

Corrections and Information

Ponce de Leon landed in Florida in 1512 according to Spanish Archives. He sighted Florida on Palm-Sunday March 27 landed April 3rd. one week later. Easter Sunday came on March 27, 1513. Historians have confused the sighting and landing. As far back as I have found printed accounts the date 1512 is given, March 27 as the day and Palm Sunday mentioned the Feast of Pasqua Florida. Mr. Acosta says that name is still given to Palm Sunday in Spain. Theodore Irving in "Conquest of Florida" gives the 12th of April, 1528 as the date Narvaez anchored in Florida. Encyclopaedia April 16, 1528.

Page 2 The old architecture in St. Augustine is Asturian in type as many of the old Spanish families came from Asturias, other provinces of North Spain.

Page 3 In a document copied by Buckingham Smith (New York Historical Society Collection) is a report 1657 giving a list of all the Missions and distance from St. Augustine. There were 38 missions, that of the city of St. Augustine being the Capitular Convent with a Guardian, Preacher and two logatees and in this convent were collected all the sick of the province to be treated.

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mission

Pensacola

The present city of Pensacola was laid out by the English in 1763 see the American State Papers Public Lands. In a book by Jeffrey early in the English period The Hist. Soc. of St. Aug. has a copy of the original map of Pensacola as it was when the Spaniards made the fort and settlement of 1696 that was destroyed later by a hurricane. From 1563 St. Augustine has never been without a city government. The Cathedral records date from 1594, the earlier ones being destroyed.

Santa Fe There is an article of interest to you called "The Santa Fe Trail" in Harper's Magazine for July 1880 page 185 and one in April 1880 page 667 called La Villa Real de Santa Fe that is also very good, some old pictures.

Page 4 San Antonio The first bishop of San Antonio was Anthony Dominic Pellicer born in St. Augustine 1825 one of the Hispanic colonists descendant. The See of San Antonio was created in 1874. see Lives of the Catholic Bishops by Richard H. Clarke, 3 vol. In these books I have found data of St. Augustine we did not have before.

General Land Office

Page 6 Louisiana West Florida. In Room O Basement, Dept. of the Interior Building, Washington D.C are the old deed books of the English occupation, Spanish books, French books taken by the Spanish (I suppose) in the capture of Pensacola in the Revolutionary War data of all that region to the Mississippi and even across the river. They are very interesting old documents and all in a case listed as "Florida". I was disappointed not to find the East Florida records there, they were taken to London.

Page 7 The English occupation of Florida was from 1763-1783 Copies of the Colonial Records of this period (excepting the deed books of East Florida) are in the Library of Congress, Dept. of Manuscript. Pensacola was taken by the Spanish in 1781 from the English full accounts in the Annual Register of London for that year printed in 1782.

see also "Through Texas" Harpers Magazine page 703 October 1879

" " San Antonio de Bexar " " 831 November 1877 the pictures of the old missions are lovely

" " A Trail in the Far Southwest " " 43 June 1876

The Wheeler Expedition in Southern Colorado page 805 May 1876

A Tour Through Arizona by J. Ross Brown Harpers Vol. 29 and 30 many numbers 1863-1864 illustrated by sketches, many Missions.

Lower California by J. Ross Brown illustrated Harper's vol. 32 and 38 In data of the early missions of California he quotes from Torquemada. Historians writing these articles had access to source material now difficult to find.

I mention these articles in case you have not read them. The bound Harpers can be found in many libraries. We now have three sets in St. Augustine one I own, one in the Public Library and one in the Public School all bought in Philadelphia at twenty-five cents a volume. I find them very valuable for reference. Cullins Bookstore on Ninth St. Philadelphia and the Archway Bookstore Ninth St. Philadelphia sold them to us. I think another set was also bought by one of our Society. I have part of a set here. There is an index for the first 40 vol. I think the first number begins in 1850.

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