

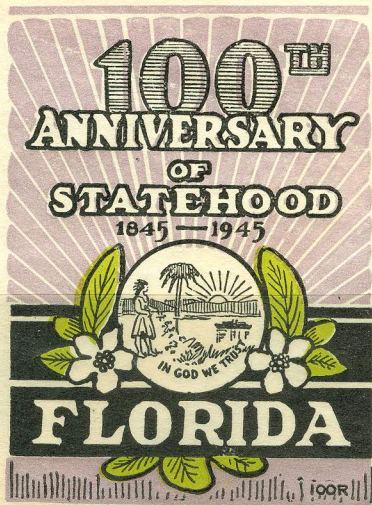
Florida First Days

On May 3, 1945, the U. S. Post Office held its first, first day ceremony in the state of Florida in commemoration of the Florida Centennial. Since that time over 50 stamps have had first day celebrations in what is now the fourth largest state. I have attended eight of these ceremonies collecting programs and autographs, creating my own souvenirs, and enjoying the fanfare. Here for your enjoyment are 16 pages of material that celebrate Florida and related subjects.

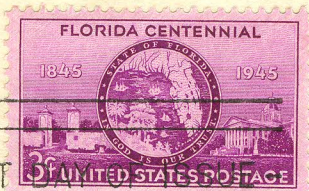


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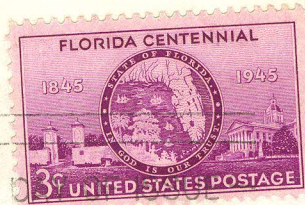




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THE MAINLAND OF FLORIDA WAS DISCOVERED ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1513 BY THE SPANIARD PONCE DE LEON, THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO ATTEMPT A SETTLEMENT ON THE CONTINENT OF NORTH AMERICA....THE AREA HAS CHANGED HANDS THIRTEEN TIMES AND AT VARIOUS STAGES IN ITS HISTORY HAS FLOATED THE FLAGS OF SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, THE CONFEDERATE STATES AND THE UNITED STATES.... IT WAS CEDED TO THE UNITED STATES BY SPAIN IN 1821. FLORIDA WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION MARCH 3, 1845

C. STEPHEN ANDERSON

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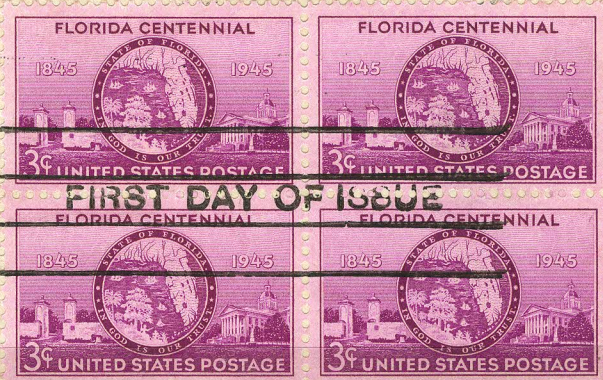


STATE CAPITOL AT TALLAHASSEE

100th ANNIVERSARY
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Ad. Co.

