

File 10

PROPOSED FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH NATL. MONUMENT.
FLORIDA.

Location: At St. Augustine, Florida. Believed to be the spot where Ponce de Leon landed, although this is based entirely on conjecture.

History
and
Remarks:

A preliminary report submitted by Mr. Herbert Kahler, 18 Cordova St., St. Augustine, Fla., dated January 18, 1934, to Mr. Chatelet, states in part: "The only source known for Ponce de Leon's voyage is Herrera, who makes no clear-cut statement just where Ponce de Leon landed. The question of determining the location of the first chapel is highly involved and not conclusive. The evidence adduced is not sufficient to warrant the conclusions drawn. Mr. Ballou will make a complete report on this problem."

Mr. Kahler also made reference to Picolata, a significant historical spot in east Florida. The old fort built there by the Spanish was later used as headquarters for the American troops in the Seminole Indian War. The graveyard there is of great interest. Dr. Carite Corse at Green Cove Springs gave Mr. Ballou, Mr. Young and Mr. Kahler who visited her, considerable bibliographical aid and has a number of maps, but Mr. Kahler states that Mrs. Corse doesn't know Spanish and her conclusions are open to question.