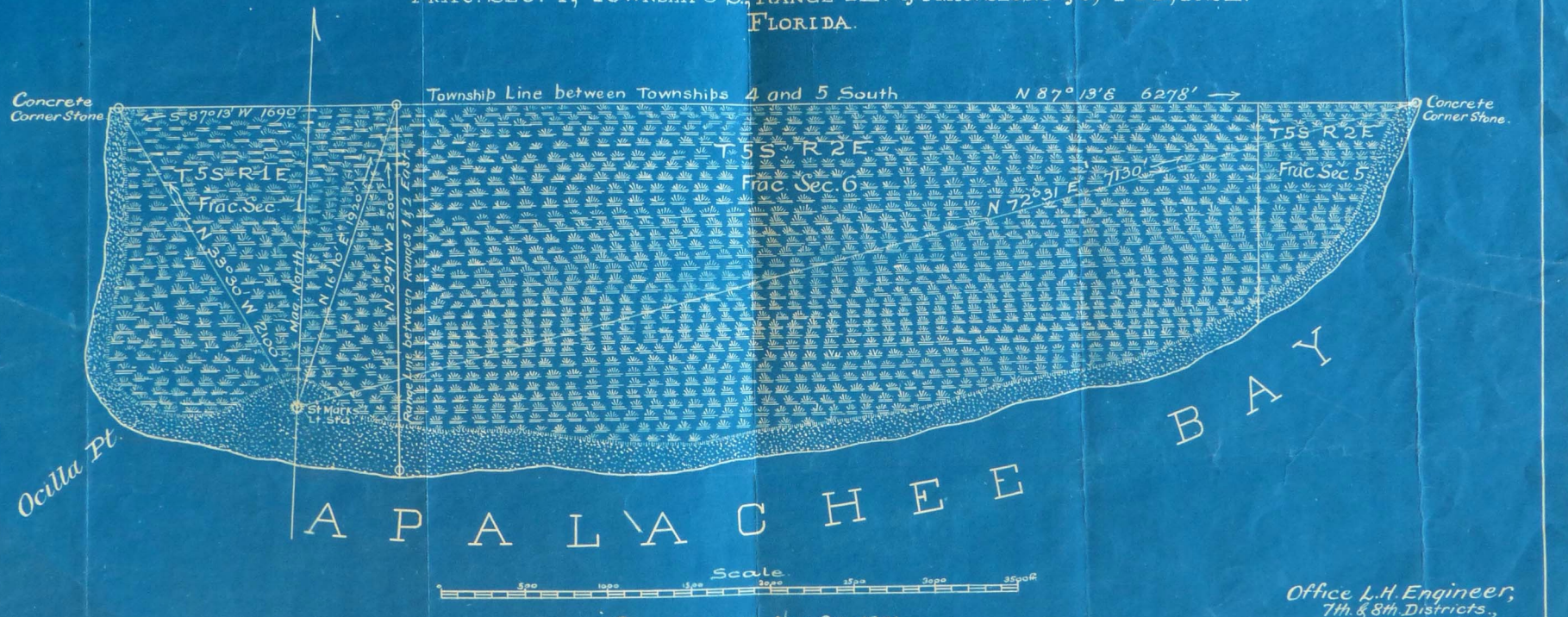
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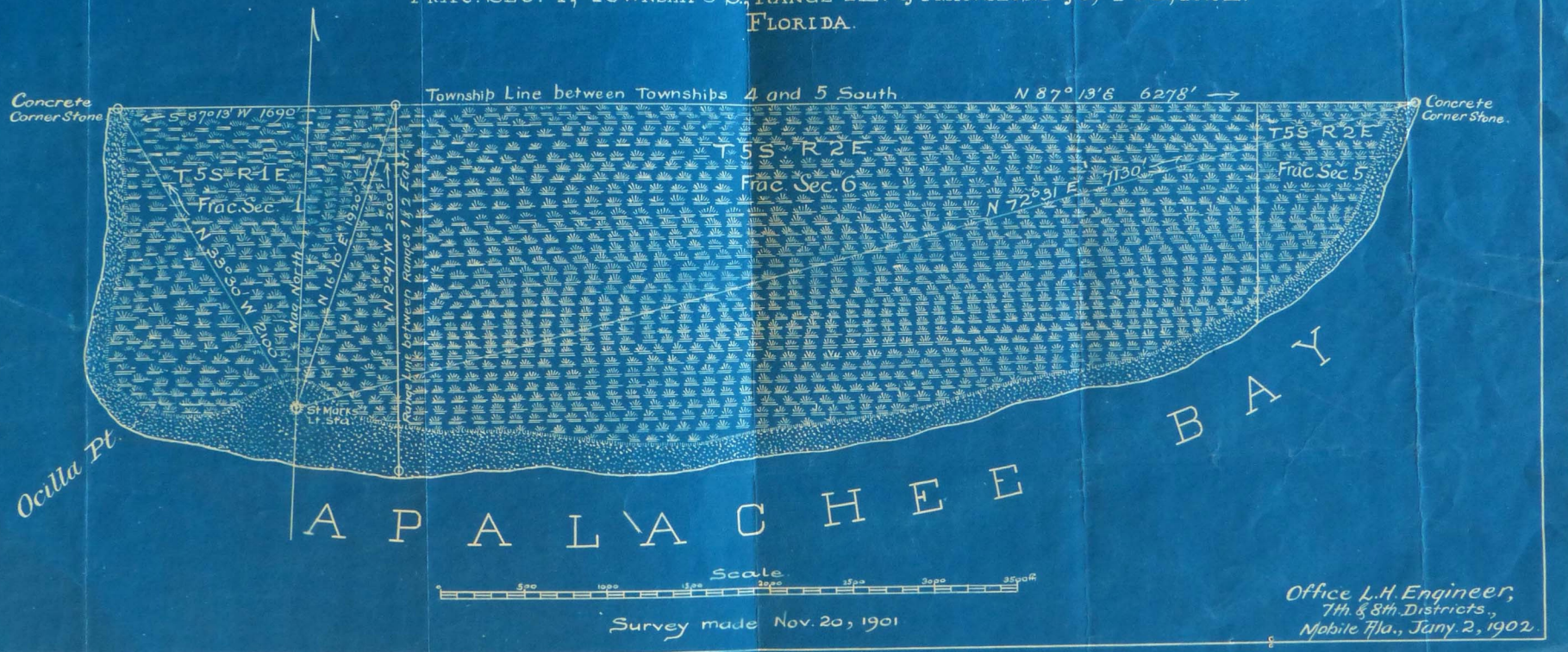


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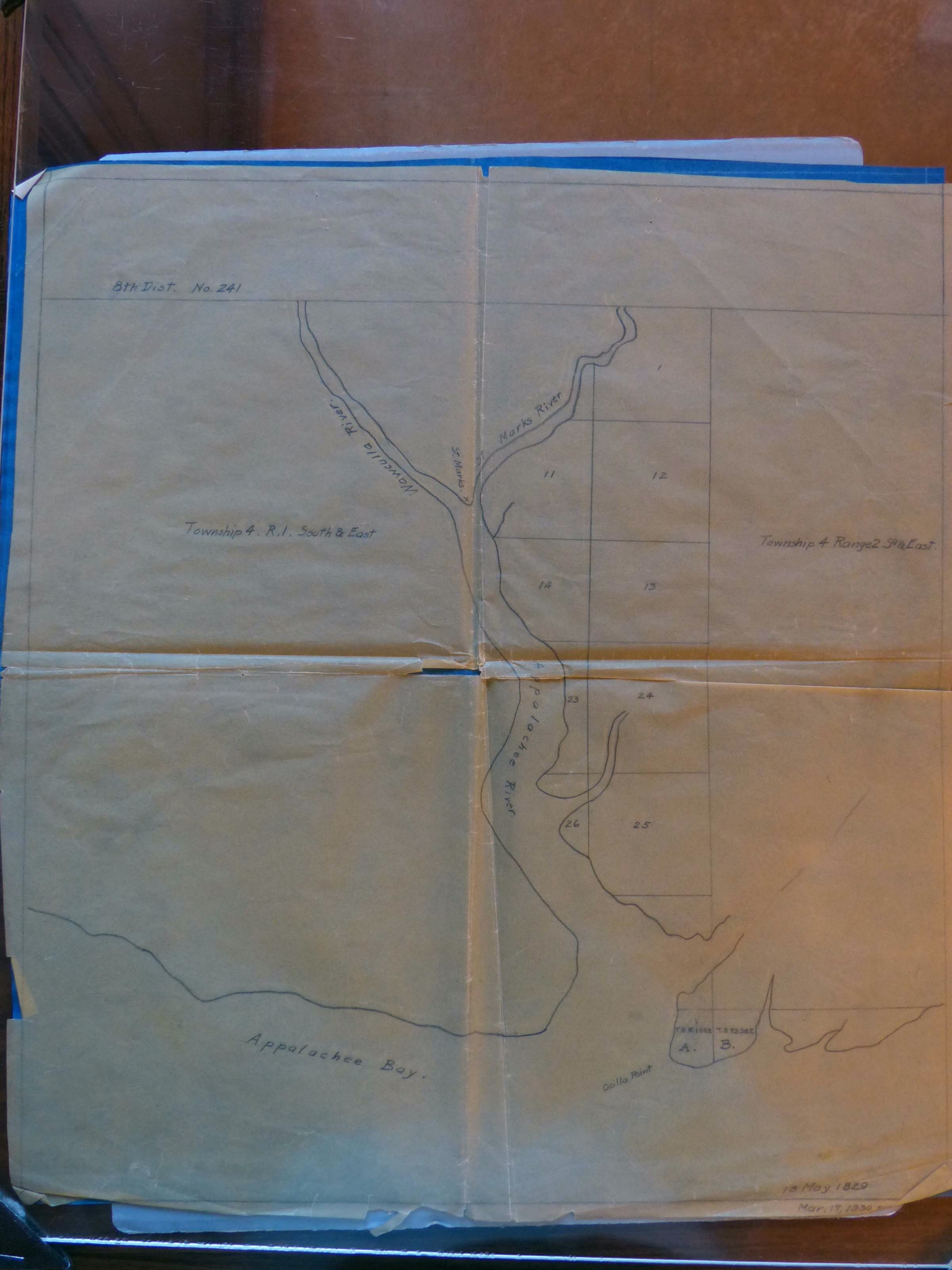
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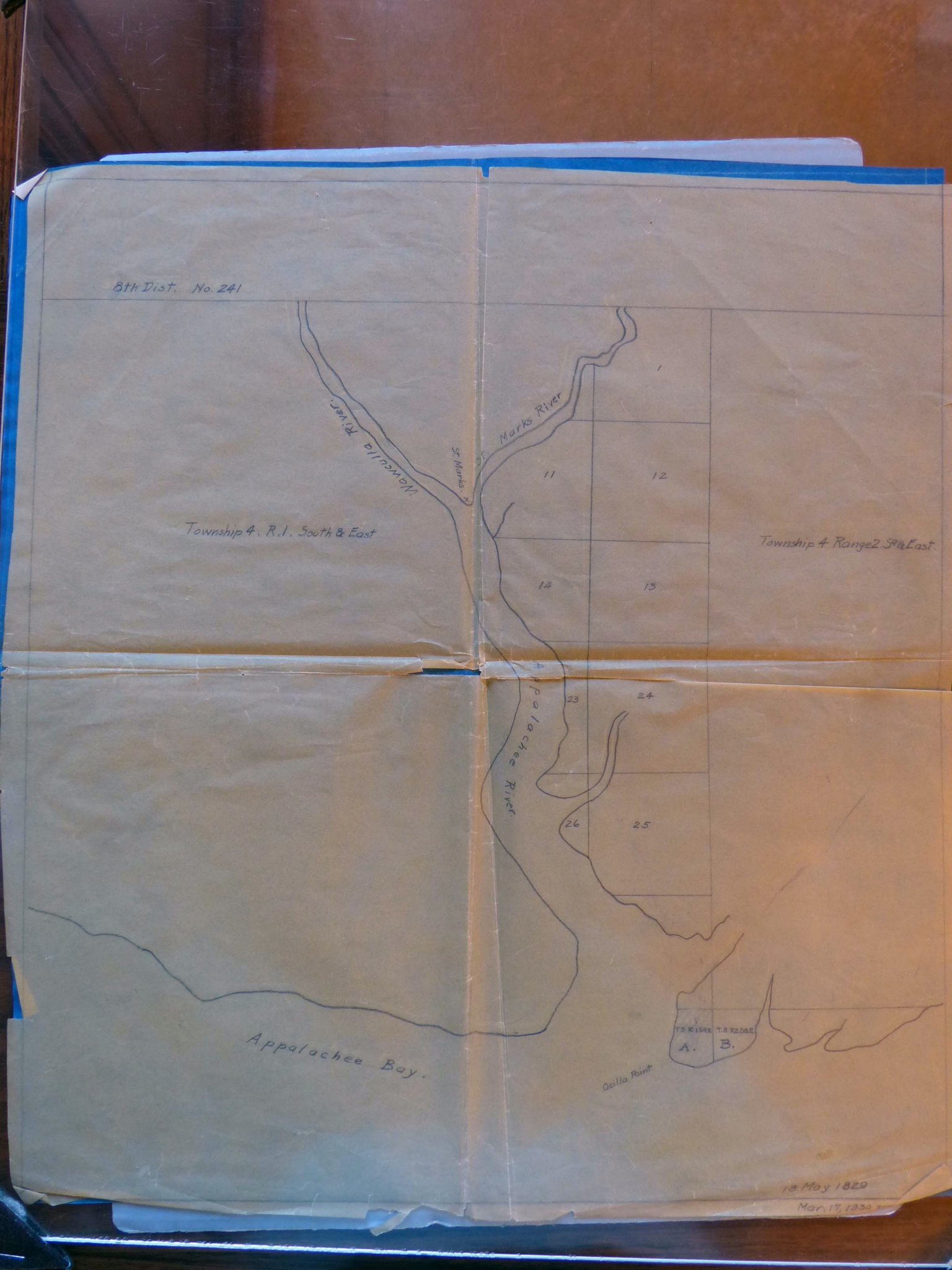
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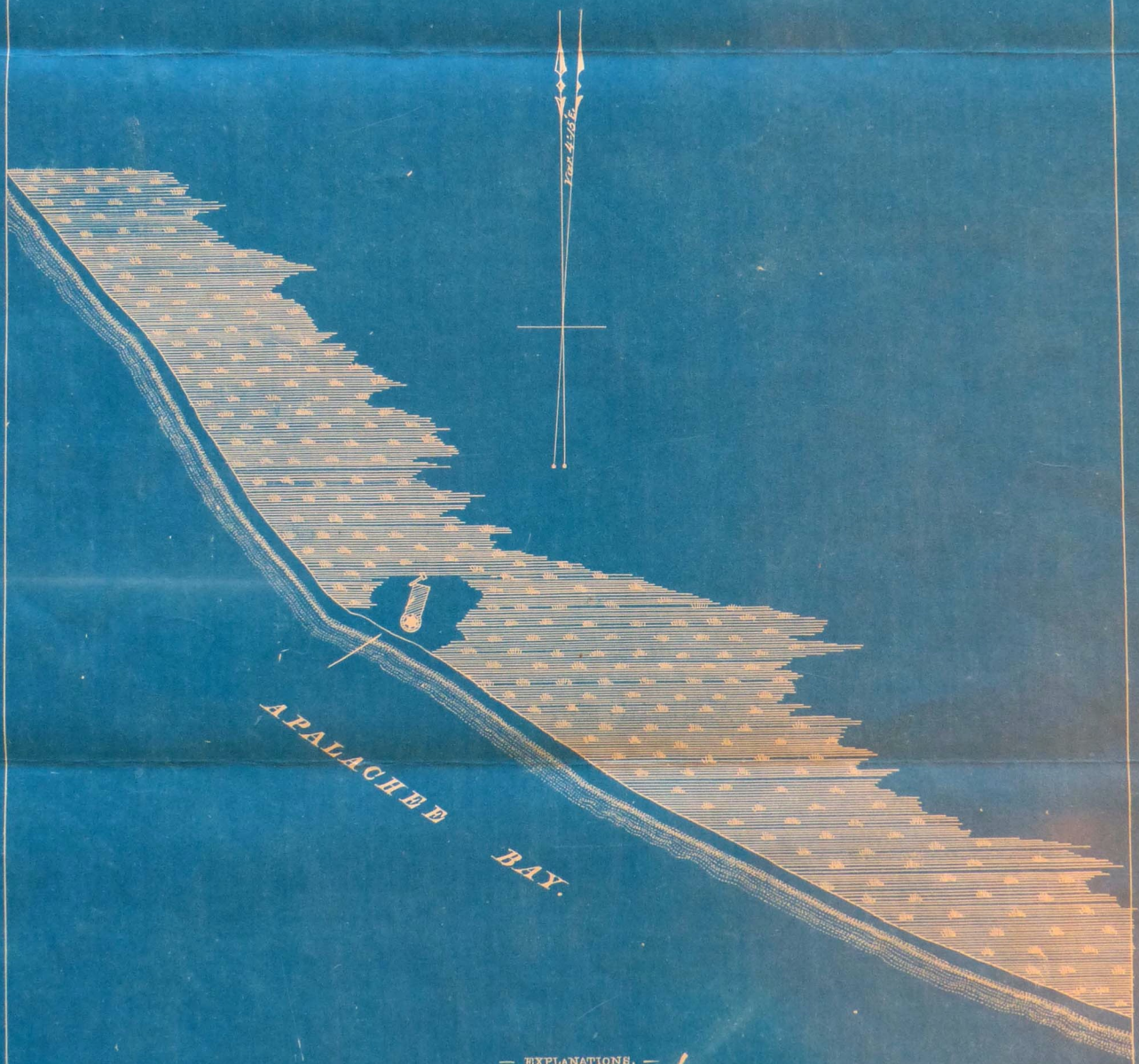
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Base of Tower above water level.....12 ft.
Focal Plane.....82 ft.

