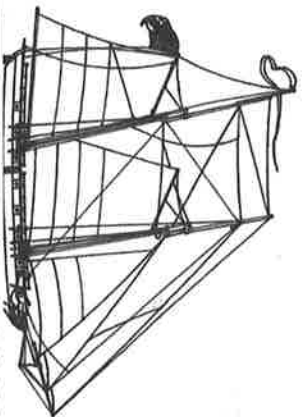


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William Beverly Randolph Hackley

I first read William Beverly Randolph Hackley's diary about 25 years ago. Since then I have transcribed all of the Key West part of the diary, the only account of family life in Key West in the 1850s. During the research I have found information about him and his family and met a number of his descendants and found a photograph of one of his daughters Charlotte Hackley Spencer (Sea Heritage Journal, Spring 2009). Now thanks to Jane Jones we have this photograph of William Hackley.

The diary was saved by Dr. R. L. "Lee" Goulding son of Harriet Hackley and Frank Ross Goulding, III. Harriet, one of William's three daughters, was the 2nd wife of Frank. His first wife was her sister Sarah Hackley.

To help understand the diary I have been gathering information about Hackley, his family and the people in his diary.

William Beverly Randolph Hackley was born to Richard and Harriet Randolph Hackley on October 7, 1806 in Virginia. Richard was a successful and well-traveled merchant, who resided at various times in Fredericksburg, Norfolk, Richmond, New York, Florida and Spain. In 1789 he was an established merchant in New



William Beverly Randolph Hackley. Photo credit: Jane Jones.

York. In 1806 he was appointed US Consul at St. Lucia, Spain, and in 1807 he was appointed US Consul at Cadiz, Spain, the latter being a more prestigious position at that time. Richard had claims to 12 million acres of uncultivated land near present day Tampa, Florida. He was deeded this Florida land by the

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