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## CASTLE ST. MARK AND THE PATRIOTS OF THE REVOLUTION

by ALBERT MAUNCY and ALBERTA JOHNSON

*CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS is a token of Spain's determination to protect her vast New World riches in the face of seemingly inexorable English rivalry, encroachment, and actual piracy.*

*This aged citadel, renamed Fort Marion by the Americans, is now Castillo de San Marcos National Monument at St. Augustine. Engineer Ignacio Daza laid the first stone for the foundations in 1672, and the fort became a focal point of colonial culture - Spain's last impregnable outpost on the shores of the North Atlantic. Now, with the passage of two and a half centuries, it represents to us something of the Spanish contribution to life in the western hemisphere.*

*There is a long, dramatic story of the fort as a link in the chain of Spanish colonial defenses - a barrier against British advances; that story is widely known. Not so well known is the connection of the venerable fortification WITH the English nation, which held it during the turbulent years of the American Revolution.*

When, in 1762, the city of Havana fell to England's Lord Albemarle, it was a catastrophe for Spain. *La Habana* was a key port in the Spanish colonial life line, and to regain this Cuban city Spanish diplomats gave Florida to England along with mighty *Castillo de San Marcos* that had withstood four separate English attempts to take it.

It was irony that Britain should occupy the *castillo* less than a decade after boastful Fernandez inscribed the bold Roman capitals over the sally port: THIS FORT WAS COMPLETED THE

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YEAR 1756. <sup>1</sup> Castle St. Marks, or Fort St. Mark, the Englishmen called it. And it was one of the prettiest forts in His Britannic Majesty's dominions : walls shining white, red sentry towers overlooking the blue water of Matanzas bay on one side and the cushioned green turf and the waving marshes on the other. What matter if the old drawbridge had not stirred in a dozen years? And if the round-arched rooms were cold in winter and wet in summer, if a northeaster made the sentries shiver for the warmth of the big guardroom fireplaces, if the very boots a man was wearing turned blue with mold and sabers rusted in the scabbards -why, a soldier's life was hard, and the fort was still a mighty defense, good reason for making the city of St. Augustine the "Capital Settlement" of East Florida. This was an honor resting but lightly upon the quaint little town that had been the Governor's City for two centuries.

A surprising number of Britons came to St. Augustine and to the nearby plantations that one after another were carved from the forests. Aside from the planters there were the King's officials, the carpenters, masons, innkeepers, the merchants, slaves and many others. <sup>2</sup>

There were also the soldiers. The military were a necessary adjunct to any pioneer province, especially where Indian trade was involved, and it was likewise true that the strategic harbors and surf-pounded beaches still lay next to the "tract" of the treasure-laden Spanish galleons. Nor had

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1. CONCLUIO ESTE CASTILLO EL ANO D 1756 is part of the lengthy inscription, which was more politic than factual. Though the main work was done, construction was still incomplete ; opportunist Governor Fernandez however, seized time by the forelock and raised the inscription on the name day of the King, who was pleased to approve this action.
  2. Census in William G. De Brahm, "History of the Three Provinces" (MS., 1765).

Spain lost her love for Florida. More imminent, however, were the storm clouds gathering to the north.

The War of Independence began in 1775. While the thirteen colonies banded together against the tyrant George III, Florida stoutly proclaimed loyalty to the king. In Philadelphia the patriots signed a Declaration of Independence, but in St. Augustine His Majesty's subjects burnt the effigies of Sam Adams and John Hancock ; so hundreds of Loyalists left the embattled colonies to find refuge in Florida. Wartime influxes of soldiers, refugees, guns and supplies changed what had been a steady, normal and healthy development of Florida's latent resources into a boom of land-office proportions. The inadequate East Florida ports hummed with activity: "many industrious Persons," wrote Patrick Tonyn, governor of East Florida, "have by planting considerably increased their fortunes, and the inspection of the Custom house Books evinces that notwithstanding the difficult navigation [i. e., the want of good ports], if we can raise produce, it will find its way to the Markett. . ." <sup>3</sup>

The records bear out the statement with long lists of exports that show the substantial character of British exploitation of the new province. While Washington's troops were starving at Valley Forge, the plantations around St. Augustine were producing over 1,000 barrels of rice, 148 hogsheads of molasses and 13 puncheons of belly-warming rum, in addition to sugar and experimental coffee and cocoa. Naval stores-tar and

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3. Governor Patrick Tonyn to George Germain, July 3, 1779, British Public Record Office, Colonial Office 5, v. 559, pp. 433-456. These records, the Library of Congress transcripts of which were used for this study, are hereafter cited as C. O. 5

turpentine-brought in profits for the settlers ; lumbering was a growing business with shipments of over 500,000 feet of pine lumber, 52,000 feet of mahogany, 419,000 oak staves, 124,500 cypress shingles, 4,000 hoops and even 120 handspikes being loaded aboard British freighters. Tortoise shells and rawhides were commercial items, while 7,000 tons of deerskins were shipped during 1777. Indigo was a staple, for about 15,000 pounds of it were packed for export. The next year, Madeira and claret wines appear on the lists, along with 5,000 oranges and 16 hogsheads of orange juice, 5 barrels of vinegar, and such other articles as pimiento, ginger and sarsaparilla. Prosaic tallow, aromatic cedar and red bay lumber found markets. A few spars were cut from surrounding pine barrens that could have outfitted the entire British fleet.<sup>4</sup>

St. Augustine became a British base of operations against the southern colonies and military activity was focussed at the fort. In the magazines of St. Marks were stored provisions, arms and ammunition for troops and vessels. The garrison was strengthened, which necessitated second floors being built in some of the rooms to accommodate more men as well as more supplies. The harbor was a rendezvous for patrol boats and privateers. The East Florida Rangers were organized. Indian allies were supplied from the King's stores. Troops marched from here against Savannah and Charleston, the Rangers made destructive raids in the Georgia country, and Devaux's spectacular capture of New Providence in the Bahamas was the climax of another move from the St. Augustine base.

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4. Account of the exports from the Province of East Florida, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 465-472.

Governor Patrick Tonyn, once an army officer, was, to quote his own words, "still animated with military ardour".<sup>5</sup> Rather wistfully he longed for military power along with his civil authority, but on that score he was consistently snubbed and found himself obliged to look elsewhere for outlets to his military ambitions. The results were considerable, as he reported to the Colonial Secretary :

"The Spirit of Privateering, my Lord, which I endeavoured by every means in my power to excite, and keep up, while it answered the publick purpose of annoying, and distressing the Rebels, has accumulated wealth to the adventurers, and I will venture to assert that the depredations by the Loyal Inhabitants of this Province by Sea, and Land, have contributed to sicken the Rebels of their Revolt, and forced them to keep those Troops in the Southern Provinces for internal defence, which would otherwise have strengthened Washington's Army . . ."<sup>6</sup>

In fact, Florida's role as a loyal colony encouraged Governor Tonyn to hint that King George might be pleased to "confer upon this Province some distinguishing mark of royal favour for its adherence to its allegiance during a general revolt of the Colonies, and I beg leave," Tonyn smugly persuaded, "to suggest the propriety of altering the Northern Boundary by extending it from the St. Marys River to the River Altamaha, the Lands lying between these Rivers were annexed to the Province of Georgia only in 1763, and this Province may claim them upon a kind of title of conquest, they being during the Rebellion generally occupied by the Florida Rangers, and the Rebel Forts on

5. Tonyn to the Earl of Shelburne, Nov. 14, 1782, C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 469-474.

6. Tonyn to Germain, July 3, 1779, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 443-456.



the North side of the Altamaha have been repeatedly demolished . . . ”<sup>7</sup>

During the war Spanish spies in St. Augustine furnished complete data on the condition of the defenses there, and, when the conflict broadened after Saratoga with the entry of France and Spain in the fight against England, Spanish strategists drew minutely detailed plans for the capture of the formidable castillo. True, the Spanish attack did not materialize, but the English were not blind to its possibility.<sup>8</sup> More guns peered from the embrasures of the castle, repairs were made, huge barracks were built, outworks were strengthened, and the old palisades and earthworks surrounding the town were either reconditioned or replaced by other works more strategically located. Three-quarters of a century before, the *castillo* had received its baptism of fire from British cannon; now it was ready to defend the very nation which had attacked it.

Yet, except as a threatful deterrent to invasion, Castle St. Mark did not prove important to Britain as a fortification. Instead, it became a prison for patriots. The dark, damp bombproofs held the

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7. *Id.*

8. Pensacola, West Florida capital, was captured by the Spanish under Galvez in 1781. For details of the proposed Spanish attack on St. Augustine see “Ataque de San Agustín de la Florida,” Mar. 13, 1779 (no. 52); “Estado en que se hallava la Plaza de san Agustín de la Florida . . .” Oct. 29, 1780 (no. 50); and “Por haver variado los datos sobre los quales se fundo el Plan de ataque . . .” Jan. 12, 1781 (no. 49), all in bundle 76, *Public Buildings, Fortifications and Defenses*, East Florida Spanish Papers (Library of Congress); and transcripts of the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba, *Legajos* 1290, 1291 (Library of Congress). See also such letters as that of Tonyn to Germain, Mar. 5, 1781, C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 191-194, enclosing copies of Tonyn’s letters to British commanders Cornwallis, Clinton, Gayton, Clark and others. Of considerable interest in this connection is Kathryn T. Abbey’s “Spanish Projects for the Reoccupation of the Floridas during the American Revolution” (*The Hispanic American Historical Review*, v. IX, no. 3).

rebels who could not be trusted to the town gaol or the more comfortable State House or the prison ship *Otter*, anchored in the harbor.

Some of the first American prisoners came in September 1776. They were men taken in the Virginia campaign by the Earl of Dunmore, who explained to Governor Tonyn:

"I have sent you a number of prisoners on board the *Otter*, that have fallen into my hands from time to time which I find absolutely impossible to keep any longer here. I have therefore to request you will put them in some place of *security*, 'till an exchange shall be made, which I frequently offered, but the Rebels have ever evaded it . . ." <sup>9</sup>

The best "place of *security*" was judged by Tonyn to be the castle, so on September 22 the patriots tramped over the bridge and into the sally port to their gloomy prison cells.

Soon afterwards, His Majesty's Sloop *Otter* was appointed a station ship for the province and the men were marched out of the castle and again boarded the floating prison. It turned out that Captain Squire, master of the *Otter*, had his own sympathies. Twelve of the rebels he sent back to the castle, with the word that their behavior showed them "too dangerous" to keep on board; then, voyaging northward, he released the rest of his charges near the St. Marys river.

Meanwhile, those in the castle were within reach of sympathetic Chief Justice William Drayton and *habeas corpus* proceedings, so Governor Tonyn made the best of a bad bargain. He paroled the ranking officer, Lt. Col. Anthony Lawson, and sent him to Virginia for exchange. Prisoner Will West-

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9. The Earl of Dunmore to Patrick Tonyn, July 31, 1776, C. O. 5, v. 557, p. 135. Dunmore's letter enclosed a list of prisoners (*ib.* p. 136), which is reproduced in Appendix I of this article.

cott threatened Lord Dunmore with a lawsuit for illegal imprisonment, so Tonyn let him go after coaxing him to sign an agreement to forego legal action. With the rest, matters took their due course and on December 21, 1776, they applied for writs of *habeas corpus*.<sup>10</sup>

The number of the prisoners was augmented from time to time; and not the least of these were the seamen-French, Spanish and American-whose ill fortune brought them to the Florida port. For two centuries the *guarda de costas* had brought maritime prizes into the harbor, but now the tables were turned and Spanish vessels were among those sailed by prize crews into the erstwhile Spanish stronghold.<sup>11</sup> The *Nuestra Senora del Carmer*, captured off Charleston by the *Carysfort*, was brought with its Spanish master and crew and several shipwrecked French sailors to St. Augus-

10. Wrote Drayton: "It is only by Inference, or Conjecture, that it can be concluded . . . that these Men were taken up for having been in Rebellion.-Ld. Dunmore says, that they are Prisoners, whom he wish'd to have exchange'd with the Rebels for others--But it does not appear even generally [sic], that these Men had committed Treason, or been in Rebellion: much less is it particularly specified, what Kind of Treason . . ." (Exhibit A, Drayton's opinion, Jan. 6, 1777, C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 127-134, which see.) Also see the letter enclosing this opinion, Drayton to Germain, Jan. 30, 1777, *ib.*, pp. 123-126; letter, Tonyn to Germain, Oct. 18, 1776, *ib.*, pp. 1-4; letter, Tonyn to the Earl of Dunmore, Dec. 24, 1776, *ib.*, pp. 73-76; and its enclosure, copy of "Parole Honour, Anthony Lawson", Nov. 23, 1776, *ib.*, pp. 77-80.

Drayton's action did not necessarily free the Virginians. They were required to furnish bail and appear at the next session of the court six months later. Many St. Augustine prisoners, said Drayton in his letter to Germain (C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 123-126), "have now been in Confinement near two years, & . . . only one of them has been able to profit himself of the Judgment of the Court in their Favour; for being in a Province remote from any of their Friends, or Connexions, no more could find Bail . . ."

