

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 343

**Title:** Kingdom of Paradise

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1973

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Western Georgia

**Abstract:** This collection consists of an article about the community.

**Historical Notes:** Christian Gottlieb Priber, a German socialist, believed in the creation of an open and egalitarian society, a vision that had a scant following in the 1730's. Priber was ostracized repeatedly, but persisted in his ideas. In 1735, he joined the Cherokee Indians, who welcomed him into their culture. His Kingdom of Paradise, located at Great Tellico, Tennessee (near present-day Knoxville), stood for the protection of Indian rights and was also intended to be a refuge for debtors, criminals, and slaves. The authorities were not amused at Priber or his Kingdom at a time of wholesale assaults on Indians; he was arrested and died in prison in South Carolina. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 245.

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune

## Administrative Information

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| <b>Mellon, Jr., Knox. "Christian Priber's Cherokee 'Kingdom of Paradise'." Georgia Historical Quarterly. Vol. 57: no. 3 (Fall 1973): pgs. 319-331</b> | 1973 | Filing Cabinet | Folder 1 | Filing Cabinet 14-E |