Site Purchased
Deed Recorded in
First Buildings, when built.....1829
When rebuilt or renovated.....1866
Area of Reservation to M.H.W. line Acres.
Area enclosed

Reservation Surveyed, September 6, 1887, by A. C. BELL, L. H. Surveyor.

Scale, 1/400



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M.H.W. Line. M.L.W. Line.

Feet, 100 50 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700

A. C. Bell
L. H. Surveyor, 8th Dists.

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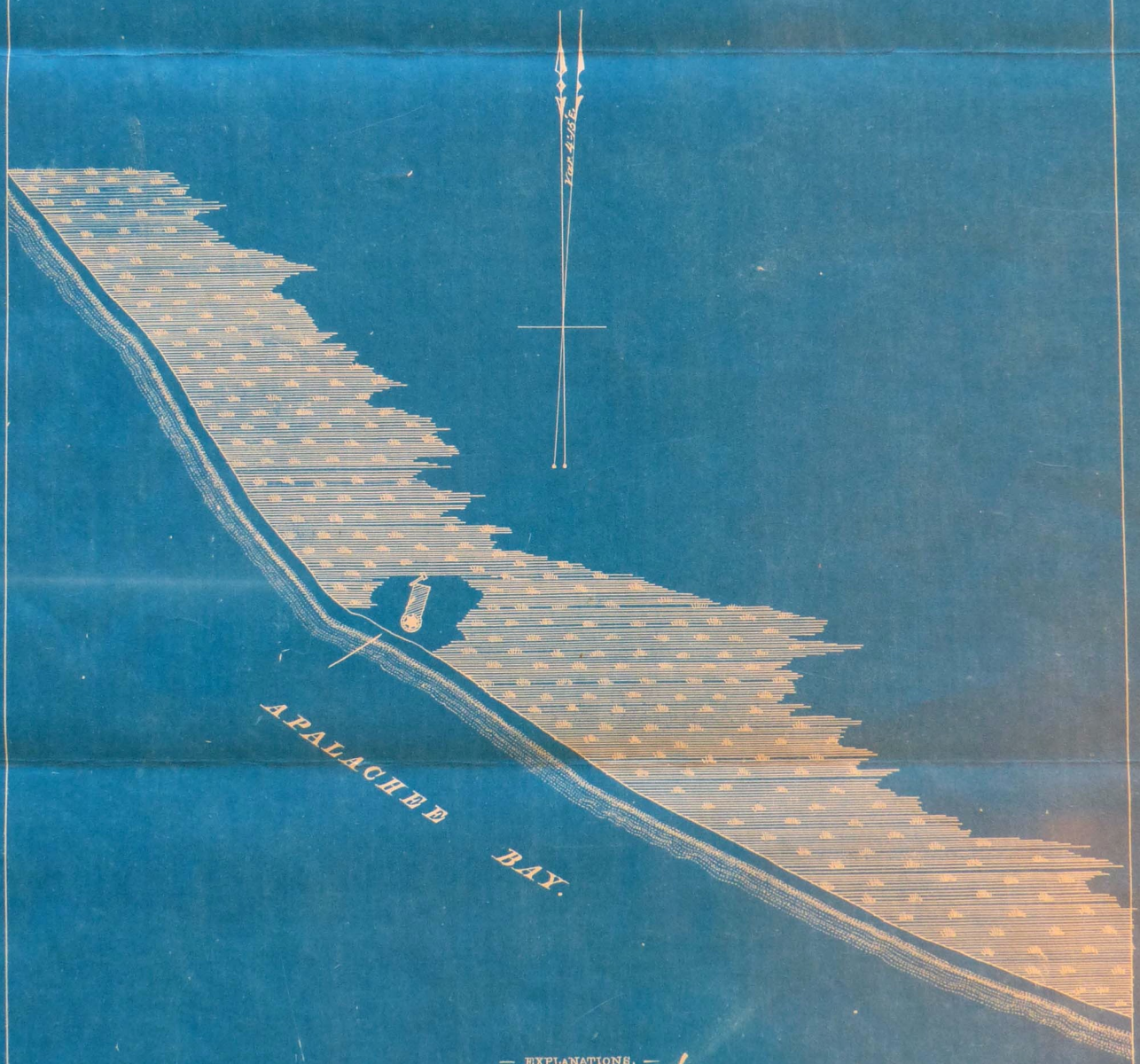
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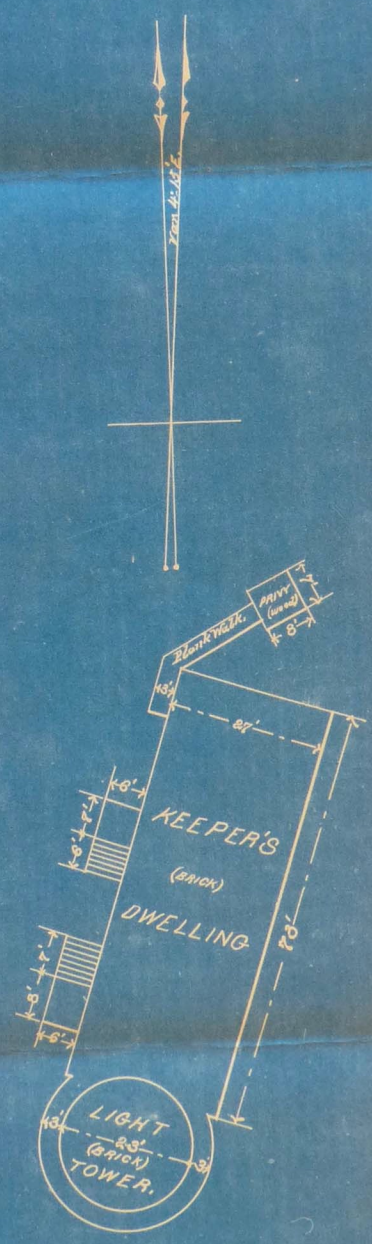
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Scale, $\frac{1}{240}$



ST. MARKS

LIGHT STATION,

FLA.

Lat. 30° 04' 28" N.
Long. 84 10 50 W.

Kind of Light	Coast
Order of Light	4th
Characteristic of Light	Fixed white
1st Floor of Tower above datum	148 ft.
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Site Purchased	
Deed Recorded in	
First Buildings, when built	1831.
When rebuilt or renovated	1870.
Area of Reservation to M.H.W. line	Acres.
Area enclosed	

Reservation Surveyed 1893, by H. Bamber



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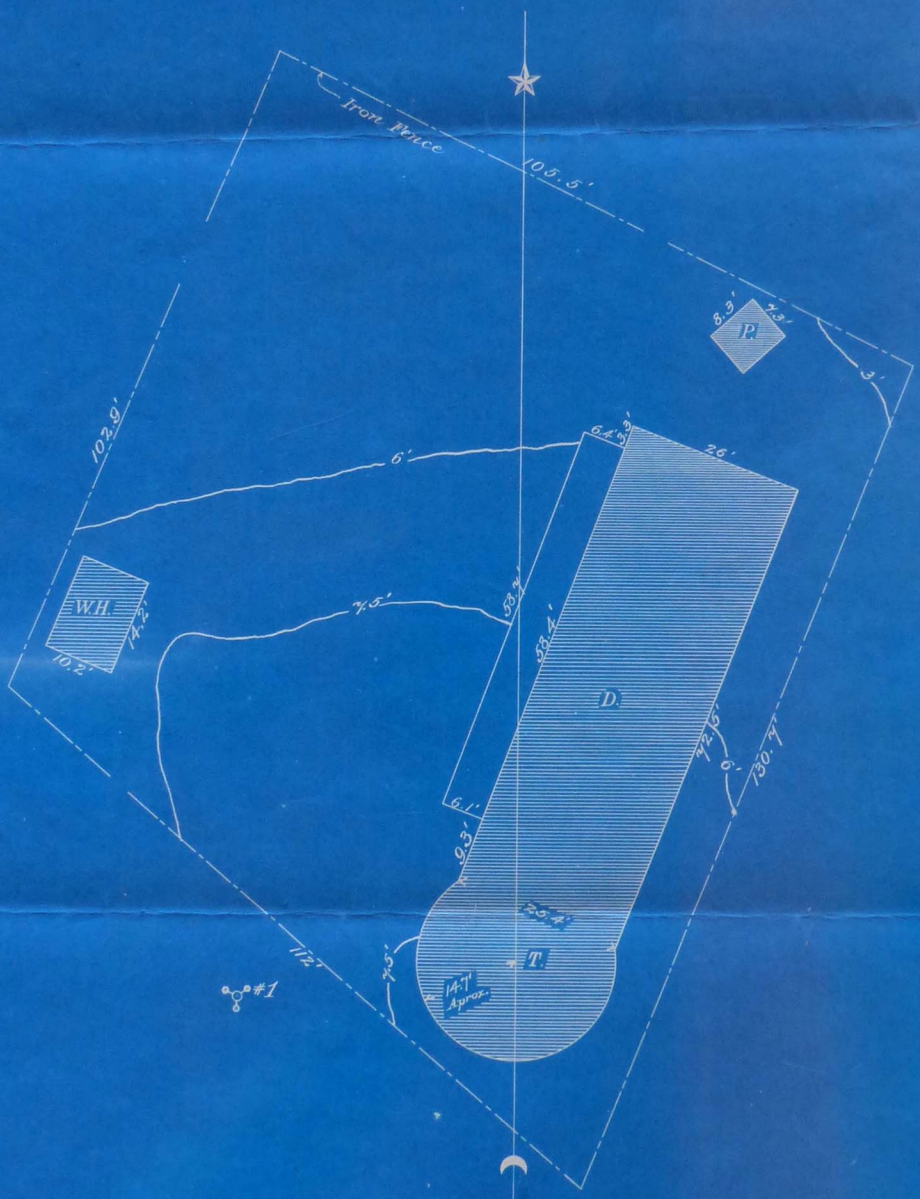
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LIGHT STATION,

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Buildings Surveyed 1893 by H. Bamber.