11. See the general accounts for expenses incurred for refugees and prisoners, 1777-1783, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 125-132; v. 560, pp. 137-140, 551-554. See also W. H. Siebert, *Loyalists in East Florida* (Florida State Historical Society, Deland, 1929) v. 1, p. 56.

tine. There, just inside the harbor, the tide grounded her on a sand bar. Hoping to lighten ship, Pilot Smith jettisoned the cargo of salt, while much of the more palatable merchandise—rum, sugar and molasses—was confiscated by certain local residents before the sloop broke up in a northeaster. It was no wonder that the Spanish ambassador protested.<sup>12</sup>

Rumors about the evils of prison life at St. Augustine spread rapidly but they were perhaps due mainly to an association of ideas, for to the Anglo-Saxon mind a Spanish-built *castillo* must be fully equipped with the dungeons and apparatus of the inquisition,<sup>13</sup> According to official reports, prisoners in St. Augustine were generally treated “with great tenderness”, most of them being either paroled to their own homes or given the liberty of St. Augustine’s narrow streets.<sup>14</sup>

Nevertheless, the rumors seem to have been rather widely believed. In the summer of 1777 the American ship *Franklyn* had been taken off Charleston by Lt. Ellis of the *Hinchinbrook*.<sup>15</sup> Late in August Governor John Rutledge of South Carolina dispatched an accusatory letter to Tonyn, asking for the truth of the report that Captain Engs and his crew of the *Franklyn* were lying in a dungeon, and threatening retaliation on British captives at Charleston.<sup>16</sup>

12. Tonyn to Germain, Oct. 13, 1779, with enclosures listing prisoners, cargo, and giving pertinent depositions, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 381-434; and Germain to Tonyn, Feb. 10, 1779, v. 559, pp. 53-60.

13. Torture had practically disappeared by 1700. As for the dungeons at which Rutledge (see post) professed horror—the inky powder magazines of U. S.-owned Fort Jefferson made excellent dungeons during the 1860’s, almost a century after the Revolution.

14. Tonyn to John Rutledge, Aug. 21, 1777, C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 717-724.

15. *Id.*

16. John Rutledge to Tonyn, Aug. 5, 1777, C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 711-716.

"The well established Character of the English Nation for humanity and generosity," wrote Tonyn in reply, "I doubt not will remain unsullied in this unhappy Contest . . ." <sup>17</sup>

Engs and his fellows were not in a dungeon, but in a "healthy and airy situation", getting fat (Tonyn intimated) on provisions from the King's stores. <sup>18</sup>

But as the war progressed and expenses mounted it apparently became more and more difficult to find the means for keeping the prisoners alive. Until the general exchange at the conclusion of hostilities, there were an estimated 300 or so prisoners who had to be housed and fed, and the Florida governor was hard put to find the 2,000 per year required to pay the commissioner of prisoners, buy the rice, flour, beef, pork and medicine, and repair the gaols for these unwilling inhabitants of St. Augustine, especially when loyal British refugees also had to be fed. Still, nobody starved and the little town had been known from earliest times as an exceptionally healthful post. If a prisoner did die (there were eight deaths in 1780), His Majesty's Government paid a carpenter to make a simple coffin and the gravediggers and the rector to handle interment. <sup>19</sup>

Of course, prisoners were exchanged from time to time as opportunity presented. Yet, unless the fortunes of war at the moment favored the cause of King George, the Florida governor was reluc-

17. Tonyn to Rutledge, Aug. 21, 1777, C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 717-724.

18. *Id.*

19. General Accounts of Sundry Contingent Expences, 1778-1779, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 125-128, 539-542; for 1779-1780, v. 560, pp. 63-66, 137-140; also Tonyn to the "Commissioners for Sick and hurt", Apr. 14, 1783, with enclosures, v. 560, pp. 543-554; and especially "Memorial of His Excellency Governor Tonyn to the . . . Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury", Dec. 10, 1779, v. 559, pp. 573-576.

tant to negotiate direct exchanges, for, as he said, the rebel prisoners "were too well acquainted with our weak situation. . ." <sup>20</sup> In one notable instance, a French cartel from Charleston anchored in the St. Augustine roadstead and proposed a reciprocal exchange of prisoners. Tonyn refused. He had news that the French fleet was busy in the West Indies, and he evidently believed—since the prison ship had no English prisoners aboard—that the Frenchmen intended to carry his prisoners off to the scenes of action without bringing any Britishers back from Charleston. Consequently, the French were not even allowed to come into the harbor, much less set foot ashore. Then, in order to have a *bona fide* excuse for refusing exchanges in the near future, Tonyn cannily delivered his informed prisoners to the privateer Hero for a voyage to England. There they would doubtless be out of action for some time to come. <sup>21</sup>

The gaols at St. Augustine caught only a few of the patriots operating in southern waters. Many adventurous privateers were consistently employed throughout the war at their chosen profession of twisting the British lion's tail for their own benefit.

One of the first successes came on a calm summer morning in 1775. The English brig *Betsey* was hove to in the roadstead outside the harbor in plain view of the watch in the castle tower. She was heavily loaded with badly needed gunpowder. Before tide was high enough for her to cross the bar a South Carolina privateer, manned by a crew of 26 armed rebels, stole alongside. The rebels overpowered the soldier-laborers aboard, and took away 111 barrels of His Majesty's powder. As a final piece of insolence, the sloop's captain, one Clement

20. Tonyn to Germain, Nov. 29, 1779, C. O. 5, v. 559, pp. 547-550.

21. *Id.*

Lempriere, left payment for the powder in the form of a 1,000 draught on a Charleston merchant. Tonyn's men gave chase, but the rebel sloop slipped into the Savannah river and sailed the tortuous inland passage to Beaufort. The *Betsey's* captain "protested against these violent proceedings" and Tonyn issued a proclamation against the "pirates".<sup>22</sup> But the powder was gone.

The best known prisoners to arrive in St. Augustine were the South Carolinians. In the century past the founding of the nearby Carolina settlement had been a weighty factor in the decision by the Spaniards to build *Castillo de San Marcos*. And in the following years Carolina troops marched more than once against the impregnable castle. Now that St. Augustine was at last a British possession, the Carolinians were again on the wrong side, and this time they might have wished that the walls of the castle were even harder to achieve.

On May 12, 1780, Charleston surrendered to British forces, among whom were troops from St. Augustine. Many of the most influential and active South Carolina patriots were captured and then released on parole. About a month later General Clinton issued a proclamation which the affected citizens considered an affront to their honor and a violation of the articles of capitulation.<sup>23</sup> One result was that Lord Cornwallis loaded sixty-three of the rebel prisoners and some of their servants aboard two ships and sent them to the Florida capital as

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22. Tonyn to Earl of Dartmouth, Aug. 24, 1775, C. O. 5, v. 555, pp. 323-326.

23. B. J. Lossing, *Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution* (New York, 1852), v. II, p. 768, especially footnote 1.

hostages of war. The first ship came into port on September 15, and the other on November 24, 1780.<sup>24</sup>

Here the patriots were turned out on parade and a British officer stepped forward,

"Expediency, and a series of political occurrences," he told them, "have rendered it necessary to remove you from Charleston to this place; but, gentlemen, we have no wish to increase your sufferings; to all, therefore, who are willing to give their paroles, not to go beyond the limits prescribed to them, the liberty of the town will be allowed; a dungeon will be the destiny of such as refuse to accept the indulgence."<sup>25</sup> Most of the Carolinians gave their paroles, but some preferred the castle.

The majority of the paroled men were lodged either in the gaol or the more pleasant State House, where they had the privilege of a nearby orange grove. Several of them even set about planting and cultivating small garden plots, probably as much for exercise as for the produce. In the Parish Church, the prisoners were provided with seats, but they refused to attend services where prayers were said for the success of the British forces. They had their own minister, John Lewis, the rector of St. Paul's Parish, until he addressed them upon the text, "The Lord forbid it me that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee" (Kings, xxi, v. 3). This ambiguous dissertation took him to quarters in the

24. "Alphabetical Return of the names and titles of the Rebel prisoners landed from Charles Town at Saint Augustine, September 15th and November 24th 1780", C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 115-118. See Joseph Johnson, *Traditions and Reminiscences Chiefly of the American Revolution in the South* (Charleston, 1851), pp. 317-319, who lists 68 prisoners; and compare also Alexander Garden, *Anecdotes of the Revolutionary War* (Charleston, 1822), p. 165. Prisoners were also sent to Havana from time to time; see Tonym to Don Juan Manuel de Cagigal, Governor of Cuba, Nov. 30, 1781, C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 317-320.

25. Garden, *op. cit.*, pp. 169-170.



castle. Tonym accused him of leading his compatriots in "very improperly held private meetings for the purpose of performing divine Service agreeable to their rebellious principles, and . . . such proceedings are thought injurious to His Majesty's Government, and of seditious tendency, and an infringement on their pledge of honour . . ." <sup>26</sup>

The roster of prisoners from Charleston reads like a contemporary *Who's Who*. A third of them were members of the South Carolina Assembly. And there was David Ramsay, noted historian, the surgeon of the Ancient Battalion of Artillery, who saw service at both Savannah and Charleston; two other surgeons, John Beed and Noble Wimberley of Georgia; Lt. Hugh Rutledge, Judge of Admiralty; Attorney General Alexander Moultrie, Major of Militia; schoolmasters James Thomson and Benjamin Waller; attorney Jacob Read; General Griffith Rutherford and Colonel Elijah Isaacs, both of whom had been taken previously at Gates' defeat at Camden; and the aging General Christopher Gadsden. <sup>27</sup> Gadsden, Rutherford, Isaacs and Read were among those sent to the dungeons at Castle St. Marks. <sup>28</sup>

Perhaps the most famous of the Carolina prisoners were three men who had signed the Declaration of Independence—Arthur Middleton, Edward Rutledge, and Thomas Heyward, Jr.—and fiery old Chris Gadsden.

Arthur Middleton, gentleman planter, traveler, congressman and soldier, had the peculiar honor of having been elected South Carolina's governor

26. Tonym to William Brown, Nov. 18, 1780, C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 111-114. Also see *Traditions and Reminiscences*, pp. 319-321, especially footnote, p. 321; cf. Garden, p. 200.

27. "Alphabetical Return", cited in note 24, which see. The roll of honor, paraphrased from the Return, is printed in Appendix II.

28. G. R. Fairbanks, *History and Antiquities of the City of St. Augustine, Florida* (N. Y., 1858), p. 172.

(1778) and then declining the office. Like Heyward, he was one of the thirteen members of Carolina's defense committee, the Council of Safety, under whose authority Captain Lempriere sailed to loot the *Betsey* off St. Augustine bar in 1775.

Edward Rutledge, captain in the Charleston Battalion of Artillery, lawyer, congressman and statesman, was the youngest (31) of this trio of signers.

Captain Thomas Heyward, youthful plantation-born jurist, agriculturalist and statesman, wounded in action against the British at Port Royal Island, was again in active service at the fall of Charleston.<sup>29</sup>

It was Thomas Heyward, who on July 4, 1781, wrote words that are yet remembered. By special permission this day the patriots all ate together. An English plum pudding was brought in, and surreptitiously on its top waved a tiny flag with thirteen stars and stripes. Then, at this Fourth of July patriot dinner in British St. Augustine, was heard for the first time the hymn afterwards sung from Georgia to New Hampshire:

"God save the thirteen States,  
Thirteen United States,  
God save them all."

Heyward's verses were set to the tune of God Save the *King*, and the guard, peeping in at the windows and deceived by the familiar air, wondered at what they took to be the sudden return of loyalty to King George.<sup>30</sup>

Brigadier-General Christopher Gadsden, described by Governor Tonyn as "titular Lieutenant Governor [of South Carolina] an old Man of a distinguished inflammatory disposition" and one of the

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29. A. S. Salley, Jr., *Delegates to the Continental Congress from South Carolina* (Charleston, 1927).

30. *Traditions and Reminiscences*, p. 320.

“Rebellious Prisoners . . . who were troublesome in keeping alive the flame of Rebellious Principles amongst the Inhabitants in Charlestown”<sup>31</sup>, refused to give a second parole after the one in Charleston had been violated. This refusal, said Gadsden, was a “Standing protest against such outrageous tyrannical Conduct . . .”<sup>32</sup> His imprisonment is best described by himself:

“forty two Weeks . . . I was confin’d in the Castle, & none of my Friends permitted to see me . . . Their Treatment of me when taken up the 27th of August last, was much more severe & pointed than against any of my friends, which appears to me more owing to the Station I was In, than as Mr. Gadsden, (tho I beleive [*sic*] no Favourite as such,) & my lot not being mention’d in the Capitulation gave them an opportunity to affect treating me with Rigour & Contempt . . . When in the Castle the Officers were order’d frequently not to converse with me, however many of them often did, & all of them behaved with Decency. I never had the least Insult offer’d me there. Once indeed there was an Order against my lighting a Candle in Consequence of which I went without for two or three nights, but the pitifulness of this they were soon asham’d of themselves . . .”<sup>33</sup>

It was at this time that Benedict Arnold betrayed the American cause and was found out through the capture of the British spy, Major John Andre. The execution of Andre was ordered.<sup>34</sup> General Washington was informed that the British would retaliate

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31. Tonym to Germain, Dec. 9, 1780, C. O. 5, v. 560, p. 102.

32. Christopher Gadsden to (George Washington), Aug. 10, 1781.

33. *Id.*

34. Arnold proposed to betray the American fortress at West Point. Andre was captured behind the American lines, courtmartialed, and finally executed as a spy on October 2, 1780.

if Andre died, and Colonel Glazier, Commandant of the Castle, sent word to Gadsden that Gadsden himself would probably be the one selected to pay for Andre's death. Even this threat did not break the old Patriot's indomitable spirit. He simply told the Commandant that he was always ready to die for his country.<sup>35</sup>

Nor was this the only threat to the lives of the patriot prisoners. Another came in June 1781 after the siege of Augusta, Georgia. Lt. Colonel Thomas Brown, commander of the East Florida Rangers, was captured and threatened with death. Colonel Glazier at once announced his intention to hang six of the patriots if Brown were executed.<sup>36</sup> There was a general exchange of prisoners which came in time to relieve the tension.

