

## *Le Patio Royale Restaurant*

### A Bit of History from Where You Sit

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This lovely patio and four story building was once the home of General Zachary Taylor, the only man from Louisiana ever to become President of the United States.

Considered to be one of the most classically lovely Creole buildings in the French Quarter, the entire structure has remained unchanged since President Zachary Taylor lived here with his daughter in 1840. The President's daughter married Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, and they also lived here for a time.

The impressive main building facing Royal Street housed members of the family, while the balcony rooms above the patio were used for the many household servants. The patio has remained completely unchanged from its handmade bricks around the flower beds, to the old flagstones covering the entire ground surface.

These flagstones originally were used as ballast for the ships coming over from France and have served as an ideal surfacing for many of our beautiful patios in the French Quarter.

The dining rooms which border the patio, were once the horse and carriage stables, while the wide old brick fireplace and the original mantle, still remaining in one of the rooms, was used for the servants cooking and dining area.

The ownership of the Zachary Taylor property has changed only four times in approximately 150 years and most of the titles were written in French long hand. The building was built by Brigadier General Jean Baptiste Labatut, and the present owners are Miss Kathryn V. Dyer and Miss Sylvia De Sylva.

We hope this bit of nostalgia will help you enjoy your creole meal with us and that we shall again have the pleasure of serving you.

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