D. = Dwelling, rubble, shingle roof. Foundation of porch, wooden posts. Walls very heavy, outside batter about 1 in 8. Height of floor 14.3'. Measurements given were made on level of porch floor.

T. = Tower, brick on rubble base.

W.H = Wash house, frame, shingle roof, wooden foundation.

P. = Privy, frame, shingle roof, foundation 4 posts.

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OFFICE OF L.H. BOARD 1893

ST. MARK'S

LIGHT STATION,

FLORIDA.

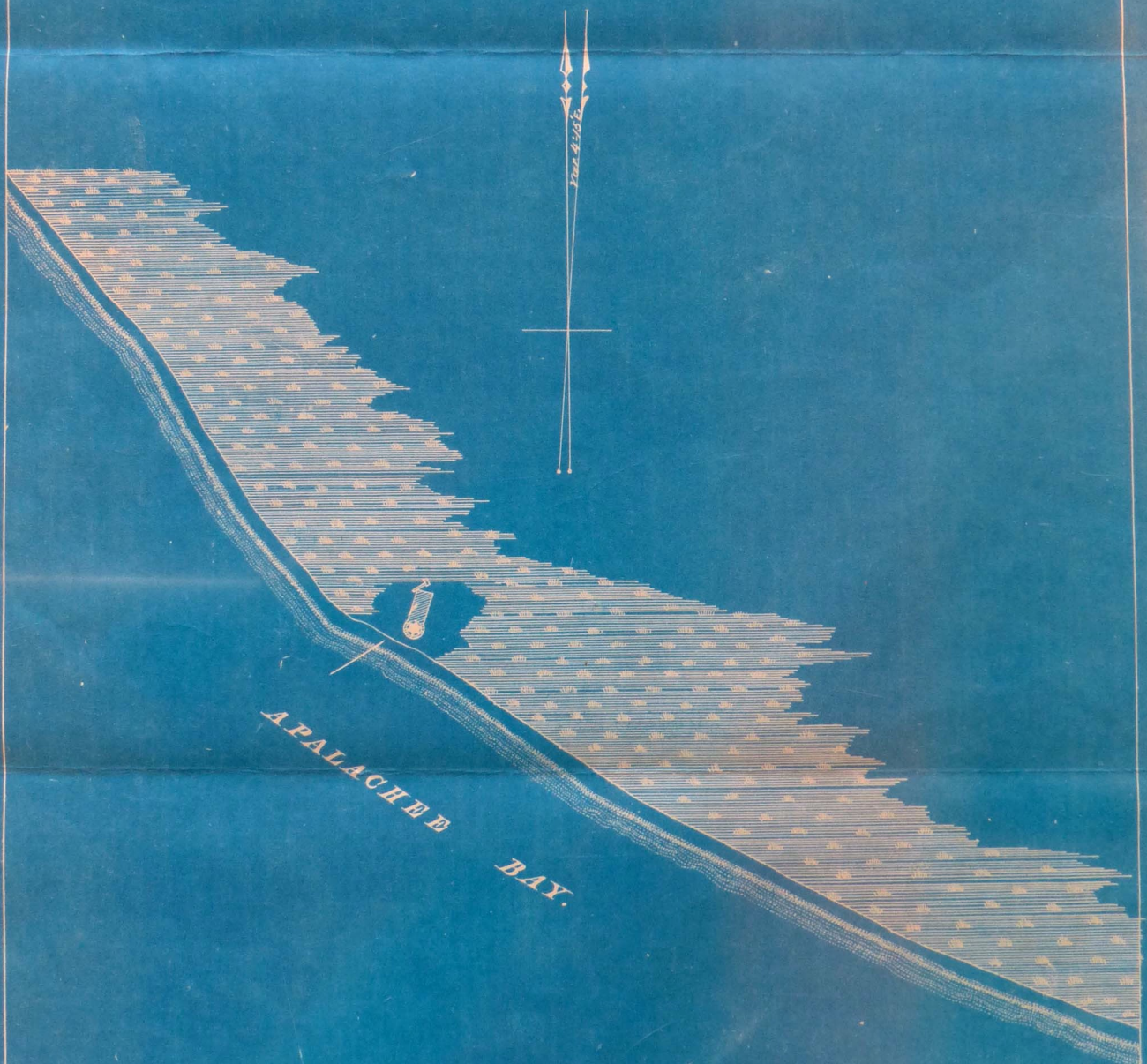
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LIGHT STATION,

FLORIDA.

Buildings Surveyed, September 6, 1887 by A.C. BELL, L.H. Surveyor.

Scale, 1/120



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M.R. Weaver
Major of Engrs,
Engr 7th L.H. Dists.

OFFICE OF L.H. ENGR., NEW ORLEANS, LA., OCTOBER 7, 1887.

Florida Jefferson Co.

Free



Hopkins Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor & acting
Commissioner of the Revenue
Washington City.

Tallahassee Fla
3 Cents

Collectors
Office.

Tallahassee Fla.
Nov 15

1828

Tallahassee Office Feb 14

Collectors

Sir I enclose for settlement the accounts from Camden for the quarter ending the 31st inst: also a return of Tonnage & Light Money for the same quarter. I have not had any vessels to enter & clear from

Collectors office, Pensacola
November 14. 1828.

Sir,

The surveyor who surveyed the land, as mentioned to you in my letter of the 27th ultimo, has just arrived here, from whom I have ascertained to a certainty, that the point which I selected for the Light House, has not been surveyed; it cannot therefore, be entered by any person.

I have the honor to be
with respect and esteem
Your mo. ob. St.
Robt. Mitchell

Stephen Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth auditor Acting
Commissioner of the Revenue.

DIAGRAM N°. II.



Surveyor Generals Office. Tallahassee 20th Oct.r 1838

The above Diagrams N°. 1 & 2 are respectfully submitted for the approval of the President of the United States, as per letter of explanation of even date, addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Thos. S. Mellus

Surv. Genl.

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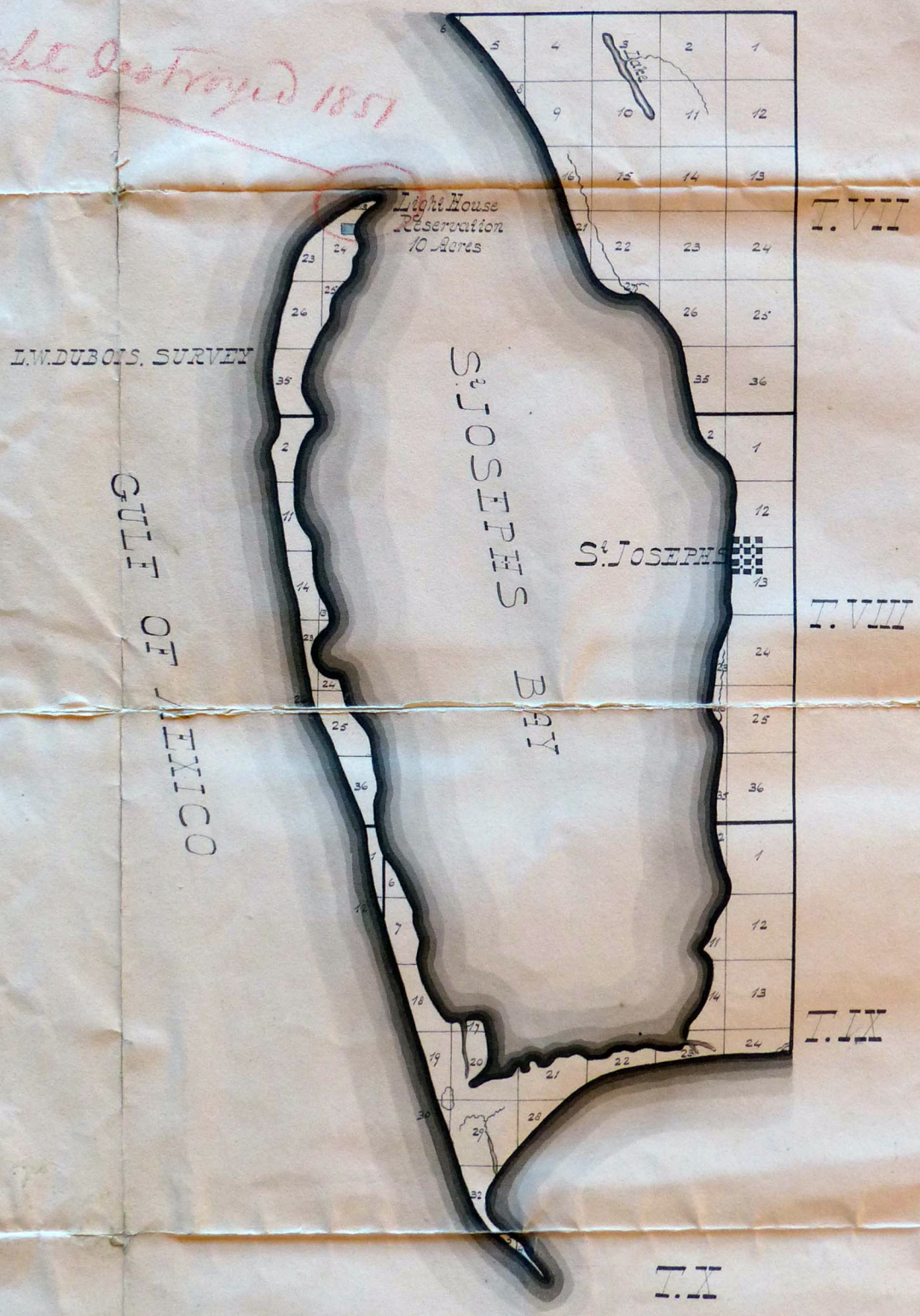
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R.XII S&W. R.XI. S&W.

Light Destroyed 1851



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St Joseph Bay. enclosure

&

St Marks on St Marks R.

up of Appalachie Bay.

Florida files No 40

4th Enclosure

No. Diagram No 10 ... phs Bay & Appalachee Bay

ATJ. Copy.

Treasury Department

Novemr. 13th 1838

Sir,

I return herewith the papers referrd with your communication of the 9th inst. respecting certain reservations of public lands in Florida for Light House and Military purposes with the approbation of the President therefor.

I am, very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

(Signed) Levi Woodbury

James Whitcomb Esq.

Commissioner of the

Genl land office

⁞ COPY ⁞

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GENL. LAND OFFICE

12 MARCH 1836.

SIR,

IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER OF 26TH ULTIMO, RELATIVE TO THE CLAIM OF JESSE H. WILLIS, AS ASSE. OF JAMES MINNIE, TO THE LIGHT HOUSE RESERVATION AT ST. MARKS, FLORIDA, I WOULD MOST RESPECTFULLY REFER YOU TO VOL. I, REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, SECOND SESSION, TWENTY SECOND CONGRESS, NO. 39,---IN WHICH YOU WILL FIND A REPORT FROM MR. WHITTLESEY, ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE, ADVERSE TO THE CLAIM OF JAMES MINNIE.

THE PAPERS ARE HEREWITH RETURNED.

I AM

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

YOUR OBT. SERVANT

⁞SIGNED⁞ ETHAN A. BROWN.

STEPHEN PLEASONTON; ESQ.

FIFTH AUDITOR.

ATJ. Copy

(Copy)

Surveyors Office Tallahassee

20 October 1828.*

Sir,

Pursuant to your instructions under date of Feby 8th 1838 I have caused to be surveyed a reservation of Ten acres of public land near the point of entrance to the Bay of St Josephs for the purpose of erecting thereon a Light House, and the residue of the public land, on each point has been connected with former surveys by Mr. Dubois, at the South Boundary of Township 7. embracing Fractional Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 35 as per accompanying Diagram No. 1 and I respectfully request that they be reserved forthwith for military purposes as covering a site for a Fortification that will at all times protect the entrance into that Bay and give security to the City of St. Joseph.

