British Florida Historical Resources

The British time period in East Florida occurred from 1763 to 1784. Unfortunately, there is very little research on this time period due to the deliberate destruction of resources by the British and loss of many primary sources when they evacuated during the Second Spanish time period.

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British Timeline of Events:

1763: The 1763 treaty of Paris is signed to tend the Seven years' War, where Great Britain officially sequesters Florida from Spain in exchange for Havana, Cuba.

1763, July 20: Captain John Hedges and four companies of Infantry take formal control and raise the British flag.

1764: Governor James Grant arrives in East Florida and develops the colony.

1765: John Bartram is appointed as "His Majesty's Botanist for North America."

1768: Dr. Andrew Turnbull establishes his New Smyrna colony, and the Minorcan history in Florida begins.

1774: Governor Patrick Tonyn takes control of East Florida.

1775: American Revolution begins April 1775 with the Battle of Lexington.

1777: Dr. Turnbull's colony fails, and he flees back to England, leaving over one thousand Minorcans to seek shelter in St. Augustine; The East Florida Rangers militia is created by Governor Tonyn.

1778: The Loyalists begin to leave their homes in North Carolina.

1783: The American Revolution comes to an end September 3, 1783 when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, and Spain sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing signified America's status as a free nation. Britain officially recognizes the independence of the thirteen colonies, and the boundaries of the new republic were agreed upon.

1784: The British colonists officially leave Florida, and the Second Spanish time period begins.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What resources does the SAHSRL possess on the British time period?

   St. Augustine was the capital of the British East Florida Colony and the SAHSRL holds mostly resources on East Florida. However, due to the loss of many documents from this time period, there are few primary sources available. The SAHSRL *does not* possess many typical resources such as Anglican Church records, land grants (other than what was mentioned in De Brahm's report and Loyalist land claims), or populations records prior to 1783.

2. What was Florida like under British rule?

   Florida was divided into two separate colonies during British rule by the Apalachicola River. Most of Florida today was the colony named "British East Florida", while the Panhandle and parts of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana were called "British West Florida".

3. What is a Loyalist?

   A Loyalist lived in the British colonies and remained loyal to the British government during the American Revolution. When the thirteen states revolted, many of the southern Loyalists fled to East Florida, as it was not involved in the war. Therefore, it was referred to as a "Loyalist safe haven".

4. Where can I find resources on the British West Florida Colony?

   The university of West Florida in Pensacola (which was the capital of British West Florida) hold most resources on the West Florida colony. Some research libraries in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana may also hold resources since the colony stretched across those states.

5. Why does the start date of this time period vary?

   Some resources cite the British time period in Florida starting in 1763, as that was then the Treaty of Paris was signed, officially giving Florida to the British. However, Governor James Grant arrived in East Florida and developed the colony in 1764, which some resources use as a more accurate start date of the time period.

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Hill, James L. "New Systems, Established Traditions: Governor James Grant's Indian Diplomacy and the Evolution of British Colonial Policy, 1760-1771", *The Florida Historical Quarterly: 500 Years of Florida History – The Eighteenth Century*, Vol. 93, No. 2 (Fall 2014): 133-166.
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Schafer, Daniel L. "Early Plantation Development in British East Florida", *El Escribano*, Vol. 19 (1982): 37-53.

Schafer, Daniel L. "Governor James Grant's Villa: A British East Florida indigo Plantation", *El Escribano* Vol. 37 (2000).
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Explanation of Governor James Grant's role in establishing the East Florida colony.

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Political instability in the colonies prior to the revolution, as well as Governor Patrick Tonyn's role in protecting East Florida as a Loyalist safe haven.

Tingley, Charles. "Over the Swash and Out Again", *El Escribano* (2008): 87-122.

Turnbull, Andrew. "A Refutation of a late Account of New Smyrna, in which an attempt was made to calumniate the Character of Dr. Turnbull", *The Columbian Magazine* (December 1788).
An anonymous author's point of view on the failure of the New Smyrna Colony and Turnbull's response describing his perspective of the failure of his colony.

