

**The Secret A Treasure Hunt**

**St. Augustine FL**

**Theory**

**Image 6 verse 9**

***The first chapter***

***Written in water***

***Near men***

***With wind rose***

***Behind bending branches***

***And a green picket fence***

***At the base of a tall tree***

***You can still hear the honking***

***Shell, limestone, silver, salt***

***Stars move by day***

***Sails pass by night***

***Even in darkness***

***Like moonlight in teardrops***

***Over the tall grass***

***Years pass, rain falls.***

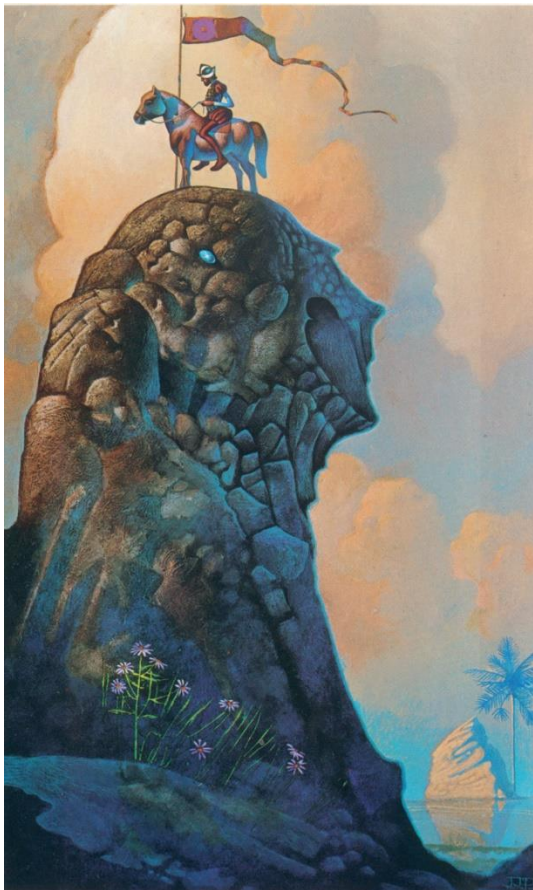
Image indicating Florida to the left side of the image shows the outline of the State in the negative space.

Verse “First Chapter written in water” Refers to the Fountain of Youth in St Augustine Fl.

The city of St. Augustine is named for Augustine of Hippo a patron Saint.

To the catholic Church a “Saint” is anyone in Heaven, recognized, from Earth or not who from the “great cloud of witnesses”

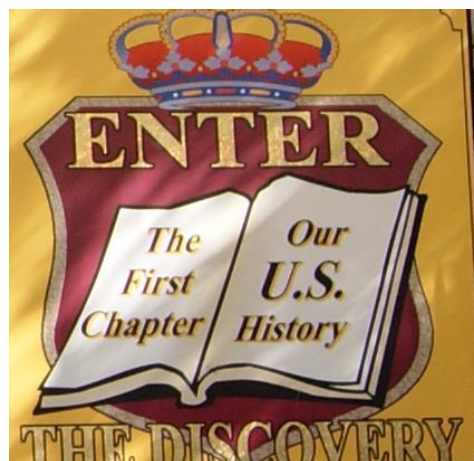
The image depicts clouds this could be a nod to the word Saint.



Start of the Verse:

*The first chapter  
Written in water*

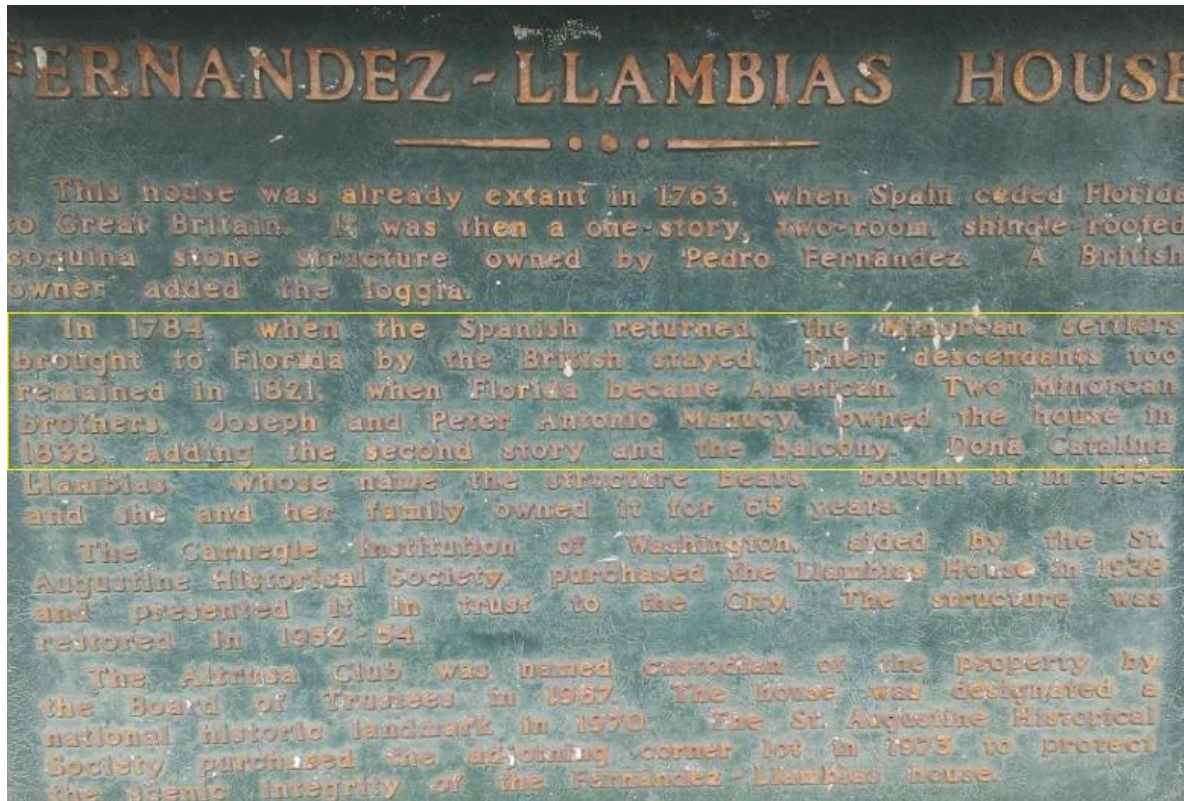
These two lines put you at the front entrance of the Fountain of Youth



With the two lines of the verse this pinpoints you to St. Augustine FL.

## **Near men**

This line in the verse brings you to the Llambias House on St Francis st.



Two Minorca brothers owned the house in 1838. Two spellings, Minorca (English) Menorca (Spanish). People from Menorca were brought to Florida to work the plantations in the south. The Menorca people endured hardships and mistreatment, they set out to St. Augustine for asylum. This would explain the immigration group for this puzzle, Spain and the Menorca people.

This house sits alongside a park. The park is "*near men*" Men being short of Menorca, the immigration group for St. Augustine.

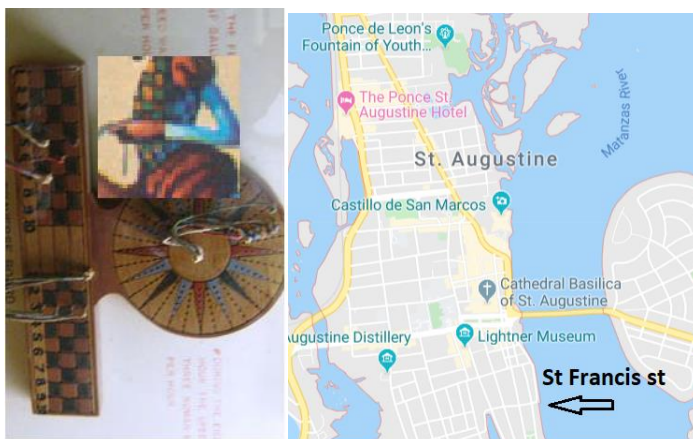
The St. Francis Barracks can also mean near men, located on Marine St.

### ***With wind rose***

**A Wind Rose is a nautical compass, this is a directional clue.**

**In the image on the man's back, has the same pattern as the bottom of the Wind Rose in the FOY.**

**The Wind Rose suggest a direction to travel, The Matanzas River travels south from the Fountain of Youth. The wind Rose is an instrument for nautical travel. This would make sense to travel south as the river does. The pattern on the back lacks color, this could suggest (shade) and a direction of south.**



**The flag with circle and the tail in the image could be a hint to the Castillo, as it is south of the FOY and the Matanzas River is adjacent to the Castillo.**

**The Florida Department of Military Affairs or the Barracks(men), which is located at Avenida Menendez St and St. Francis street. Also, a note the name of the street that turns into St. Francis street, the first 3 letters spell Men (Menendez) In the same area of St Augustine you have a house owned by Menorca brothers and a cross street Avenida Menendez street. This would confirm the line “near men”.**