Diagram No. 2 delineates the entrance to St. Marks and Fractional Townships(unsurveyed) Nos. 5 of Ranges 1 & 2 S & E; in the first of which is situated the Light House, have both been reserved for the purposes of Said Light House, as per accompanying letter of Commissioner of G. L. Office under date 18 May 1829 and I would respectfully request authority to have laid off a given number of acres for its use and the residue to be surveyed and reserved for a like purpose as in Diagram No. 1.

The necessity for the Government to secure those and similar points at the various entrances of the important Bays & Rivers within this Territory can not be too strongly urged and I therefore request you to have the accompanying Document with these re-

* This ought to be 1838

marks submitted for the approval of the President. I have this day enclosed a duplicate of the Diagram to the fifth Auditor of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Your most obt Servant

(Signed) Robert Butler. Sur Genl.

James Whitcomb)
)
Commissioner of Gen Land Office)

ATJ. Copy.

With 4 Encls.36, 37, 38, 39.

General Land Office

November 15th 1838.

Sir,

Agreeably to request made in your letter of 1st Inst. there is herewith transmitted a copy of the letter of the Surveyor General of Florida, bearing date the 20th Ultimo, wherein he recommends that certain lands therein designated may be reserved for light house and Military purposes - the lands are situated near the point of entrance into St. Josephs Bay and at the entrance of Appalache Bay - At the former point ten acres have been reserved for the Light House site, and at the latter the Surveyor General requests instructions as to the quantity of land which it is desired should be laid off for the use of the Light House.

The President has directed the reservation of the lands for light House and Military purposes as recommended by the Surveyor General.

A copy of the Act of the President making the reservation is herewith transmitted.

I am, very respectfully

Sir, Your Obt Svt

(Signed) Jas.Whitcomb

Commissioner.

Stephen Pleasanton Esq.
5th Auditor's office

ATJ. Copy.

(Copy)

Treasury Department

Genl Land Office

18th May 1829 ?

Sir

The Collector for the District of St. Marks has transmitted to the fifth Auditor of The Treasury a sketch of the tracts of land contemplated to be reserved for the site and accomodation of a Light House at Ocilla Point. The tracts alluded to are designated on the plat as Fractional Townships Nos 5 of Ranges Nos 1 & 2 S & E.

Enclosed is a copy of a part of the sketch alluded to. You will be pleased to indicate on the official Surveys that the tracts marked A & B are reserved for the purposes above mentioned.

I am very respectfully

Sir, your Obt Servant,

(Signed) G. W. Graham

Robt Butler Esq

Sur. Genl.

Tallahassee.

(Geo: Graham)

ATJ. Copy

Treasury Department

12th Novemr. 1838

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a communication from the Commissioner General land office on the subject of certain reservations of public lands for light Houses and Military purposes and in accordance with the recommendation of the Commissioner respectfully submit the same for your approval, believing it to be correct.

I am very respectfully

Your obt Svt

(Signed) Levi Woodbury

Secy. of the Treasury.

The President.

Approved

(Signed) M. V. B.

Office of L. H. Engineer
7th Dist., Key West Fla
, 187 .

Sir:

Your letter of 31st August, advising me of the transmission of

Copies of title papers to St. Marks Florida light house site being 2 enclosures

has been received, and the articles named have also come to hand.

Very respectfully,

Jared A. Smith
Major of Engineers
L. H. Engineer

To Chairman Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Office of L. H. Engineer
7th Dist., New Bedford, Mass
October 7th, 1874.

ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT

OF

Copies of letter papers
to St. Marks Florida
lighthouse site

Florida plan No 240
13/ Enclosures

August 4, 1938.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the enclosed copy of letter dated July 13, 1938, addressed to the Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, Louisiana, by the Regional Director of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Atlanta, Georgia, for permission to construct a channel and yacht basin, with boathouse and dock, on the property at the St. Marks Light Station Reservation, Wakulla County, Florida.

I am pleased to advise that the proposition as covered in the request is entirely favorable to this Department, both from the standpoint of added protection and improved facilities for the light station in question, and the permission requested is granted, it being understood from the request that approximately 40,000 cubic yards of excavation material will be used in the proposed dikes around the basin, and the outer and inner slopes of the dikes will be heavily riprapped with stone, thereby affording additional protection to the lighthouse reservation property, the present low area to the rear and next to the road being also brought up to grade. Also the proposed channel and basin will be dug to elevation -7.0' mean low tide, which should be adequate for all purposes at all seasons.

It being the further understanding that the Lighthouse Service and its personnel will be afforded free and full use at all times of the yacht basin, boathouse and dock, the present boathouse and dock will accordingly not be required after the proposed improvements are made, and therefore should be removed and all materials turned over to the lighthouse keeper for disposal.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Enclosure

HQJ:FEW

Copy to 8th Superintendent.

Oct. 10, 1938.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to letter of your Department dated September 21, in reply to letter of this Department dated August 3, 1938, relative to the construction of a channel and yacht basin, with boathouse and dock, on the property of the St. Marks Light Station Reservation, Wakulla County, Florida.

The intention of your Department to allow the Lighthouse Service and its personnel full use at all times of the contemplated dock, yacht basin and channel but not the proposed Bureau of Biological Survey boathouse is entirely satisfactory to this Department. The present Lighthouse Service boathouse and dock will not be required after the contemplated improvements are made, and therefore should be removed and all materials turned over to the local lighthouse keeper for disposal.

Very truly yours,

J. M. JOHNSON
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

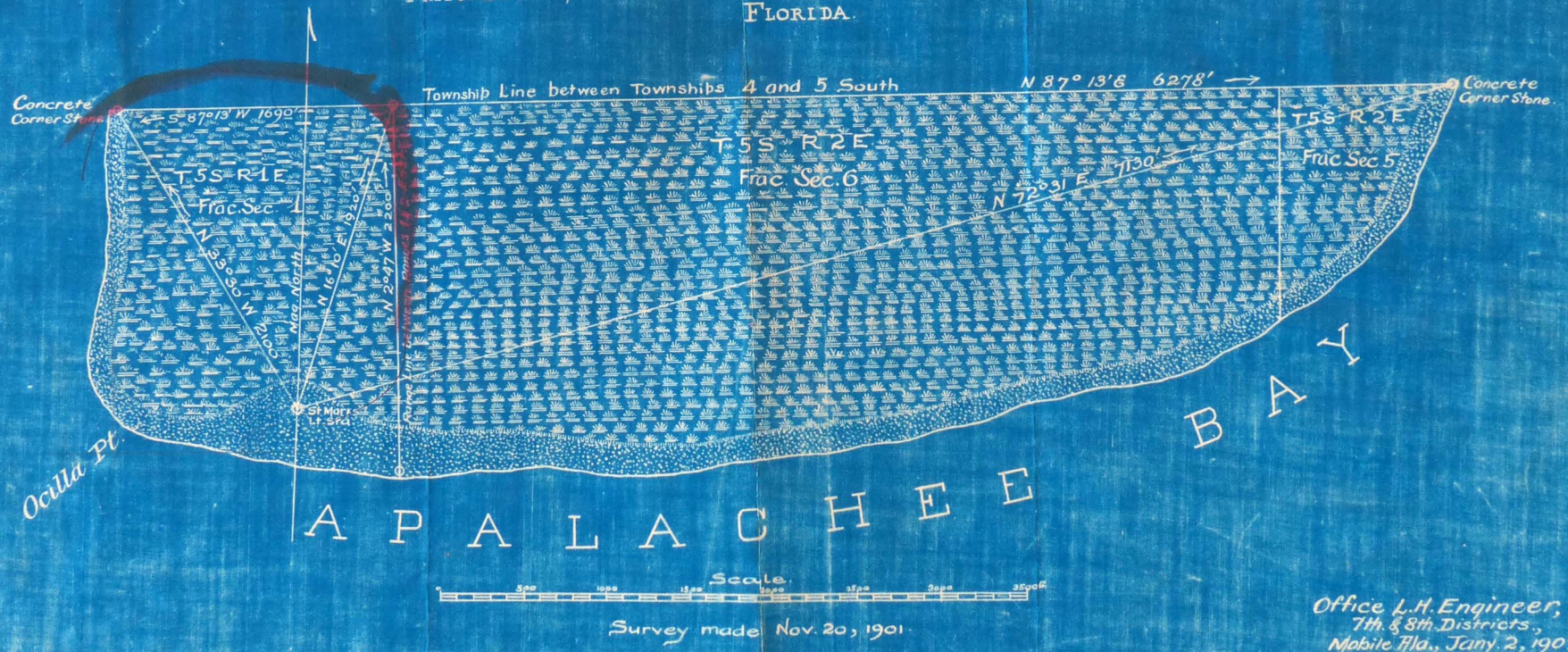
LGJ:FBW

Copy to 8th Superintendent.

Fla. #40

SAINT MARKS LIGHT HOUSE RESERVATION.

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FLORIDA.



SAINT MARKS LIGHT HOUSE RESERVATION.

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FLORIDA.



Statement of Land reserved for use of the Lighthouse Service in the State of Florida, up to 30 April, 1911, agreeably to the request of the Secret of Interior, dated 4 May, 1911.

Name	County	Date Reservation		Meridian	Township	Range	Section		Lot	Acreage		Remarks
		Provisional	Permanent				No	Subdivision		Partial	Total	
St. Marks	Wakulla	Gen. Land Office 13 May '29 Presid. Ord. 12 Nov. 1838	Secret. Treas. 8 May 1903	Florida	5 S.	1 E.	1	Fracl.	1	86.00	86.00	
St. Joseph Point	Calhoun		Presid. Ord. 12 Nov. 1838	Fla.	7 S.	12 W.	24	Fracl.		10.00	10.00	
Dry Tortugas { Loggerhead Key	Monroe	Presid. Ord. 17 Sept. 1845	Secret. War. 13 Nov. 1888	Fla.	67 S.	13 E.				42.17	42.17	
Cape San Blas	Calhoun		Presid. Ord. 12 Jun. 1847	Fla.	9 S	11 W.	29	Fracl.	9, 10, 14, 15	141.00	141.00	
Egmont Key	Hillsboro	Presid. Ord. 21 Aug. 1847 Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	War dept. 27 Jan. 1902	Fla.	33 S.	15 E.				8.90	8.90	
Cedar Keys (Sea Horse Key)	Levy		Presid. Ord. 2 Sept. 1851	Fla.	16 S.	12 E.				109.00	109.00	
Jupiter Inlet	Dade		Presid. Ord. 22 Oct. 1854	Fla.	40 S.	43 E.				61.50	61.50	
Amelia Island	Nassau		Presid. Ord. 2 Feb. 1860	Fla.	3 N.	29 E.	9	Fracl.		145.00		
							12	Fracl.		193.00	338.00	
St Augustine	St. Johns		Presid. Ord. 22 Jun. 1869	Fla.	7 S.	30 E.	21		1	12.10		
			Presid. Ord. 1 Feb. 1883						2	17.00	29.10	
St. Andrews Bar	Washington		Presid. Ord. 27 Feb. 1874	Fla.	5 S.	14 W.	1			640.40		
			Presid. Ord. 12 Jun. 1900				11		1	20.50	660.90	
Soldier Key	Dade		Presid. Ord. 16 Mar. 1878	Fla.	56 S.	42 E.				10.00	10.00	
Sanibel Island	Lee	Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	Presid. Ord. 19 Dec. 1883	Fla.	46 S.	23 E.	21	Fracl.	1, 2, 3	148.13		
							20	Fracl.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	439.66		
							29	Fracl.	1, 2	80.17	667.96	
Anclote Key	Pasco	Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	Presid. Ord. 1 Feb. 1886	Fla.	27 S.	15 E.	6		1	3.00		
							31		1	70.00		
					26 S.	15 E.	30		1, 2	16.95		
							19		1	2.00		
							24		1	1.00		
					26 S.	14 E.	25		1	75.52		
							36		1	8.78	177.25	
Cape Romano	Lee	Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	Presid. Ord. 13 Apr. 1898	Fla.	52 S.	26 E.	34		7	5.85		
					53 S.	26 E.	2		1, 2, 3, 4	186.80		
							3		1, 9, 10, 11	170.35		
							10		1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	351.29		
							11		1, 2, 3	128.40		
							15		1	24.20	866.89	
Captive Island	Lee	Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	Presid. Ord. 5 May 1892	Fla.	44 S.	21 E.	32		3	38.28		
					45 S.	21 E.	5		1	52.06		
							4		1	6.29	97.23	
Estero Island	Lee	Gen. Land Off. 9 Jan. 1878	Presid. Ord. 5 Sept. 1845	Fla.	46 S.	23 E	24	Fracl.	1	72.61	72.61	
Cape Canaveral	Brevard		Presid. Ord. 7 Oct. 1878	Fla.	23 S.	38 E.	28	E. half of NE. quart.	1	64.50		
							28	W. half of NE. quart.		80.00		
								N. half of NW. quart.		80.00		
								S. half	2, 3, 4, 5	210.42		
			Presid. Ord. 11 Mar. 1869	Fla.	23 S.	38 E		N. half of NE. quart.		80.00		
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								NE. quart of SW. quart.	3	40.00	754.92	
Lacosta Island	Lee		Presid. Ord. 5 Jun. 1893	Fla.	44 S.	20 E.	32	Fracl.	1, 2	86.03		
							29		2	37.90	123.93	
Black Island	Calhoun		Presid. Ord. 27 Apr. 1895	Fla.	9 S.	11 W.	3, 10			11.00	11.00	
St. Joseph Point Range	Calhoun		Presid. Ord. 29 Oct. 1900	Fla.	6 S.	11 W.	31		5	30.04	30.04	

Executive Order

St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge

FLORIDA

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The land involved has been withdrawn for lighthouse reservation purposes and is primarily under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, and its reservation as a wild-life refuge is subject to the use thereof by said department for lighthouse purposes at all times, and the enforcement of law by the Department of Agriculture shall be without interference with any existing or proposed regulations of the Department of Commerce pertaining to its Lighthouse Service personnel and their duties on the reservation.

