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The site of the 17th century Indian village of Nocoroco is situated on a point of land, called Mount Oswald, which extends into Tomoka Basin. This point of land is bordered on the west by the Tomoka River, and on the east by the Halifax River. Fortunately, a first-hand description of this area was made by Alvaro Mexia during the year 1605.

A translation of Mexia's description is as follows:

"Continuing your way for a distance of five leagues (from a certain fresh-water lake) a footpath is taken through the gullies, traversing a wood of live-oaks, and you emerge at a bay which is called Nocoroco, where canoes are boarded. This bay has a gravelly bottom and there is a cove on the west side, and on the flats of the said cove are four villages. On the point of land extending on the south is the town of Nocoroco. A dense woods of live-oaks runs along the west side of the bay, and along the east shore stretches a thorney thicket." (Higgs, 1951:270).

Some changes have occurred in the area since Mexia's visit, but the vegetation is remarkably similar to that of the original description. In fact, Higgs reports that the live-oak stand mentioned by Mexia "... is still extant - a verdant oasis in the arid beach terrain (Ibid)."

Griffin and Smith (1949:342-343) have reported that significant erosion of the area has taken place since the 1605 visit. The gravel bottom of the bay is not apparent at this time, but the existing muck deposits in the bay could be representative of very recent deposition. This hypothesis is somewhat substantiated by the discovery of a brick platform located on the west shore of the bay. This platform, presumably built between 1766 and 1835, was covered by approximately 9 inches of muck (Ibid). "In view of the evidence for the accumulation of muck around Tomoka Basin, it appears likely that Mexia's description of the bay as gravelly bottomed may also be correct. Deposits of coquina rock are common in this region; the point on which Nocoroco was located is underlain by it "(Griffin and Smith, 1949:343). They also characterize the extant vegetation on the site as indicative of a young hammock. This is due to the clearing of the area for agricultural purposes during the 18th century (Ibid: 342). At the present time, the area, excepting the beach erosion, closely approximates the physical environment reported in 1605. The area is under public ownership, and has been preserved from the urban encroachment that has affected much of Volusia County. Some drainage canals have been cut through the marsh areas as part of the local mosquito control program.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nocoroco was apparently a Tumucuan Village that was in existence at least as early as 1605. In all probability, this site extends back in time to some degree, but its known temporal placement enhances its significance. vations were conducted on this site in the late 1940's by John W. Griffin and Hale G. Smith (1949), and the artifact assemblage recovered strongly indicated that this was the site of Nocoroco reported by Mexia in 1605. Ceramics represented the major portion of the artifacts, although a pair of scissors, a split bone awl, and a shell spoon were recovered (Griffin and Smith, 1949:355). The provenience of the scissors within the excavation units definitely ties the site to an historical phase, but the ceramics offer the major evidence for a tight chronological placement. A minor amount of San Marcos Complicated Stamped was excavated at Nocoroco, and is dated from the Early Spanish Colonial Period in St. Augustine (Smith, 1948) Approximately 50% of the potsherds belong to the St. Johns series, with plain wares predominating. This presents an interesting picture, primarily because St. Johns Check Stamped is the major aboriginal ceramic type of the St. Johns series in St. Augustine. Evidently Nocoroco represents a very early transitional site, moving toward the Mission period influences, and away from totally indiginous cultural traits. The particular location of this site would also allow for influences coming in from the late Glades tradition. Nocoroco evidently represents one of a small number of sites which manifests an artifact assemblage influenced by early European impact. This contrasts greatly with the later sites of the Mission period which are products of a great deal of European influence and are comparatively quite numerous.

The actual fate of the village of Nocoroco after Mexia's visit in 1605 is unknown, but a legend concerning "Tomokie" has gained wide popular acclaim and become part of the region's oral heritage. According to the legend, the Indians regarded a certain spring with awesome superstition. Its waters were believed to possess curative

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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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#### 8. Significance

powers, and was called the "water of life". Tomokie, giant chief of his warriors, did not share in this belief. He greatly offended the members of other tribes by drinking out of the spring with a sacred cup, never before touched by human hands, and brought war on his land by the other tribes. Tomokie was unharmed until Oluta, a beautiful enemy maiden, fired an arrow that pierced his heart. She grabbed the cup from the dead Tomokie's hand, only to be struck by a poisoned arrow, causing her to fall dead. This so enraged her tribe that they did not stop until every member of Tomokie's band was dead. This popular legend holds the cup to be in the possession of Florida Indians at the present time.

This legend is memorialized by a group of statuary which was executed by Fred Dana Maysh and donated to the park.

A document, dated November 16, 1569 by Captain Antonio de Prado, states that a blockhouse was to be built in a place called Nocoroco "... which is situated between two rivers, one which goes to the port of Matanzas and the other to that of Mosquitos." (Connor, 1925:291). There are no further records available on this proposed blockhouse, and the plans for such a blockhouse probably never materialized.