TALLAHASSEE
MAR. 3
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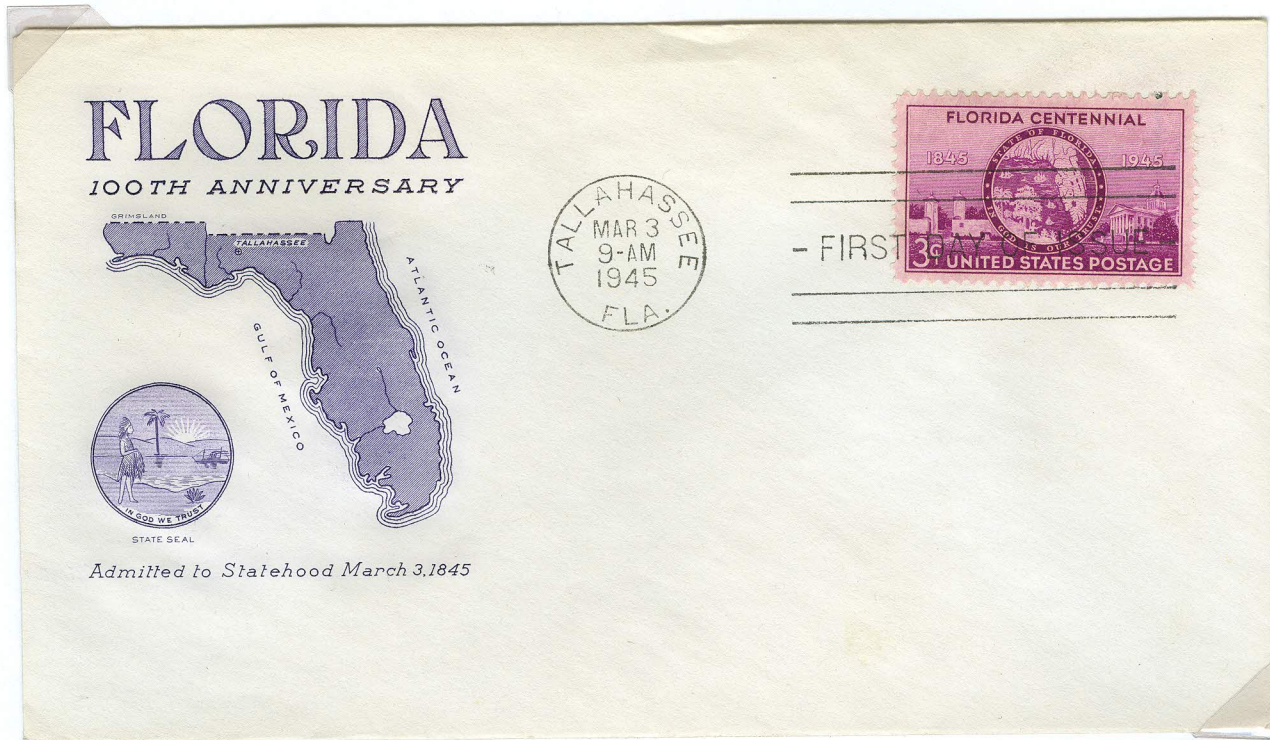


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U.S. Senator
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Florida – 100th Anniversary of Statehood First Day Cover

The top cover features the state seal along with a map while the second pictures the Old Gate of St. Augustine. Also illustrated are the two cancellation devices, the regular and large circle varieties.

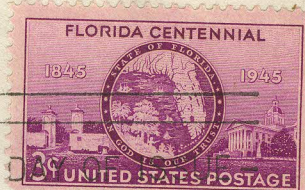




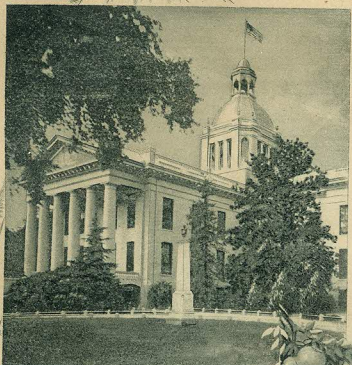
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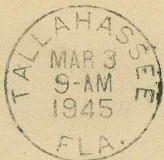


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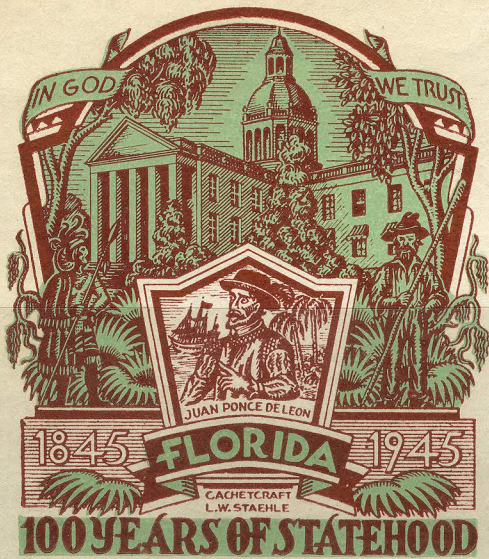