It is unlawful within this reservation (*a*) to hunt, trap, capture, willfully disturb, or kill any wild animal or bird of any kind whatever, to take or destroy the nests or eggs of any wild bird, to occupy or use any part of the reservation, or to enter thereon for any purpose, except under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture; (*b*) to cut, burn, or destroy any timber, underbrush, grass, or other natural growth; (*c*) willfully to leave fire or to suffer it to burn unattended near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material; (*d*) after building a fire in or near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material, to leave it without totally extinguishing it; and (*e*) willfully to injure, molest, or destroy any property of the United States.

Warning is given to all persons not to commit any of the acts herein enumerated, under the penalties prescribed by sections 106, 107, and 145 of chapter 4, title 18, United States Code (35 Stat. 1098 and 43 Stat. 98), or by section 10 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929, United States Code, Supplement IV, title 16, chapter 7a, section 715i (45 Stat. 1224).

This refuge shall be known as the St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge.

HERBERT HOOVER

The White House,
October 31, 1931.

[No. 5740]

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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File 3019E

April 11, 1930.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Referring to letter of February 4, 1930, from the Deputy U. S. Game Conservation Officer, Tallahassee, Florida, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana, wherein certain information is requested concerning the Lighthouse Reservation at St. Marks, Wakulla County, Florida, in order to carry out effectually the proposed plan of bird protection within this reservation and the immediate vicinity thereof:

You are respectfully informed that by Executive Order of November 12, 1838, there was reserved for military and lighthouse purposes, Fractional Township 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian, as shown on the inclosed print dated May 18, 1829. Township 5 South, Range 2 East, no longer being required for military purposes, was withdrawn by the War Department and patented to the State of Florida on December 6, 1883. Township 5 South, Range 1 East, upon which was erected a lighthouse, was retained by this Department for lighthouse purposes. In accordance with a survey made on November 20, 1901, shown on blueprint dated January 2, 1903, also inclosed, the area of the lighthouse reservation is roughly 1690 x 2200 feet, and contains approximately 86 acres.

In the event an order is issued for the protection of birds within the St. Marks Lighthouse Reservation and the immediate vicinity thereof, this Department will be glad to render every assistance in accomplishing the end sought.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

Incls.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 8th District
New Orleans, La.

St. Marks Lighthouse
Reservation, Florida.
File 30-19-E.

March 25, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. With reference to Bureau letter of March 18, 1930, relative to the extent of St. Marks Lighthouse Reservation, Florida:

2. There is enclosed photostat copy of the blueprint on file in this office entitled: "Statement of Land reserved for use of the Lighthouse Service in the State of Florida, up to 30 April 1911, agreeably to the request of the Secretary of Interior, dated 4 May 1911."

3. In view of the correspondence exchanged it is now believed that the reservation comprises fractional section 1 of T. 5 S., R 1 E., containing approximately 86 acres. It is not believed that the area is 8.1 acres as it readily appears from the survey of T.P. Brown, referred to in previous correspondence, that fractional section 1 is roughly 1690 x 2200 ft. or contains over 85 acres. Fraction section 36, as shown on enclosed photostat, is evidently in error, and will be changed to read "1", unless otherwise notified by Bureau.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

/s/ F. A. Muth
Assistant Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
April 10, 1930.

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Incls.

1. Returned to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. Herewith for your information and files is a copy of Bureau's letter of March 19, 1930, to the Department of the Interior and a copy of reply thereto, dated April 5, 1930, which is self-explanatory. Since it appears that the reservation comprises fractional section 1 of T. 5 S., R. 1 E., containing approximately 86 acres, no objection is seen to making the change as recommended in paragraph 3 above.

2. Letter of February 4, 1930 from the Deputy U. S. Game Conservation Officer, Tallahasse, Fla., submitted with your letter of February 12, will be answered by the Department and a copy forwarded to your office.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Fla #40

3019E

LIGHTHOUSES

1930 APR 7 PM 3-33

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

APR 5- 1930

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of March 19, 1930, requesting the present status of certain lands reserved for military and lighthouse purposes by Executive order of November 12, 1838.

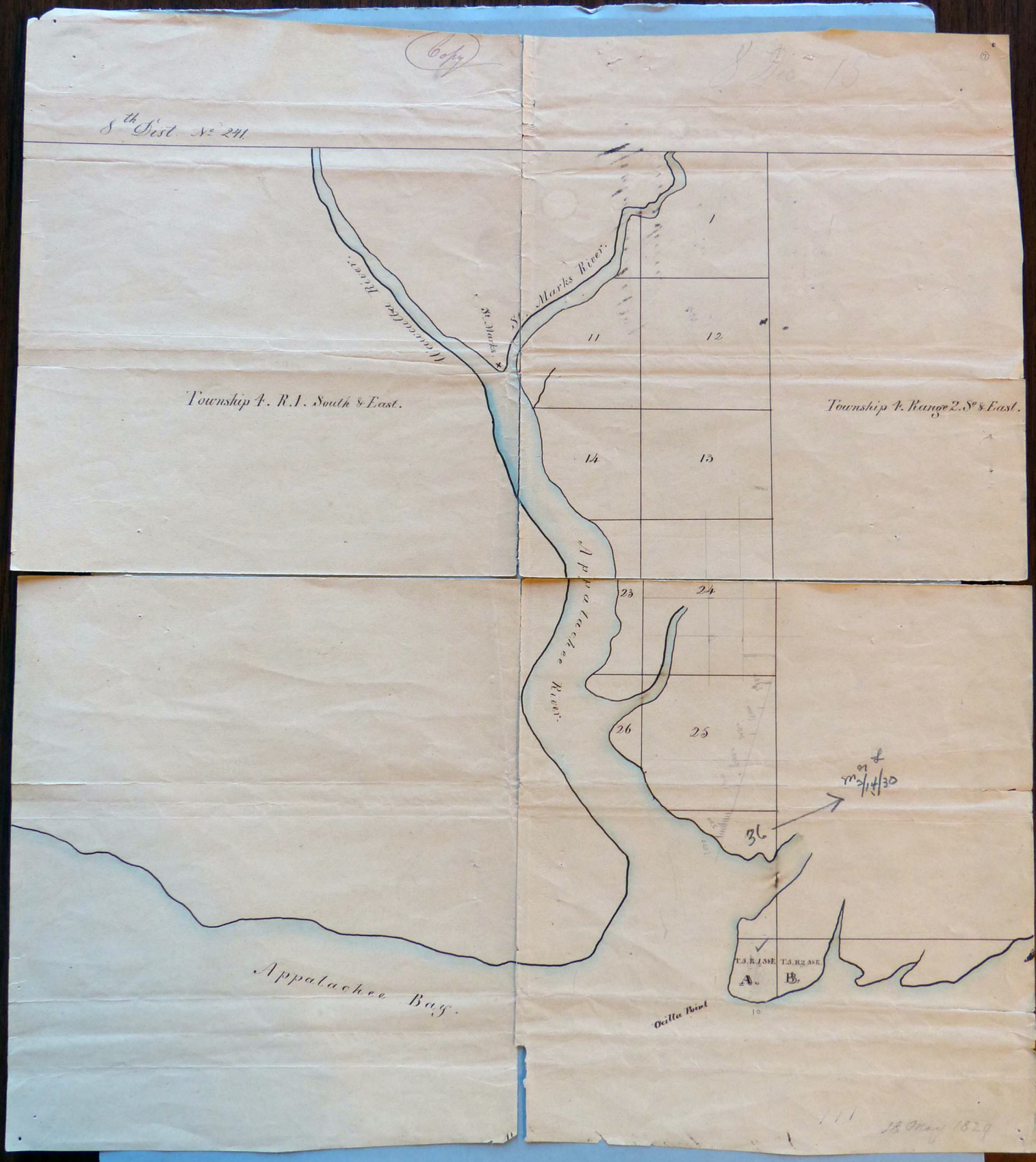
Fractional Sec. 36, T. 4 S., R. 1 E., Tal. M., Florida, consisting of Lots 1 and 2, was not reserved by the Executive order of November 12, 1838. Lot 1 was patented to Richard K. Call on July 28, 1838, and Lot 2 was patented to Isham G. Searey on October 20, 1835.

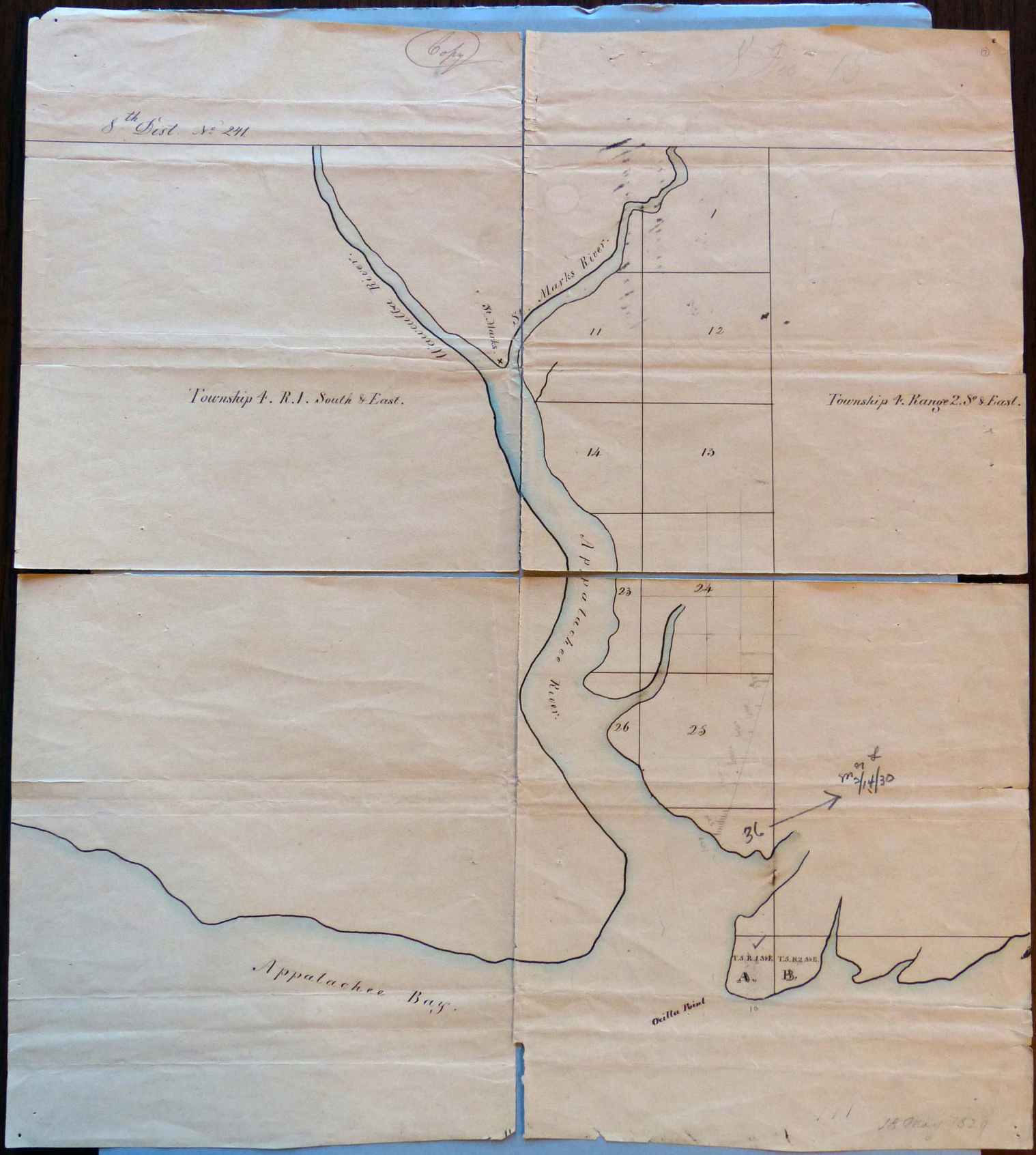
Fractional T. 5 S., R. 2 E., Tal. M., was placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior by Executive order of June 8, 1903, for disposition under the act of July 5, 1884 (23 Stat. 103), or as may be otherwise provided by law. However, no action has been taken looking to the disposal of said fractional township under the act of July 5, 1884, as it was patented to the State of Florida on December 6, 1883, under the act of September 28, 1850 (9 Stat. 519).

The Executive order of November 12, 1838, is still in full force and effect as to fractional T. 5 S., R. 1 E., Tal. M.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) JOHN H. EDWARDS
Assistant Secretary.


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8th Dist. No 241
Township 4. R 1. South & East.
Township 4. Range 2. So & East.
St. Marks River.
St. Marks.
Tallahassee River.
Appalachee River.
Appalachee Bay.
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T.3. R.1 So E.
T.3. R.2 So E.
A.
B.
Oscilla Point
10
18 May 1829


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Township 4. Range 2. So & East.
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St Marks River

Apalachicola Bay and River.

