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NEW IBERIA, LA.

Thompson's Louisiana
(copy of the edition Ed.)
brief Fortier's text.

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Fortier's basic

Harold Ayres, Pres.,
Old Spanish Trail,
The Gunter Hotel,
~~Box~~ San Antonio, Texas.

Gov. Levee in despatch Jan 15, 1779
announces arrival of 1111 Canary
Islanders "to complete the battalion"
and of 388 more (499). Difficult
and expensive to keep them as
soldiers, therefore settled them
as colonists & called settlement
New Iberia.

Dear Sir:

Known as Isletos

Yours of January 14th, ad
Public Library, New Iberia, La., has
me for reply. You ask for informati
Iberia was founded and under what cir

also Isletos in St Bernard
Parish, Bayou Boeuf, Lake
Boeuf &c

As you are doubtless aware
been under three flags, Spanish, Fren
The first settlements in this section
the Spanish. In Fortier's History o
page 60, he says:

"In 1779, under Galvez, t
Louisiana, New Iberia's settlement wa
men under the command of Boulogny. T
from Canary Islands, possibly from M
received grants of land. Some heads
ceived in rations, cattle, pecuniary
between three and four thousand dolla

However, I think that Fo:
in his statement that 499 men were se
the first settlement. These men were
tributed between several settlements,
have a number of Spanish names here,
Viator, Lopez, Miguez, Romero, etc.,
been 499 families in the settlement,
been a larger number of Spanish names
probably have been a much larger sett

*Think whole
499 did not
settle there*

The name, Iberia, comes fr
Peninsula, which ~~xxx~~ as you know, is a part of Spain
and probably some of the early settlers came from that
part of Spain.

In Martin's History of Louisiana, on page
29 (published by James Gresham in 1882) is the following:

"The Spaniards made an abortive attempt to
establish a town called New Iberia, about sixteen miles
below St. Martinville." Just above New Iberia, that is
about a mile from the main part of the town is a Lake

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