Waterbury, Jean Parker. "The Treasurer's House", *El Escribano*, Vol. 31 (1994): 26-36.
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Savannah: The Beehive Press, 1973.
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Covington, James W. *The British Meet the Seminole: Negotiations Between British Authorities in East Florida and the Indians: 1763-68.* Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1961.
Includes many first-hand reports, such as Florida's bays and rivers, land claims, and conferences by important figures such as Jesse Fish and Francis Ogilivie.

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Biography about Denys Rolle, the first pioneer in British East Florida.

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Proctor, Samuel. *Eighteenth-Century Florida and the Caribbean.* Gainesville: 2nd Bicentennial Symposium, 1973.
How East Florida interacted with the British Caribbean, such as Native American trade, slave status, and sugar.

Proctor, Samuel. *Eighteenth-Century Florida: Life on the Frontier*. Gainesville: 3rd Bicentennial Symposium, 1974.
The third edition of this symposium details the culture in St. Augustine, such as various races and religions of colonists, the one and only play performed in two hundred years, the music created during the Revolution, and the Loyalist movement.

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Topics of the East Florida Rangers, Thomas Brown, and their roles during the Revolutionary war.

Proctor, Samuel. *Eighteenth-Century Florida: The Impact of the American Revolution.* Pensacola: 5th Bicentennial Symposium, 1976.
Focuses on Loyalists and the culture in St. Augustine after the Revolution including: what women wore, the architecture, and the "British material culture"; also explains why East Florida decided to remain a Loyalist colony while the others revolted.

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Details of the Minorcan Revolution against Dr. Andrew Turnbull when he abandoned the colony and went back to England.

Raab, James W. *Spain, Britain and the American Revolution in Florida, 1763-1783.* Jefferson: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2008.
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Includes notes on Minorcan dialect, some documents from Minorca, maps of where Minorca is located, and pictures of the Turnbull canals in New Smyrna. The SAHSRL has copies in both English and Minorcan.

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Schafer, Daniel L. *William Bartram and the Ghost Plantations of British East Florida.*
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University: University of Alabama Press, 1985.
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Volume I details the Loyalist campaign during the American Revolution, especially the mass departure of Loyalists from Savannah, Charleston, and other states, and the Native Americans' roles in defending British East Florida.
Volume II provides records of some Loyalists' land claims and losses of property, business records, and biographies of the owners of large properties including: William Drayton; James Moncrief; Augustine Prevost; William Gerard de Brahm; and Bernard Romans.

Siebert, William H. *The Legacy of the American Revolution to the British West indies and Bahamas, A Chapter out of the History of the American Loyalists.* Boston: Gregg Press, 1972.
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Detailed study of the use of the fort during the British time period.

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A primary source explaining the purchase of lands during the British time period.

Waselkov, Gregory A. and Kathryn E. Holland Braund. *Williams Bartram on the Southeastern Indians.* Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1995.
Includes an annotated and easier to read version of Bartram's *Travels*. Also provides an account of Native American life.

Woodland, Naaman J., Jr. *The Minorcans of Florida: A Neglected Chapters of American Frontier History.* Distinguished Faculty Lecture at Lamar University – Beaumont, October 16, 1989.
Overviews parts of the Minorcan expedition to Turnbull's New Smyrna colony.

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A history of Florida as a Loyalist safe haven during the American Revolution.

Biographical Files:

SAHSRL holds a collection of biographical cards and files which include materials such as diaries, correspondence, records of land grants, contracts and other legal materials, schedules of sales, and newspaper articles.

Some of the subjects include, but are not limited to:

- William Bartram
- William Drayton
- Governor James Grant
- Lieutenant Governor John Moultrie Jr.
- Governor Patrick Tonyn
- Dr. Andrew Turnbull

Manuscript Collection:

MC48 – The Public Record Office Collection online record can be found on our online catalog, Emily. Click here to link to the record.

