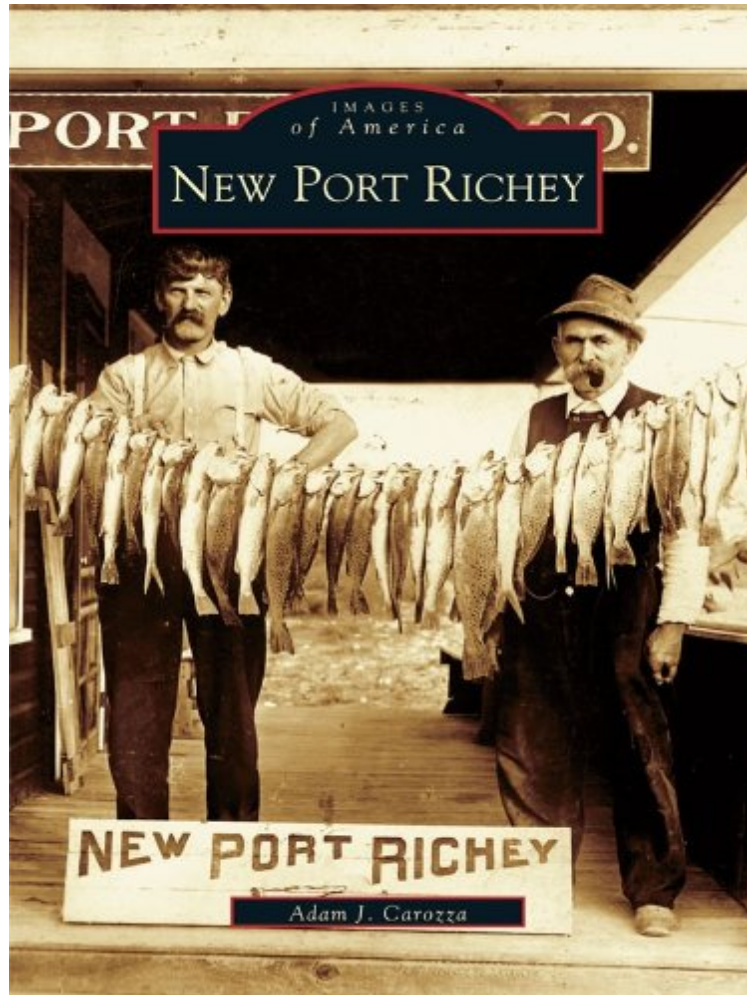


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recognized that this area had "that special something" to catch the attention and the hearts of people from all states north of Florida.