

Old School House
St. Augustine, Florida

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OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
St. Augustine, St. John County
Florida

Owner:

Date of Erection: Said to be 1665. (It is possible this date refers to a former structure on this site.)

Architect: None known

Builder: Juan Yenoply (Genoply)

Present Condition: Existing structure in good repair.

Number of Stories: One and one-half.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data:

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
ST. AUGUSTINE - 1665

English translation taken from and described in
old Spanish Records as follows:

Wood house in fair condition; property of Juan
Yenoply, with deed and land which it mentions.

The Old Wooden School House, 14 St. George Street
just south of the City Gates is a quaint little clap-
board structure of hand hewn red cedar planks. Juan
Genoply (Yenoply), one of the three New Smyrna settlers
who were bravely instrumental in bringing about the
Minorcan migration to St. Augustine, bought this lot and
since he was a carpenter, probably built thereon his own
home. One of his descendants taught school in the little
place before the Civil War, and it is reputed to have
sheltered also the guard stationed at the nearby City
Gates.

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