

CW/VFM 74: *George McCandless Porter*

B. 29 May 1835, d. 1864. Served as a Virginia state legislator. Was first elected in May of 1857 and took his seat that December. That term, he served on the Committee for Schools and Colleges. Captained a militia unit (the Panhandle Greys) from 1861-1862.

This diary documents a trip to Cuba (where he visits sugar plantations) which spans several weeks, a brief spell at home (during which he sees Lola Montez perform), and then another trip to Europe (the duration of which is a number of months), where he visits sites in England, Ireland, Scotland, and France. His style of writing is terse and uninformative on occasions.

Diary of George McCandless Porter:

Diary from 1857 (transcript). Photocopy of front cover and first few pages, which contain an almanac and lunar calendar.

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Transcript: 31 pp.

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