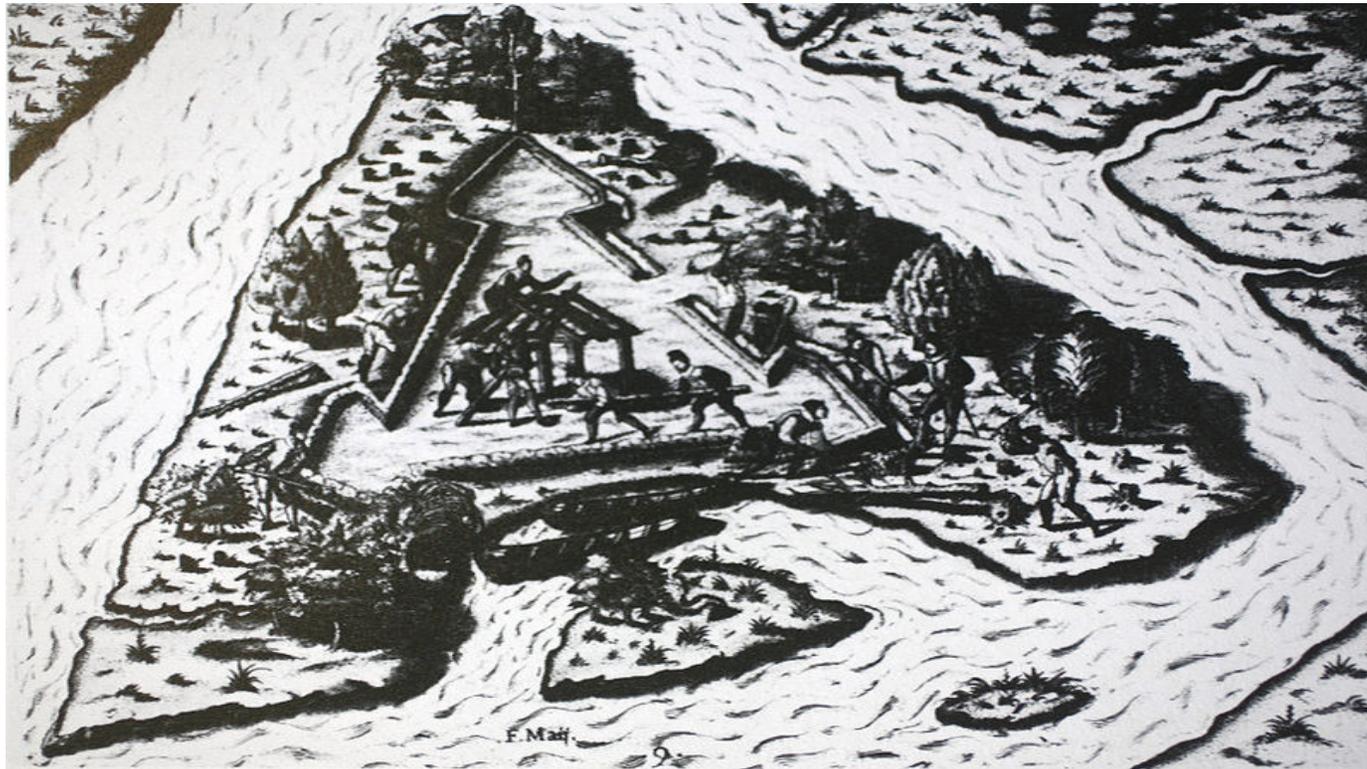


# French History in Florida



**Founding of Fort Caroline**

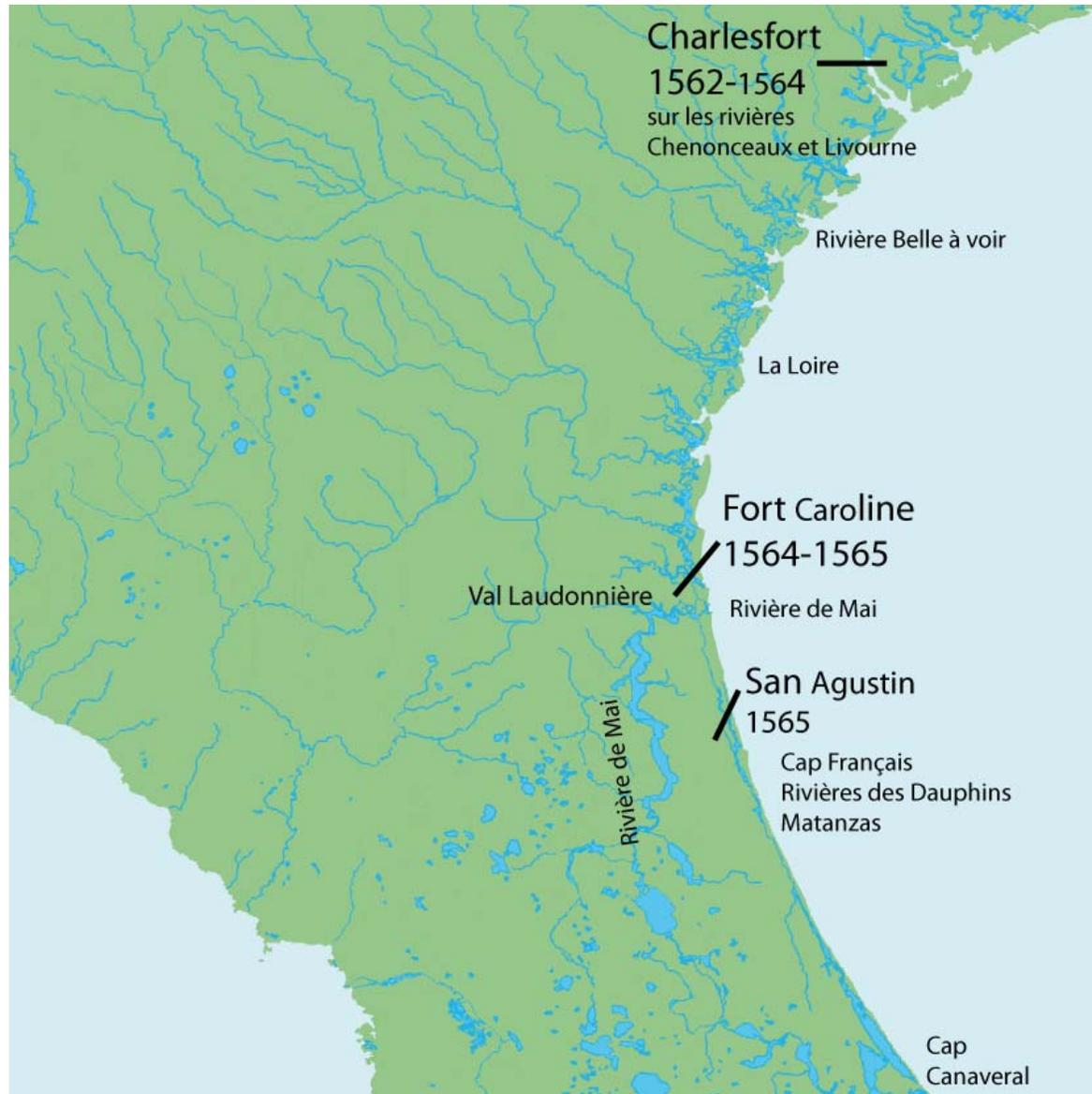
By Consulate General of France in Miami

# 1562

- ◆ Seeking the right to worship freely and with support from the French crown, on February 18, 1562, a French expedition sailed toward the New World under the command of Jean Ribault.
- ◆ On April 30, Ribault dropped anchor along the North Florida coast at the site of a majestic river. He named it the River May.
- ◆ The “next day in the morning,” May 1, Ribault took small rowboats and entered the river. After friendly meetings with Native Indians, Ribault and his men planted a column in honor of their King, Charles IX, claiming the land for France. The column gave promise of their return to settle the land, today’s Jacksonville, Florida.

