

March 21



*Frederick Douglass left with the members of the Santo Domingo Commission in Key West.*

1871 Frederick Douglass, African American Statesman, arrived in Key West on the USS Tennessee with other members of the Santo Domingo Commission.

1898 Two unidentified bodies, from the Battleship Maine, were buried in the Battleship Maine Plot, in the Key West City Cemetery.

1950 The U.S. Weather Bureau moved, from the Naval Station, to the Federal Building at the corner of Simon-ton and Caroline Street. The Bureau, also, had a station at the airport.

1970 Bill Butler was named captain for the first-team Class A, All-State Basketball Team by the Florida Sports Writers Association.

1989 William A. Freeman Jr., former county commission, state representative and sheriff, died at age 59.

1991 The Winn-Dixie Marketplace opened at the Overseas Market.

April 15



The Page Building at the corner of Duval and Fleming Streets.

1886 The Key West Building and Loan Association was incorporated in 1886 with John J. Philbrick, president; R. Alvarez, secretary and George W. Allen, treasurer. It was located over the Union Bank at 427 Front Street.

1898 Companies A and O of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, U.S. Army arrived on the steamer City of Key West to reinforce the Army Garrison.

1930 Andrew J. Page moved his store to the modern two-store concrete building he built at the corner of Fleming and Duval Streets.

1939 Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky was a guest at the La Concha Hotel. The Governor and his party brought in a large catch while fishing with Captain Begley Filer.

1970 Key West High School's Bill Butler was named the number two-basketball player in the state by the Miami News.

1975 Governor Rueben Askew and the State Cabinet voted to declare the Florida Keys an area of critical state concern. This gave the state the authority to control land use and development in the Keys.

1980 Bad weather foiled an unorganized band of Miami Cuban exiles from sailing a fleet of small boats from Key West carrying food and medicine to their countrymen seeking asylum in the Peruvian Embassy in Havana.