



Unearthing St. Augustine's Colonial Heritage

An Interactive Digital Collection for the Nation's Oldest City

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UF and St. Augustine

- Long history of UF working with city (archaeology, architecture/historic preservation, etc.)
- Management of state-owned properties (38 buildings and 23 parcels managed by UF)



Digitization of St. Augustine Holdings

- Given importance of city and research demand, UF has been scanning items over the last 15+ years (mostly internal funding)
- UF Digital Collections (UFDC, <http://ufdc.ufl.edu>)
- UFDC uses the UF-developed open-source SobekCM software (<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/sobekcm>)
- 2009 Historic St. Augustine project (<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/hsa1>) – scanned Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board block/lot files
- Two Grant-Funded Projects:
 - Saving St. Augustine's Architectural Treasures (2010-2012)
 - Unearthing St. Augustine's Colonial Heritage (2012-2014)

Architecture, Archaeology & History

A Tentative Time-Table
for the GOVERNOR'S MANSION PROJECT

	PRESENT	JAN. 1 '69	JULY 1 '69	JULY 1 '70	JULY 1 '71	JAN. 1 '72
RESEARCH						
ARCH. CONSULT.						
DEMOLITION						
ARCHAEOLOGY						
CONSTRUCTION						
FUND. ACQUISITION						
GENERAL						



Project Partners

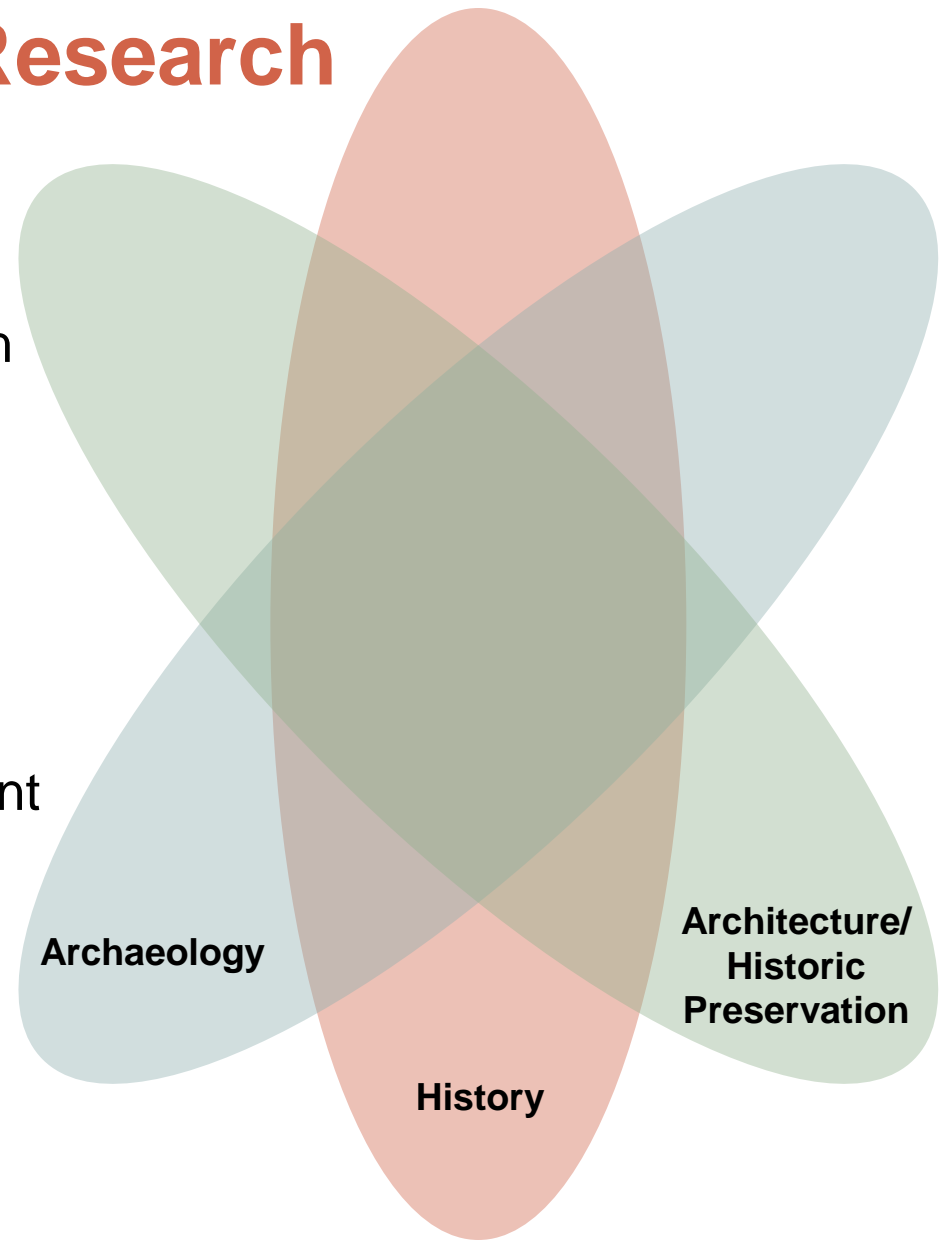
- University of Florida (UF) George A. Smathers Libraries
- City of St. Augustine Heritage Tourism
- City of St. Augustine Archaeology program
- St. Augustine Historical Society