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2d Endorsement

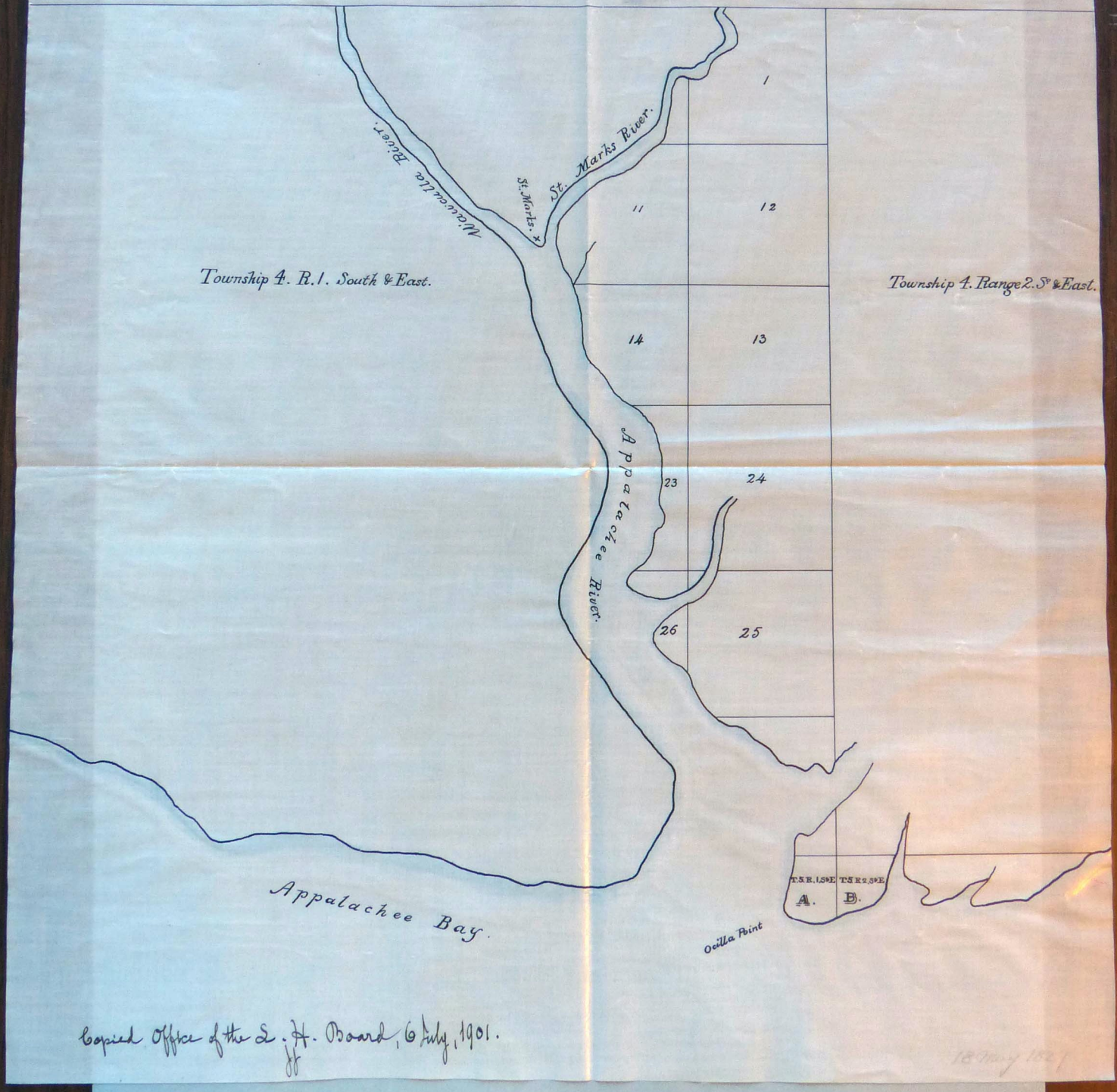
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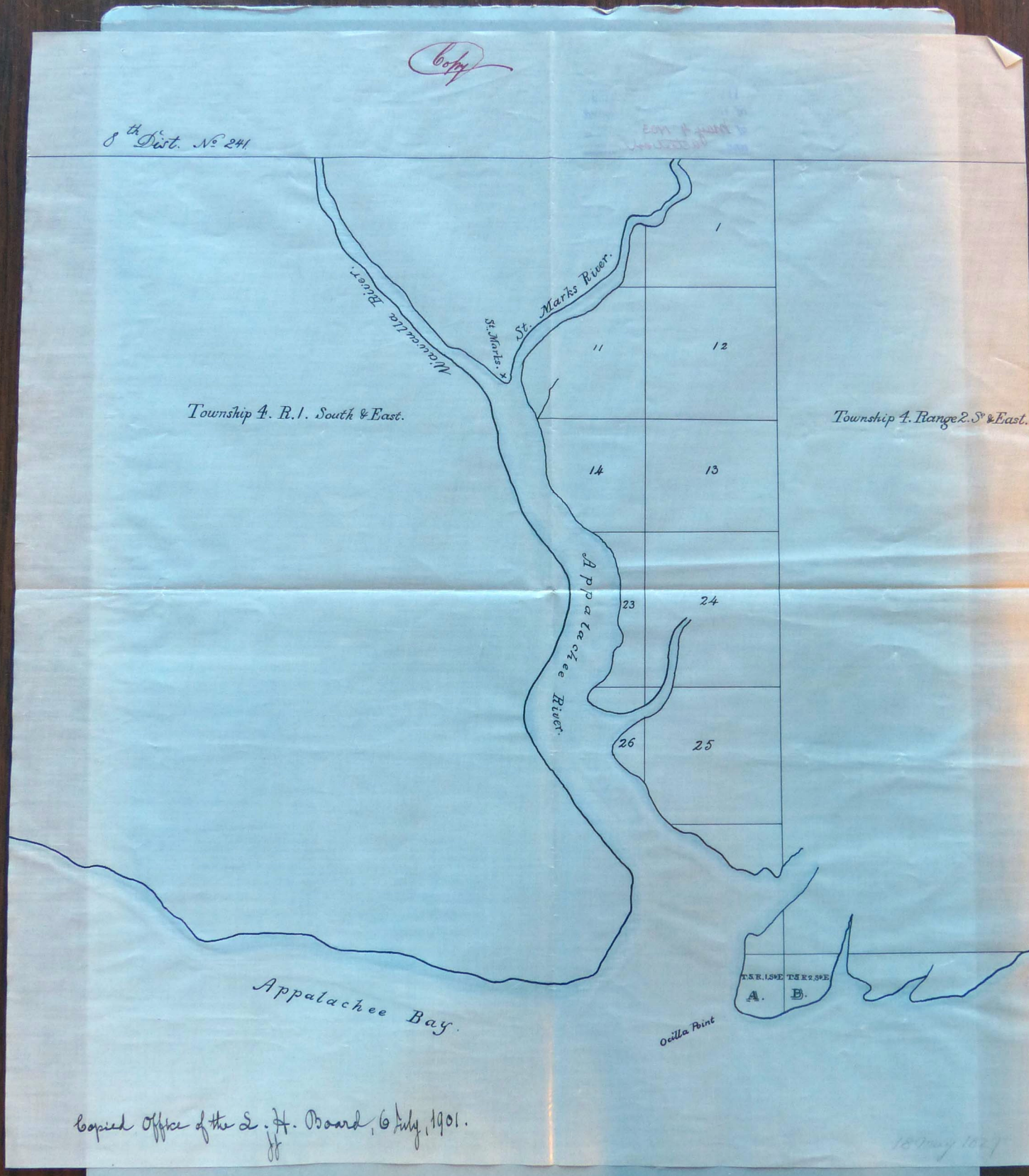
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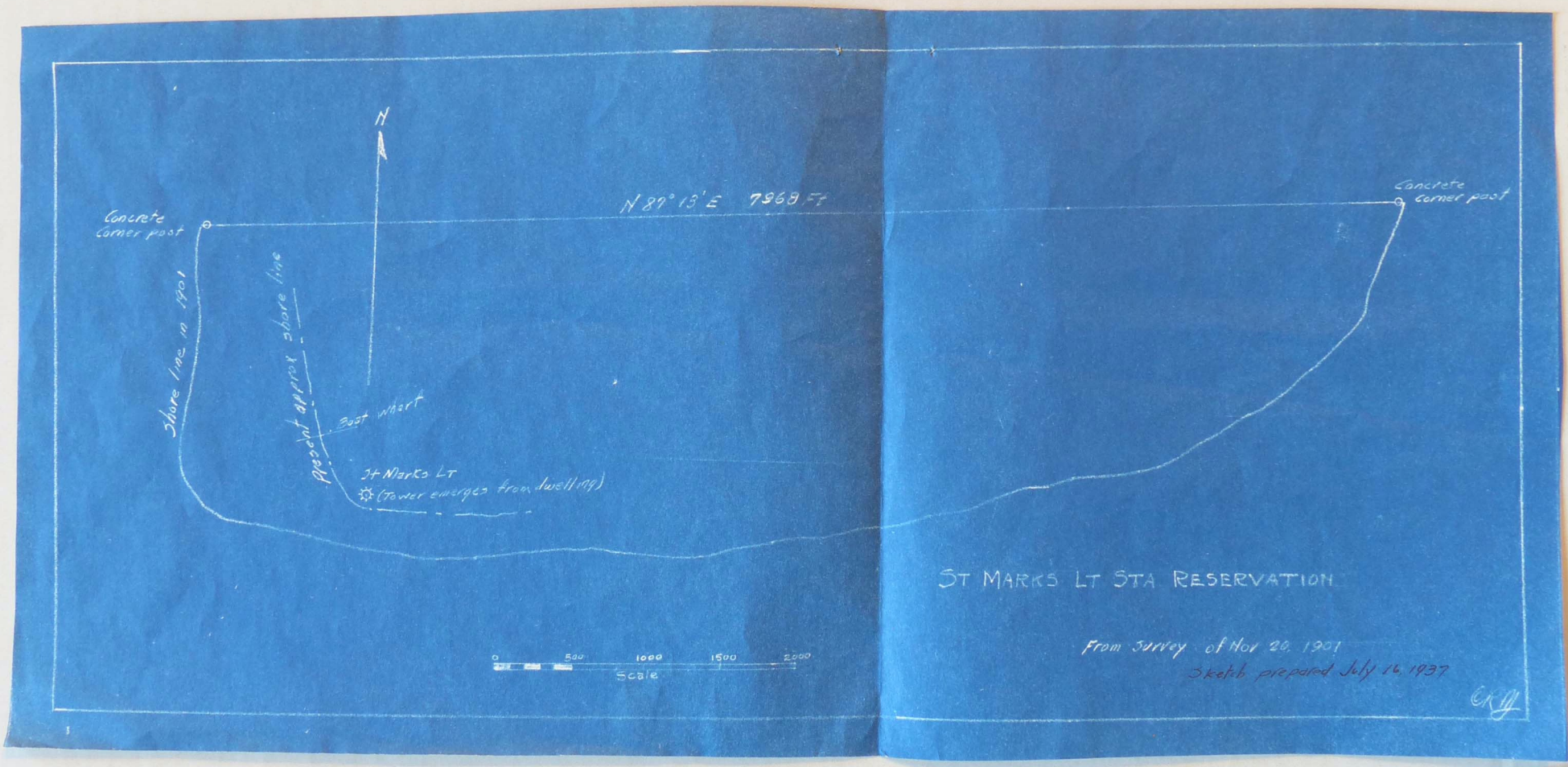
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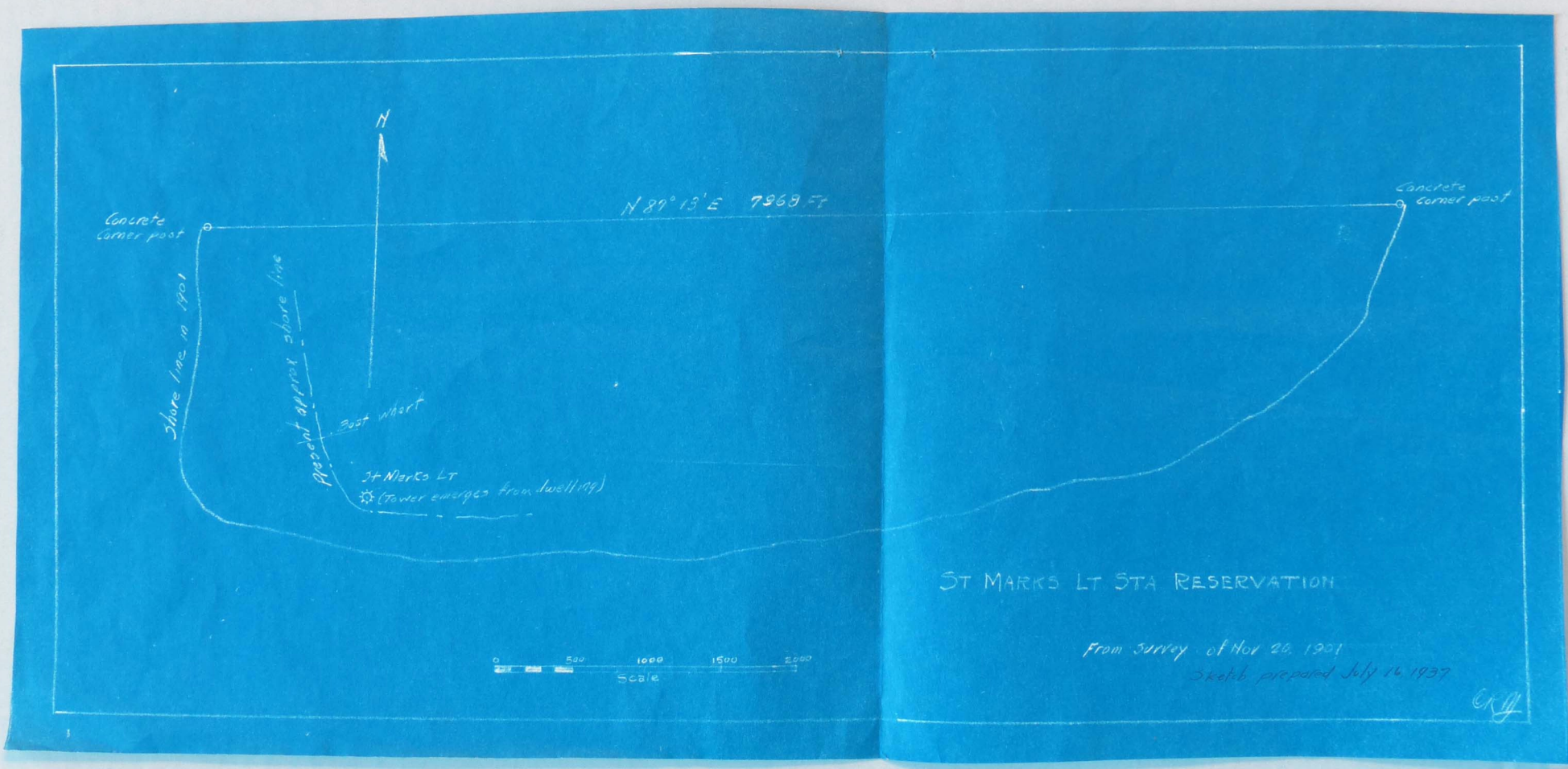


