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Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the United States. It is part of St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest continuously occupied city established by Europeans in the continental United States. It was founded by the Spanish in 1565 and is the first of only three walled cities ever constructed in North America. The first free black settlement in North America was in Fort Mose, a part of St. Augustine's outer defenses.