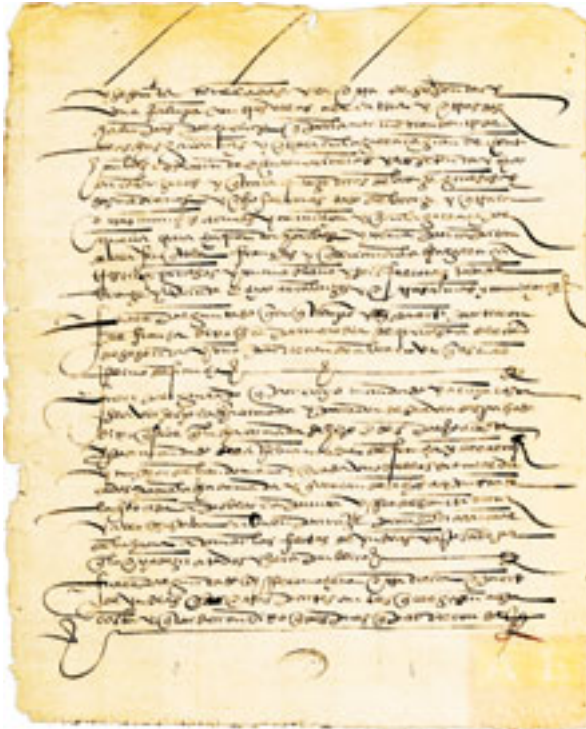


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Dr. Daryl Ferguson is the Founder of the Santa Elena Foundation. The Spanish town of Santa Elena, located on a remote end of Parris Island, was first discovered in 1979 by Dr. Stan South of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology. Ferguson, under the mentoring of Dr. Larry Rowland, did the research that proved Santa Elena was much more than the Spanish capital of La Florida.

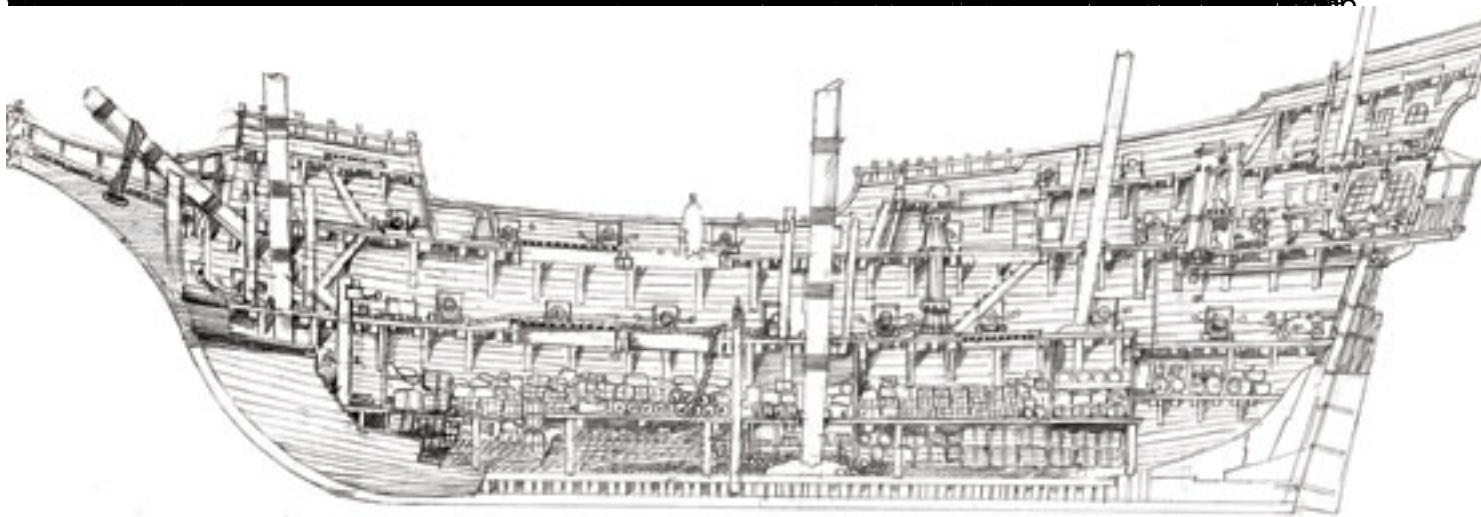
In 1969 the treasure salvager Mel Fisher was frustrated by his inability to locate two treasure ships that had sunk off of the Florida Keys. In 1622 a Spanish treasure fleet of 28 ships sank off the Florida Keys when a hurricane hit them.

Mel Fisher was looking for the fleet's two largest ships, the Atocha and the Santa Margarita. But he was not having any luck searching for them on the eastern side of the Keys. Fisher knew Dr. Gene Lyon, the

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