

The Old Spanish Treasury
St. Augustine, Florida

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THE OLD ROYAL SPANISH TREASURY

St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida

Owner - City of St. Augustine

Custodian - Woman's Exchange

Date of Erection - 1600

Builder - Spanish Government

Present Condition - Good

Number of Stories - Two

Materials of Construction - Originally of wood,
rebuilt with coquina stone.

The Old Spanish Treasury now houses the Woman's Exchange. The original Treasury building was of wood, erected about 1600.

Almost a century later, in 1690, thick coquina walls replaced the timbers and in 1702, after Moore burned the town, the stone walls formed a rest for a second story of wood. Three decades after, Dr. Seth Peck bought the place, covered the walls with cement and plaster, made it his home and the first drug store in St. Augustine.

Eventually the buildings came into the hands of Dr. Peck's grand-daughter, Anna G. Burt, who in 1931 deeded the property to the City of St. Augustine with the proviso that it be maintained as a southern ante-bellum home.

The floors are hand hewn yellow pine, pinned by hand wrought nails. The stairway has rustic beauty of its own.

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