# 1562

- Ribault and his ships then headed north along the coast, leaving some settlers at Paris Island, where they constructed a small fort called Charlesfort.
- Ribault returned to France in order to bring back provisions for his men. Unfortunately, he was not able to return to Florida causing his troops to return to France as well.
- They baptized the territory where they later on settled: *Paris Island*. There, they built a fort called Charlesfort. What was called Paris Island is in today's South Carolina. That happened 46 years before the founding of Québec !!!



The « Nouvelle France » in Florida – 16th Century

# 1564

- ◆ A second expedition, this time under the command of Rene de Laudonierre, settled near the mouth of the River May, today's St. John's River.
- ◆ A new fort was built there and it was named Fort Caroline. It was the first French colony in the present day United States.
- ◆ The first Thanksgiving of America was celebrated on June 30<sup>th</sup> of 1564.

# 1565

- ◆ Ribault returns to Florida with enough provisions. At the same time Pedro Menéndez de Avilés arrived in Florida with his Spanish fleet and decided to attack Fort Caroline.
- ◆ After being defeated by the French, Menéndez and his troops were forced to settle in the south, a territory that they called St Augustine. Afterwards, Menéndez and his men ambushed Fort Caroline by land and the fort was invaded.



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# Fort Caroline National Memorial



# Fort San Carlos 1698 - 1722



- ◆ Spanish Fort San Carlos de Austria was built in 1698 to guard against French incursions from the Mississippi Valley and the Gulf of Mexico.
- ◆ Fort San Carlos de Austria was completely destroyed in 1719 by the French who then kept control of Pensacola until 1722.

# Fort San Carlos



# Fort Crèvecoeur 1717-1722



Located at the intersection of Columbus St. and Hwy 98, Beacon Hill, Gulf County, Florida, Fort Crèvecoeur was established in 1717 by the French Governor of Louisiana, Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne de Bienville and his brother Lemoyne de Chateague on a land claimed by the Spanish.

Abandoned by the French in 1718, Fort Crèvecoeur (which means « Broken Heart » in English) was occupied by the Spanish until 1722. The fort was definitely abandoned in 1722.

# Fort Crèvecoeur





# The East coast and the American Revolution

- ◆ Up to 400 French prisoners-of-war were held in St. Augustine during the American Revolution.
- ◆ Some of the French nationals stayed around and in 1817 “Luis Aury” took, briefly, (Spanish) Fort Carlos on Fernandina Beach, until he surrendered to the Americans...



# The Gulf coast 1804-1900

- ◆ A French consulate is established around 1850 in Apalachicola, then one of the busiest seaports of the USA, to protect commercial interests in the South.
- ◆ Many French nationals had settled there after the independence of Haiti in 1804.

# Prince Murat 1821-1847



- ◆ Prince Achille Murat, nephew of Emperor Napoléon I, arrives in Florida in 1821.
- ◆ First settling in St. Augustine, he moves to Tallahassee in 1825, where he creates “Lipona” plantation (15 miles East of the city), marries a great-grand niece of president Washington and becomes mayor !
- ◆ After new expeditions, he dies in 1847 and is buried at the Saint-John Episcopal Church cemetery.