In summary, the site of Nocoroco is significant for a number of reasons. It is a site known to have been occupied in 1605, and archaeological evidence indicates that European acculturation was just beginning to be expressed in the material culture of this group. In addition, this site seems to be the origin of the popular legend of Tomokie; an integral part of the local heritage. It is a site which has contributed greatly to the understanding of Florida's early history, and also holds the potential for yielding more data as new excavations are initiated.

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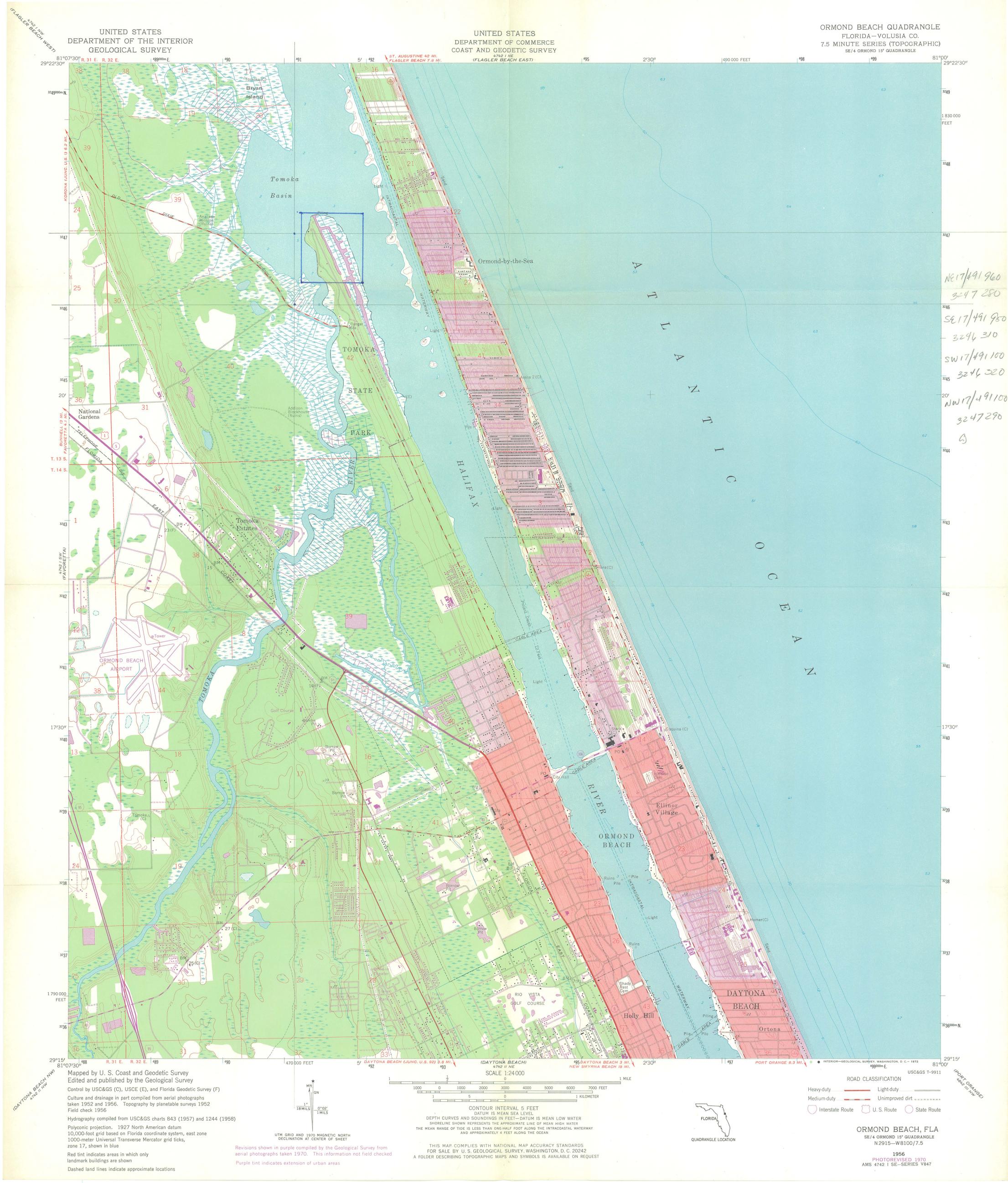
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#### TOMOKA STATE PARK

### N. Beach Street, Ormond Beach Volusia County

Tomoka State Park now covers the area at the confluence of the Halifax and Tomoka Rivers, where a map drawn in 1605 by a Spanish soldier, Alvaro Mexia, showed the Timucuan village of Nocoroco.

At another Indian village downstream on the Halifax, also now within the park, historians have surmised that the first Christian marriage in the United States occurred in 1567. This united the Indian Princess Issena and a young Frenchman, Enest D'Erlack, who was a refugee from the massacre of Ribaut's Huguenots.

By 1766, the park area was part of the vast plantation owned by Richard Oswald, a figure of importance at the British Court. Today, the only remains of this holding are the network of rice field canals in the tidal marshes.