Early in August 1781 two small vessels transported the Carolina prisoners to Philadelphia where "in good Health & Spirits" the gentlemen made arrangements to return to their homes.<sup>37</sup> A few

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35. Garden (pp. 172-173) furnishes an indirect quotation of Gadsden's words: "he was always prepared to die for his country; and though he knew it was impossible for Washington to yield to the right of an Independent State by the Law of War, to fear or affection, yet he would not shrink from the sacrifice, and would rather ascend the scaffold than purchase with his life the dishonour of his country."
36. Ramsay, *History of North Carolina* (Charleston, 1809) p. 372. Ramsay was one of the Charleston prisoners sent to St. Augustine. See also Siebert, v. I, p. 86. Brown, a stormy petrel only recently from England, had been forced by circumstance into his Florida career. Tonyn referred to him as "Mr. Brown, a most respectable Gentleman of very considerable Fortune in the back Countries of Carolina and Georgia. He was most inhumanly treated, he was tar'd and feathered, about eighteen months ago, was scorched with hot Irons, and some of his toes were burned off . . ." Tonyn to Germain, Jan. 7, 1777, C. O. 5, v. 557, pp. 89-92; cf. the "Georgia Gazette", 1775, cited in C. B. Reynolds, *Old St. Augustine* (St. Augustine, 1885), pp. 92-93, footnote.) It was this event that caused him to seek the more salubrious Florida climate. He led his Rangers on several forays into Georgia Territory.
37. Gadsden to (Washington), Aug. 10, 1781.

weeks later, Cornwallis surrendered to Washington at Yorktown and the conflict was virtually ended. Most of the prisoners left at St. Augustine were sailors, and at the close of the war they were either released or sent on exchange to Havana, the British West Indies, or New York.<sup>38</sup>

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Then, one day under the guns of the fort, there sailed a ship with portentous news. By the 1783 Treaty of Paris, Spain had ceded Jamaica to Great Britain and Florida was relinquished to Spain. So for a little while the proud banner of Spain waved again over the province, and the fort once more took its Spanish name of *Castillo de San Marcos*.

The iron-leaved Book of Fate was not yet turned to the American destiny of this weathered old castle.

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APPENDIX I

*Patriots from Virginia who were imprisoned at Castle St. Mark in September 1776:*

Col. Anthony Lawson	Jack Morro
Lt. William Hunter	Finlay Irwin
Ensign William Harewood	John Feever
Charles Decay	Thomas Watkins
William Westcoat	William Hill
Zebidiah Sheperson	Matthew Stubbs
John Mc[C]lenachan	John Mason
Isaac Wickershand	William Kimblen
John Freeman	George Wishurt
Samuel Cardeale	George Demy
David James	David Parsons
William Johnston	Charles Lee
James Sharwood	David Cranley
Antony Boyle	James Murphy

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33. "General Account of Extraordinary Expences incurred . . . for the Maintenance and support of Marine Prisoners of War . . ." Aug. 27, 1782, to Mar. 2, 1783, C. O. 5, v. 560, pp. 551-554.

## APPENDIX II

*Patriot prisoners sent to St. Augustine after the fall of Charleston in 1780:*

- Beresford, Richard, planter.  
 Berwicks, John, planter, Member of Assembly.  
 Bee, Joseph, planter.  
 Beed, John, Surgeon.  
 Blake, Edward, merchant, 1st Commissioner of Navy, Member of Assembly.  
 Bourdeaux, Daniel, merchant.  
 Cochran, Robt., powder receiver.  
 Cudworth, Benjamin, vendue master.  
 Cripps, John Splatt, merchant, formerly Lieut. Militia.  
 Crouch, Henry, planter, Member of Assembly.  
 Darrell, Edward, merchant, Commissioner of Navy.  
 DeSausseur, Daniel, merchant, formerly Paymaster General, Southern district, Member of Assembly.  
 Edwards, John, merchant, Commissioner of Navy, Member of Assembly.  
 Ferguson, Thomas, planter, member of Privy Council.  
 Flagg, George, painter.  
 Grimball, Thomas, attorney, sheriff, Major of Militia, Artillery.  
 Gadsden, Christopher, temporary Lieut. Governor, formerly Colonel of a Continental Regiment, Brigadier General, Delegate to Congress.  
 Gibbs, William Hasell, attorney, Lieut. Militia, Member of Assembly.  
 Hall, George Abbot, merchant, Collector of Customs, Charles Town and Captain of Volunteers.  
 Hutson, Richard, planter, member of Privy Council, formerly delegate to Congress.  
 Holmes, Isaac, planter, Lt. of Militia, Member of Assembly.  
 Hall, William, formerly captain of the Notre Dame.  
 Hal, Thomas, formerly Captain of Continentals.  
 Heyward, Thomas, attorney, assistant Judge, Captain of Artillery, Militia, Member of Assembly, and formerly delegate to Congress.  
 Isaacs, Elijah, Lt. Cot. Militia, taken at Gates' defeat.  
 Jones, Noble Wimberly, surgeon.  
 Johnson, William, blacksmith, Member of Assembly.  
 Lushington, Richard, merchant, Captain of Militia.  
 Loveday, John, gardener, messenger of Privy Council.  
 Logan, William, merchant.  
 Lewis, Rev'd John, Rector of St. Pauls Parish.  
 Lee, William, watch maker, Captain of Militia.  
 Livingston, William, factor, Captain of Militia.  
 Moultrie, Alexander, Attorney-general, Major of Militia, Member of Assembly.  
 Massey, William, formerly Deputy Muster-Master general Southern district with Lieut. Col. rank Continentals.  
 Middleton, Arthur, planter, Member of Assembly, formerly Delegate to Congress.  
 McCrady, Arthur, tavern keeper.  
 Mowat, John, formerly Captain of Continentals.  
 North, Edward, merchant.

Neufville, John, merchant.  
 Parker, Joseph, formerly Major of Continentals.  
 Poyat, John Ernest, planter, Member of Assembly.  
 Prioleau, Samuel, Vendue Master.  
 Portell, Benjamin, planter, formerly Lieut. Continentals.  
 Peters, Christopher, planter.  
 Read, Jacob, attorney, Captain of Militia.  
 Rutledge, Hugh, Judge of Admiralty, Member of Assembly, Lieut. of Volunteers.  
 Ramsay, David, surgeon, Member of Privy Council.  
 Rutledge, Edward, attorney, Member of Assembly, Captain of Militia, formerly delegate to Congress and one of the Commissioners deputed to treat with the British Commissioners.  
 Rutherford, Griffith, planter, Brigadier of Militia taken at Gates' defeat.  
 Smith, Josiah, merchant, Commissioner of Navy, Member of Assembly.  
 Sansom, John, crier of the Court of Admiralty.  
 Singleton, Thomas, Tavern keeper.  
 Savage, Thomas, planter.  
 Smith, Phillip, planter.  
 Timothy, Peter, printer, Clerk of Assembly.  
 Todd, John, Tavern keeper.  
 Thomson, James, School Master.  
 Toomer, Anthony, brick layer, Captain of Militia Artillery and Member of Assembly.  
 Wilkinson, Morton, planter.  
 Wakefield, James, merchant.  
 Waller, Benjamin, school master.  
 Weyman, Edward, Cabinet maker, Marshal of Court of Admiralty, member of Assembly, and Lieut. Artillery Militia.

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## SPANISH CONTACTS WITH THE AIS (INDIAN RIVER) COUNTRY\*

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The narratives of the early explorers and the Spanish archives of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries are replete with references concerning shipwrecks in the Bahama channel. This passage which gave to Florida its strategic importance, offered a course with more favoring winds and a safer route for the homeward-bound treasure fleets from Mexico, but was in itself distinctly hazardous. Ships and even whole fleets were too often wrecked all along the "Banda del Sur", or South Coast, from St. Augustine to the lower keys. The majority of these disasters occurred along that bight of the shore, south of Cape Canaveral, where, (as Bishop Calderon wrote in 1675) the reefs extend six leagues out to sea.

In the chronicles of the period this region was referred to as the *Ays Coast*, or as the *Land* or *Province of Ays*, so called from the name of the Indian tribe inhabiting it, hence the name of the estuary running its entire length which we know as the Indian River.<sup>1</sup>

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1. "The Province of Ays, as designated by the Spanish, embraced the entire Indian River Country, from Canaveral south to the St. Lucie Inlet. The capital town of the district, near the Indian River Inlet, was sometimes called St. Augustin de Ais, from the abortive missionary attempt made there." (Swanton: *Early History of the Creek Indians and their Neighbors* B.A.E. 73, p. 333).

Romans gives the meaning of the word *Ais* as *Deer*, nearly that of the *Chacta issi*, for the Spaniards also spelt the

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Although the abundance of the precious metals which the first Spanish and French colonists found among the Indians of the coast was to lure the avaricious Spaniard on across a continent in a vain quest for their source, yet the early contemporaneous writers tell us that these shipwrecks were responsible for the gold and silver in the Indians' possession. Says Laudonniere :

“ . . . the greatest part of these riches, washed, as they sayd, out of Spanish shippes, which were comonly cast away in this [the Bahama] strait”<sup>2</sup>

and Fontanedo :

“The king of Ais and the King of Jeaga are poor Indians as regards the earth, for there are no lands of silver or of gold where they are, and to say it at once, they are rich only by the sea from the vessels which have been lost well laden with those metals”, and again, “I desire to speak of the riches found by the Indians of Ais, which perhaps were to be as much as a million of dollars, or over, in bars of silver, in gold and in jewelry made at the hands of Mexican Indians which the passengers were carrying with them.”<sup>3</sup>

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name *IS*. Hence, *la is*: “*l ais*”. (*Memoir Fontanedo*, ed. Buckingham Smith, translator's note 32). Buckingham Smith's linguistics have been questioned of late, and this Chacta ascription for the name of the river and tribe seems to be somewhat far-fetched. A closer connection might be found in the Timuquan root word for mother, which is *issa*, (Fr. Pareja's catechism terminology, which may be found in Swanton, p. 363). Hence, if adapted from the Timuquan, with which the Spaniards were conversant, the great Indian River estuary may have been considered by its people as the “*Mother River*, a connotation similar to that of the Mississippi - *Father of Waters* idea.

2. Traffiques & Discoveries of Laudonniere, in Hakluyt: “*Voyages . . .* ed. 1600, iii, p. 338.
3. *Memoir of Fontanedo*, ed. Buckingham Smith pp. 21-24.

John Sparks, the chronicler of Hawkins's voyage tells that :

"Golde and siluer they want not, for the Frenchmens first coming thither they had the same offered to them for little or nothing \* \* \* and how they came of this golde and siluer the Frenchmen knew not as yet, but by gesse, who hauing trauelled to the Southwest of the cape [Canaveral] hauing found the same dangerous by means of sundry banks, as we also have the same, and there finding masts which were the wrecks of Spaniards coming from Mexico, judged they had gotten treasure by them."<sup>4</sup>

The murderous wrecking and salvaging operations of this tribe (who also were reputed to have been cannibalistic) became such a major racket that, as sorely needed supply ships repeatedly failed to arrive at the Presidio, punitive steps had to be taken. Then, too, the enemies of Spain-at first the French, and later privateering Dutch and English - were wont to deal with these Indians and use their inlets as bases from which to harrass her fleets. Thus a very serious problem was presented to the colonial administration, and initiating with Menendez himself, there were various attempts to cajole, pacify and convert the recalcitrant Ais Indians.<sup>5</sup> The adelantado established a fortified mission among them which languished for some seven

4. Hakluyt: *Voyages* . . . ed. 1600, iii, 615-616.

5. Menendez : "Informacion dada por el Adelantado pero Menendez de Aviles sobre los danos y muertes que hacian los Indios de la costa de la Florida" A.G.I. 2-5-4/12, 3-20-1, (in Jeanette Thurber Connor, *Colonial Records of Spanish Florida* vol. 1).

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years. Down through the ensuing two centuries there were many endeavors to secure the *reducion* of the Ais by methods ranging from a friendly neighbor policy to capital punishment. As late as 1737 we find that Arredondo, the royal engineer, reporting on a survey of Florida's defense problems, recommended to his King the expediency of establishing a colony of 200 at Ais, to act as a control in maintaining Spain's precarious position in the Channel. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless the subsequent record bears little evidence of any actual achievement from any of these ventures. So, though the name of Ais is frequently encountered in the archives of the Indies in various connections, ranging from the priestly to the piratical, I have as yet been unable to find the detailed account of accomplishment there. The fact that Gov. Ybarra, in 1605, mentions the need of padres from Castile for the *Conversion* there, <sup>7</sup> and again in letters in 1693-95, mentions are made of the new "missions and conversions at Ais and Carlos", <sup>8</sup> would certainly indicate that proselyting had been going on there. Also the prominence of *Ais*, *Rio de Ais*, and *Barra de Ais* as place names given on virtually every map of both the Spanish and English colonial periods would denote a place of considerable significance.

Except that the Province of Ais played this relatively prominent part in the history of Spanish Florida - chiefly because it was a perennial headache-its history and ethnics have been almost

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6. Arredondo to the Crown: Brooks MSS.

7. Ybarra to King: "Tanto de las Diligencias, etc", A.G.I. 54-5-9 No. 61, (in Lowery MS. Coll.)

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wholly lost.<sup>9</sup> Even the location of its principal town and the seat of the Spanish endeavors there have been unknown to this day. True, from our present-day point of view, the role played by Ais in our historical concept is of so little import that none has bothered to give it location. However, should our late findings prove to be what we surmise, even if they should not indicate a greater significance for it than history has been aware, they should be of some archeological interest.

It is hoped that, in the light of the material recently uncovered and briefly outlined herein further research into archives hitherto unavailable may disclose, as these findings would seem to indicate, that more was accomplished and more happened at Ais than the archival coverage to the present has revealed.

