DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Topographic

Hydrographic

Sheet No. 

State Florida

LOCALITY

St. Johns River

Spring, Golden Lake

Lake Woodruff to De Leon Springs

De Leon Springs

1936

CHIEF OF PARTY

L. P. Graham

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TOPOGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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Field No. JJJJJJJJJJ

REGISTER NO. T6613

State Florida

General locality St. Johns River

Locality Lake Woodruff to De Leon Springs

Scale 1:10,000 Date of survey Jan. & Feb., 1938

Vessel MIKAVE

Chief of party L. D. Graham

Surveyed by E. B. Brown

Inked by E. B. Brown

Heights in feet above to ground to tops of trees

Contour, Approximate contour, Form line interval feet

Instructions dated November 9, 1936

Remarks: Signals and the shore line were located with the sextant and plotted on this sheet. The original record was


Ref. Sta. Jones Island 1935

Lat. 29° 07' 03.968" (122.2 m) adjusted

Long. 81° 23' 56.286" (1521.7 m)
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
To Accompany Topographic Sheet JJH.

INSTRUCTIONS - November 9, 1936

LIMITS
Lake Woodruff to DeLeon Springs on the St. Johns River, Florida.

SURVEY METHODS Refer to Note on opposite page.

The projection for this sheet was made in the Washington Office. The
shoreline was transferred to the sheet from the map drawings with
a projector and is shown in pencil. The shoreline shown in black was
rodded by the field party. The signals shown in green were spotted
on the photographs and located on the map drawings. The green signals
were used as part of the control on this sheet. The signals shown in
blue were located with the sextant and 6 meter pole as explained in a
special report of Carl I. Aslakson entitled "Methods Employed in Making
Surveys of Mangrove Fringed Rivers and Creeks." Several changes were
made in the methods of observing and recording the data. The distance
angles were read by measuring an angle from the right target to the left
then the angle measured from the left target to the right, which gave
a reading off the arc. This was repeated giving two readings on the arc
and two readings off the arc. The mean of the four readings was used
to compute the distance. By employing this method it is believed that
small errors in the adjustment of the sextant are eliminated. The data
were recorded in Volume 1 sheet 10 and Volume 1 sheet 11 as follows:

The signals at which the observations were taken are shown in the
"position column." The signals between which the horizontal angles were
taken are shown in the "time" column. The right hand signal is listed
first. The horizontal angles are shown in the "soundings" column.
These angles were generally read to the nearest minute. The signals to
which the distances were measured are shown in the "reducer for tide"
column. The distance angles on the arc are recorded in the "reduced sound-
ings" column. The distance angles off the arc are recorded in the "bottom"
and "heading by compass" columns. These angles were read in degrees, min-
utes and seconds. The mean distance angles are shown in the "angles and
ranges" column. The final distance in meters is shown in the remarks
column. In some cases it was not possible to take the distance angles
from the station because of overhanging trees obscuring one or both
targets. In this case the distance was measured from the eccentric
station to the station with a steel tape and was applied to the distance
in meters. In all cases this correction for eccentricity is shown in the
remarks column. The distances were computed in the field on the
hypograph. They were checked with curves that were drawn up from com-
putations. The shoreline was rodded in by this method, however, in
most cases only one reading was made on and one off the arc. In cases
Station No. 2 is evidently one of the stations located on an photostatic survey T 5683 but it is not shown on T 5683.

The relation falls off the western limit of this sheet and this report does not relate how the traverse from 0.00 to Jones Island 193.5 was carried around the west end of John Woodruff but the closing error at D Jones Island as stated on the official end of page is unsatisfactory.

B.G. Jones.

As the survey was controlled by a triangulation, the traverses were probably plotted in this office on tracing paper extensions of the sheet. Traverse errors are assessed in the review par. 42.

J. A. Mc Cormick.
where the distance angles were too large to be read off the arc two readings were taken on the arc and an index correction was read on the rod at the time of the observation. At very short distances the index correction of the sextant is very large.

