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The site of the Spanish Mission complex of San Pedro y 9 San Páblo de Patale is located approximately six miles east of Tallahassee, off Buck Lake Road. The mission proper occupies the military crest of a very pronounced hill, with an elevation of over 200 feet. The supportive Indian village extended down the slopes of this prominence, and probably encompassed an area in excess of 80 acres. Approximately 0.6 miles to the west of the mission lies a small lake, which probably served as the source of potable water. The present cleared state of the hilltop offers a commanding view of the surrounding area, including certain parts of urban Tallahassee. The hill, with the exception of a small area on the crest, is covered with bahia grass. The area has served as a cattle pasture for approximately fifteen years, and for some time prior to that, it served as a tung nut grove. These factors account for the present lack of trees on the hilltop.

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During the period of mission occupation, the area probably possessed a slightly different character than it does at In the immediate area of the mission complex, present. including the supportive Indian village, the terrain was vprobably dotted with numerous farmstead clearings. The indiginous hardwood vegetation, consisting primarily of liveoak and magnolia; draped with Spanish moss, most likely encircled these clearings. This provided a shade canopy which offered ideal habitational potential. Stands of long-leaf pine were probably extant in areas which previously had been cleared for cultivation, but which later were abandoned as the land diminished in productivity. The Appalachee population affiliated with the mission of San Pedro y San Pablo de Patale did not conform to the usual demographic configuration that would be expected for Indian villages of this time As opposed to the areally tight villages attributed period. to the neighboring Timucuans, the Appalachee villages covered an extensive perimeter. The normal pattern was for small groups, presumably extended families, to set up individual farmsteads. A grouping of these farmsteads, based on social, hereditary, or some other unifying factor, was referred to as a single, distinct village.

The structural remains of the mission complex are no longer apparent without the aid of archaeological excavations. Field work conducted by B. Calvin Jones, of the Florida Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, has produced some structural and cultural information concerning the Mission proper. During the Summer and Fall of 1971, excavations uncovered the remains of at least six wattle and daub structures and a "Christian" cemetery containing some 64 graves. Recent constructional activities on the site have disturbed part of two structures, and this represents the most serious disturbance of the site since it was abandoned in 1704.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Franciscan Mission of San Pedro y San Pablo de Patale was one of the first doctrinas to be established in the province of Apalachee after 1633. The earliest documented appearance of this mission is in 1635, when Diaz de Ia Calle lists it among the nine located in Apalachee (Boyd, 1939). In 1674-75, Bishop Calderon visited the Florida missions and reported the existence of thirteen in the province of Apalachee, including Patale. The mission of Patale evidently continued as an <u>important segment of the</u> mission system until its destruction in June, 1704.

The ostensible goal of the Florida Mission Chain was to teach Catholicism to the indiginous Indian groups, but there were other factors involved. These outposts of Spanish domination served to emphasize Spain's territorial integrity and offered a localized source of food and labor for the military garrisons.

Unfortunately, most of the available records pertaining to activities at Patale cluster around its destruction. In 1703-04, Colonel James Moore of Carolina with a group of white and Creek Indians, began a systematic destruction of the missions in Apalachee. During this engagement, all of the Apalachee missions were destroyed, with the exception of San Lorenzo de Ivitachuco. As a consequence, effective Spanish control was dissolved, and the majority of the inhabitants were either killed, captured or forced to flee to other areas which afforded more protection. The number of inhabitants affected was approximately 5,800 (Boyd, Smith, and Griffin, 1951). Colonel Moore, writing about the political and military success of his campaign, states: "Apalatchee is now reduced to that feeble and low condition, that it neither can supply St. Augustine with provisions, or disturb, damage or frighten our Indians living between us and Apalatchee, and the French." (Boyd et al, 1951)

The mission of San Pedro y San Pablo de Patale played an integral role in the conflict of 1704. On January 25, 1704, Moore launched a surprise attack on the mission of Concepción de Ayubale, and after a nine hour battle, succeeded in capturing it. Upon learning of Ayubale's

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destruction, Captain Mexia immediately dispatched a group from San Luis to engage the enemy. En route to Ayubale, they passed the night at Patale. The resident priest ("difinidor") of Patale, Father Parga, insisted on joining the group, in order to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the soldiers. During the ensuing encounter, Father Parga was captured, and his decapitated body was later found in a canebrake (Boyd, et al, 1951).