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Down in the Indian River country, several miles below Cape Canaveral there lies, half buried in the shifting sands a sizable portion of a wrecked ship. This for some years has been ballyhooed as that of a Spanish galleon, although its construction would render such belief very dubious.<sup>10</sup> It is my conviction that this particular hulk has no connection whatsoever with the findings detailed in this report. It may, however, be quite pertinent to these findings that in placid weather other wrecks may

9. For the most comprehensive description and ethnology of these coastal tribes see Swanton: *Early History of the Creek Indians and their Neighbors*, B.A.E. 73. This contains a compendium from original source material such as Fontanedo Sparks, Jonathan Dickinson, and LeMoyne's drawings.
10. The obvious seasonal growth rings evident in both ribs and planking of this wreck would suggest our own northern woods rather than those of continuous growth as would be used in the Spanish and Spanish-Indies ship construction. Dr. John C. Gifford, the eminent tropical forestry expert of Miami, who examined specimens from this wreck, expressed a similar opinion. This notwithstanding, local legend has even ascribed this wreck to the fleet of the Adelantado himself, with all the customary association of treasure.

be discerned among the adjacent reefs and shallows. Several cannon have been retrieved along the beach, and under favorable conditions of weather and tides beach-combers and treasure-hunters have picked up various articles of naval equipment and other relics undoubtedly of the Spanish colonial period. While the writer has been informed that brass culverins, which from the description, might be Spanish, have been removed, all the cannon which he has personally seen are of a later period, though the fact that the trunnions are below the mid-line would roughly place them as pre-1800.

With curiosity aroused by the knowledge of these findings, the writer was led to investigate the bluff behind and along the beach and the immediate surroundings for some clue to the historical background. At a distance of 0.4 miles south from the wreck mentioned quantities of bones-animal and some human, were observed in the escarpment of the wind and tidal-eroded bluff backing the beach, which at this point reaches a height of twelve to fourteen feet. A little poking around revealed iron spikes, clay-pipes, and a peculiar assortment of pottery sherds. A closer scrutiny of this escarpment showed an unbelievable abundance of such remains for a distance of over 500 feet. Later these findings have proven equally prolific through to the Indian River, a distance of some 800 feet at this point. A correlation of their distribution with the rate of erosion and sea-encroachment would clearly indicate that the site was formerly centered more conspicuously on the river than on the ocean-beach.

In general all this material lies at a depth of from two and one-half to three and one-half feet, in a more or less perceptible stratum of charcoal impregnated beach sand. Owing to the aeolian quality of this sand any attempt at definite stratification

proved rather disappointing. A few test holes were sunk at a little distance back from the bluff and were found to be increasingly fertile in European artifacts. A point which seemed to be the center of the station (both geometrically and for concentration of material) was designated as *zero*, the whole was plotted in a grid, and the items as far as possible inscribed with the locations of their finding. This procedure has proven rather purposeless as there is every evidence that the site has been disturbed and scattered by storms prior to its burial in the drifting sands. It does tend to show, however, that there is a definite classification grouping of the material.

Always working with the hope that a competent archeological survey might ascertain the historical value of these findings, it has been the aim to disturb the site as little as possible, and our endeavors mainly have been confined to sifting out the detritus left by treasure and souvenir hunters. Since the finding of relics here has now become common knowledge perhaps much of the station's archeological value has been and is being destroyed, and, inevitably, key findings dispersed.

Along with the usual run of items found at Spanish colonial sites, the prevalence here of several varieties of Chinese porcelain fragments from the same period has proven most enigmatical. These, have not shown up, we believe, in the workings of the St. Augustine Restoration.<sup>11</sup>

11. In attempting a rationalization for the presence of the Chinese wares we might suggest that the period involved was concurrent with the China mania in Europe, following the introduction of tea and the exotic porcelains for its service. China was of great value, and doubtless many treasure ships from the Philippines carried it in cargo. This was packed overland from Acapulco and transhipped at Vera Cruz into home bound fleets, vessels from which might later be wrecked in the Bahama Channel.

At Drake Bay, in California, porcelains of this same period have recently been found by the University of California in Indian mounds whose builders had contacted the Spanish explorers in 1595.



Bearing in mind the before outlined historical background of this immediate coast, we should naturally ascribe much of this material to wreckage, and at first it seemed that Indian accumulated salvage would entirely account for the group assortment. The elevation above sea level (10 to 12 feet) would preclude the idea of mere flotsam and jetsam. However, when the evidences of some sort of construction and the many bones of European domestic animals were encountered, the notion that there must have been some sort of established settlement there becomes more insistent. The building materials found are bricks of red clay, shell mortar and plaster, (some of the latter with seeming, mural painting) decorative and roofing tile, and wooden stakes.

At the center of the station there is a considerable area of tabby floor at a depth of three and one-half feet. Beneath this floor is found an occasional sherd of incised or stamped Indian pottery. The choicest of the Spanish remains lie above and scattered around at a higher level ; while still higher, about a foot below the surface, there is an abundance of the cruder, undecorated, recent Indian pottery. Scattered over a distance of 320 feet along the bluff there are four other deposits rich in brick and mortar fragments. It is only in the vicinity of the floor in the center of the station that the largest assortment of European articles are found, particularly the finer Spanish pottery and Chinese porcelain fragments. Throughout the whole area in places where the china occurs most abundantly and in general where the brick and mortar are concentrated, Indian pottery and midden refuse does not appear to any noticeable extent. On the other hand, adjoining and fringing this concentration of European

material one finds quantities of Indian remains with which there is an occasional admixture of the European, notably iron, glass, trade pipes and the coarser Spanish cooking pottery.<sup>12</sup>

This would, of course, suggest that were there a European settlement at this station the aborigines were clustered about it, as was the usual case in such establishments. To those who have suggested that this site probably could be more easily accounted for on the basis of a later than Spanish occupation, as in the British or even American periods, it is pointed out that excepting the trade pipes of English manufacture and the Chinese porcelains, all the items of European culture are definitely Spanish.

As there are extensive shell heaps and middens throughout the vicinity from ocean to river, and found in several strata from two feet below low tide level to twelve feet above, comprising evidences of occupancy dating from the archaic down to the present, the requisites for sustaining life must have been peculiarly favorable at this point. There is also a large conical tumulus one mile north and an extended and very old kitchen midden 0.35 miles south.

The possibility of this being the site of the old Ais capital and "its abortive mission establishment"<sup>13</sup> was subject for speculation. El Pueblo Grande (the big town) of Ais, however, is rather universally described as being near Indian River Inlet. While there is considerable evidence that there *have* been inlets adjacent to this site in the past, and from time to time these various inlets along the Indian River have been opening and

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12. See appended list for variety of these findings.

13. Swanton, p. 333.

closing, and the nearby Sebastian Inlet, though now in an artificial channel, perhaps has always been more or less open, yet it is difficult to reconcile this locality with the distances given in the various accounts.<sup>14</sup> The Indian River Inlet, as designated in colonial times was presumably that old multiple channeled opening<sup>15</sup> opposite St. Lucie, now closed since the dredging of the United States government cut at Ft. Pierce. Although there are wide discrepancies in accounts and general vagueness in map locations, this inlet seems to best approximate that of Ais and its adjacent town. Utilizing Mexia's Derrotero-both narrative<sup>16</sup> and chart,<sup>17</sup> as doubtless the most accurate, it is found that Ais lay 22.5 leagues south of Sorruque (or about 85 miles).<sup>18</sup>

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14. Pedro Menendez (1573) in A.G.I. 2-5-4/12, 3-20-1 (Connor) :
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|-------------------|------------|
| Canaveral to Ais  | 15 leagues |
| Sta. Lucia to Ais | 15 leagues |
- Bart. de Arguelles (1599) A.G.I. 54-5-14 (Lowery) :
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| St. Augustine to Ais | 50 leagues |
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- Mexia's Derrotero (1605) A.G.I. 1-1-1/19 (Lowers) :
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| Sorruque to Ais  | 22.5 leagues |
| Ais Inlet to Ais | 2 leagues    |
- Ybarra (1605) in "Tanto de las Diligencias, etc" A.G.I. 54-5-9 (Lowery) :
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|----------------------|---------------|
| Sorruque to Ais      | 18-20 leagues |
| St. Augustine to Ais | 50 leagues    |
- Dickinson (1696) in *God's Protecting Providence*, etc.
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| Sta. Lucia to Ais | "about 20 miles" |
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15. "Las bocas de Miguel Mora" A.G.I. 54-5-9, 54-5-14, (in Lowery)
16. Alvaro Mexia: "Derrotero from St. Augustine to Ais, etc." A.G.I. 1-1-1/19 (in Lowery).
17. No. 98 in Lowery collection of maps, Library of Congress.
18. The league of Las Casas (Columbus's narrator) is used here which is 4 Italian nautical miles, or the equivalent of 3.78 of our statute miles. The land league much utilized throughout the peninsula was considerably shorter. The unknown distances as in this case, may be interpolated from the known given distances. The above valuation checks well with the established distances in the "Derrotero".

It was two leagues or around seven and one-half miles north of the inlet.<sup>19</sup>

Now, at the place meeting these requirements, as measured today in road mileages and on hydrographic charts, there is a vast area of low mounds and middens, with one conspicuously large tumulus. I have traced over a hundred acres of this through the jungle growth. The very extent and depth of the remains show it to have been a place of considerable habitation, not only in ancient times but also rather recently. This then could have been that seat of a chief, who as Gov. Canco said, "had more Indians than any other along the coast",<sup>20</sup> and a tribe to whom the other coastal Indians were tributary. This site might well be, and in all probability is that of the "Big Town of Ais".

Although there is a questionable vestige of coquina ruins at one place in this area, no European articles have been found here. A cursory examination of the tumulus and middens, which have been greatly despoiled by bone-hunters and for material for road construction, reveals only items of Indian manufacture. It would appear, then, that while this may have been the Ais capital (at least to the discovery period) the archeologically more fruitful and more strategically located station first

19. Mexia's place names and traverses from Sorruque on South total up as follows:

Sorruque to Urribia	1.5 leagues
Urribia to Suyagueche	2
Suyagueche to Potopotaya	3
Potopotaya Haulover to Ulumay	1
Ulumay to Banana River	2
Banana River to Saboboche	5
Through "Callejon" to Pentoaya	.5
Traverse of the Grand Bay of Ais	5
Thence to small Fresh-water river	1
Thence to Ais	1.5

22.5 leagues  
or 85.05 miles.

20. Gov. Canco to King. A.G.I. 54-5-9, (in Lowery Ms. Coll.)

described was the seat of the native wrecking operations, and hence, the locus for the colonial administration's castigatory outpost. The former (being 14 miles to the north), encompassed by dangerous shoals and with a rocky coast-line and located in the Canaveral bight with its in-sweeping down currents is the more logical place for wrecks to come ashore. The accumulated debris of the beaches today bears this out.

While, as we have mentioned, the records are all too meagre to offer any satisfactory explanation for the finding of so much material at the station, we might account for some of the Spanish colonial remains by venturing the opinion that this was the location of the Menendez garrison of some 200 men which he left on the Indian River in November 1565, while he with the remainder of his troop and his French prisoners went on to Cuba. Granting that Ais was two leagues north of Indian River Inlet, the following citations from the records would so indicate :

"The Spaniards remained four days at Ays, and Aviles went down the lagoon to look for a suitable place to settle, but failed to find one . . . Before his departure he encamped 200 of his party under Juan Velez de Medrano at a place on the lagoon and three leagues distant from Ays. . ." <sup>21</sup>

According to the first statement he first went down, *i. e.* south, so the latter location, where he left his men, must have been north, as is our site from Ais. And again,

"Later when the men got into trouble with the Indians, they moved 20 leagues farther down the lagoon to the neighborhood of Gilbert's Bar

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21. Woodbury Lowery, *Spanish Settlements Within the Present Limits of the United States*.

and the St. Lucie River . . . and they named the place Sta. Lucia".<sup>21</sup>

This distance would further indicate that he was above Ais Inlet. The given distances approximate the true distances between the hypothetical sites.

And in the Barrientos account:

. . . and seeing that those Indians were warlike and fearless he removed his men to a site three leagues from there which the Indians showed him, and which was very favorable, and where were coco-plums, . . . palmettos, prickly-pears and fish. It was on the river and two days sufficed to remove the men there by sea".<sup>22</sup>

And, again, Garcilaso de la Vega:

. . . he went by boat to reconnoiter a site which the chief told him was a good one for settlement, but it did not suit the Adelantado. Then he sailed as far as a small harbor 3 leagues from there . . . He carried his men by boat to a place which the Indians said was very favorable for fishing, palmettos, and coco-plums . . ." <sup>23</sup>

It might be pointed out that even today the conditions mentioned regarding the availability of a food supply at this site still hold good, and adjacent is a small harbor which fulfills the description. This Menendez on his return named "Puerto del Socorro"<sup>24</sup> and to this day the fishermen along this coast call this "old Spanish Harbor", although it has been impossible to unearth any legendary source for the persistence of this association.

It is also quite possible that this too may be the site of Ponce de Leon's second landing, for according to surviving extracts from his log<sup>24</sup> he sailed

22. Barrientos, in Garcia's "Dos Antiguas Relaciones" xxvii, p. 76.

23. Garcilaso de la Vega, in Barcia: *Ensayo Cronologico*, iv, p. 91.

24. T. F. Davis: "History of Juan Ponce de Leon's Voyages to Florida", *Fla. Hist. Quarterly*, xvi, 1.

north a little way from his first anchorage in 30° 8', just missing the mouth of the St. Johns and thence turned south along the coast. *He saw no Indians*, or signs of habitation. He worked his way southward around Cape Canaveral, where the Gulf Stream was encountered. *Somewhere below Canaveral he saw Indians*, and made his second recorded landing, taking possession and erecting a cross. It was here then that he saw the first evidence of Florida's inhabitants. Now I have covered the coast-line and beaches from Cape Canaveral to Ft. Pierce Inlet, and our site is the *only* one, (so far as I have been able to discover) wherein there is any vestige of Indian or other occupation which might be visible from the sea.<sup>25</sup> All the others along this stretch of the coast are situated on wider strips of island, and located on the Indian River side, or at some distance from the ocean.

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LIST OF TYPICAL ITEMS FOUND, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR FREQUENCY.\*

*Iron* - Occurs everywhere in quantities, but with the exception of spikes and drift pins is oxidized past identification.

*Glass* - Mostly bottle; many with lead screw-top. Sheet or pane glass, art glass, and many pieces of unidentifiable usage.

*Indian Pottery*-

*Spanish Crockery* - Consisting of coarse cooking ware, grain, oil and water jars.

