

BARANGAY HISTORY (STA. MARGARITA)

The period of the Spanish Colonization in the Philippines. There was once a swampland covered by the mangroves and other variety of trees. The place is yet inhabited by man during that era, only the sounds of bird are heard, and the dashed of waves along the shore during high tide. The barangay proper is located skirting the coastline facing San Pedro Bay.

Helario Macawile, and his wife are the first settler who established his family in the area, born with them a beautiful daughter named Margarita. Helario discovered the place a beautiful to dwell on. The source of livelihood of the family is fishing. It was their primary source of income for them to survive; their fish was being bartered to the nearby settlers in upland as well as to the neighboring areas where sweet potatoes and other root crops are available for barter. When the people from other places learned that the sea in the area has a bounty of fish caught during fishing, some of them migrated to the place for permanent occupancy, it was then "HENAPOGAN" was established as a unit where persons living within the same territory. "HENAPOGAN" signifies that the people are fond of making "Apog" or lime mineral mixed with the betel leaves and betel nuts for chewing called the "MAMA".

In the early part of the 20th century the people of "HENAPOGAN" had socially, and economically improved, growth and development of the area were actively participated by the people, elders and other prominent personalities appoint Helario Macawile as the Tenyente del Barrio, he was the first to be appointed for that position since "Henapogan" was established. Hereafter they likewise change the name "Henapogan" to Sta. Margarita in honor of the beautiful daughter of the first couple whom she was most admired by her barrio folks, and likewise her suitors from the barrio itself, and from the strangers who happened to come to visit the place. The founder believed that Sta. Margarita was a beautiful place to lived-in for his heirs and for his followers, and also to the individuals who wanted to settle peacefully.

Sta. Margarita is a registered barangay in the town of Quinapondan, Eastern Samar Philippines.