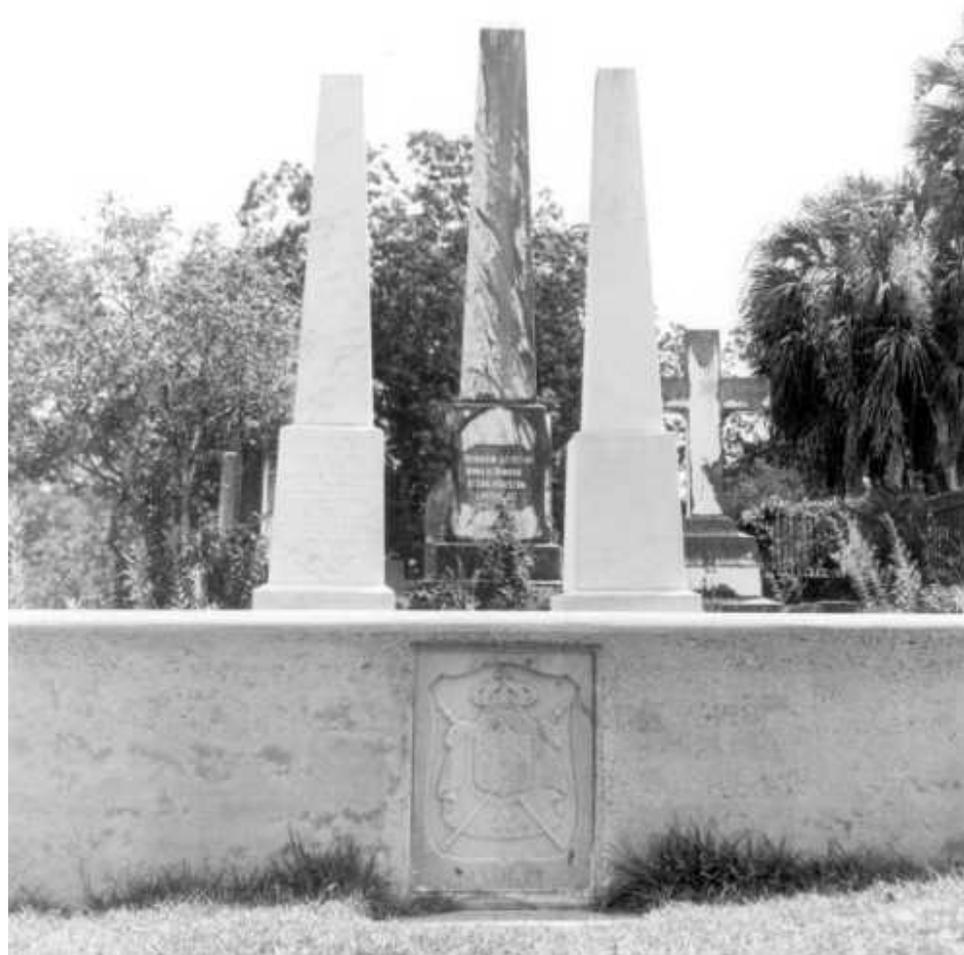
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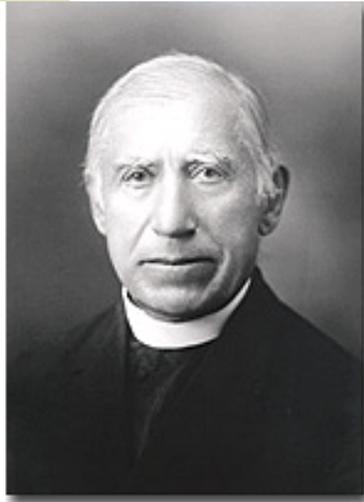
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# Prince Achille Murat



# Graves of Prince & Princess Murat at St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery: Tallahassee, Florida





*Father Henry Clavreul*

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# Father Henry Clavreul

## 1835-1923

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Born in France, Father Henry Clavreul is sent as a young priest in Florida and Georgia in Fall 1860.

In 1877, he is sent to Mandarin, Florida, as the head of the Saint Joseph Catholic Mission, position he keeps for 25 years. While in Mandarin, he helped building churches, a convent and schools, among which a school was specifically dedicated to Black children.

In 1902, he becomes vicar general of the Saint Augustine diocese. He dies in 1923 and is now buried at the Saint Laurent cemetery in Saint Augustine.



