

ORIGIN OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S NAME

The name of the municipality came from the term "Mayisingal," an Ilocano term which means "to be moved." It was applied when the belltower was moved from a previous location to its current site.

Captain Juan de Salcedo had a hand in founding the municipality. But before he reached the current site of the poblacion, he came to a village called Malongon, about one-half kilometer to the south. The leader of the village refused Salcedo's request to establish a municipality there, but suggested that he establish the town a half kilometer north of the village, and the belltower be moved to that site, hence the origin of the town's name.

Itnegs were the original inhabitants of the place when Salcedo arrived. He worked for the conversion of the people to Christianity, but not all accepted the new faith. Those who refused conversion fled the town and settled east of Bantay Bul-lagaw (Bul-lagaw Mountain).



MAGSINGAL

History of Magsingal

The name of the town, Magsingal owes its origin from an Ilocano term "Managsingal". The word means "wanderer", descriptive of the nomadic nature and characteristics of the Itnegs or Tingguians who migrated to this place some 200 to 300 years before Spanish Era. However, in the process of lingual evolution, the term "Magsingal" underwent some changes in substance, form and meaning. Its original

connotation "wanderer" to its more meaning, a place and a beloved more than people.

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was usually chosen by virtue of his courage, wealth, wisdom and character. He was an acknowledged leader, authorized to settle disputes in accordance with the customs and traditions of their ancestors and people.

Documents attributed to Don Pedro de Aguirre reveal that Magsingal was an "encomienda" in 1591 ruled by an "encomiendero" who was vested with the right to exact free labor and collect tribute.

When the famous Spanish Capitan Juan de Salcedo founded Vigan, then Ciudad Fernandina, a vintage point and jumping board to propagate Christianity in North Luzon,



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- Alangan
- Bacar
- Barbarit
- Cabaroan
- Cadanglaan
- Caraisan
- Dacutan
- Maas-asin
- Macatcatud
- Namalpalan
- Manzante
- Maratudo
- Miramar
- Napo
- Pagsanaan Norte
- Pagsanaan Sur
- Panay Norte
- Panay Sur
- Patong
- Puro (Puro Pinget)
- San Basilio (Pob.)
- San Clemente (Pob.)
- San Julian (Pob.)
- San Lucas (Pob.)
- San Ramon (Pob.)
- San Vicente (Pob.)
- * Santa Monica
- * Sarsaracat

Major Schools in Magsingal

Saint William's Institute
a privately-funded educational institution
run by the Sisters of Saint Paul of Chartres