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Rio Del Almirante

By Sam Carnley

On 12 January 1693, the King of Spain ordered a two pronged expedition to Pensacola Bay. One was to go by sea under command of Admiral Don Andrés de Pez on the frigate Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. The other would be overland from San Luis de Apalache, the site of Mission San Luis in present day Tallahassee, led by Don Laureano de Torres y Ayala, governor of the province of St. Augustine, Florida.

The overland expedition was the subject of the newsletter article of January 2015 titled "Chestnut Trees, Knights and Priests: Once upon a time in Walton County." The focus of this article therefore, will be on certain aspects of Admiral Pez' exploration of Pensacola Bay.

The Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe accompanied by the sloop San Joseph sailed from Mexico City on 25 March 1693 and arrived at Bahía de Santa María de Galve (Pensacola Bay) thirteen days later. On arriving there, Don Carlos de Sigüenza y Góngora, a Mexican cartographer commissioned by the Crown to aide Admiral Pez on the expedition, conducted what he believed to be a thorough exploration and mapping of the entire Bay and its most important tributaries and land features.

He first went ashore on the western tip of Santa Rosa Island, which he named in honor of himself, "Sigüenza" Point.

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Upcoming Reunions

Palmer (Parmer)-Carnley: 10 AM-2PM, Saturday, April 22, 2017, Paxton Ag. Complex, 22036 U. S. 331 North, Paxton, Florida. Contact Sam Carnley, wsamuelpalmer@gmail.com for info.

Busbee: 10 AM-2M. Sat. 10 June 2017, Bagdad Com. Center, 4591 School St., Milton, FL 32583. Contact Larry Busbee, Lbusbee@yahoo.com for info.

For other regularly scheduled reunions click below <http://www.waltoncountyheritage.org/genealogy.htm>

Recent Genealogy Queries

The Walton County Genealogy Society has received the requests for information appearing on the second page of the Newsletter.

Featured Article

The featured article this month is the second installment of the program booklet of the 13th Annual Session of the Florida Chautauqua held in 1897.

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Genealogy Queries

- Can you provide me any history on how Camp Creek Lake in Walton County located on Scenic Route 30A was given it's name? Thank you.

Carolyn L. Webre
cwebre73@gmail.com
Jan. 18, 2017

- Barbara Moore <moore5440@gmail.com> Wed, Mar 29, 2017 at 1:39 AM
To: w carnley <wsamuelparnley@gmail.com>

Hello there! Hope all is well with you. Texas is full of spring flowers and rain right now. As I write my McClellan family history, I find I know nothing about Mossy Head. That is where everyone is from on computer: Mossy Head, Walton, Florida, USA. I would like to know if someone can tell me:

1) What area does Mossy Head describe? 2) Where did the name come from? All I know right now is that Dorcas and Mossy Head were both communities in the 1800's. Any historical information folks could send my way would be greatly appreciated. I have tried every way I know of to bring something up on the computer, to no avail. Folks can send me information in 3 ways:

A. Email moore5440@gmail.com

B. Letter Barbara

Moore 3075 Mustang Rd. Apt. 1117 Alvin, Texas 77511

C. Phone [8322749524](tel:8322749524)

Sure is good to have fellow members to ask for support. Thanks everyone!

Rio Del Almirante

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He then crossed over to the mainland, landing on the beach below present day Fort Barrancas. That name derives from the one he gave it of "Barranca de Santo Tomé."

Turning his attention next to the opposite side of the bay, he came to East Bay River, which he named Río Jordán. Continuing his exploration of East Bay he came upon the mouth of a large river which he believed navigable by large ships and which he named Río del Almirante, or River of the Admiral, in recognition of Admiral Pez whom he gave credit for making possible discovery of the river, known today as the Blackwater. A day later, they ventured into Escambia Bay and attempted to row up Escambia River but were frustrated by its strong current. Sigüenza y Góngora named the bay the Gulf of Villafranca, in honor of a member of the Spanish nobility, and christened the river Rio de Jovenazo, after the Duke of Jovenazo a government official in Madrid.

Evidently less thorough than he thought in his mapping, he completely missed the Yellow Water River. The name Almirante somehow became associated with it rather than the Blackwater and a community of that name sprang up at the headwaters of the Yellow River near today's Laurel Hill, which eclipsed the former Almirante, or "Almarante" as it appeared in some records. Walton County claimed Laurel Hill until the land on which it stands became Okaloosa County in 1915.

Historic Florida Chautauqua Program Booklet Gifted to WCHA- Second Installment

By Sam Carnley

The first installment of the Florida Chautauqua program booklet for the 13th annual session of the winter assembly at DeFuniak Springs for February 18 to March 17, 1897 appeared in the April newsletter. Presented on the following pages is the second installment.

