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The State of Florida wants to get rights of Florida shipwreck to France, Florida is negligent for political reasons

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During the summer of 2015 and 2016

Global Marine Exploration discovered multiple shipwreck scatter fields in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral under an exploration permit issued by the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources. Limited exploration was done on each site although all iron object were investigated, in an attempt to identify and date the objects without disturbing the sites.

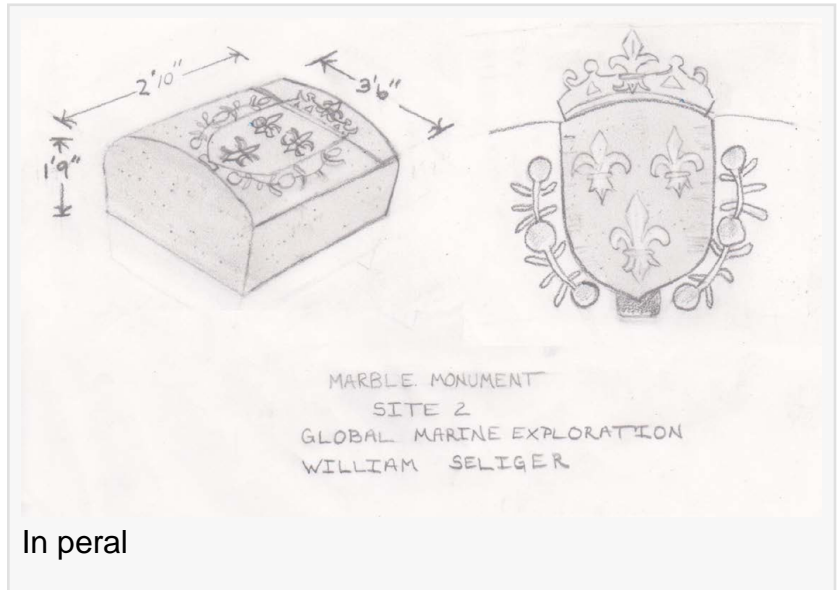
The Cape Canaveral area was chosen by GME. Because several shipwrecks known to have been lost on the Florida coast were traced to the Cape Canaveral area. Fourteen exploration and identification permits were requested and granted. GME then performed thousands of hours of remote sensing surveys and a team of professional divers began the tedious process of sifting through several hundred years' worth of objects in the permitted areas in an attempt at identifying and dating each one.

Initial investigations produced modern objects such as fishing boat remains, space related objects, and other junk. Eventually, six colonial period anchors were found in various areas of several of the permit areas. The first very exciting artifacts from the colonial-era that were discovered appeared to be breech-loading rail cannons which were found on the surface of the seabed, and would have been unrecognizable to the untrained eye.

GME professional divers and archaeologists attempted to date them based on size, shape and style. These initial investigations and research gave us a date range from early 16th to mid 17th century. Subsequent finds included cannonballs, ballast stones, and other exposed objects, also nearly impossible to date without proper cleaning and also thought to date to the same time period. One of the last sites discovered, had two large iron cannon which are almost certainly from a more modern wreck, probably 17th or 18th century.

Initial discoveries led some archaeologist out side GME that had not even dived the sites to say that one or more of the sites were from the 1565 French fleet, But GME researchers and other Historians generally agree that the fleet was destroyed further north.

Subsequent research by GME researchers and archeologists have since disproved this theory by other archaeologist based on a wealth of documents, charts and archival information and while



certainly historically important, they have come to the conclusion that these ships are not La Trinité, L'Émérillon or any of the other ships associated with the Ribault Fleet.

While it is true that at least one of the sites contains materials tied to the Huguenot colonization attempts, these scattered artifacts were most likely objects seized by the Spanish at Fort Caroline or even English privateers/pirates at a later date and loaded aboard unidentified colonial period ships which were subsequently lost on the treacherous shoals of Cape Canaveral. These scattered debris fields may never be identified and may very well remain in the class of unknown colonial period ship wreck scatter fields.

A research and Design plan has been turned into the State of Florida for the recovery of these important items., A Rescue/Recovery permit was applied for on June 30th of 2016.

Company Archeologist Jim Sinclair has determined that far from being in a stable environment, these unique objects have been covered and uncovered through hundreds of years of storm activity and naturally occurring current and wave patterns. It was also determined and stressed to the State of Florida's Depart of Historic Resources, the Bureau of Archaeological Research as well as the Department of State, that these objects need to be recovered expediently and that GME's conservation facility in Tampa could handle these items. That was 90 days ago.

One thing is certain, the artifacts are far too valuable to leave in the inhospitable undersea environment where they face degradation by sand, saltwater and the environment as well as the constant threat of being stolen and sold on the black market.

Robert H Pritchett III CEO of GME says is this the State of Florida in the United State America or does The Sec Of State for Florida think its the country of France

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