Collections

- Government House – maps and overlays of the city, architectural drawings of historic structures, etc.
- St. Augustine Historical Society – Spanish Colonial documents, transcriptions and English language translations
- St. Augustine Archaeology Program – records, photographs and site summaries for 100 excavations
- Herschel Shepard Collection (UF Libraries - Architecture Archives) - drawings, photos and documents related to Shepard's preservation, restoration and reconstruction of colonial buildings
- P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History (UF Libraries) - maps and historical documents.

Supports Diverse Research

- Architecture/historic preservation
- archaeology
- Florida and U.S. history
- Spanish & British colonies
- Native Americans
- slavery
- exploration
- social and economic development
- urban planning
- missionary work
- military defenses and warfare
- etc.



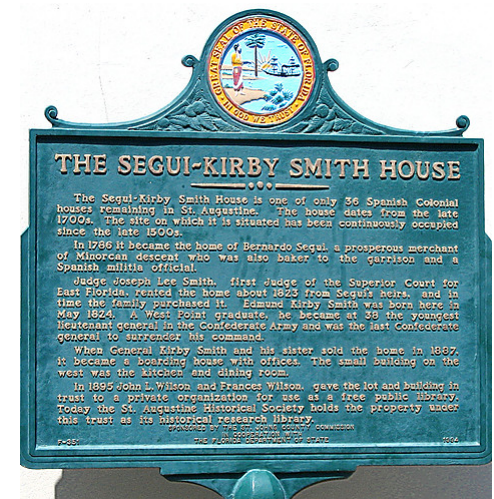
Identifying Structures/Sites

- Structure/site name(s)
- Street address(es)
- Florida Master Site File number, City Archaeology number, Plat book number, etc.
- Lat/Long coordinates
- Township/Range
- Block-Lot number

