

TODAY IN KEYS HISTORY



Photo by O.B. Euell

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

1856: William Hackley recorded in his diary: Rose at 4:15 and walked to the Salt Ponds, returned home and bathed. At 8:20 a.m. barometer 29.36, thermometer 83, wind south 3, clouds 4. The ship on shore is the clipper Metropolitan. The Captain mistook Sand Key for Tortugas and squared away for New Orleans and put steering sails on her. She is on the bar marking the west end of Sarigold Key. The Captain would not allow anyone to go on board and got her off himself at the evening tide. Read Household Words. The steamer Isabel got in about 5 p.m. but about 6 a very heavy squall came up from about west and rained heavily lasting for about two hours so I did not go for letters.

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