On June 23, 1704, Patale was attacked, and Father Manuel de Mendoza was shot and killed at his convent door. The raid resulted in the burning of the convent and the enslaving of many of the inhabitants. The body of Father Mendoza was later recovered from under the burned debris of the convent (Ibid).

By the end of June, 1704, the English forces had repaired to Patale, which they used as a base of operations. On July 3, 1704, a group consisting of some forty Spaniards and approximately 150 Indians marched on Patale. This number included twelve musketeers, ninety-three Indians armed with guns, and sixty archers. They were scheduled to rendezvous with Don Patricio, the cacique of Ivitachuco, and some men from his village on the morning of July 4. While awaiting the arrival of Don Patricio, some of the Spaniards initiated an unsuccessful ambush against a small party of the enemy. This group alerted the force at Patale, and they marched out After approximately to confront the Spanish on open ground. two hours of fighting, the Indian allies of the Spanish became frightened and began to retreat. The result was a disasterous defeat for the Spanish (Boyd et al, 1951). Inconclusive documentation makes it uncertain whether or not Don Patricio and his men actually joined the battle against the English.

By July 6, 1704, the English forces had abandoned their camp at Patale, and a group of Spaniards sent to scout the area "... reported the discovery of two bodies, presumably Christian, on the field, and in the plaza at the village sixteen (actually 17) burned bodies were found about the square, bound to the stations of the cross." (Boyd et al, 1951). This was evidently the last date that Patale served either a military, political, or religious function in the province of Apalachee.

The recent archaeological investigations at Patale (previously cited) have produced a wealth of structural and cultural data. This information is invaluable in the interpretation of the physical appearance of the mission complex, and the day-to-day activities of its former inhab-The excavations uncovered six distinct structural itants.

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areas representative of at least two different time periods. Of these six structural areas, only three have been adequately The largest structure, with approximate dimenresearched. sions of 60' x 30', probably represents an early "church" building which was abandoned some time prior to the destruction of 1704 (Jones, Personal Interview). A number of graves in the mission cemetery were cut through the packed clay floor after the structure was abandoned, and this, unfortunately, destroyed some of the architectural details. In the remaining undisturbed areas of the structure several interesting details were noted. Perhaps the most significant was the existence of a complex drainage or aquaduct system. Whether or not this is indicative of a strictly utilitarian function or has some religious significance is presently unclear. A smaller structure, measuring approximately 15' x 15', is possibly indicative of a "convent" which was burned in 1704. Another structure, measuring approximately 12' x 12', is tentatively identified as having been a "cooking building" (Ibid).

The three structural areas which have not been fully excavated are thought to represent; (1) the main church building destroyed in 1704 (2) a convent abandoned prior to the destruction of 1704 and possibly related to the abandoned church structure; and (3) a structural arrangement possibly associated with the cemetery.

In addition to the structural remains, numerous artifacts have been recovered from Patale, including those of both Indian and Spanish manufacture. A deatiled analysis of this material should give some indication of the sociocultural impact of the Spanish culture on the indiginous inhabitants and vice versa.

In summary, it can be said that Patale played an integral part in the military, political, and religious background of the Tallahassee area. The full picture of the activities at Patale are beginning to emerge as a result of the archaeological investigations, but extensive additional archaeological research is needed. The remaining unexcavated portion of Patale most certainly contains a wealth of cultural information and it is mandatory that this site be preserved for its historical significance. Form 10-300a (July 1969)

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