# “French town” 1825-1945

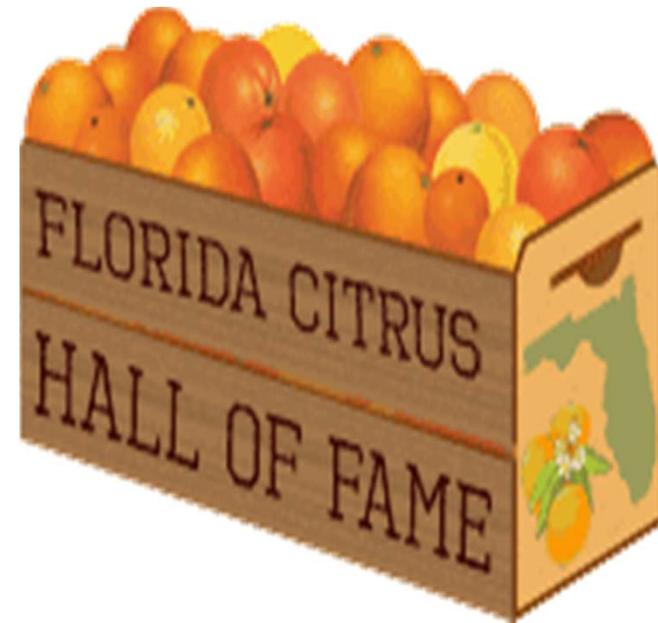
- ◆ During his visit to the USA in 1824-25, the American government rewards the Marquis de Lafayette with piece of land in the place of his choice; he chooses a spot Northwest of current downtown Tallahassee, where “French town” is established.
- ◆ Among its famous former inhabitants are Ray Charles (1940-45), as well as jazz musicians Nat & Cannonball Adderley who are buried there.



# Cigar & citrus 1820' to 2010'

- ◆ Native of Lyons, Count Philippe Odet (1787-1869) resides in Key West and Tampa, where he is one of the founders of both cigar industry and citrus culture. He was inducted in 1963 to the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame.
- ◆ Cherry Lake, the second largest plant nursery and citrus plantation in Florida was founded and is owned today by a French family (the Sallins).

# Count Philippe Odet and the citrus industry





# Philippe Park Safety Harbor, Florida



The park is named after Count Philippe Odet, who is credited for introducing grapefruit to the state of Florida in 1823.

## Florida through romantic eyes



□ François-René de Chateaubriand and the paradise lost:

In 1791, after the French Revolution disrupted his military career, Chateaubriand sailed to America. Although it is unsure whether he stayed in Florida, the words Florida and Seminoles appear in such works as “Voyage en Amérique”, “Atala” and “Mémoires d’Outre-Tombe”. Indeed, Florida was for him the idealistic representation of paradise lost.

## « L'Histoire de la Floride française »

- ◆ In 1875, Paul Gaffarel publishes « L'Histoire de la Floride française » in which he mentions the first expedition in Florida and describes how Florida was perceived by the first French colonists.





## *Carrollton*, member of the network of the Sacred Heart.

- The influence of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Founded in 1961 on the site of El Jardin (built in 1918), Carrollton school is part of the Network of the Sacred Heart created by Madeleine Sophie Barat. St. Madeleine Sophie Barat (1779-1865), raised by Jesuits, played a great role in developing the education of young women thanks to the Sacred Heart order. The order developed in North America with the help of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, the founder of the first houses of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

# Carrollton School

- Located in Coconut Grove in Miami, Carrollton is a Catholic college preparatory day school for girls.