*Spanish Pottery* - Mostly glazed in bluish, green and brown wares.

*Moorish or Moorish Influenced Spanish Pottery* - Inside glazed ; top part outside glazed and decorated with blue or green splotches and ears.

*Spanish-Mexican Pottery* - Glazed inside and out, with polychrome conventionalized decoration.

*Clay Trade Pipes* - Many of which bear the trade mark "R. Tippet" in cartouche or lettering "R.T", or "E.R." The former was, according to Mr. Glen R. Black of the Indiana Historical Society, an English pipe-maker of presumably early 18th. century.

25. As previously remarked, it must continually be borne in mind when viewing this site, that extensive as the remains seem to be, the picture will not be complete without a constant realization that the area was much larger and presented a far different and less bleak aspect two or three hundred years ago.

\* These may be seen in the Library of the Florida Historical Society.

*Brick, Tabby, & Plaster* - In large batches, as apparently the debris of fallen walls or fireplace of brick set in shell mortar. A tabby floor.

*Lucky Stones* - From the head of the cat-fish. While primarily they are perhaps midden refuse, persisting by their hardness, they seem to have been cherished with fetish value down through all cultures. Similarly with drum's teeth, and,

*"Bird Stones" & Phalanges* - Mostly deer and human are found everywhere in such quantities as to suggest either of a fetish value or preservation owing to lesser friability than the large bones.

(These last three are included in this compilation only on account of their above order of frequency. Any reason for their association with the European remains, except as midden refuse is not clear).

*Chinese Porcelain\** - Blue and white, Ming period type (late 16th and early 17th. centuries.) Blue and white, K'ang Hsi period types (1662-1772) Multi-colored ware, probably K'ang Hsi. Powder-blue and black wares characterized by underglaze in fish designs. (looks Japanese)

*Chinese Pottery* - Ming period, green and blue-green glaze.

*Lead* - Is found in all shapes and artifications. There is much of it in foil or thin sheets resembling that in which tea was formerly packed for export.

*Pistol Balls* - Of varying calibres; many with the risers still on.

*Copper* - Found in ferrules, fragments and sheets. Some of the latter are quite large and, with dove-tailed and beaten joints, have been fashioned from smaller sheets.

*Bones* - Human, cow, horse, deer and hog. All the native small animals. Boar's tusks. The entire human skeleton has not been found except in the beach sands, where its association with the other material is probably accidental.

*Spanish-Mexican items* of the 1543-1723 period.

*Wood* - Is rather scarce except for the ever present charcoal. The unburnt wood is mostly pine and spruce. A few driven stakes *BELOW* the artifact-bearing stratum.

*Beads* - Green and blue glass, very small. One metal filigree.

*Plaster Murals* - Very fragmentary and conjectural.

*Tile* - A few roofing and glazed ornamental fragments.

*Onyx & Alabaster Fragments*-

Among some of the interesting items found either singly or in scarcity are :

*Ivory and Bone Dice.*

*Figurines* - These are identical. Although the hair and head-dress is Amerind, the features are delicately Caucasian. They are hand-molded as the finger prints of the maker are evident.

*Cannon-*

*Brass* - Scissors, chest-corner, stanchion-flange, belt-buckle hinge fragment, evidently from a navigation instrument.

*Gilded Finial* - of ecclesiastical design; may have been from a missal frame, or small shrine.

*Doll's Legs* - of glazed Spanish pottery.

*Gold Ear-Ring* - with empty jewel socket.

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\* I am indebted to the Milwaukee Public Museum for their first positive identification and confirmation of the Chinese porcelains, Spanish pottery, etc.



## PHILIP FRENEAU ON THE CESSION OF FLORIDA

by LEWIS LEARY

Among American men of letters who have paid tribute to Florida-and perhaps, with the exception of William Bartram, the earliest of them-we may now number Philip Freneau, the "Poet of the American Revolution". Unlike many others, Freneau apparently never saw Florida, though for a period of years between 1785 and 1790 he was master of a coastal vessel which occasionally called as far south as Savannah. His poem on Florida was written when he was an old man, almost seventy. Living in retirement on his farm in New Jersey, he nevertheless still watched with interest the development and expansion of the new country for which he had fought with sword and pen as a younger man. On September 28, 1821, the Trenton *True American* announced the "Surrender of Florida" with this dispatch :

*Charleston, July 17.* By the arrival last evening of the sloop *Wasp*, Capt. Chester, from St. Augustine, we learn that the American flag was hoisted at that place on the 10th inst.-At 5 o'clock in the morning, a salute was fired from the fort by the Spanish troops and the Spanish flag displayed-At 3 P. M. the American colors were hoisted with the Spanish, and the American troops landed at the South Battery, and marched directly to the fort-At 4, the Spanish troops marched out, and the Spanish flag was lowered under a salute of 21 guns from the fort, which was answered by the United States schooners *Tartar* and *Revenge*, at anchor in the harbor.

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NOTE-Professor Leary, late of Miami University, whom our readers will recall as the founding editor of *Tequesta*, the publication of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, is an authority on early United States literature and has made an intensive study of the work of Freneau. He has now gone to Duke University to continue these studies, but we shall not forget that he did more than his bit for Florida's history with that first issue of *Tequesta*. Ed.

On the same day in the same newspaper a poem by Philip Freneau<sup>1</sup> appeared, perhaps the first literary celebration of the occasion by an established American man of letters.

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ON THE CESSION OF EAST AND WEST FLORIDA, FROM  
SPAIN TO THE UNITED STATES

At length, we see by prudence gained  
What jealous Spaniards long retained;  
And Florida's secluded waste  
Is in one lengthening chain embraced.

Monarchs would force their slaves to war  
For *that* our Congress bargained for,  
Would fight, like dogs, to win the soil,  
And nations in their feuds embroil.

Honor to those who first designed  
This chain of *States*, to bless mankind:  
Our *Franklin*, with a patriot band,  
And *him*, who near *Potomac's* strand,  
Now sleeps, unconscious, in the grave,  
Of what *we* gain, or what *he* gave.

He bade a new creation rise,  
Nor seized the *Sceptre* from the skies;<sup>2</sup>  
His wisdom, and his sword acquired  
What few could hope and all desired.

Immortal be his growing fame,  
The just reward he now may claim—  
When *Britain* fixed *Columbia's* doom  
He raised our hopes, and cheered our gloom,  
Dispelled the clouds that dimmed the day,  
And saw the *Event* his toils repay.

*This great Event*, among the rest,  
Should swell with joy each patriot breast,  
A region won from selfish *Spain*,  
A golden link in freedom's chain—  
The Spanish guards no longer seen  
To rear their flag at *Augustine*.

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1. In *That Rascal Freneau* (Rutgers, 1941), p. 405, I made a tentative identification of the poem as by Philip Freneau. Since then I have been strongly convinced, through a comparison of its phraseology with that of other works by Freneau at this period, that it is without question his production.
  2. Alluding of the pretended divine right, or legitimacy, of kings (*Freneau's note*).

They, slothful, leave that verdant shore,  
 And other soils and coasts explore,  
 In royal climes select a place  
 To act their drama of disgrace.

Long since arrived-full many a year-  
*De Soto's* and *de Leon's* here;<sup>3</sup>  
 And, 'midst these solitudes profound,  
 Paused, and admired the flowery ground.

And here they sought, but did not find,  
 (The whimsy of some crazy mind)  
 They searched for what they took for truth,  
 The *fountain of perpetual youth*.<sup>4</sup>

Stern Winter here asserts no sway,  
 And frosts and snows are far away;  
 The Northern Tropic bounding near,  
 Unfading verdure clothes the year.

Thou, Florida! who once has strayed  
 Along thy shores or through thy shade,  
 Will own at least, with skies so fair,  
 A modern *Eden* planted there.

Her charming landscapes yield to none,  
 Her Capes approach the torrid zone;  
 In Cancer's Sign from heaven displayed,  
 Meridian suns project no shade.

What prospects, here, kind Nature drew !-  
 Lo! *Cuba's* heights almost in view;<sup>5</sup>  
*Bahama's* isles approaching nigh,  
 As 'cross the *Gulph* they meet the eye;-  
*Amelia* near the coast is seen,  
 With *Anastasia*, dress'd in green.

Presiding here, a *chief* we see  
 All hearts commanding, bold and free,  
 A chief of chiefs, almost adored,-  
 At *Orleans* gleamed his conquering sword,<sup>6</sup>  
 His lightning flashed o'er *Pontchartraine*,  
 And sent proud *Britain* home again.

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3. Ponce De Leon and Ferdinand De Soto; the one, a military adventurer, the other, one of the first Spanish explorers of this part of the North American coast (*Freneau's note*).

4. An infatuation once prevalent in Europe, that such a fountain existed in Florida (*Freneau's note*).

5. From Cape Florida, on a meridian line to Cuba, the distance is 150 geometrical miles (*Freneau's note*).

6. A Lake of considerable extent, to the south-east of New Orleans (*Freneau's note*).

He called his thunders from afar-  
The thunders answered, *Here we are!*  
*Prepared to act what you require*  
*With tempest, sulphur, lightning fire!*

No wonder that the foe retired  
When Jove's artillery on them fired,  
When every blast in crowds dismiss'd  
Who dared remain, or dared resist.

Thus fell the brave, and failed the wise,  
Who marched to seize the *golden prize*;  
Disabled by his deadly shot,  
*Booty* and *Beauty* met them not,  
But made their vanquished thousands groan  
Who sought in war for *these* alone.

With such a *Chief* to such a *State*,  
It must be powerful, must be great:  
And long may such a Chief preside  
Whose valor tops a nation's pride,  
Ennobles man, wherever found,  
On Christian, or on savage ground.

## FROM A REMOTE FRONTIER

LETTERS AND REPORTS PASSING BETWEEN THE COMMANDERS AT APALACHE (ST. MARKS,) GOVERNOR GRANT AT ST. AUGUSTINE, GENERAL HALDIMAN AT PENSACOLA, AND GENERAL GAGE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT NEW YORK, 1767-1769.

(Grant to Gage)

St. Augustine 30th July 1767

Sir :

Your Letter of the 30th April, I had the honor to receive a few days ago by Captain Philips of the Royal Americans who arrived here in his way to Pensacola, to sit upon a General Court Martial, a disagreeable business, which likewise carries Captains Jenkins and Sutherland from this place. 'tis to be hoped those Gentlemen to the Westward, will in future contrive to agree together, and allow our East Floridian Officers to live in peace and quiet at Home. I am almost afraid of an Infection from the Pensacola air.

Mr. Moncrief the Engineer made such Repairs as he found necessary for the immediate security of the Garrison at St. Marks, the whole Expence 37, 12/6, which I paid by Warrant upon the Money Contractors, and I transmitted the account to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, as the work was done by my direction upon an Emergency. I did not think it right to trouble you about the Payment of the account.

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NOTE-This series of documents has been edited with an introduction by Mark F. Boyd (see this *Quarterly*, the issue of January, 1941). This is the seventh instalment, and includes documents from the W. L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan and from the Public Archives of Canada, to whom grateful acknowledgment is made. Letters from or to St. Marks are reproduced in full, but only pertinent paragraphs are extracted from those which refer only incidentally to that post. *Ed.*

In consequence of your orders Brigadier Haldimand has sent Mr. Pittman to examine into the state of the Barracks, and of such other Repairs as may be wanted-the Barracks will be found to be the most pressing article.

The Expence attending the Fort of St. Marks is not considerable, as the supplies for the Garrison are send by Water on Board the Provincial Schooner, it is of great use in keeping up a Friendly intercourse with the Indians, in case of Accidents it is a safe retreat for Traders, and from its situation I flatter myself in time to be able to draw a great part of the Trade of the Lower Creeks to that place,-besides the demand for Land is so great in this Province, by the Grantees or their Agents from England-that some of the Settlements must soon extend towards Appalache, the entrance into the Harbor or Bay is discouraging otherwise I should not despair of seeing a Town rise there in a few Years, but at any rate it will always be a post of importance to this Province in time of Peace or War; if we should unfortunately have a difference with Indians, which I shall take every step in my power to prevent, St. Marks would be a proper place to form an attack from, and we shall now be able to keep a Correspondence with West Florida by means of that Post-Brigadier Haldimand desires to know my opinion upon it, and I have told him there is nothing more easy, by a Boats going to and from Pensacola to St. Marks, and by expresses to and from this place to St. Marks, the Expence will be trifling to keep up an intercourse of once a Month, I have proposed to the Brigadier to pay for the Boat and I have offered to pay the Expresses on this side - I think such an arrangement will be of great use to the King's Service in these Infant Colonies-

As I have said so much about the Fort of St. Marks, I must take the Liberty to mention to you that Lieut. Swettenham's conduct the time he Commanded here was very satisfactory, and since he was called away Ensign Wright has acted with great prudence and propriety, during all the disturbances to the Westward I have never had a Complaint of or from the Indians, the two Gentlemen I have mentioned have great Merit from their Management of them, they are both loved and respected by the Indians. I have applied to Brigadier Haldimand to continue Ensign Wright in that Command if the Service will admit of it - I understood before I left England that an allowance would be made to Officers Commanding at distant Posts, if such a Regulation has taken place, it would be very obliging if your Excellency was pleased to put St. Marks upon that footing, in which case I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Swettenham and Ensign Wright as being both very deserving of that Bounty-

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

Sir-Your Excellency's Most obedient and most humble servant

James Grant

His Excellency the Honble General Gage

*(W. L. Clements Library)*

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*(Haldimand to Gage, Transl. from the French)*

Pensacola, August 5, 1767

Sir :

\* \* \* The Lieut. Pittman who has been for some time back from the Apalachees, handed over to me the plan of the Fort of St. Marks with the map of the surroundings and the observations which he has made.\* I have the honor of sending them to you with a plan to change the casemates into bar-

racks which might be done at very little expense ; the old barracks are very bad and are not worth extra repairs.