Sunday, February 21.

- 9.00 Sunday School in the city churches.
 11.00 Sermon: Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage. Music: Buffalo Quartet.
 5.00 Chautauqua Sunday Vesper Service, Alpine Park: Dr. W. L. Davidson.
 7.00 Song Service: Dr. H. R. Palmer.
 7.30 Sermon: Rev. M. W. Chase. Illustrated with the stereopticon.

Monday, February 22.
(WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.)

- 11.00 Holiday Matinee Concert: Buffalo Quartet and Assembly soloists.
 3.00 Lecture: "Our Country and the Day We Celebrate," Hon. Wallace Bruce, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 7.30 Musical Prelude: Buffalo Quartet and Assembly talent.
 8.00 Lecture: "The Land in which We Live," Rev. M. W. Chase, Oswego, N. Y. Many wonderful, dissolving stereopticon views.

Tuesday, February 23.

- 3.00 Lecture: "Socialistic Tendencies," Rev. S. J. Beiler, Ph. D., Vice-Chancellor of the American University, Washington, D. C.
 8.00 Lecture: John B. Weakly, Jr., Florence, Ala. Illustrated by many beautiful stereopticon views.

Wednesday, February 24.

- 3.00 Lecture: "Erasmus, the Seer," Dr. S. J. Beiler.
 8.00 Grand Concert: Dr. Palmer and Chorus, Rogers' Band, Buffalo (New York) Quartet; Miss Mary Sack, Violinist, Miss Chambers, Soloist, Miss Goodykuntz, Reader.

Thursday, February 25.

- 3.00 Lecture: "Life and Times of John Bunyan," Rev. M. Rhoades, St. Louis, Mo.
 8.00 Lecture: "The Philosopher's Stone," Mr. Lawton B. Evans, Augusta, Ga.

Friday, February 26.

- 3.00 Lecture: "Louis Agassiz," Lawton B. Evans.
 8.00 Impersonations: "David Copperfield," Edwin L. Barker, Chicago, Ill., faithfully assuming all the characters, assisted by the Assembly soloists.
 9.30 Impromptu reception at Hotel Chautauqua.

Saturday, February 27.

FLORIDA DAY.

- 11.30 Lecture: "Lessons not Learned in the Books," Lawton B. Evans, Augusta, Ga.
 3.00 Readings and Impersonations: Edwin L. Barker, assisted by the Assembly talent. Gov. Bloxham has been invited to speak.
 7.00 Grand Concert: Dr. Palmer and Chorus, Rogers' Goshen Band, Buffalo (New York) Quartet, and Assembly talent.
 7.45 Lecture: "A Day and Night Trip through Switzerland," Dr. M. Rhoades, with superb stereopticon views.

Sunday, February 28.

- 9.00 Sunday School in the city churches.
 11.00 Sermon: Dr. M. Rhoades, St. Louis, Mo.
 5.00 Chautauqua Sunday Vesper Service: Dr. W. L. Davidson.
 7.00 Song Service: Dr. H. R. Palmer.
 7.30 Sermon: Rev. Chas. B. Mitchell, Kansas City, Mo.

Monday, March 1.

- 3.00 Lecture: "The Prize Taker," Dr. C. B. Mitchell, Kansas City, Mo.
 8.00 Lecture: "The Nicaragua and Panama Canals," W. C. Alford, Garrettsville, Ohio. Mr. Alford was an engineer on the canals, and the lecture will be superbly illustrated, with stereopticon.

Tuesday, March 2.

- 3.00 Lecture: "American Art," Mrs. Francis Mitchell Baxter, Lima, Ohio.
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Thursday, March 4.

- 3.00 Lecture: "The Delsarte Philosophy of Expression," with illustrations. Prof. E. B. Warman, Chicago, Ill.
 4.30 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 8.00 Lecture: "Among the Masses, or Traits of Human Character," Col. George W. Bain, Lexington, Ky.

Friday, March 5.

- 3.00 Lecture: "The Delsarte Philosophy of Expression," (continued), Prof. E. B. Warman.
 4.00 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 8.00 Lecture: "The Old Man and the New Woman," Col. George W. Bain.
 9.30 Reception at Hotel Chautauqua.

Saturday, March 6.
CHILDREN'S DAY

- 11.30 Readings by Prof. E. B. Warman, Chicago, Ill.
 3.00 Lecture: "Boys and Girls Naughty and Nice, or the Pendulum of Life," Col. George W. Bain.
 7.30 Grand Concert: Dr. Palmer and Chorus, Roger's Band, Madame Cecelia Eppinghousen Bailey, the wonderful dramatic soprano; Mrs. E. B. Cowan, the famous contralto, Chicago, Ill.; the Great Ottumwa Male Quartet. Miss Sack, Violinist. Illumination and music on the lake.