Copied Office of the S. H. Board, 6 July, 1901.

18 May 1894


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St. Marks.
St. Marks River.
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Concrete corner post
Concrete corner post
Shore line in 1901
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ST MARKS LT STA RESERVATION
From Survey of Nov 20. 1901
Sketch prepared July 16. 1937


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From survey of Nov 26, 1901
Sketch prepared July 16, 1937

Executive Order

St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge

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HERBERT HOOVER

The White House,
October 31, 1931.

[No. 5740]

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

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August 29, 1931.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of August 19, 1931, inclosing draft of proposed Executive Order to include St. Marks Lighthouse Reservation, Florida, as part of the migratory bird refuge areas in that locality, in accordance with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929, is acknowledged, and I am pleased to return the draft with advice that the form of order meets with the approval of the Department except it is suggested that paragraph 2 thereof be changed to read:

The land involved has been withdrawn for lighthouse reservation purposes, and is primarily under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, and its reservation as a wild-life refuge is subject to the use thereof by said department for lighthouse purposes at all times, and the enforcement of law by the Department of Agriculture shall be without interference with any existing or proposed regulations of the Department of Commerce pertaining to its Lighthouse Service personnel and their duties on the reservation.

It is noted in your letter of August 13, 1921 regarding Cape Romain Lighthouse Reservation, South Carolina, that steps will be taken to appoint the Keeper of St. Marks Lighthouse Reservation, Florida, the deputy game warden of the proposed St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

LGJ:KBW

Fla F-40

Identifying Serial
No.of Property_____ .

QUESTIONNAIRE COVERING REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES

Note: Use a separate sheet for each separate piece or parcel of property, with as many extra blank sheets as may be required for the replies.

1. Dept. or establishment having custody:

Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service,

2. Name and location of property: **St. Marks Lighthouse Reservation, located T. 5 S., R. 1 E., fractional section 1, Wakulla County, Florida.**

3. Present use (such as Navy Yard, military reservation, hospital, etc.):

Lighthouse

4. Original purpose (if it has been changed by Executive Order, so state):

Lighthouse

5. Date of and authority for acquisition:

Executive order dated Prov. November 12, 1838, Perm. May 8, 1903.

6. Original cost:
Nothing.

7. Area:

Land: **86 acres**
Water:
Marsh:
Total:

8. If the property is held incident to navigation purposes, so state, and describe whether the Government's interest is fee simple, or reversionary.

Yes. Fee simple.

9. If the property is held for water power purposes, so state; and describe whether the Government's interest is fee simple or reversionary.

No.

Note: See Explanatory Notes on other side.

10. If property is held for agriculture, manufacture or other purpose, state the purpose and the Government's interest.

No.

11. Describe briefly and generally the improvements on land such as buildings and other structures with uses.

One brick lighthouse tower and one 4-room coral rock dwelling.

12. Describe streets, waterways, sewers, telephone and telegraph lines, owned by the United States or held by it under lease or permit.

None.

13. If under exclusive jurisdiction or laws of the United States so state; if not explain.

Exclusive jurisdiction of United States.

14. Is the property owned by the U. S. Government, or under permanent lease, to revert to original owners in case Government vacates.

Owned by Government.

15. Appraised value: Land: $4,300.00
Improvements: $35,000.00
Total: ~~$~~ 39,300.00

16. If available, submit sketch or blue print of the property in question with this questionnaire. **Sketch - none**

17. Remarks:

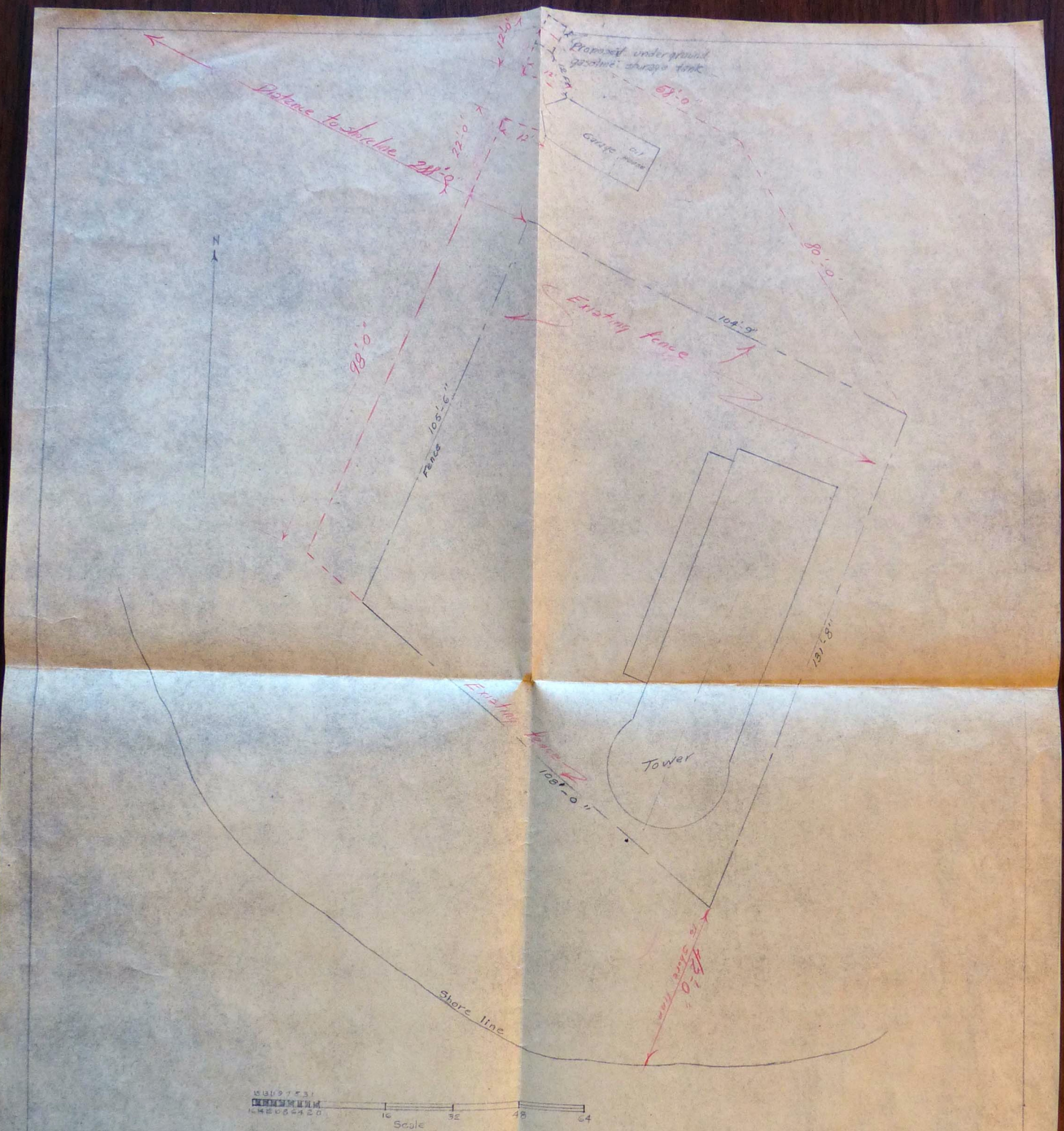
None.

18. **No.**

Date: APR 1 1930

By whom made: E. S. LANPHIER SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES New Orleans, La.
(Name; Title; Address)

Questionnaire-Government-owned-real estate —2



To accompany Letter of Sept 10, 57

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
EIGHTH DISTRICT, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

ST MARKS LIGHT STATION

Shore line as of August 2 1937 platted from data given by keeper

SCALE 1" = 16'-0"

DATE Aug 12, 1937

E. S. Lauchheimer
SUPERINTENDENT

DRAWN:

TRACED: C.R.M.

CHECKED: C.R.M.

SHEET 1 OF 1

DWG. NO. 703

(Copy)

(Public—No. 85.)

AN ACT making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, for the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, namely:

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Light-Houses, Beacons, and Fog-Signals.

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To reimburse keepers of Dog Island and Saint Mark's light stations, Florida, for private property destroyed by a hurricane, nine hundred and seventy dollars and sixty-five cents.

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Approved, March 3, 1879.

St. Mark's, Fla.

(Copy)

Appropriation to reimburse keepers of Dog Island and Saint Mark's light-stations, Fla., for private property destroyed by a hurricane.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

Florida files No 46

14th Endown

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Hon. Reserve St. Marks

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

JANUARY 10TH, 1842.

SIR,

I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR COMMUNICATION OF THE 31ST ULTIMO REQUESTING TO BE FURNISHED WITH A COPY OF THE MAP SHOWING THE RESERVATION FOR A LIGHT HOUSE AT THE MOUTH OF APALACHEE OR ST. MARKS RIVER FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH THE ACT OF THE PRESIDENT MAKING THE RESERVATION. IN REPLY I HEREWITH ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS OF COMMISSIONER GRAHAM OF THE 18TH OF MAY 1829 TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL ORDERING SAID RESERVATION, FROM WHICH IT WILL BE PERCEIVED THAT THE MAP OR SKETCH UPON WHICH THE ACTION OF THIS OFFICE WAS BASED, IS ON FILE IN YOUR OFFICE WITH THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COLLECTOR OF THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARK'S ABOUT THAT PERIOD. IT DOES NOT APPEAR ON EXAMINATION THAT A COPY OF THE SKETCH TAKEN FROM THAT MAP WAS RETAINED AT THIS OFFICE, NOR THAT THE MATTER WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE SANCTION OF THE PRESIDENT PREVIOUS TO ISSUING THE INSTRUCTIONS AS IS NOW THE PRACTICE.

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REQUEST IN YOUR LETTER NOW BEFORE ME.

I AM,SIR,VERY RESPECTFULLY

YOUR OBT. SERVT

E.M. HUNTINGTON

COMMISSIONER.

TO S. PLEASONTON ESQR. :
:
FIFTH AUDITOR :

TREASURY DEPT.

Refers to Plat &c

: COPY :

L. R. VOL. I, P. 68.

APALACHEE OR ST. MARK'S RIVER, FLA.

GENL. LAND OFFICE,
JANY: 10 '42.

FROM

E. M. HUNTINGTON, COMMR., IN REPLY TO 31 DEC:, ENCLOSES COPY OF COMMR. GRAHAM'S ORDER OF 18, MAY '29 TO THE SURVR. GENL. TO MAKE THE LT: HO: RESERVN. AT ST. MARKS REFRS. TO FILES OF THIS OFFICE & ASKS COPY OF THE SKETCH SENT BY THE SUPT. ABT. THE ABOVE PERIODS.---

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ANSD. JANY: 12 '42.

Florida Plat No 40.
10th Section

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see plat 7

⁝ COPY ⁝

Here for the description

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

GENL. LAND OFFICE

18TH MAY 1829.

SIR:

THE COLLECTOR FOR THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARKS HAS TRANSMITTED TO THE FIFTH AUDITOR OF THE TREASURY A SKETCH OF THE TRACTS OF LAND CONTEMPLATED TO BE RESERVED FOR THE SITE & ACCOMMODATION OF A LIGHT HOUSE AT OCILLA POINT. THE TRACTS ALLUDED TO ARE DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT AS FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIPS NOS. 5 OF RANGES NOS. 1 & 2 S. & E.