But Richard Oswald himself left a much deeper imprint upon America than the dim ditches. Due to his knowledge of the colonies, he was sent by King George III to meet with Benjamin Franklin, John Jay and John Adams at the close of the Revolutionary War. They drafted the treaty of peace, whereby America was granted her independence.

The focal point of the park today is the statue of the legendary chief, "Tomokic." Executed and presented as a gift to the park by the well-known sculptor Fred Dana Marsh, it symbolized the Indian belief that the surrounding waters possessed curative powers.

It depicts Tomolie drinking from a "Sacred cup, "and Oleeta, a beautiful maiden from an enemy tribe, piercing his heart with her arrow just before she, too, was fatally struck by an arrow.

The Marsh Museum here houses artifacts and exhibits of this area's past, as well as art works by Marsh.

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ROBERT WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

April 29, 1971

Dr. William J. Murtagh Keeper of the National Register Department of Interior National Park Service 801 - 19 Street, Northwest Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Bill:

Transmitted herewith is the completed National Register documentation for the twenty advance nominations listed on the enclosure. These Florida properties have the unanimous approval of the Florida Review Committee and the State Liaison Officer as unquestionably worthy of entry into the National Register of Historic Places.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Robert Williams, Director and State Liaison Officer

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ROBERT WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

April 29, 1971

Dr. William J. Murtagh Keeper of the National Register Department of Interior National Park Service 801 - 19 Street, Northwest Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Bill:

After further consideration, the Florida National Register Review Committee has decided not to submit documentation on six of our advance nominations; therefore, in effect withdrawing nomination to the National Register. Only one of these sites, Everglades and Seminole Indian Reservations, was actually entered on the National Register although all were submitted in April of 1970. The sites we are withdrawing from nomination are as follows:

Cedar Key Historic Memorial
Everglades and Seminole Indian Reservations
Dickinson (Johathan) State Park
Florida's First Constitution Convention
Gorrie (John) Museum
Huguenot Historic Memorial

Ichatucknee River Archaeological Zone documentation is not included pending completion of archaeological survey work. This site definitely warrants inclusion on the National Register and since it was not actually included when originally nominated last April, I request it be placed on the Register at this time.

If any questions arise concerning these actions, please contact Randy F. Nimnicht, of my staff, and he will provide a complete explanation of the situation. With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Williams, Director and State Liaison Officer

## FLORIDA PROPERTIES RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Baker	Olustee Battlefield	Don Fuqua
Citrus	Yulee Sugar Mill Historic Memorial	William V. Chappell, Jr
Dade	Cape Florida Lighthouse	Claude Pepper
Duval	Yellow Bluff Fort	Charles E. Bennett
Escambia	Fort Pickens	Robert L. F. Sikes
Flagler	Bulow Plantation Ruins	William V. Chappell, Jr
Franklin	Fort Gadsden Historic Memorial	Don Fuqua
Indian River	Sebastian Inlet State Park	Louis Frey, Jr.
Lee	Koreshan State Park	James A. Haley
Lee	Mound Key	James A. Haley
Leon	Battle of Natural Bridge	Don Fuqua
Liberty	Torreya State Park	Don Fuqua
Manatee	Bickel (Madira) Mound	James A. Haley
Monroe	Pennekamp (John) Coral Reef State Park and Reserve	Dante B. Fascell
Nassau	Fort Clinch	Don Fuqua
St. Johns	Spanish Coquina Quarries	William V. Chappell, Jr
Sumter	Dade Battlefield Historic Memorial	William V. Chappell, Jr
Volusia	New Smyrna Sugar Mill Ruins	William V. Chappell, Jr
Volusia	Tomoka State Park	William V. Chappell, Jr

Volusia Turtle Mound

William V. Chappell, Jr



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#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Robert Williams
Director
Division of Archives, History &
Records Management
Department of State
401 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Williams:

Our professional staff is reviewing your nomination of Tomoka State Park. We have found the nomination form to be unclear on several points and ask for clarification.

The large acreage implies that you are nominating the entire state park, something which we cannot find justified. If your aim is to commemorate the legend to Tomokie, we suggest that you nominate only the specific historical resources within the park, such as the "archeological findings."

We need more detailed information concerning the archeological evidence supporting the existence of a Timucuan village. Such things as cultural associations, probable dates of occupancy, artifactual remains, etc. are essential to our review of the integrity and importance of the site.

To summarize, we must have definitive information on the historical and archeological aspects of the site. Legendary accounts alone won't suffice. We also suggest that the acreage be reduced to encompass only the historically significant areas of the park. Upon receipt of the revised nomination, we shall process it as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Mullen Chief, Branch of

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Division of Archives History & Records Management

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ROBERT WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, HISTORY, AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

July 19, 1972

Dr. Robert J. Mullen Chief, Branch of Registration National Park Service 1100 L Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Dr. Mullen:

Please find enclosed revised nomination for Tomoka State Park in Ormond Beach.

Sincere,

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Enclosure

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