Sunday, March 7.

- 9.00 Sunday School in the city churches.
 11.00 Temperance Talk: "The Safe Side of Life for Young Men," Col. George W. Bain.
 5.00 Chautauqua Sunday Vesper Service: A story by Chas. Barnard.
 7.00 Song Service: Dr. H. R. Palmer.
 7.30 Sermon: Rev. J. H. Bickford, D.D., Akron, Ohio.

Monday, March 8.

- 11.00 Lecture: "The True and the False in Elocution," Prof. E. B. Warman.
 3.00 Lecture: "Heroes and Heroism," Dr. John H. Bickford, Akron, Ohio.
 4.30 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 8.00 Readings from his own writings, interpreting life among the colored people. R. W. Burton, Auburn, Ala., assisted by quartet.

Tuesday, March 9.

- 11.00 Critical Analysis of Poe's "Raven," Prof. E. B. Warman.
 3.00 A second hour with the delightful reader, R. W. Burton. Assisted by the Ottumwa Quartet.
 4.30 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 8.00 Lecture: "From Ingersoll Park to Beulah Land," Elijah P. Brown, the famous editor of *The Ram's Horn*.

Wednesday, March 10.

- 9.00 Bible Readings: To continue one week. Elijah P. Brown.
 11.00 "Gems from the Poets," Prof. E. B. Warman.
 2.50 Miss Alide C. Printup, Rome, Ga., and her violin.
 3.00 Lecture: "In the Spectacle Business," Elijah P. Brown.
 8.00 Picture Story: "The Town Behind the Fence," Mr. Chas. Banard, New York City, the well known story and play writer. 100 beautiful original pictures of places and people at Chautauqua.

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Thursday, March 11.

- 9.00 Bible Readings: Elijah P. Brown.
 3.00 Lecture: "The Bible and the Dollar," Rev. Frederick Parkhurst, D. D., Rochester, N. Y.
 4.30 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 7.45 Prelude: Ottumwa Male Quartet.
 8.00 Lecture: "Mexico," Judge J. J. Banks, Birmingham, Ala.

Friday, March 12.

- 9.00 Bible Readings: Elijah P. Brown.
 3.00 Lecture: "A Chip of the Old Block," Rev. Frederick Parkhurst, D. D.
 4.30 Woman's Club: Mrs. Baxter.
 8.00 Sheridan's masterpiece, "The Rivals," Mr. Luther L. Blake, Nashville, Tenn., assuming with rare fidelity all the characters, assisted by the Assembly soloists.
 9.30 Reception at Hotel Chautauqua—impromptu program.

Saturday, March 13.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

- 11.30 Humorous and Dialect Impersonations: Luther L. Blake, assisted by the Assembly talent.
 3.00 Song Recital: Madame Cecelia Eppinghausen Bailey, the greatest American Soprano. She will give the famous Jewel Song from "Faust" in costume, and a group of children's songs.
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Sunday, March 14.

- 9.00 Sunday School in the city churches.
 11.00 Sermon: Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
 5.00 Chautauqua Sunday Vesper Service, Alpine Park: Dr. W. L. Davidson.
 7.00 Song Service: Dr. H. R. Palmer.
 7.30 Sermon: Rev. Chas. C. Albertson, Buffalo, N. Y.

Monday, March 15.

- 3.00 Lecture: "The Pace that Kills," Rev. Chas. C. Albertson, Buffalo, N. Y.
 8.00 Lecture: "Social Forces," Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, Chicago, Ills.

Tuesday, March 16.

- 3.00 Lecture: "The Old Time Georgia Darkey," Alexander W. Bealer, Atlanta.
 8.00 Lecture: "A Plea for the Common Place," Rev. Chas. C. Albertson.

Wednesday, March 17.

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- 11.00 Request Concert: Rogers' Band. They will play all their most popular selections. Assisted by soloists. Mr. Riggs, the whistler.
 3.00 Lecture: "Ballads and Lyrics," Hon. Wallace Bruce, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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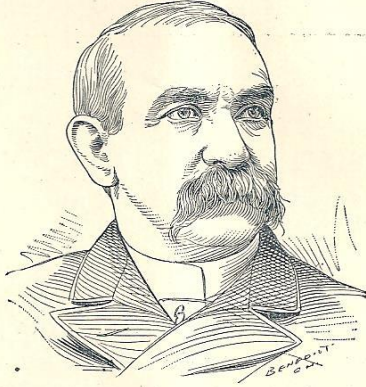
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