Microfilm Collection:

Various primary documents pertaining to the British time period are preserved on microfilm, including:

- Drawer 13, reel 7: East Florida papers; 140 #7 Testamentary Proceedings
- Drawer 14, reel 8: Correspondence of Governor Patrick Tonyn, 1784-1786
- Drawer 14, reel 19: Parish records of some Southern Loyalists
- Drawer 14, reel 22: Papeles de Cuba; Correspondence of Luciano de Herrera during the Revolutionary War, etc.
- Drawers 16 and 17: Minorcan Archives Microfilm; Birth and marriage records of Minorcans who came to Florida
- Drawer 20, reel 17: Papeles de Cuba; Correspondence of Luciano de Herrera during the Revolutionary War, etc. (negative)
- Drawer 20, reel 18: The Golden Book of the Minorcans, 1768-1804 (negative)
- Drawer 20, reel 21: The Case of the Inhabitants of East Florida, St. Augustine, 1784 (negative)

Vertical Files Collection:

Florida: Counties: Volusia: New Smyrna

Military History: Muster Rolls

A list of officers, soldiers, bombardiers, gunners, and others in the British Military that were stationed in British East Florida in 1765.

Military History: Newspaper clippings

Clippings from 1937-1986 on topics related to the British occupation in East Florida.

Military History: Correspondence file

Correspondence between the SAHS and people who donated materials to the collection.

Military History: American Revolution and Prisoners

References to books and articles on the American Revolution, as well as lists of prisoners sent to St. Augustine, such as three of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Military History: Miscellaneous File

Includes various military sources, such as a list of those appointed to the council for Province of East Florida 1771, a letter from General Prevost on the East Florida Rangers, and a list and history of British Regiments in East Florida.

Plantations: Bella Vista

Includes primary sources such as correspondence, maps, and an appraisal schedule of the estate, as well as articles and essays written on Lieutenant Governor John Moultrie's plantation.

Plantations: Grant's Farm

Includes maps, an El Escribano article, and an essay on Governor Grant's plantation.

Populations: Records of Loyalists

Lists of Loyalists from North Carolina, the Bahamas, and refugees from Georgia. It also includes lists of loyalists prior to De Brahm's report, the jobs of some Loyalists, artifacts, and records of land owners, including Jesse Fish's account list.

Populations: Censuses

The Colonial Censuses from 1783 and 1784.

Minorcans

Includes materials on their language, genealogy, baptisms, and the Church of San Pedro's records.

Maps: St. Augustine

Mapping British St. Augustine – Dan Schafer

Map Collection:

British Period (1764-1784) maps of St. Augustine (including but not limited to):

- Plan of the Town of St. Augustine by John Solis, 1764; Drawer 7, Folder 10, Map 10
- Property ownership by James Moncrief, 1765; Drawer 7, Folder 13, Map 14
- Anonymous map of St. Augustine and Environs, showing plantation names, circa 1784; Drawer 8, Folder 12, Map 20
- Sam Roworth maps:
    - A plan of the land between Fort Mose and St. Augustine in the province of East Florida, 1760; Drawer 8, Folder 5, Map 6
    - Plan of the inlet, strait and town of St. Augustine 1763-1765; Drawer 8, Folder 6, Map 7
- Map of the general surveys of East Florida performed from the year 1766 to 1770 / by Wm. Gerard de Brahm; Drawer 27, Folder 3, Map 6
- A plan of St. Augustine town and its environs in East Florida from an actual survey made in 1777; Drawer 7, Folder 3, Map 3
- Plan of St. Augustine in East Florida by Joseph Purcell, 1783; Drawer 7, Folder 7, Map 7

Research Library Digital Only Collection:

DROMC1-John Moultrie file contains records of the Royal Account for East Florida 1772-1775, including John Moultrie's role as Lieutenant Governor in East Florida, and how the legal system worked during this time period.

Other Resources:

British East Florida: The 14th Colony. Created by the National Park Service

British Heritage Trail. Created by the Florida Division of Historical Resources

Florida of the British: British Colonialism in Florida, 1763-1783. Floridahistory.org

Fast Florida History #4 – British Florida. The Florida Historical Society

FLORIDA HISTORY RESOURCES: British Colonial Period: Introduction. University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries

Florida History Online. Created by Daniel Schafer.