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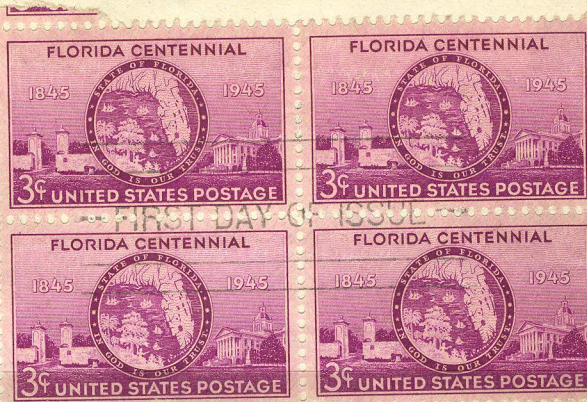
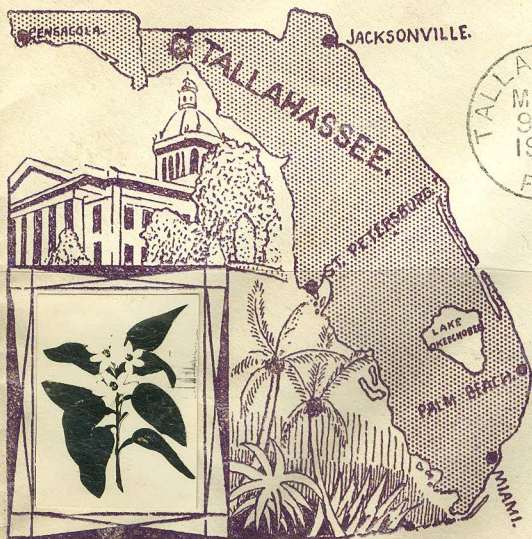
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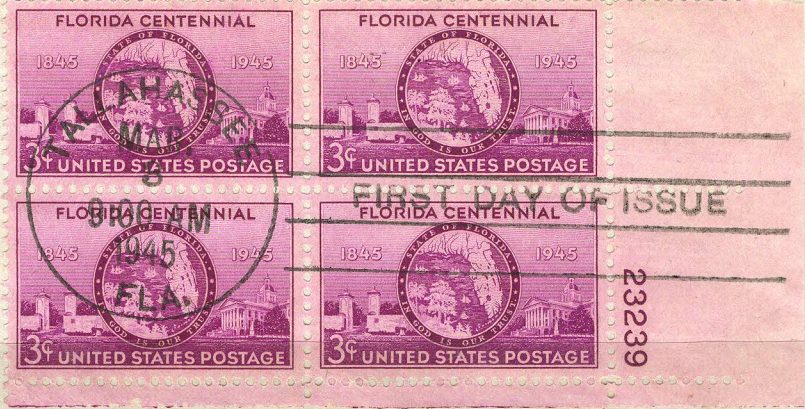
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March 3, 1945

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF ADMISSION
TO THE STATEHOOD OF FLORIDA

1845



1945

Florida was admitted to the Union March 3, 1845. It was discovered on Easter Sunday, March 27, 1513 by the Spaniard Ponce de Leon in his search for the fountain of "perpetual youth".

It is the southeastern most point of the United States and is of coral formation with no high elevations.

In the southern part are vast swamps, the Everglades, in whose fastnesses the remnants of the Seminole Indians have their towns. The Indians have never submitted formally to the government and continue to live under their own tribal laws.

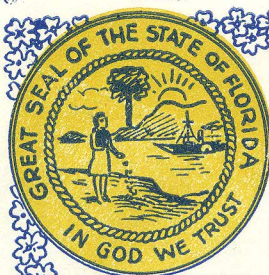
Two venerable strongholds, Ft. Marion (Castle San Marcos), and Ft. Mantanzas, are impressive memorials of the epoch when European nations were struggling for empire in the New World. The former is the oldest defensive works still standing in the United States. It was begun by the Spaniards in 1672 as a protection to the town of St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States.

In 1819 Florida was bought from Spain. No money payment was made to Spain with the acquisition of Florida but the United States assumed and paid \$5,000,000 insatiation of claims by citizens of the United States against Spain.

Florida's name was derived from the Spanish "Pascua Florida", Feast of Flowers, (Easter Sunday). The state flower is the orange blossom.



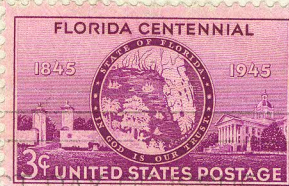
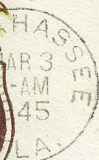
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FLORIDA

