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Spanish West Florida was a Spanish colony which included Pensacola and most of the Florida Panhandle. This is also how the town received its name; a cantonment is a temporary quarter for troops.

## Panzacola

New fortifications were built at the harbor entrance. There was constant turmoil between French and Spanish and the Indians, and the settlement was burned in 1719. Below is a photo of where Fort George once sat atop Gage Hill, pictured in the 1870's.

#### Panzacola

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With about 1,300 men, the regular troops included a regiment and later Governor of Spanish West and East Florida commanding 319 men of Spain's Irish, and including militias of biracial and free Afro-Cubans. In 1559, Don Tristan de Luna y Arellano led the first settlement of the region. The Queen Anne redoubt played an integral role in the Siege of Pensacola, allowing Spanish forces under Bernardo de Gálvez to capture the city.

#### Battle of Pensacola

They unearthed elements of the British and Spanish forts, including a section of the moat, a powder magazine and several vaulted rooms believed to be latrines. What you are able to do through this horde of information is to get a glimpse, learn and be able to walk or study or both the overall

information for what Pensacola is, was and continues to grow to be. The Villa was burned in 1781 by the troops of General Bernardo de Gálvez during his recapture of Pensacola for the Spanish.	

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