El Jardin's door

# St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne



St. Madeleine Sophie  
Barat

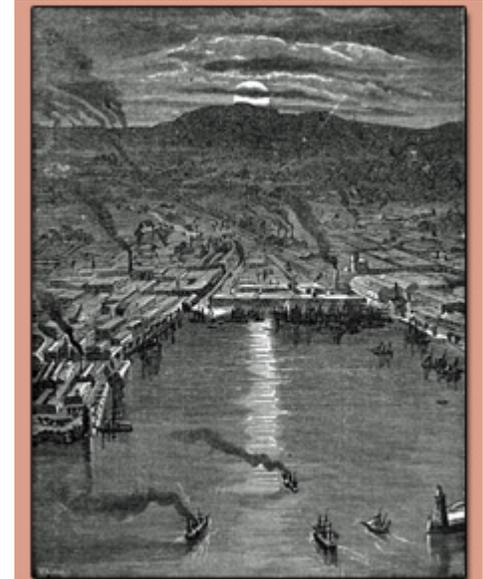
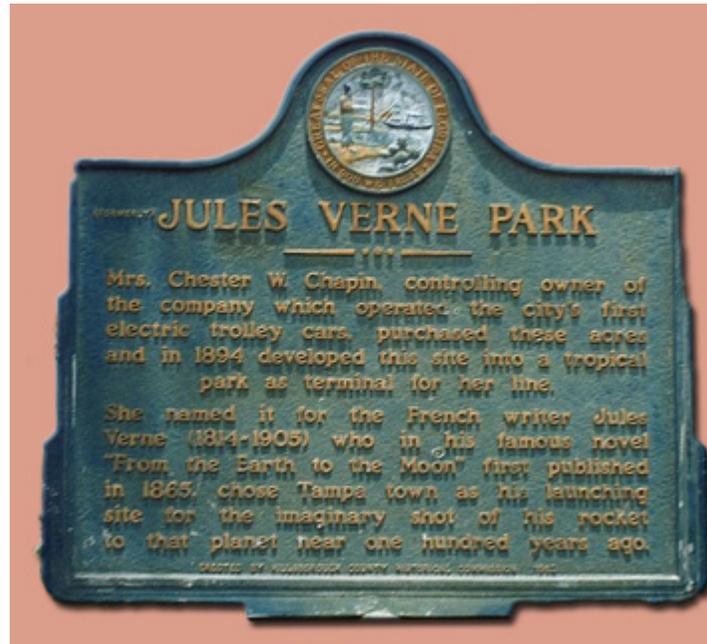


St. Rose  
Philippine Duchesne

# Space Cooperation 1565, 1865 and 1965 !

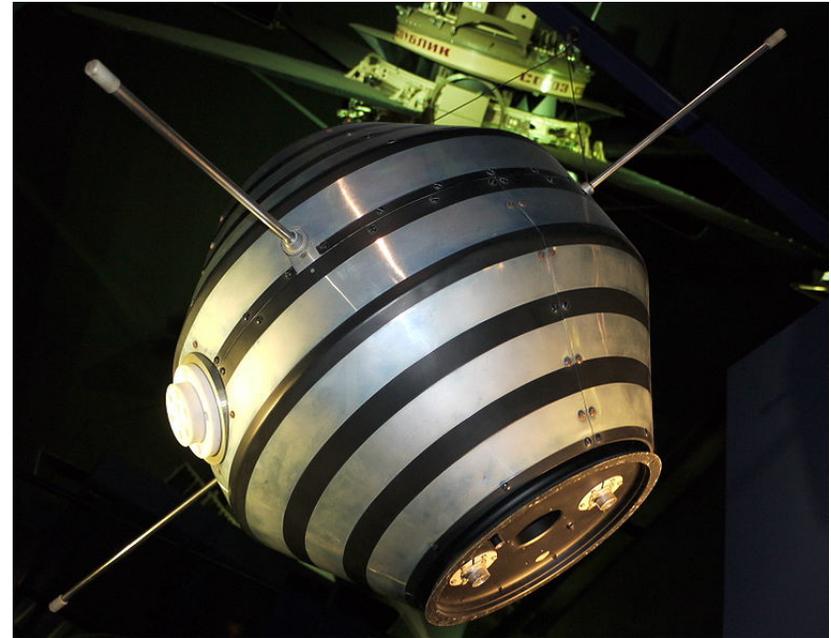
- ◆ 1565 : The survivors of Fort Caroline congregate around current Cape Canaveral, where they found the brief lived Fort French.
- ◆ 1865: Jules Verne (1814-1905) locates in Tampa the launching site of the first space rocket in “From the Earth to the Moon”.
- ◆ 1965: NASA launches the 1st French scientific satellite !!!