100th. Anniversary

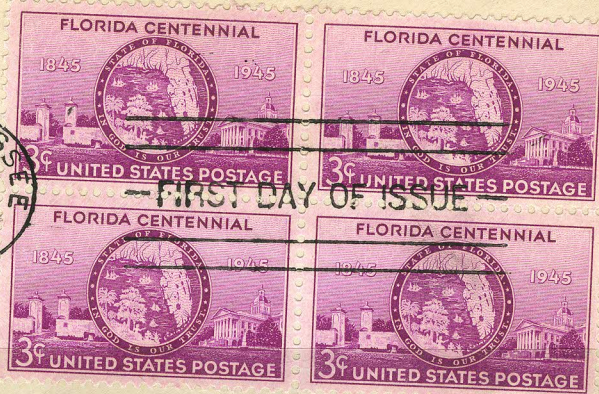


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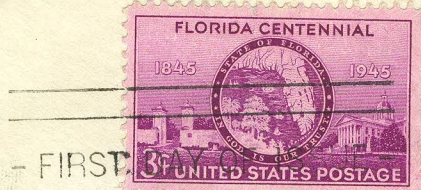
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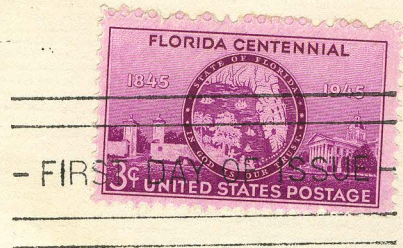
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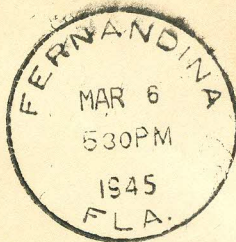
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Florida Centennial



GOVERNORS of FLORIDA

William D. Mosely	1845-1849
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James E. Broome	53- 57
M. S. Perry	57- 61
John Milton	61- 65
A. K. Allison	65
William Marvin	65- 66
Prov. Gov.	
David S. Walker	66- 68
Harrison Reed	68- 73
Ossian B. Hart	73- 74
M. L. Stearns	74- 77
George F. Drew	77- 81
W. D. Bloxham	81- 85
Edward A. Perry	85- 89
Francis P. Fleming	89- 93
Henry L. Mitchell	93- 79
W. D. Bloxham	97-1901
William S. Jennings	1901- 05
N. B. Broward	05- 09
Albert W. Gilchrist	09- 13
Park Trammel	13- 17
Sidney J. Catts	17- 21
Carey A. Hardee	21- 24

Commemorative Cover
 First Day Cancellation from the Second
 Oldest City in Florida



John W. Martin	1924-1927		
Doyle E. Carlton	27- 31	Fred P. Cone	1936-1939
David Sholtz	1931-1935	S. L. Holland	40- 44
Millard Caldwell	1945, OUR PRESENT GOVERNOR.		

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Florida Centenary

Ponce de Leon and his search through Florida in 1512 for the Fountain of Youth seems to have added magic to her mysteries. At least, man has perpetuated that climactic repute by making of its soil a refuge for the physically infirm and a resort for holiday and recreation.

Florida still retains its earliest settlement at St. Augustine to give it seniority over any other on U. S. soil. Settled by Spanish Catholics in 1565, it fought Protestantism through its early history. Transferred to Britain in 1763, it returned to Spain twenty years later.

United States bought it from Spain for \$5,000,000 in 1821. And after closing the Spanish-wrought Indian wars, it came to statehood March 3, 1845.



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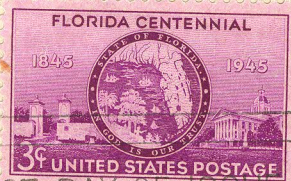
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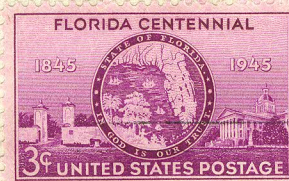
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ST. AUGUSTINE - FOUNDED 1565 -
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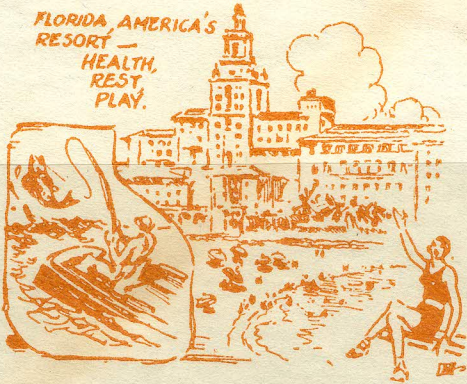


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FLORIDA, AMERICA'S
RESORT —
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REST,
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From left to right, names in order are as follows:

1. Millard F. Caldwell Governor
2. R. A. Gray Secretary of State
3. J. M. Lee State Comptroller
4. J. Thomas Watson Attorney General
5. J. Edwin Larson State Treasurer
6. Colin English Superintendent of Education
7. Nathan Mayo Commissioner of Agriculture

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<i>Ray</i>	<i>Edwin Larson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Tommy</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>Secretary of State</i>	<i>State Treasurer</i>	<i>Superintendent of Education</i>	<i>Commissioner of Agriculture</i>	<i>Attorney General</i>	<i>State Comptroller</i>	<i>Secretary of State</i>	<i>Governor</i>