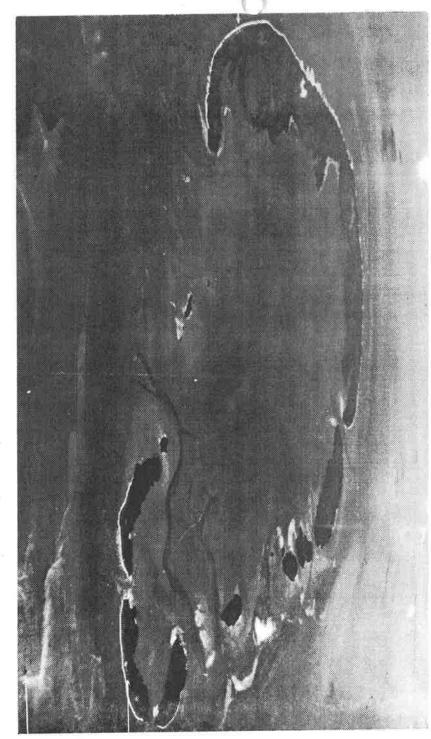


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The 1622 Tierra Firme Flota Salvage and the Florida Keys Natives



The Marquesas in the 1960's from the southwest. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

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sides we passed the green blobs of man-Kincaid was running the boat. On both left Key West and passed through the I first saw the Marquesas in 1970. We -the inside route -I believe Don

looked so much alike. At last we came up proached, the green line separated into across which we could see a low rim of on our left to the island of Boca Grande grove islands, called chiquimulas—the brothers—by the Indians, because they at low tide through a narrow channel, we the islets of the Marquesas atoll. Passing boat pounded into the swells. As we apchannel was quite rough that day and our green—the Marquesas Keys. Boca Grande Ahead to the west lay a broad channel

> smelled strongly of mudflats and sun-oncame into a wide shallow lagoon which isolated place. mangrove. I had never seen such a lonely,

upon fish and shellfish. They had trade by canoe, and likely lived in some degree a sparse Indian population. They traveled Cuchiaga, Uchiaga, or Aceaga, there lived of 1622. In the lower keys, named fleet disaster of September and October Imagine how isolated it was before the

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