and Joseph geology 1853-1856. They later went to the University of South Carolina, where both were professors during the war years.

After the war, the brothers went to California where they helped to establish the University of California at Berkeley. John LeConte served as its president from 1875 until 1881; Joseph was a professor of geology and both became close friends with the naturalist John Muir.

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Our thanks to this year's nominating committee (Marguerite Heery (chair), LaGrange (BaBa) Dupree and Goodloe Erwin) for a job well done!

UPCOMING AHS MEETINGS - Mark your calendar!

May 19, 2002 Chantel Dunham and Milton Leathers will present a slide show about "Preserving Our Historic Treasures."

Oct. 20, 2002 Dan McGill will speak on the history of sports at UGA.

Jan. 19, 2003 Rayburn S. Moore will talk about Paul Hamilton Haine, a poet of Charleston, SC, and his Athens connections.

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