Example: Segui-Kirby Smith House
aka Segui-Smith House
aka Old Public Library

6 Artillery Lane or 12 Aviles Street

Aviles Street = Hospital Street



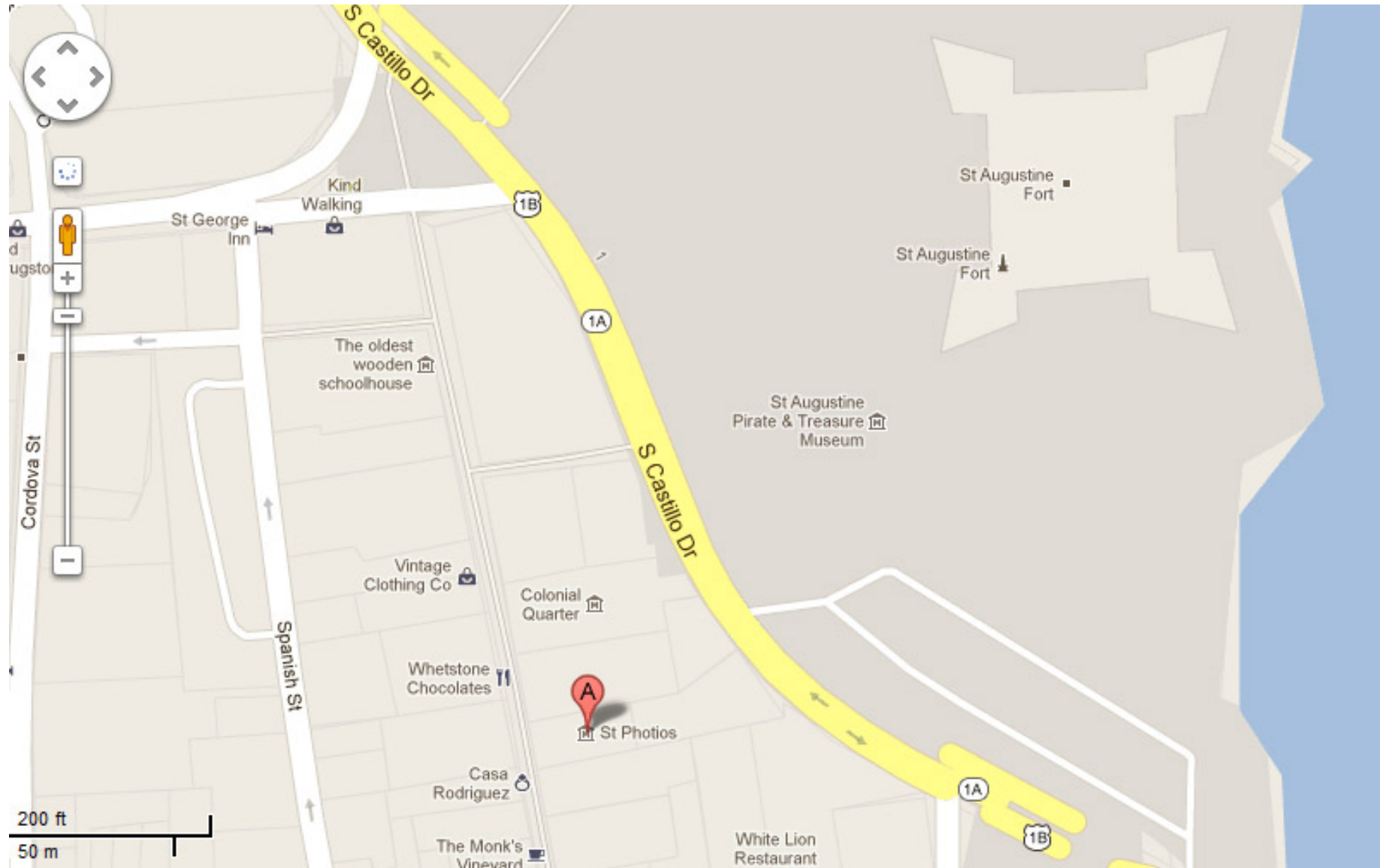
Search Elements/Facets

- Archaeological sites (well, building foundation, trash pit, defensive wall, etc.)
- Building's architectural style
- Building structural system (wood, stone, etc.)
- Dates of construction
- Principal historic period (1st Spanish Colonial, British Colonial, 2nd Spanish, Territorial, etc.)
- Significant renovation/reconstruction dates
- Historical use (residence, worship, government, business)
- Street address
- National Register?

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- Object-specific metadata (e.g., creator, subject, date, etc.)