I believe, Sir, that it would be necessary to continue an officer and twenty men at that post because of the ease that it gives us to have communications with St. Augustine. One may get there from here in 15 days (and perhaps in less time when one knows the roads better) whereas the opportunities to send by sea are always rare and very uncertain, and it would be advantageous, whether in time of war, or when something extraordinary might happen in this part of the continent, to have some kind of communication . . . and people always ready to take express. Besides, Sir, that post is not at all exposed, and one may abandon it without risk as soon as one judges it fitting. It has a very good quarry from which the Spaniards removed a great deal of stone.

The fort is not finished, but what there is of it completed is of good masonry work the same as the casemates, and may be put in a state of defense against the Indians with 5 or 600 palisades which it is easy to procure. It is even necessary if one preserves the post to plant a row of piles to prevent the effect of inundations. The points in yellow on the plan of the fort show how the stockade may be placed. \* \* \*

*W. L. Clements Library*

\* *Vide Florida Historical Society Quarterly XII-1934-114.*

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*(Wright to Haldimand)*

Fort St. Marks, Apalacha.  
Aug. 14th 1767

Sir,

I was favoured with yours Aug. 11th by Mr. Summers with the two saddles which shall be taken all possible care of. Our Gardens this year have



been in bad order owing to the greatest part of our seeds having been spoiled in the flood but what was planted came to perfection with very little trouble we have since got seeds of most kinds.

The weather now is so excessive hott that the men can't go a fishing in the heat of the day, but in the winter we catch plenty of fish. The Indians also bring in plenty of venison and Turkeys but the latter do not save our provisions the least as they always expect our Provision for it, otherwise they would not bring it in.

The inclosed came to hand August 7th by the Augustine express.

The covering of the Barracks and Guard house is in such bad condition that I must sett the men to work as soon as the cool weather comes on to gett it done by fatigue.

Mr. Barrow as he did not dispose of his cargoe had not room for any stones, particularly care shall be taken that they are not medled with.

I have lately fallen upon a method of punishing the men that "are guilty of small crimes by sending them to work at a road I am making across the marsh which was very bad crossing.

I have the honour to inclose you the returns of the State of the garrison & Barracks with that of the cloathing sent by Mr. Barrow for the party at Pensacola.

Should esteem it as a great favour if you could put me on the same footing with the officers commanding outposts in North America who I am informed have an allowance.

I have the pleasure to inform you his Majesty's Troops at this place are much more healthy than they were last year at this time.

I am Sir, Your Most humble & obedient servant,  
Jas. Wright

(Endorsed:) Lt. Wright, 1767, to Haldimand 15th  
August, Recd 22nd.  
(Public Archives of Canada)

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(Haldimand to Gage. Transl. from the French)

Pensacola, Aug. 1, 1767

Sir :

\* \* \* I shall leave in the Apalachee only one officer  
and twenty men and I shall send the rest, as well  
as the detachment of the 9th Regiment which is  
here, to St. Augustine as soon as the season will  
permit it. \* \* \*

(Public Archives of Canada)

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(Gage to Haldimand)

New York, September 4th, 1767

(Postscript:) Upon Recollection, tho Colonel Taylor  
does not mention it, he meant possibly that you  
should use the Vessel to Transport the Garrison  
of the 9th Regiment from Appalachie to join their  
Corps at St. Augustine, relieving them at Ap-  
palachie by a Detachment of 31st Regiment at Pen-  
sacola, which was Ordered sometime since, and if  
not done; I am to beg you would do it as soon as  
it is possible.

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(Haldimand to Taylor Transl. from the French)

Pensacola, Oct. 5, 1767

Sir :

I am making use of the return of the sloop from  
St. Augustine to send there the detachment of the  
9th Regiment which was here, keeping only 4 men  
who will form part of the detachment of St. Mark,  
where I shall send them as soon as possible. The  
detachment of that post where Lieut. Wright will

continue to command will be reduced to twenty men. I am sending you, Sir, the orders which I am giving him in that respect, and I beg you to send them to him by the sloop of the province when it goes to the Apalachees with provisions. It will be suitable also, Sir, that you should take the necessary steps with Governor Grant, so that he may give the orders that the detachment that Lieut. Wright is to send away should be received on board. \* \* \*

*(Public Archives of Canada)*

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*(Haldimand to Gage* Transl. from the French)

Pensacola, November 30, 1767

Sir :

\* \* \* As soon as I obtain the sloop of the province, (or rather if . . . . presents itself) I shall send an officer and twenty men of the 21st Regiment to replace the detachment of the 9th Regiment which is at Fort St. Mark which I shall send to St. Augustine; I have believed, Sir, that it would be proper to keep the . . . . battalion (?) entire here, so that you may have it at your disposal, persuading myself that the government will make in a short time some change in the distribution of the troops, in this district. \* \* \*

*(W. L. Clements Library)*

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*(Haldimand to Gage* Transl. from the French)

Pensacola, December 6, 1767

Sir :

\* \* \* These ideas which up to the present appear to me sound, make me believe, Sir, that one could, without any risk, abandon the posts of Natchez, Iberville and Fort St. Mark. \* \* \*

FROM A REMOTE FRONTIER

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I shall make no change in the quarters, nor shall I take away the post of Apalache until I receive your orders \* \* \*

(W. L. Clements Library)

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(Wright to Haldimand)

Fort St. Marks Apalache, March 14th, 1768

Sir :

In consequence of your last letter dated July 29th I put it in orders Aug. 18th for two men to work eight hours in a day to inclose a piece of ground behind the Fort for a garrison garden, they went on pretty well till Sept. 11th when they refused in a body to work any more. I represented the use of it to them & insisted on their going on with it. W. Kernathan who was the leading man & spoke for the rest said in an unbecoming manner that he would sooner go to the Black hole than work. I confin'd nine & ordered two men as usual to work. The morning after the Corp<sup>1</sup> reported two men he had confined for refusing to work and asked if he should order any more-but Ensign St. John & I considering the circumstances thought it most prudent to drop it at the present & by way of punishing their disobedience I exercised them twice a day. After the above I did not think it proper to order the Barracks to be bark'd by fatigue. I recd by Mr. Frazer a letter from colonel Taylor with instructions how to proceed. I this morning read that part of the letter to the men & I am happy to acquaint you Sir that refractory spirit seem to be broke & every man have agreed to go on with the greatest diligence. The two men who were confin'd by the Corp.<sup>1</sup> I released on their asking Pardon & promising never to offend again-but Kernathan who was the oc-

casation of it all, I think deserve some more punishment besides imprisonment.

I have the honour Sir, to enclose you the Returns of the artillery garrison Barracks and Provisions. There is some things noted at the bottom of the artillery return that are very much wanted here. You will see Sir, by the Provision Return we have only flour in the garrison which we have lived on for some time past. This place have always been badly supplied with Provisions it might be attended with fatal consequences and at best it expose us to the insults of the Indians who never fail taking the advantage of our necessity by asking extravagant prices for their meat.

The beginning of last Jany. I held a survey on the Provisions in Store when one tierce of calavances twelve Rations of another with three Barrels of Beef was condemn'd & buried.

March 2nd Mr. Sinnott received a Letter from a Trader acquainting him that Thlehulgee & another Indian that went to the Havannah in novr. 1766 returned to the nation last Sunday well drest &c. but he had no account when or where landed, though Indians that were lately in say there is a Spanish vessel lying at the mouth of the Appalachicola-but Mr. Frazer will be able to inform you Sir of the truth of that report.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect Sir, Your most obedient & humble Servt.

Jas. Wright.

P. S. I forgot to mention Sir, that four of the men doing duty here are order'd for St. Augustine by the first opportunity.

Addressed: On His Majesty's Service To Brigadier  
General Haldimand Commanding all His Majesty's Forces in the Southern District of North America at Pensacola, West Florida  
*(Public Archives of Canada)*

*(This series will be concluded in the next number)*

THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Society met in annual meeting at St. Augustine on March 5, 6 and 7, while the last number of the *Quarterly* was in press. Sixty members, most of them from a distance, besides many visitors, were present, a number which has seldom been equalled ; and seldom indeed have the papers read been so carefully prepared and so interesting, or the entertainment provided so much enjoyed.

Planning and preparations were by our corresponding secretary and librarian Watt Marchman, the motor-force of the Society; Mr. X. L. Pellicer, one of our St. Augustine members, and vice president of the St. Augustine Historical Society, who was general chairman of arrangements; and Judge David R. Dunham, president of that Society, which was our host at a reception and on a picnic luncheon and boat excursion to Fort Matanzas and Marineland. In addition, the St. Augustine Society provided complimentary favors for the annual dinner and displayed a remarkable collection of Florida historical material for the occasion in their library; and the Florida chapter of the Colonial Dames of America opened their Fatio house for us. In our own rooms was an exhibit of unique maps of Florida.

This is the program carried out in detail:

MARCH 5, MORNING SESSION

Presiding : G. Leighton LaFuze, John B. Stetson University.  
Greetings : The City of St. Augustine, Walter B. Frazer, mayor.  
The National Anthem was sung by the assemblage.  
The National Park Service, C. R. Vinten, Superintendent of  
Southeastern National Monuments.  
The St. Augustine Historical Society, David R. Dunham, president.  
Response: John G. McKay, president, Florida Historical Society.

Papers :

*Stephen Russell Mallory, Confederate Secretary and Naval Pathfinder*, Rembert W. Patrick, University of Florida.

*The Catholic Cathedral of St. Augustine*, Thomas E. Downey, Jr.,  
Historian of the Diocese of St. Augustine.  
*Material in the National Archives Relating to the History of  
Florida*, Elizabeth B. Drewry, The National Archives, Wash-  
ington, D. C.

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**JAMES A. ROBERTSON MEMORIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY LUNCHEON**

Presiding : Alfred J. Hanna, Rollins College.

*Bibliographical Foundations for a Study of the Language and  
Literature of the South, with Special Reference to Florida*,  
Herman E. Spivey, University of Florida.

*The Technique of Florida Bibliography*, Della Frances Northey,  
Editor, Union Catalog of Floridiana.  
Discussion.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Presiding : Philip S. May, director, Florida Historical Society.

**GEORGIA-FLORIDA**

*Letters of John McQueen from Spanish East Florida*, Walter  
C. Hartridge, Savannah, Ga.

*Richard Keith Call, Territorial Florida Leader*, Walter Martin,  
University of Georgia.

**YOUTH'S APPROACH TO FLORIDA HISTORY**

The author speaks: *Writing a Florida Book for Youth*, Ruby  
Leach Carson, author of *Fabulous Florida*.

The teacher speaks: *Creating a School Museum of Florida His-  
tory*, Dena Snodgrass, Orlando.

The student speaks : *Parade of Ghosts of Senors and Senoras of  
Old San Agustín*, Patricia Raulerson, St. Augustine.

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**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Presiding : John G. McKay, president

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**MARCH 6**

**FLORIDA ARCHEOLOGY SESSION**

Presiding: Mark F. Boyd, director, Florida Historical Society

*The Historical Approach in Archeology and its Application in  
Florida*, John W. Griffin, University of Chicago

*An Investigation into the Spanish Colonial Contacts with the  
Ais (Indian River) Country*, Charles D. Higgs

*A Discussion of Methods as Applied to Florida Archeology*,  
Robert F. Greenlee

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**FLORIDA AUTHORS LUNCHEON**

St. Augustine Branch, National League of Pen Women, cosponsor  
Presiding : Kathryn T. Abbey, author of *Florida, Land of Change*

Guest : Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Baskin

Greetings: Nina S. Hawkins, president, St. Augustine Branch of  
the National League of American Pen Women

*The Author's Florida*, Nina Oliver Dean

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JOINT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION OF  
CULTURAL RESOURCES WITH THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Presiding: John J. Tigert, president, University of Florida, and  
Chairman of the Committee

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MUSEUM SESSION

Presiding: Walter B. Hill, librarian, University of Florida  
Speaker: Stanley B. Arthur, Louisiana State Museum  
Discussion

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ANNUAL DINNER

Presiding : Herbert Lamson, vice president, Florida Historical  
Society  
Invocation: Reverend Joseph Devaney, The Cathedral, St.  
Augustine  
*Cross Creek*, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Baskin  
*Conservation of Historic Sites in Florida*, Ronald F. Lee, The  
National Park Service, Washington, D. C.

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MARCH 7

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND BOTANICAL SESSION

Presiding : Arthur G. Peterson, Agricultural History Society,  
Washington, D. C.  
*A History of Florida Agriculture*, Ida Keeling Cresap, librarian,  
Florida Agricultural Experiment Station  
*Botanical Exploration in the Southeast*, H. Harold Hume, dean,  
College of Agriculture, University of Florida

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MINUTES

President John G. McKay called the meeting to order at 8:30 p. m. Attendance was not large, but a quorum was present. The president called for the reports of officers as the first order of business.

President McKay read his report, summarizing the progress of the Society during the past year, calling particular attention to the successful efforts made to secure desirable temporary quarters for the library after it had become necessary to vacate the space in the Alcazar Hotel building. Mr. McKay also took notice of the war emergency and its effect upon the activities of the Society.

Dr. Kathryn T. Abbey (Mrs. A. J. Hanna), of Winter Park, moved that the report of the president



be approved and filed with the secretary. The motion carried and it was so ordered.

The corresponding secretary and librarian, Mr. Watt Marchman, St. Augustine, prefaced his report with the remark that interest of the members was manifest through their increasing correspondence. In regard to the library, Mr. Marchman reported that adapting the new quarters for library and exhibit uses (which involved a small amount of renovation) had necessitated a temporary closure of the library to the public, but it was now, however, open to all. Use of the library is steadily growing. From the standpoint of preservation of materials in the collection, the present second story location on Cathedral Place is better than the Alcazar rooms, which were on the ground floor and more subject to dampness and insects. And the new location, facing the town plaza, is more central.

Dr. Mark F. Boyd, director from Tallahassee, took this occasion to stress the gravity of the library situation that had been brought about by the need to find new quarters, and by way of showing the Society's appreciation of the conscientious efforts of the location committee, offered a resolution of appreciation.