**The area of Menendez street and the Menorca house is near St. Francis park, this could be why the word “near” is used. The park is close by.**

***Behind Bending Branches***

**This line in the verse refers to the park entrance. The tunnel of bending branches leads you into the park. There is also a large tree in the park that has also bending branches.**



***And a green picket fence***

**The park is bounded by two lengths of picket fences. These fences at one time could have been painted green, or “green” could have come from the moss that’s grows on the wood, this would explain the shaded part behind the man in the image.**



**In the image it appears to show the tops of a picket fence, circled in yellow.**



***At the base of a tall tree***

**At the corner of the park, a statue of St. Francis is set on a large base. On this base is a plaque. It is here that the verse confirms that you are in the correct place and near the casque.**



***You can still hear the honking***

**This could be that the park is close to Maria Sanchez Lake," hear the honking" could be the ducks that inhabited the lake and is one block away from St. Francis Park. This might be a boundary clue.**

***Shell, limestone, silver, salt***

**The St. Francis Inn and most of the historical house on this street are made from Coquina (*shell and Limestone*) Silver (money) is the payment for a stay at the inn Salt, the Inn had many names before the current name, one of the names for the Inn was the Salt Air Apartment's. The Inn is across the street from the park.**

***Stars move by day***

**This is a reference to the 5 flags outside the Gonzalez-Alvarez house (the oldest house in St Augustine) These flags represent the 5 different rule of St Augustine. Two of the flags have stars on them, the Confederate and the US flag. During the day they move with wind and can be seen.**



***Sails pass by night***

**This could be the different country's that ruled over St Augustine, the word pass (over) night (stay) or the Inn's that line the street.**

***Even in darkness***

***Like moonlight in teardrops***

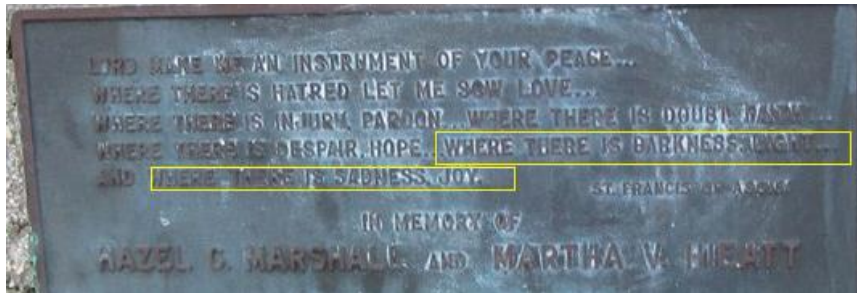
***Over the tall grass***

***Year pass, rain falls.***



## The base of the St. Francis monument where the plaque reads....

*“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.*



The key words on the plaque that tie into the verse are, Darkness and light (Even in darkness) (like moonlight in teardrops) In darkness (at night) the moon is a light in darkness, teardrops are referring to Joy and Sadness, as written on the plaque.

*Over the tall grass*

*years pass and rain falls*

This could be a reference to a marsh, the name on the bottom of the plaque is Hazel C Marshall (Marsh)

The image gives a match to the St Francis statue. The match comes by way of the head and position of the Conquistador in the image. The Conquistador's head is titled and has a beard. When viewing this side by side they are identical.



**St. Francis is holding a pair of birds; he became associated with patronage of animals and natural environment. Therefore, we see the outline of a bird in the image and St Francis holding a pair of birds in the statue.**



**Too the casque location and the spot to dig:**

**In the image on the chest it shows the front colored and the back non colored or shaded. The shaded area is a clue to where the statue sits. It's in the south east corner of the park, it's the most shaded area of the small park. Also, the arm's elbow points in a south east direction.**



Two spots are promising around the statue, St Francis is looking down, could be looking at the dig spot, or the right side of the statue, align the image and the statue's face to give you the correct orientation , which would be the right side of St Francis.



To end: The word Saint is key to the puzzle because the city was named after a Saint and the Park where the casque could be buried is named after a Saint.

The name Francis or the origin name is Franciscans (Latin) a direct descendant from Latin. The parks name fits the immigration of Spain or Spanish (Latin).

The meaning of the name Francis is “Frenchman” in the book under “The passage to the new world” “The French were first to follow. (The tall, proud Hadas of Spain)” This could be a tie into the St Augustine puzzle.

As depicted in the book under the Map to the new world # 10 Hadas Duende from the Iberian Peninsula (Spain) the word Duende translates in Spanish to spirt.

If St. Francis park is the place of the casque, then it would certainly be connected to the Duende of Hadas.