Google Map-based searching/browsing



Ability to create/save maps



Overlay Maps/Images





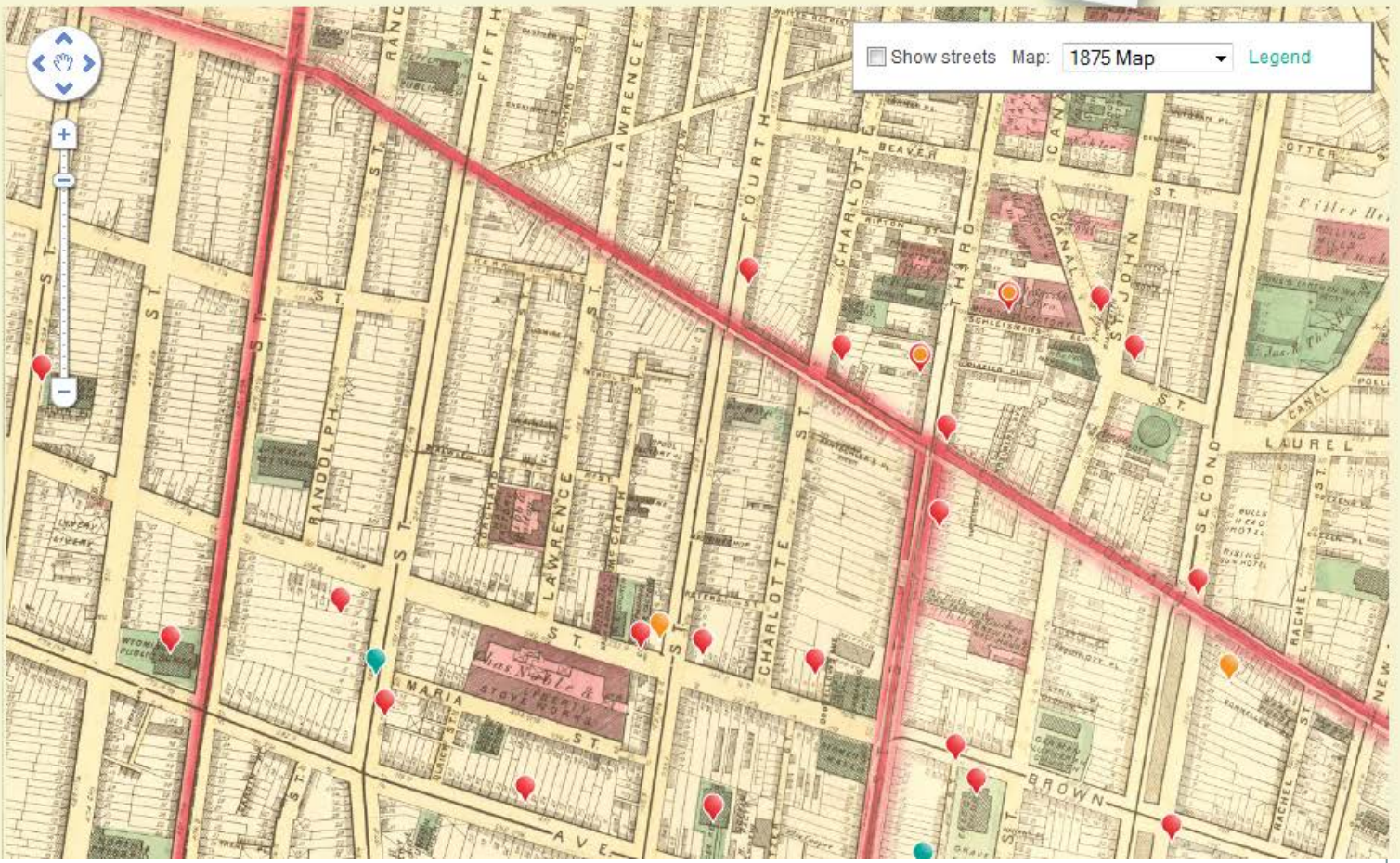
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Find Places

Choose a Neighborhood [\(more info\)](#)
All Neighborhoods

Show
☒ All

- Topic (select one or more)
- ☐ baseball fields
 - ☐ Cemeteries
 - ☐ Churches (buildings)
 - ☐ circuses
 - ☐ Civic Life & Politics
 - ☐ Education & Schools
 - ☐ Food & Foodways
 - ☐ Health
 - ☐ Immigration & Migration
 - ☐ Journeys South
 - ☐ Landscape & Architecture
 - ☐ Neighborhood parks
 - ☐ Oral Interviews
 - ☐ Philadelphia Athletics (Baseball team)
 - ☐ Public & Social Life
 - ☐ Religion
 - ☐ Religious Life & Belief
 - ☐ secondary education
 - ☐ Social Reform & Philanthropy



Future Directions

- Expanding scope (non-Colonial St. Augustine)
- Crowd-sourcing to generate descriptive content/geospatial metadata
- Investigating new methods allowing researchers to control how they interact with digital resources
- New partnerships (e.g., St. Augustine Historic Preservation & Special Projects Planning – mobile tours)

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<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/usach>

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- **What is the long-term significance of these projects?**
 - More resources available online, of course (and more diverse types too)
 - New/better ways for researchers to discover/use/interact with our resources (geographical, temporal, etc.)
 - Both projects can serve as models for other cities/regions in Florida/Caribbean/worldwide.
 - Not only methodology, but also technology (e.g., open-source SobekCM)

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