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A PART OF THE SKETCH ALLUDED TO.

YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO INDICATE ON THE OFFICIAL SURVEYS THAT THE TRACTS MARKED A & B ARE RESERVED FOR THE PURPOSES ABOVE MENTIONED.

I AM VERY RESPECTFULLY

SIR, YOUR OBT. SERVANT,

⁝SIGNED⁝ G. W. GRAHAM.

ROBT. BUTLER ESQR.

SUR. GENL.

TALLAHASSEE.

⁝ GEO. GRAHAM.⁝

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: COPY :

INSTRUCTIONS HAVE THIS DAY BEEN ISSUED TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL TO INDICATE ON THE OFFICIAL PLATS OF SURVEY, THE TWO TRACTS OF LAND AT OCILLA POINT, :MARKED A, & B ON THE ENCLOSED SKETCH: AS RESERVED FOR THE SITE AND ACCOMODATION OF A LIGHT HOUSE---

GENL. LAND OFFICE

18TH MAY 1829.

⁝ COPY ⁝

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

SIR: JANY. 5TH 1838.

BY LETTER TO SURVEYOR GENL. OF FLORIDA DATED 18TH MAY 1829 FROM THIS OFFICE, HE WAS INFORMED OF THE RESERVATION OF FRACTL. TOWNSHIPS 4 S. R. 1 E. & 4 S. R. 2 E. FOR THE SITE AND ACCOMMODATION OF A LIGHT HOUSE AT ST. MARKS, AND INSTRUCTED TO MARK HIS MAPS ACCORDINGLY---

I AM INFORMED THAT, SUBSEQUENTLY MR. WILLIS THE COLLECTOR AT ST. MARKS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES IN THAT QUARTER, RECOMMENDED THAT THE LIMITS OF SAID RESERVATION BE CONTRACTED SO AS TO EMBRACE IN FEW ACRES ONLY SAY 3 OR 4 WHICH WERE DEEMED SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT---WILL YOU BE PLEASED TO INFORM ME, WHETHER SUCH A RECOMMENDATION WAS RECEIVED BY YOU AND IF SO WHAT ACTION WAS HAD THEREON, OR, ANY INFORMATION GOING TO SHOW THE PRESENT CONDITION OF SAID RESERVE---

RESPECTFULLY

YOUR OBDT. SERVT.

⁝SIGNED⁝ JAS. WHITCOMB

TO ,COMMR.

STEPHEN PLEASONTON ESQR.

5TH AUDITOR.

STATE OF Florida

FILE NO. 40

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MR. THORR--

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL RESPECTING THE CONTEMPLATED RESERVE FOR A SITE OF A LIGHT HOUSE AT OCILLA POINT---

IF YOU INSTRUCT THE SUPERINTENDENT ACCORDINGLY THE DESIRED RESERVE WILL BE MADE BEFORE THE SURVEY OF THE TOWNSHIP IS TRANSMITTED HERE---

VERY RESPY.,

SIGNED J. M. MOORE.

GENL. LAND OFFICE,

20' MAR. 1829

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

GENL. LAND OFFICE

20TH MARCH 1829.

SIR,

IT IS DESIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RESERVE A SMALL PORTION OF LAND AS A SITE FOR A LIGHT HOUSE AT OCILLA POINT IN THE VICINITY OF ST. MARKS---:FLA.:

AS SURVEYS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED EMBRACING THE POINT OF LAND ALLUDED TO, THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO APPRIZE YOU OF THE PRECISE QUANTITY & LOCATION OF THE TRACT REQUIRED TO BE RESERVED WHICH YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO INDICATE ON THE TOWNSHIP PLAT AS APPROPRIATED TO THE OBJECT STATED---

I AM, VERY RESPECTFULLY,

SIR YR. OBT. SVT.

:SIGNED: GEO. GRAHAM

COMM.

ROBERT BUTLER ESQ.

SURVEYOR GENERAL

TALLAHASSEE

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Pensacola Oct 27. 1828
Collector Robert Mitchell
to D Pleasanton
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Pensacola Oct. 27th 1828.

Robert Mitchell
has decided on Arcilla Point
for Site of Lt. Ho: near St. Marks
Harbor, supposed to belong to U States.

St. Marks Lt.

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1st Enclosure
Copy sent to Lt. House
Augt 1874

Collectors Office Pensacola
October 29. 1818.

Sir,

I returned to this place two days since, by land, in consequence of no immediate conveyance offering by Water, having discharged the duty you were pleased to assign me at St. Marks.

I sailed from this place on the 6th instant, but owing to adverse winds, I did not reach St. Marks until the night of the 11th, the three last days of this time, the weather was fine and clear, and the wind light, being unusually favorable, which enabled me to run close to the land from Cape St. Blas to Cape St. George and South Cape, the latter being about 20 miles West of St. Marks. I was desirous of examining all these prominent points, as many persons of some nautical judgement, were of opinion that South Cape was the most proper place for a Light House, and the best guide to the entrance of St. Marks.

On my approach to the entrance of St. Marks, I instantly decided on Oscilla Point, as the proper place, if one was required, there was a proper foundation. I mention this, although I did not make the survey for several days after, being fully aware of the disposition which pervades the people generally, in this country, to speculate and imposed on the Government, and each other.

The surveyor of the Port, being absent

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at Tallahassee attending Court, I repaired to that place, & Inquired his aid, when I requested he would obtain from the Land Office, information as to the extent of the U. States surveys down the Bay, and returned to St Marks; on the 15th I made a personal examination of the Harbour, when I was, greatly to my satisfaction, confirmed in my first determination, that Oscilla Point was the proper site for the Light House; this point is on the East side of the Harbour, is the most prominent, and situated about two miles inside the Bar, and nearly North from the entrance, affording a direct guide to ships. On the point selected, there is a small Hammock of land, elevated about four feet above high Water mark, with sufficient ground for a small garden; in the rear, towards the main land, there is a meadow, extending about two miles, easily passed, and rarely over flowed.

As far as I can ascertain, the United States Surveys, Township 4, Range 1, S & E, extend to within about ½ mile of the point selected, it is therefore, fortunately on public land, and supersedes the necessity of purchasing, but if contrary to my expectations, the Survey should extend further, and any attempt should be made to enter the point selected, you will please recollect that my decision was made on the 15th and any entry must be subsequent.

Oscilla Point, rests on an extensive & solid Bed of Lime Stone Rock, which is visible on the surface, and is excellent for building, or for Lime;

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and the Light House will be safe against all casualties. It is probable that a Well could be dug, but whether the water would be good or not, is conjecture only; there is a creek of good fresh water, about 3 miles distant, from which, or St. Marks, water must be obtained, until a Well is dug; this would subject the Keeper to some labour, and the expense of a Boat. The point selected lies 8 or 9 miles below St. Marks, and in addition to the Lime Stone, there are abundance of Oyster shells, in the immediate vicinity. As the entrance into St. Marks, is very blind, it will I presume, as the foundation is low, be necessary to give the Light House considerable elevation. No Brick is yet made near St. Marks, but there is good Clay about 7 miles up the River.

~~The three Spar Buoys formerly contemplated~~ will be required; one to be placed on each side of the entrance, and the third, at the end of the middle ground, about a mile inside, and directly opposite to the Bar, on each side of which, is a good channel into the Harbour, these the channel can be designated by Stakes, at the expense of the local authorities.

There is no proper place for a site, on the West side of the Harbour, which is very fortunate, as it is embraced in what is called "Forbes purchase".

I have incurred some little expenses, an account of which, I will keep, until the duty assigned me ceases.

I have the honor to be with respect and esteem Your mo. Obt. Svt.

P. H. Mitchell

Stephen Pleasonton Esq.
Fifth Auditor U.S.

Pensacola Oct. 24th 1828.

Robert Mitchell

has deeded on Arcilla Point for Site of Lt Ho: near St Marks Harbor, supposed to belong to U States.

St. Marks Lt.

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1st Endorse

Copy sent to 7th Dist Ct

Aug 1874

E.B. (COPY)

SUBJECT:

CHIEF CLERK
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Office of the Chief of Engineers,

United States Army,

Washington, November 25, 1902.

Hon. Elihu Root,

Secretary of War.

Sir:

The Engineer officer in charge of defensive works on the west coast of Florida states in a recent report that from pencil notes in the U. S. land office at Tallahassee, Fla., it appears that fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian, were at some time set aside as a military reservation. Maps of the locality show a light-house apparently in T. 5 S., R. 1 E.

There formerly existed near the locality in question, at the junction of Waculla and St. Marks river, the military reservation pertaining to old Fort St. Marks, which was turned over to the Department of the Interior as announced in General Orders No. 74, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, October 29, 1892.

I have the honor to recommend that the Secretary of the Interior be requested to inform the War Department of the Status of fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Tallahassee Meridian; and, if the land is reserved for public uses of the United States, that a copy of the Executive order setting apart

the reservation and a plat of the land, if surveyed, be furnished.

Very resepctfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. L. Gellispie

Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,

U. S. Army.

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(1st indorsement)
War Department,
December 1, 1902.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, with request for action in accordance with the wishes of the Engineer Department, as indicated within.

W. Sanger.
Assistant Secretary of War.

Dept. of the Interior,
Dec. 5/02.

Respectfully referred to the Comr Genl Land Office for report, in duplicate, and return of letter.

Thos Ryan
Acting Secretary.

4th indorsement.
Office Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.
December 27, 1902.

Respectfully referred to The Board of Engineers, for remark as to whether, in the Board's opinion, the land constituting fractional Townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Florida, will probably be required as a site for fortifications.

It will be noted that fractional Township 5, South, Range 1 East, is occupied for lighthouse purposes, and that fractional Township 5 South, Range 2 East was inadvertently patented to the State of Florida as swamp land, December 6, 1883, both fractional townships having been reserved by the President on November 12, 1838, for lighthouse and military purposes.

If the State has conveyed its title to others, or is unwilling to reconvey to the United States, resort to the Courts would be necessary to regain possession of the land, if wanted.

The return of all these papers is requested.

G. L. Gellispie
Brig. Gen.,Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

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Inclos.9-15 accompg.
Inclos.16-19 in sep.roll.

5th indorsement
The Board of Engineers,
Army Building,
New York City, January 5, 1903.

1. Respectfully returned to the Chief of Engineers.

2. No present project contemplates fortifications at the site indicated, and the local interests do not seem important enough to make it likely that any will be required in the future. The Board is therefore of the opinion that the retention of this land or its reacquisition for military purposes is not necessary.

For the Board.

Chas. R. Suter
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
President of the Board.

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Inclos.1-7 accompg.
Inclos.8-11 in sep. roll.

6th indorsement.
Office Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.
January 10, 1903.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War.

From the papers herewih, it appears that fractional townships 5 South, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Florida, were reserved by the President's order dated November 12, 1838, for lighthouse and military purposes; that fractional Township 5 South, Range 1 East, is occupied for lighthouse purposes; and that fractional Township 5 South, Range 2 East, was patented to the State of Florida as swamp land on December 6, 1883.

It is not thought that this land will be required as sites for fortifications, and, in the opinion of this office, all right and interests in the land now vested in the War Department may so far as relates to the Engineer Department, be relinquished.

It is thought, however, that before any formal steps are taken for its relinquishment, the views and wishes of the Department Commander and of the Treasury Department in the premises should be obtained.

G. L. Gellispie
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

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7th Endorsement,
War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, Jan. 15, 1903.

Respectfully referred to the Commanding General, Department of the East, Governor's Island, N.Y. for remark and recommendation.
By order of the
Secretary of War.

William Ennis
Lieut. Col., Artillery Corps,
Assistant Adjutant General.

8th Endt.
Headquarters Department of the East,
Governor's Id., N.Y., Jan. 19/03.
Respectfully referred to the Engineer Officer of the Dept., for remark.

By command of
Major General Chaffee:
C. J. Crane
Major of Infantry,
Assistant Adjutant General.

9th Indorsement.
Department of the East,
Engineer Office,
New York, N.Y.
January 21, 1903.
Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General, Department of the East.
The maps of this location have been examined and there appears to be no military use to which this land could be applied, at any rate, in time of peace.
It is believed that the retention of this land or its reacquisition for military purposes is not necessary.
W. R. Livermore
Lieut. Col. Corps of Engineers,
Engr. Offr. Department of the East.
Enclos. 1-7 accompg.

10th Endorsement.
HEADQRS. DEP'T OF THE EAST,
Governors Isl'd, N.Y. Feb 26, 1903.
Respectfully returned to the Adjutant General of the Army. The retention or re-acquisition of this land is not desired for any military purpose.

Chaffee
Major General
Commanding.

11th Endorsement.
War Department,
Washington, Mar. 3, 1903.
Respectfully referred to the Honorable, the Secretary of the Treasury, in the possibility that the lighthouse shown on maps of the locality are in Township 5, South, Range 1 East for an expression of his wishes in the matter before any formal steps are taken for the relinquishment of this land by the War Department.
E. Root
Secretary of War.

12th Endorsement.
Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary.
8 May, '03.

Respectfully returned to the War Department.

This Department has the honor to state, at the instance of the Light-House Board, that it only desires to retain for lighthouse purposes at the St. Marks, Fla. Light-Station, the land contained in Frac. Sec. 1, Township 5 S., R. 1 E, on which the lighthouse is located.

(signed) R. B. Armstrong Acting Secretary.
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