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# FLORIDA

Civilization in Florida dates farther back than in any other state of the Union. It was conquered by Ponce de Leon in 1512 and in 1539 it was visited by DeSoto. The Seminole Indians have a representative in the state legislature. The men who opened up Florida to modern man were Henry B. Plant, who penetrated the West or Gulf Coast in the late eighties with the Plant system of railroads now known as the Atlantic Coast Line, and Henry W. Flagler, who completed the Florida East Coast Railway in 1896. And now S. Davies Warfield has penetrated the interior with an extension of the Seaboard Air Line from Coleman to West Palm Beach thereby placing the rich agricultural and fruit raising sections of the Flowery State into direct communication with the outside world by means of the Atlantic Coast line on the west and the Florida East Coast Railway on the east and their connections north and south and vice versa. Those were the men who blazed the trail.

Chicago and the Middle West are now supplying much of the capital to carry out the present magnificent developments in that state. Chicago people have invested \$100,000,000 in the development of the state. The history of a nation is written in the lives of her great men. Here you have the history of the development of the state of Florida in a nutshell. These men have done and are doing more for Florida than nature herself. The state is rich in opportunity and these men have in truth painted the lily and refined fine gold.

Never before has the interest in the development of the state been as keen as it is at the present time. Wherever you go the state is full of people from the north; some residing there permanently but for the most part many are there for only the winter months—to get away from the cold of the north. It is estimated that 25 per cent more people are visiting Florida this winter than ever before. Every train going south is crowded with passengers for Florida. During the storm when the railroads failed for a few days people from New York and the east found it desirable to touch at the remote southern tip of Florida by sea and go north by rail. The Florida East Coast Hotels were booked to capacity for the season three weeks ago and applications for space were piled a foot high.

On Friday, January 16, there were 900 cars or 15 freight trains of 60 cars each in the yards at Jacksonville consigned to points below, that is to feed the visitors. The Florida East Coast Railway operates nine passenger trains each way each day in addition to 35

freight trains on its 535 miles of single track from Jacksonville to Key West.

Conspicuity has recently been given to Florida by the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of eliminating inheritance taxes and it is believed that this will add materially to the population as well as to the wealth of the state, many people of large means having already elected to make their permanent home in the state while others have such step in contemplation. In a matter of so much importance to one of large means it would be well to consult a competent lawyer but in a general way to come within the law one must take up his actual domicile in Florida for a reasonable period of each year, and must bona fide intend to make Florida his legal residence. The purchase of a home in Florida is not absolutely necessary, but it is desirable. The prospective citizen should evidence his intention to make Florida his domicile by registering at hotels from his Florida address, and should pay his Federal Income Tax through the proper district in Florida, and should pay his poll tax and automobile license tax in Florida, and register to vote in Florida, after he has completed the necessary residence of one year in the State. He should also redraw his will, and declare himself in

each will to be a resident and citizen of Florida, and should likewise so declare himself in deeds and other legal papers that he executes. He must organize a corporation to which he may convey his securities as in event of death the corporation will continue. It is not necessary that the securities be kept in the state, but it would be helpful and advisable.

Florida is as large as New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined and has a population of a little more than 1,000,000, while the three states mentioned have a population of 15,000,000. This means opportunity.

**FLORIDA: AREA, 58,666 SQUARE MILES; LAND, 54,861 SQUARE MILES; WATER, 3,805 SQUARE MILES.**

	1880	1900	1910	1922
Population .....	759,492	1,325,543	752,619	1,046,387
Property, true value .....	\$120,000,000	\$355,743,000	\$926,825,000	\$12,440,491,000
Manufactures:				
Capital .....	\$2,210,680	\$25,622,171	\$65,290,642	\$296,294,000
Products, value .....	\$5,544,443	\$4,183,509	\$72,829,459	\$145,821,000
Mines and quarries:				
Capital .....			\$20,794,901	\$45,067,642
Products, value .....			\$2,346,665	\$2,976,422
Lumber cut, feet .....	247,627,000	788,305,000	\$92,091,000	\$280,014,000
Mineral products, value .....	\$1,500	\$3,326,517	\$9,224,705	\$10,305,000
Phosphate mined, tons .....		708,243	2,067,807	\$2,018,899
All land in farms, acres .....	4,262,891	5,262,522	5,805,408	\$2,127,271
Improved land, acres .....	947,640	40,814	50,016	\$4,000
Number of farms .....		\$2,929,064	\$142,122,122	\$220,201,717
Value all farm property .....		\$30,222,016	\$92,728,065	\$222,424,740
Value farm land .....	\$7,429,000	\$18,305,000	\$42,689,425	\$28,700,000
Farm products, value .....		\$12,495,000	\$32,237,000	\$72,300,000
Cotton crop:				
Bales, number .....	55,000	50,000	59,000	12,000
Tobacco crop, pounds .....		1,125,000	2,400,501	4,292,000
Grain crop:				
Corn, bushels .....	2,522,000	4,156,960	5,190,000	10,250,000
Oats, bushels .....	426,000	378,000	680,000	396,000
Live stock:				
Cattle, number .....	451,000	751,000	845,000	871,000
Sheep, number .....	186,000	125,000	124,000	64,000
Swine, number .....	287,000	464,000	810,000	633,000
Horses, number .....	22,000	43,000	46,000	27,000
Mules, number .....	9,000	14,000	22,000	43,000
National banks:				
Resources .....	\$312,224	\$9,642,702	\$46,122,821	\$156,391,000
Capital .....	\$100,000	\$1,155,000	\$5,780,000	\$2,950,000
Deposits .....	\$157,202	\$6,425,441	\$26,094,220	\$114,792,000
Other banks, deposits .....	\$227,229	\$2,714,821	\$20,827,000	\$129,423,000
Railroad mileage .....	518	2,299	4,222	15,222
Highway expenditures .....		**\$427,124	\$122,220,225	\$19,276,000
Public schools, expenditures .....	\$115,000	\$765,229	\$21,584,000	\$29,769,000
Assessed value property .....	\$20,922,309	\$26,626,954	\$65,600,300	\$445,102,000

\*Census 1920. †1922. ‡1921. §1912. \*\*1904. ††1916. ‡‡1908.

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