The signals on Lake Woodruff were located on a traverse that originated at triangulation station Jones Island, 1935 and was tied into green signals Car and Pro. The closing error between Jones Island and Car was 23 meters in 23 miles. The traverse was investigated in the field and no error could be found. This excessively large error could be due to a combination of two sources of error as follows: Signal Car was near the eastern limit of the photographs and its position could not be accurately radial plotted. In the second place the traverse originated from an azimuth on an azimuth mark, which was not more than about 3/4 of a mile from the station and the length of the traverse was more than three times that length. Even though a long azimuth line was plotted on the sheet a small error could arise from this condition. This error was adjusted between triangulation station Jones Island and signal Car according to distance along the traverse. The traverse was continued from Car to Pro with a closing error of 4 meters, which was adjusted. The traverse was continued from signal Pro back to Jones Island with a closing error of 7 meters, which was adjusted. Photo signal And was relocated on the traverse and shown on the sheet in blue. A traverse was run from triangulation station Jones Island to Burwyn Park Water Tank. The azimuth mark was used for the initial orientation. It was not practical to run traverse to the tank, therefore, four cuts were taken on the tank while on the traverse. The cuts show a closing error of 22 meters in 1.1 miles (5.1 meters per nautical mile), which was adjusted. Burwyn Park Water Tank falls off this sheet but was moved westward 2 minutes of longitude so that the cuts could be plotted on the sheet. The station and cuts are shown in an insert.

DeLeon Springs falls off the limits of the sheet but was plotted on an insert on a scale of 1:5,000.

RECOVERABLE STATIONS

There are no recoverable stations on this sheet. The private beacons and pointers are recoverable for a few years but are not considered permanent enough to be described.

DESCRIPTION OF COAST

The southwestern shore of Lake Woodruff is low with overhanging trees. The northern and eastern shores are low and covered with tall marsh grass. There are no landings on the lake. There is a small area of high ground in Dead River on the southwestern shore on the first point eastward of its mouth, between signals Tic and Gun. This area is used as a camp by fishermen. There are a few piles extending about 10 meters off shore on each side of the river at this point.
The shores of Spring Garden Creek are low and covered with tall
marsh grass, except the northern shore is generally covered with over-
hanging trees. There are many cypress trees in this area. Three canals
have been dug to facilitate cutting and removing the cypress trees. There
is firm ground on the eastern shore of the creek about 0.6 miles from its
mouth (northeast of signal Con). There is a farm house and an orange
grove on this ground. To the eastward of this area extends a heavily
wooded area. When the water is low during the dry season, highway
connections can be made from the orange grove to the mainland.

The western shore of Spring Garden Lake is low and covered with
tall marsh grass. The eastern shore is generally high and covered with
overhanging trees. There are several orange groves and fern farms on
this shore. A canal has been dug across the marsh at the northern end
of the lake.

The point at Lat. 29° 06.1', Long. 81° 22.0' (on which is located
signal Tow) is developed into a park. There are several boat houses
and small wharves on this point. There is a cable crossing extending
eastward from this point with a clearance of 31 feet at mean high water.
There is a park and hotel in the vicinity of the spring, which is about
1/2 of a mile off U. S. Highway No. 17 and railway connections. There is
a boat house and a small wharf in the vicinity of the spring. Boats can
anchor to the westward and southwestward of the boat house. There is a
cement bulkhead that extends around the eastern end of the harbor.

LANDMARKS

The only landmark in this vicinity is Burwyn Park Water Tank, which
was located by triangulation in 1935. It is in a residential development
called Burwyn Park. It can be seen from the greater part of Lake Woodruff
from the eastern reach of Spring Garden Creek and from the western part
of Spring Garden Lake.

