

Chronology Of Fort King 1827 - 2015

- 1827** Fort King is built to administrate the Treaty Of Moultrie Creek, promote law and order, and protect the Seminoles from immigrants.
- 1829** Fort King abandoned due to budget cuts.
- 1832** Fort King regarrisoned to enforce Treaty Of Paynes Landing ordering Seminoles out of Florida.
- June 1835** Defiant Seminole leader Osceola imprisoned at Fort King by Agent Wiley Thompson to try and convince him to emigrate west.
- Dec. 28, 1835** 108 soldiers under command of Major Francis Dade ambushed by Micanopy on their march to reinforce Fort King. 106 soldiers killed. Known as the Dade Massacre.
- That afternoon, Osceola ambushes Agent Wiley Thompson outside of fort. These two events sparked the Second Seminole War.
- May 1836** Fort King abandoned again, burned to ground by the Seminoles.
- April 1837** The second Fort King is built.
- 1839** Peace talks convened at Fort King.
- 1840** Last fighting at Fort King takes place. Sixteen Men led by Capt. Gabriel Rains attacked on scouting mission. Three soldiers killed.
- Aug. 14, 1842** Second Seminole War declared over.
- Aug. 15, 1842** Soldiers killed during the war, including Fort King & Dade Massacre, disinterred and re-buried under the coquina pyramids at the National Cemetery St. Augustine, Fl.
- 1844** Marion County created with Fort King designated the county seat.
- Sept. 1846** Settlers dismantle Fort King and move into what is now downtown Ocala.

- Jan. 2001** Original site of ~37 acres owned jointly by the City of Ocala and Marion County, purchased through a grant from the Florida Communities Trust.
- Feb. 2004** Site designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service.
- Apr., 2011** Fort King Heritage Association, Inc. formed with a mission to “preserve, protect and promote Fort King Historical site, while serving as a citizen support group”.
- May 2014** Site opens to the public as a joint city/county park.
- 2015** Adjacent eastern 3+ acres purchased through the help of the Felburn Foundation.