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The Priority of St. Augustine

The St. Augustine Historical Society has issued a brochure "St. Augustine is the Oldest Permanent European Settlement on the North American Continent North of Mexico" which is in the nature of a reply to other claims of priority. The publication scarcely seems necessary to any one at all acquainted with the facts, but it might be well to have the evidence that Mrs. Lawson presents brought together in printed form.

A Tablet to Buckingham Smith

The trustees of the Buckingham Smith Benevolent Fund have placed a tablet dedicated to the memory of that Florida historian and benefactor of the Negroes of St. Augustine. This was unveiled on April third last by the librarians of the Florida Historical Society and the St. Augustine Historical Society. At the dedication Mr. A. J. Wall, director of the New York Historical Society, read a paper on Buckingham Smith as "The Man, Scholar, and Diplomat"; Mr. C. A. Lamont told of "The Citizen of St. Augustine"; and Mr. S. C. McDaniel, secretary-treasurer of the Fund, spoke of him as "The Philanthropist."

The Masonry Ruins Near New Smyrna

When certain ruins in Georgia, thought by some to be the remains of early Spanish missions, were shown by Dr. E. M. Coulter and others to be of the nineteenth century and in all likelihood parts of sugar mills, there remained little or no doubt that similar ruins near New Smyrna were of the same era and origin. Captain Charles H. Coe, a resident there of more than sixty years ago, and author of *Red Patriots*, after several years of investigation has published his findings in "De-

bunking the So-called Spanish Mission near New Smyrna Beach" (Daytona Beach, Florida, 1941. 29 p.). In addition to the reasons advanced by the Georgia investigators, Captain Coe gives numerous surmises and facts showing the mission origin untenable.

Italians in Early Florida

The Italians in Colonial Florida [1513-1821] (Jacksonville, 1941, 56 p.) by Bruno Roselli has as a sub-title "A Repertory of Italian Families Settled in Florida under the Spanish (1513-1762, 1784-1821) and British (1762-1784) Regimes ; with a Brief Historical Outline, and an Appendix on the Contemporary Colonial Press." There is a preliminary narrative (17 p.) of background interspersed with several Italian colonists, and an alphabetical list of perhaps five hundred names with a bit of biographical data on most of them.

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