## “From the Earth to the Moon”, Jules Verne draws Tampa



## Replica of Astérix at Musée de l'Air et de l'Espace, Paris Le Bourget

*Astérix*, first French satellite  
was launched on  
November 26, 1965.



# First half of the XXth century

- Cartier in Florida since the beginning of Palm Beach !!!



- ◆ 1947: 1<sup>st</sup> doctoral program in French language (UF – Gainesville)



# A bit of France in Miami Beach

## □ Normandy Island:

The neighborhood has first been established by an Alsace native, Henri Levy who moved to Miami Beach in 1922. In 1926, he started creating out of a swampy land mass in Biscayne Bay, that later on became Normandy Island, currently located in the North Beach area. Levy was also instrumental in the construction of the 79th Street Causeway.

With street names like Rue Versailles, Rue Bordeaux, Rue Notre-Dame and Rue Vendome, one might easily think Normandy Isles is a “little France.”

# Normandy Island



# A bit of France in Miami Beach

□ The Fontainebleau hotel resort:  
The French influence has played a role in the construction of the Fontainebleau, designed by Morris Lapidus. Inaugurated in 1954, a golden plate, now located outside of the Château Loevy escalator, have been given to the hotel by the French mayor of the actual city of Fontainebleau to the hotel.



# Second half of the XXth century



- 1951: Alliance Française of Jacksonville
- 1952: Congress for French language and Culture
- 1959: Alliance Française of Orlando
- 1963: Institute on Napoléon and the French Revolution in Tallahassee (FSU)
- 1969: Alliance Française de Miami (now South Florida)
- 1983: French American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) of Florida
- 1985: French Consulate in Miami
- 1986: International Studies program starts at Sunset Elementary, then Carver Middle School and ISCHS.

# XXIst Century



## 2004

- ◆ France decides to begin to award WWII American Veterans with Legion of honor medals. In 2011, 171 Veterans have participated in medals ceremonies in South Florida.





# XXIst Century

2008

- ◆ First edition of the Miami French Week, an unique event created to promote the French presence in South Florida. Miami French Week draws in more and more participants and possible business connections.



Where French business and culture meet *Miami*

# XXIst Century



2011

- ◆ 180 French companies in Florida employ more than 18,000 American citizens.
- ◆ Around 30,000 French nationals live in Florida and, every year, hundreds of thousands of tourists come to discover the Sunshine State.
- ◆ Thanks to the French-loving friends of Latin America and to the multilingual Haitian population, Florida is probably the number one French speaking state of the USA.

# XXIst Century



## 2012 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of French Heritage in Florida

- ◆ In May 2012, the memory of the 1st arrival of French people in Florida will be celebrated in Jacksonville.
- ◆ This will be the 1st of the many commemorations to span up to 2015.
- ◆ 2012 will be marked by other French events throughout Florida.

# CONSULATE GENERAL OF FRANCE IN MIAMI



- ◆ The Consulate is dedicated to the French community as well as to the foreign citizens planning to visit France. It welcomes French citizens who need identity documents or official vital records. **Consular assistance** is also provided to the Nationals facing a difficult situation.
- ◆ Its **Cultural and Communication Sections** promote French arts, literature, and education to local and academic institutions with a strong focus on the contemporary arts. Its assignment is to sustain high-level exchanges and support initiatives that draw attention to new developments in France, with the active support of local partners.
- ◆ **Trade and investment** between the U.S and France relies upon many organizations (Ubifrance for French SMEs willing to export, Invest in France for companies moving to France, AtoutFrance in the field of tourism, Sopexa for agri-food promotion...). Among our local partners are Chambers of Commerce, Enterprise Florida, Tallahassee structures...





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