This was unanimously given by a rising vote to accept Mr. Marchman's report.

In the absence of Dr. Dorothy Dodd, Tallahassee, the treasurer, Mr. Marchman submitted her report. Mr. Marchman moved that the report be accepted and filed with the secretary. The motion carried and it was so ordered.

Dr. Boyd asked whether an audit of the books by a committee from the board of directors was required before an annual meeting. The president replied that audits were not required by the constitution, but had been made in the past when

requested. The librarian added that the finance committee has the responsibility for audits. The president recommended for the record that the matter of auditing be referred to the incoming officers.

There being no committee reports to be given, the president called for discussion of unfinished business.

The corresponding secretary made reference to the letter from the editor of the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Mr. Julien C. Yonge, Pensacola, calling attention to the increased costs of printing, which directly affects the publication of the *Quarterly*. A discussion of a previous suggestion for obtaining additional funds followed.

Mr. Marchman moved that, subject to Mr. Yonge's approval, separate slips of paper, having a printed appeal for financial aid, be inserted in the next issue of the *Quarterly*. Mr. John Hobart Cross, Pensacola, presented a substitute motion: that Mr. Yonge be authorized to handle the appeal in whatever fashion seemed suitable, after discussion of the matter with the finance committee. Mr. Marchman accepted the substitute motion, and it was carried.

Dr. Boyd asked for a discussion of the Society's agreement with the State Library Board, by which the Society was to receive \$1,800 per year for two years. Dr. Abbey explained the background of the agreement, mentioning the various persons who cooperated in helping to procure the agreement. A contract between the State Library Board and the Society was necessary in order to show the specific purposes for which the money was to be used, and the contract was agreed upon. Accumulated payments from July to December, inclusive, were paid to the Society in January, 1942. Mr. Marchman summarized the terms of the agreement, stressing the fact that it was very flexible and designed to

insure cooperation between the State Library and the Florida Historical Society. Dr. Boyd pointed out the potentiality of the agreement and suggested that its operations be observed very closely to discover ways of improvements from time to time toward the end of its becoming of statutory significance. Dr. Abbey agreed emphatically that the informal agreement should be stabilized by legislative recognition of the Society by name. Dr. Boyd urged that the functions of the two organizations be defined and that emphasis be placed upon their non-competitive character : the State archival agency preserves primarily public archives while the Society preserves private records and disseminates historical information. For the record, the president recommended that the new board of directors consider ways to obtain legislative recognition of the Society as an official organization of the State of Florida in historical matters.

Dr. Boyd moved that the new president appoint a committee of three to negotiate with the State Library Board and others and to report back to the board of directors on ways to make the agreement with the State Board permanent and official. The motion carried.

Mr. Marchman pointed out the need for a resolution to authorize the finance committee to augment publication funds for the *Quarterly*, in view of the increased costs of printing.

Dr. Boyd moved that the finance committee arrange a 50 per cent increase in *Quarterly* funds and that the editor of the *Quarterly*, in his discretion, be authorized to change the format of the *Quarterly*, to conserve paper and insure continued publication of the *Quarterly*.

Dr. C. W. Tebeau, University of Miami, moved an amendment to the motion: that the word "maxi-

mun" be inserted before "50 per cent". He pointed out that an increase of full 50 per cent might not be necessary at present. The amendment was accepted and the motion carried as amended.

The president called for new business.

Mr. Marchman moved that the president be empowered to appoint Professor A. J. Hanna of Rollins College as chairman of a committee to be selected by himself for the purpose of cooperation with the St. Augustine Historical Preservation and Restoration Association, thus formally indicating the interest of the Society in the St. Augustine program. The motion was carried.

Mr. Marchman then presented the "War Savings Bonds for a Permanent Building" plan. He stressed the need for a permanent headquarters building for the Society. Under the proposed plan, members could purchase or contribute toward the purchase of war savings bonds for the building fund of the Society.

Mr. Cross moved that the matter be referred to the finance committee with the tacit approval of the meeting. Dr. Boyd moved that the motion be amended by the addition of "and that the finance committee be empowered to open a specific account for the building fund only." The amendment was accepted and the amended motion passed.

The recording secretary read the following resolution submitted by Mr. Yonge:

WHEREAS, the Division of Research and Publications of the Department of State of the United States is now publishing a series of volumes of selected documents from governmental archives relating to each of the former territories in turn, as described in the Florida. Historical *Quarterly*, the issue of October last; and

WHEREAS, the forthcoming volumes relating to Florida territory are of especial importance to us-in fact, because our own territorial records are so meager and those in Washington are so extensive, this publication is necessary for any full knowledge of Florida's territorial history; and

WHEREAS, the historical part of the celebration of the centennial of Florida's admission into the Union is dependent on that knowledge; and because, further, the appearance of the Florida volumes would be the most important historical feature of that celebration ;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Florida Historical Society, assembled in its annual meeting, that the Society bring these facts to the knowledge of the Secretary of State of the United States, with the plea that there be no delay in the selection, the editing, and the publication of the volumes relating to Florida in *The Territorial Papers of the United States*.

Mr. Cross moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion carried.

Professor Hanna moved that the president appoint a committee on resolutions thanking the local committees on arrangements and expressing appreciation to Dr. Dorothy Dodd for her long and faithful services as treasurer. The motion carried. The president named Mr. Albert C. Manucy as chairman, with power to select the other members of the committee.

The resolutions were adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Florida Historical Society, that the thanks and appreciation of the Society be, and the same are hereby, extended to the Local Committee on Arrangements, for their unstinted efforts to make the 40th annual meeting of the Society a great success.

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Florida Historical Society, that the thanks and appreciation of the Society be, and the same are hereby, extended to the St. Augustine Historical Society and Institute of Science, for their cooperation and participation in making the 40th annual meeting of the Society an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Florida Historical Society, that the thanks and appreciation of the Society be, and the same are hereby, extended to Dr. Dorothy Dodd, for her excellent and faithful service in the office of Treasurer of this Society ;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the members of the Florida Historical Society regret that other duties of Dr. Dorothy Dodd do make it necessary for her to resign as Treasurer of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. MANUCY, *Chairman*.  
WATT MARCHMAN  
X. L. PELLICER

Mr. Marchman opened discussion relating to possible suspension of program meetings during the war emergency.

Mr. Marchman moved that the Society recommend to the board of directors that annual program meetings be suspended during the war. Discussion followed. Mr. Marchman withdrew his motion in favor of the following motion :

Dr. Abbey moved that the directors be informed of the sense of the meeting, which is, that if conditions warrant, the directors are urged to modify the annual meetings as necessary for the duration of the war. The motion carried.

In the absence of C. H. Curry, Quincy, chairman of the nominations committee, Professor Hanna read the report of the committee:

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1942  
ELECTION

Herbert Lamson, Jacksonville, president  
John B. Stetson, Jr., DeLand, first vice-president  
Gaines R. Wilson, Miami, second vice-president  
Albert C. Manucy, St. Augustine, recording secretary and treasurer  
Watt Marchman, St. Augustine, corresponding secretary and librarian  
Mrs. Millar Wilson, Jacksonville, director-at-large  
Mrs. Roger W. Babson, director, 1st Congressional district  
Miss Daisy Parker, Tallahassee, director, 3rd Congressional district  
Randall Chase, Sanford, director, 5th Congressional district

Nominations committee for 1943 election :

Randall Chase, Sanford, chairman  
Mrs. Millar Wilson, Jacksonville  
Miss Dena Snodgrass, Orlando  
Dr. Edmund LeRoy Dow, Palm Beach  
Miss Mary Lamar Davis, Tallahassee

Submitted by :

C. H. Curry, Quincy, chairman  
Mrs. William O. Bowers, Cooperstown, N. Y.  
Thomas P. Caldwell, Miami  
A. J. Hanna, Winter Park  
Albert C. Manucy, St. Augustine

The president called for further nominations.

Professor Hanna moved the acceptance of the report and that the secretary cast the ballot. The

motion carried, the ballot was cast, and the president declared the officers duly elected.

Professor Hanna moved a resolution of appreciation to the outgoing president for his recognized efforts on behalf of the Society. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the president declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**ALBERT C. MANUCY**

Recording Secretary

Approved :

JOHN G. MCKAY

President.

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1941**

Members, Friends and Guests of the Florida Historical Society:

Since we assembled in annual session a year ago this month at the Miami-Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, there have been momentous events which, in many instances have redirected the course of our lives. The foremost event of the year is the war.

When we gathered on the lower East Coast in March 1941, the Society's library and office had just been opened in spacious quarters, rent free, in the Alcazar Hotel building in St. Augustine. This accomplishment had been made possible by the City of St. Augustine and the members of the Society in St. Augustine. The City's published plan was to purchase the Alcazar building for historical and cultural purposes, and a three-year lease was held by the City toward that end. However, with the uncertainties arising from a world at war, the City was forced to abandon its plan for the purchase of the building, and the property was soon returned to its original owners, the Florida East Coast Hotel

Company, who desired the building vacated before accepting possession.

For the purpose of considering the urgent problem arising from the decision of the City of St. Augustine to return the Hotel building to the Florida East Coast Hotel Company, a meeting of the board of directors was called and held in St. Augustine the latter part of September. After a lengthy examination of the problem, the board decided to place the relocation of the library in St. Augustine in the hands of a committee consisting of Judge David R. Dunham, Mr. X. L. Pellicer and Mr. Watt Marchman, all members from St. Augustine.

The relocation committee, after a careful inspection of all available buildings in St. Augustine, was at last successful in securing a renewable lease on quarters constituting the second floor of the building adjacent to the Cathedral, facing the Plaza de la Constitucion, the ground floor of which is now used by the St. Augustine Gas Company. In addition to adequate rooms (for the immediate present, at least), there is also an excellent vault in the building—the use of the vault being especially desired by the Society. There were, however, a few minor improvements which were necessary to be made in order to bring out the most effective and attractive appearance of the quarters. This work has been accomplished with very small expense to the Society.

There is a small rental on the new location, and the rent for the first year has been more than provided for by generous donations made by the St. Augustine Historical Society and Institute of Science (\$300.00), and by members of the Society. Therefore, we can report that the library and offices of the Society seem now to be in a good and sound location for the duration of the war.

I am also happy to report that a considerable number of gifts, consisting of donations of money,



books, pamphlets, manuscripts, pictures of Florida, too numerous to mention individually in detail here, have been received during the past year. All gifts will be published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*. In fact, the library and the Society continue to grow rapidly, both in possessions and in service to the general public.

A few weeks ago, a contract-agreement, covering the period from July 1, 1941 through July 1, 1943, was drawn up and signed between the Florida State Library Board and the Florida Historical Society, providing for close cooperation along certain lines in a spirit of mutual helpfulness. The terms of the agreement include our making available to the State Library an index of the contents of our library, and our informational and advisory services as desired. As one benefit to the Society of this collaboration, we receive funds which enable the Society to carry out effectively and efficiently the requirements of the agreement, and which at the same time enable us to promote the historical interests of the State of Florida.

At the last annual meeting, the members voted to have our equipment and other possessions (other than the irreplaceable books, manuscripts, museum objects, etc.) insured; and I am glad to say that an insurance policy was taken out many months ago, which is now in effect, and which will continue in effect for three years. The premium on the policy was about \$120.00.

In regard to membership the Society has grown steadily, with many new members added during the year. However, as a result of the war, several members have dropped out, and death has also removed several more. A short while ago, your president made an appeal to about two hundred people in the Miami area who are members of the

South Florida Historical Association, but not members of this Society, and to date there have been about a dozen or so who have sent in their applications. We are hopeful that many others will do likewise.

The publication of the Florida Historical Quarterly, which is one of the most important functions of the Society, will be seriously affected by the war -and very soon. The cost of printing and cost of paper have already risen over 15 per cent and are steadily rising. Therefore, in order to assure the continued publication of the *Quarterly* during the emergency, each member should continue his support of the *Quarterly* insofar as possible by remaining a member in good standing, and by contributing a dollar or so in addition to annual dues should this be possible. And every member is invited to secure, if possible, at least one new member.

In bringing this report to a close, I should like to recommend to the membership that the following be stressed :

a. That each officer and director and member of the Society assume a personal responsibility for securing new members, in order to make possible the continued publication of the *Quarterly* during the war and in the critical period of adjustment thereafter ;

b. That donations of all sorts-monetary contributions, gifts of real estate, gifts of items of Floridiana and Americana, including books of all kinds, manuscripts, picture, maps, etc., be particularly encouraged during the war. We now have a suitable, convenient and safe place, with vault, to house and protect all gifts or permanent loans of books, magazines, manuscripts, maps, pictures, etc.

c. That the Society start now with plans toward the realization of a permanent building for the Society after the war.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1942

To the President and Members of the Florida Historical Society:  
 The following statements constitute the Treasurer's report on the financial condition of the Society as of March 5, 1942. It will be noted that the Library Fund has been consolidated with the General Fund. The ever-increasing deficit in the former fund made this advisable.