NON.FLOATING AIDS TO NAVIGATION

The only non-floating aids to navigation are private beacons and point-
ers maintained by Ralph P. Driggers and F. N. Burk, both of DeLeon Springs.
The numbered beacons were marked as follows: No. 13 is a white square
(3 ft. x 3 ft.) with a black number, supported by a single pile. Nos.
14, 16 and 18 are white triangles (3/2 ft. x 3/2 ft.) with red numbers, each
supported by a single pile. There is a white diamond (7 ft. x 7 ft.)
that marks the southern side of the entrance to Spring Garden Creek. This
beacon is not numbered. Spoil banks and shoal areas are generally marked
by pointers that are supported by single piles, which extend about 6 feet
above the surface of the water at mean water level. The four pointers
in the easterly reach of Spring Garden Creek are supported by tripods of
two inch diameter poles.
GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

The following names were furnished by Ralph P. Driggers of DeLeon Springs and checked by other local residents:

Scoggin Creek - On southern end of Lake Woodruff.
Dead River - On southeastern end of Lake Woodruff.
Scoggin Lake - Between Scoggin Creek and Dead River.
Spring Garden Creek - Flows from DeLeon Springs into the northeast end of Lake Woodruff.
Tiger Bend - A sharp bend about 1.1 miles from the mouth of Spring Garden Creek.
Hollow Cypress Bend - About 1.9 miles from mouth of Spring Garden Creek.
Deep Creek - A small creek that enters Spring Garden Creek about 2.4 miles from its mouth.
Deep Creek Bend - About 0.1 mile north of Deep Creek.
Spring Garden Lake - A very shallow lake to the southwestward of DeLeon Springs.
DeLeon Springs - Known locally as the original spring discovered by Ponce de Leon, while in search for the fountain of youth, however, there are numerous springs that are supposed to be the original.
DeLeon Springs - A small village with railroad and highway connections, approximately 1 mile from the springs bearing the same name.

The area covered by this sheet falls outside the limits of chart number 509, print No. 35-7/11.

MAGNETIC MERIDIAN

The magnetic meridian was drawn from declinometer observations made at 10:02 a.m. Friday Jan. 28, 1938. Both declinometers, Nos. 249 and 129, were used and found to be in agreement with each other. After the observations were made the declinometer was set up and measurements taken. These data have been submitted on form 30a.

Submitted by,

[Signature]
E. B. Brown, Jr.

Approved and forwarded:

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H. & G. Engineer
Chief of Party
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MEMORANDUM

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SURVEY
DESCRIPTIVE REPORT
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No. T-6613

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SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 6613 (1936) FIELD NO. JJJ

Lake Woodruff to De Leon Springs, St. Johns River, Florida.
Surveyed in Jan.-Feb., 1936, Scale 1:10,000.
Instructions dated Nov. 9, 1936 (MTKANE)

Sextometer Survey  Aluminum Mounted

Chief of Party - L. D. Graham.
Surveyed by - E. B. Brown,
Inked by - E. B. Brown.

1. Junctions with Contemporary Surveys.

There are no other contemporary plane table surveys in this
vicinity. The junctions with topographic maps T-5683 (1935)
and T-5684 (1935) are satisfactory.

2. Comparison with Prior Surveys.

This Bureau has made no prior surveys within the area covered
by the present work.

3. Comparison with Chart.

The area covered by the present survey is not shown on the latest
chart of the vicinity.


a. The descriptive report is satisfactory.
b. The field drafting is good.
c. Traverse errors of 23 meters and 22 meters in distances of
2.5 and 4.1 miles respectively (descriptive report, page 2)
are in excess of the 4 meters per mile specified in the topo-
graphic manual, page 4, par. 8, for a survey of this scale.
The errors were investigated in the field but their sources
were not definitely ascertained. In view of the sextant-
stadia method of control and the relative unimportance of the
area, the survey is considered acceptable without further
investigation of the errors.

5. Compliance with Instructions for the Project.

The survey satisfies the instructions for the project.
6. Additional Field Work Recommended.
   No additional work is recommended.

   Inspected by - E. P. Ellis.

Examined and approved:

T. B. Reed,
Chief, Division of Field Records

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Chief, Division of Charts

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