

one missions were built and their hospitality offered to the wayfarers in that wild period. From St. Augustine missions were planted northward into Georgia and westward to the Tallahassee country where the trails of the east and the west joined in Florida.

From these trails or highways others branched until all the Southern Borderlands thrilled to the romance and tragedy of conquerors and explorers, settlers and missionaries, adventurers and dreamers---all a part of the great games of empire that for three hundred years were played to win and lose. The Old Spanish Trail of today ties the old trails and the new roads together into the great southern travelway to open anew the lands from Florida to California for the modern-day explorer.

Wherever these Spanish works remain in ruins or in service there also are legends and lore that brighten the scrolls of life. At the Oldest House at St. Augustine lovers still visit the Wishing Well and at San Diego there too is the Wishing Well at the old home made memorable by the story of Ramona. At San Antonio at Christmastide the people of the old faith still celebrate the Los Pastores, the devotional play of the Birth of the Redeemer.