General (and Library) Fund			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		\$ 313.88	
Receipts			
Library balance, March 17, 1941..	\$ 25.86		
Dues .....	1,270.38		
State of Florida .....	900.00		
Gifts .....	230.29		
Sale of publications, etc. ....	64.35	2,490.88	\$2,804.76
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Expenditures			
Florida Historical Quarterly (3 numbers) .....	911.44		
Operating expenses .....	810.40	1,719.84	
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....		1,084.92	2,804.76
Robertson Memorial Fund			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		24.00	
Receipts .....	5.00	5.00	29.00
Expenditures .....	25.00	25.00	
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....		4.00	29.00
Archaeology Fund			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		49.50	
Receipts			
Dues .....	56.00		
Gifts .....	75.00	131.00	180.50
Expenditures .....	147.00	147.00	
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....		33.50	180.50
Librarian's Salary Fund (Special Gifts)			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		750.00	
Receipts .....	925.00	925.00	1,675.00
Expenditures .....	1,775.00	1,775.00	
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....		100.00	1,675.00
Life Membership Fund			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		200.00	200.00
Receipts .....	None		
Expenditures .....	None		
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....		200.00	200.00
Consolidated Statement			
Balance, March 17, 1941 .....		1,363.24	
Receipts .....		3,526.02	\$4,899.26
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Expenditures .....	3,666.84	
Balance, March 5, 1942 .....	1,222.42	4,899.26

Respectfully submitted,  
**DOROTHY DODD, Treasurer**

Members of the Society attending the annual meeting were:

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| Lesley, Theodore, III, Tampa     | Boyd, Mark F., Tallahassee                  |
| McKay, John G., Miami            | Baskin, Marjorie K. Rawlings, St. Augustine |
| Pellicer, X. L., St. Augustine   | Patrick, R. W., Gainesville                 |
| Sack, Mrs. Francis M., Tampa     | Marchman, Watt, St. Augustine               |
| Miller, Albert C., Tampa         | Hawkins, Nina S., St. Augustine             |
| Porter, Emily, Apalachicola      |   |
| Bowers, Mrs. W. C., Winter Park  | Towers, Mrs. C. D., Jacksonville            |
| Grimes, H. H., Lakeland          | Cabell, James Branch, Richmond, Va.         |
| Higgs, Chas. D., Vero Beach      | Martin, Walter, Athens, Ga.                 |
| Dunham, D. R., St. Augustine     | Manucy, Albert C., St. Augustine            |
| Lamme, Vernon, Marineland        |   |
| LaFuze, G., DeLand               | Eells, Burr, Daytona Beach                  |
| Ehlhardt, G. B., DeLand          | Denham, Mrs. T. P., Jacksonville            |
| Tebeau, C. W., Miami             | Davis, T. F., Jacksonville                  |
| Downey, T. E., St. Augustine     | Davis, Mrs. T. F., Jacksonville             |
| Hasbrouck, Alfred, Winter Park   | Freeman, Ethel C., New York                 |
| Greenlee, R. F., Ormond Beach    | Kirtland, Mrs. F. H., St. Augustine         |
| Wilson, Emily L., St. Augustine  | Fairlie, Margaret C., Jacksonville          |
| Carson, Ruby Leach, Coral Gables | Hawkes, Mrs. Samuel, Daytona Beach          |
| Cross, John H., Pensacola        | Lawson, Mrs. E. W., St. Augustine           |
| May, Philip S., Jacksonville     | Penington, Robert, Winter Park              |
| Vaill, Mrs. F. S., St. Augustine | Hill, Louise B., Jacksonville               |
| Morris, A. C., Gainesville       | Potts, George, Ormond Beach                 |
| Thomas, Emma L. G., Winter Park  | Collins, Mrs. Vivian, St. Augustine         |
| Hill, W. B., Gainesville         | Mickler, M. P., Tampa                       |
| Cubberly, Mrs. Fred, Gainesville | Tigert, J. J., Gainesville                  |
| Akin, Sally, St. Augustine       | Wilson, Gaines R., Miami                    |
| Cash, W. T., Tallahassee         | Gibbs, George Couper, Jacksonville          |
| Hanna, Mrs. A. J., Winter Park   | Lamson, Herbert, Jacksonville               |
| Hanna, A. J., Winter Park        |   |
| Snodgrass, Dena, Orlando         |   |
| Northey, Della F., Winter Park   |   |
| Davis, Mary Lamar, Tallahassee   |   |

## THE LIBRARY

## ACCESSIONS DURING THE PAST QUARTER

Mrs. Nelson R. Perry, a member of the Society from Sanibel Island, Florida, author of *Marine Shells of the Southwest Coast of Florida*, has placed in our library her own library of rare Florida books. These have a value of several hundred dollars and make a notable addition to our rare book collection. Among these are:

- Ashley, John, *Memoirs and considerations concerning the trade and revenues of the British Colonies in America . . .* (London, 1740)
- Bonnycastle, R. H., *Spanish America* (Philadelphia, 1819)
- Brinton, Daniel G., *Notes on the Floridian peninsula* (Philadelphia, 1819)
- Coe, Charles H., *Red Patriots, the story of the Seminoles* (Cincinnati, 1898)
- Cohen, M. M., *Notices of Florida and the Campaigns* (Charleston, S. C., 1836)
- Darby, William, *Memoirs on the geography and natural and civil history of Florida* (Philadelphia, 1821)
- Fairbanks, George R., *History and antiquities of St. Augustine, Florida* (New York, 1858)
- Fairbanks, George R., *History of Florida* (Philadelphia, 1871)
- Fairbanks, George R., *The Spaniards in Florida* (Jacksonville, Fla., Columbus Drew, 1868)
- French, B. F., *Historical Collections of Louisiana and Florida* (New York, 1869)
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A collection of attractively framed maps of Florida, from the office of the late Edward Jaquelin L'Engle (former president of the Society, and member, 1905-1941), has been presented to the Library of the Society by Richard P. Daniel and Joseph W. Shands, trustees of the estate. The maps are:

*Geographical, statistical and historical map of Florida* (cir. 1827), drawn by J. Drayton. Color, text surrounds map.

*Map of Florida*. Photostat copy, cir. 1823. Florida with two counties.

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*Map of Florida*, by Asher & Adams, 1872. Color.

*Map of Florida*, by H. S. Tanner. 1823. Color.

*Map of Florida*, by Thomas, Cowperthwait & co., 1850. Color.

*Plan exhibiting the state of surveys in the State of Florida . . .*

October 31, 1854. John Westcott, surveyor general.

*Map of Florida*, by Bradford. cir. 1835. Counties outlined in color.

*Map of Florida*, published by A. Finley. 1831. Color.

*Map of the State of Florida, prepared by the order of Jeff. Davis*. 1856. Large.

Other items included in the gift:

Florida Rail Road Company bond, no. 189, for \$1,000, signed by David L. Yulee, president and George W. Call, secretary.

Dated March 1, 1856. Framed.

Copy of *The Florida Times Union*, Jacksonville, October 4, 1888.

Paul A. Hardaway of Pawtucket, R. I., has enriched the Library by adding to his previous generous contributions the gift of a file of 45 volumes of the *Manual of Railroads*, by Henry V. Poor. The yearly editions of the *Manual* presented by Mr. Hardaway include the years 1877-1884, 1886-1898, 1900-1905, 1908-1911, 1915, 1919-1920, 1922-1932. The *Manual* is invaluable as a reference source for Florida railroad history.

Dr. Thomas Barbour, Director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, a member of the Society, has placed in our library a very rare Spanish vase, unbroken, which was found in a hammock near Deep Lake, Collier county, Florida. Dr. Barbour writes: "It was directly under the trunk of an old live oak tree which fell during the hurricane of 1934. The jar is obviously an old Spanish oil jar. It was found by an Indian who brought it to the town of Everglades and gave it to Deaconess Harriet Bedell, who is in charge of the Glade Cross Mission to the Seminoles." Deaconess Bedell presented the vase to Dr. Barbour.

In arriving at the probable age of the jar, Dr. Barbour said: "It must have been left behind by a very early Spanish exploring party in southwest Florida, probably about 1550, to judge by the age of the tree which grew over it."

Mr. Tom L. Overby, Jacksonville, a veteran of the First World War, has presented to the Library, items about Jacksonville: 18 pictures of buildings destroyed by the fire of 1901, showing the ruins; 6 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings from Jacksonville papers for the period between 1919 and 1927.

The following catalogues of John B. Stetson University, DeLand, have been presented by the Library of that institution.

Miss Charlotte Smith, librarian : 1895-1896 ; 1896-1897 ; 1897-1898 ; 1901-1902 ; 1903-1904 ; 1907-1908 ; 1908-1909 ; 1913-1914 ; 1914-1915 ; 1915-1916 ; College of Law, 1913-1914.

Mr. George E. Burr, Jr., executive director of the State Defense Council of Florida, has placed in our library, for permanent record, a file of the "Florida Civilian Defense News" from the first issue in May, 1941, and lacking only one number.

Mr. A. B. Love, assistant editor of the *Atlantic Coast Line News*, has presented to the Library, on behalf of the Atlantic Coast Line Company, a file nearly complete of the *Atlantic Coast Line News*. Nearly every issue of the *News* contains references to various sections of Florida. The file lacks only volume 1, number 1, May, 1920, and consists of over 260 numbers of the *News*, in 23 volumes.

Mrs. Ida Keeling Cresap, librarian of the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the University of Florida, has placed in the Library on behalf of the Agricultural Experiment Stations, over 120 back issues of the *Bulletin*, and about 30 annual reports of the Agricultural Experiment Stations, from 1903 to date. Press releases were also included in the gift.

The Veterans' Graves Registration Project of the Works Projects Administration has placed in our Library a complete compiled set of the "Register of Deceased Veterans"- for each of the Florida counties. In these registers, the names of the veterans are given, date of birth and death, place of burial, and grave number. A list of cemeteries is also included with a brief description and location of each.

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Gift of Mary Lamar Davis, Tallahassee: "Florida centennial celebration-official souvenir program," Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 9-15, 1924; McConnell, "The Prince and Princess Achille Murat in Florida," in *The Century*, August, 1893; Confederate medal, finished in gold, struck off in 1862 at the time of the erection of a statute to General Robert E. Lee. Framed.

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Presented by the Jacksonville Public Library, from duplicates in the Library's Floridiana collection :

George M. Chapin, *Florida, 1513-1913, Past, Present and Future*, (Chicago, 1914)

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THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The fourth meeting of the Jacksonville Historical Society for the 1942 season was held in the Floridan Room of the Roosevelt Hotel at 8 P. M., May 11th. In his opening address President D. J. Carrison told the society that he had greatly enjoyed his two years' term as president and pledged continued support to its work as a member of its advisory board. He then introduced Miss Mattie Burtchaell, granddaughter of John Lee Williams, one of the two commissioners appointed by Governor Duval to select the site of Florida's capital, Tallahassee. Miss Burtchaell's father, he said, had also served Florida, as one of the Flagler system's engineers in building railroads.

Miss Burtchaell gave a sketch of John Lee Williams, the man, at Picolata while his children were still young and living there with him. She based her information on the memories of her aunt, a

child who had been born in the Army barracks there when her family had sought refuge from the Indians. In conclusion she presented the society with a photostat of Governor Duval's commission to Williams, appointing him to select the site of Florida's capital, "because of his knowledge and discretion." She also presented the society with a copy of her aunt's memoirs.

Miss Mary Graff spoke on another St. Johns river community, Mandarin, selecting amusing excerpts from Mandarin's early newspapers; she gave a description of the simple, highly personal viewpoint of the Mandarin community.

The meeting ended in an informal discussion. The members asked questions of Miss Burtchaell, who invariably replied with some valuable information about her grandfather. John Lee Williams's books and maps, lent by the Jacksonville Public Library, were examined with much interest.

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THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

The sixth meeting of this association was held at the Miami Workshop of the University of Miami on the evening of March 31 with an attendance of one hundred. A memorial service first paid tribute to the memory of the founder president of the Association, George E. Merrick, who contributed so much to the building and advancement of that part of Florida. Several pioneers, members of the Association, gave their memories of him, among whom were Mrs. W. L. Freeland, Mrs. Ruby Leach Carson, F. M. Hudson, William Mark Brown, and Claude Matlack.

Dr. Robert E. Nicholl gave a scholarly talk on "Spanish Government in Florida, 1781-1821" from a paper by Professor D. C. Corbett of Candler College, Havana. He told of the research being done

in the archives at Havana from which he had just returned, but stated that much work is still to be done on the period of the second Spanish occupation of Florida.

Mrs. Carson gave a summary of her new book *Fabulous Florida*, showing the difficulty encountered in adapting a book of this kind to both child and adult, and how she overcame this through the criticism of her own children.

Dr. C. W. Tebeau concluded the program with a talk on "Some Southern Characteristics and their Origin" in which he exploded some legends and fallacies of the South.

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THE FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

*The library fights for freedom* was the theme of the 22nd. annual meeting of the Florida Library Association held at Vero Beach, April 30, May 1-2. Our librarian, Watt Marchman, was speaker for the afternoon program of May 1. He spoke on "History is in the Making." At the business session he was elected treasurer of the Association for the next term. Wesley Summers of the Jacksonville Public Library is the new president.

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PREHISTORIC CULTURES OF THE SOUTHEAST

This is the title of a new issue (History No. 4) of the National Park Service Popular Study Series. Its thirty-one pages contain a map of the region with the locations of some important archeological sites ; The Coordination of Southeastern Archeological Studies; Ocmulgee's Trading Post Riddle, with illustrations, notes, and a bibliography and map of the trails of colonial Georgia and South Carolina; and Indoor Archeology. The publication is avail-

able from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, at ten cents.

### THE ARKANSAS HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

There appeared in March last the first issue of *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, a publication of the recently revived Arkansas Historical Association. It is well edited and well printed, of approximately one hundred pages, and will exchange with our *Quarterly*, and so a file will be preserved in our library.

Of especial interest to us is the fact that its editor-in-chief is Dr. David Y. Thomas, who was professor of history in the University of Florida thirty-five years ago.

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T. E. Fitzgerald, historian of his home county, has condensed much of his book *Volusia County Past and Present* into a twenty page, folio size, pamphlet entitled *Historical Highlights of Volusia County*, with a map and several illustrations.

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### ROBERT E. LEE ARCHIVES

This has recently been established as a division of the library of Washington and Lee University. Already it contains a large collection of printed material, pictures, and more than four thousand manuscripts, all relating to the life of General Lee. It would seem that this is the most suitable place for any other such material not yet in its final resting place.

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*Lewis Leary*, formerly of the faculty of the University of Miami, is now a member of the English department, Duke University.

Before he became interested in archeology *Charles D. Higgs* was an astronomer and has published much on that subject.

*Mark F. Boyd* of Tallahassee is well known to readers of the *Quarterly* through his numerous contributions. He is a member of the staff of the International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation.

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