

GREEN, John Alexander Receiver, Texas

There are now two known endorsements of this Agent, and while the original research stated that the identification was not certain, there is now a consensus. Enrico Aidala discovered the second example and made a positive identification using the resources of Fold3.com. Eleven documents are found for John A. Green in the National Archives files for Officers, one document is found in the Miscellaneous files for Jno. A. Green along with files for a different man; no documents are found in the files for the state of Texas. A short biography of John A. Green may be found on the website of the Texas State Historical Association:

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fgr35>

This biography relates that Green was a Texas Ranger prior to the Civil War and was educated in Tennessee as a lawyer. The late Tony Johnson discovered a document signed by John Green as Secretary of State in 1867; this signature is a reasonable match to the Treasury note endorsement.

The two known endorsements have some wording which is not clear. Among these is a word which may be interpreted as "Receiver," a title which is known for other Texas agents. It would not be unreasonable to assume that Green functioned in the role of a Receiver as a part of his duties as a lawyer and as Texas Secretary of State. There is a consensus for the interpretation of this word as "Receiver." Although John A. Green held military titles later in the war, there is also consensus that Green acted in his capacity as an agent for the State of Texas when endorsing these notes.

I have illustrated all of the National Archives documents which shed light on John Alexander Green. Here are a few comments by the Trainmen.

Aidala: John A. Green was involved in Texas and General Sam Houston when Texas was a republic and then later as a state, and Green was Secretary of State for Texas when James W. Throckmorton was Governor. According to Fold3 documents we know that in 1863-1865 he served in the Confederate army on the staff of his brother, General Thomas Green; he later served on the staff of General Wharton when Thomas Green was killed. At the time of endorsements on these notes he served as a Capt. & AAAG (Acting Assistant Adjutant General).

Crutchfield: The last line on Aidala's discovery reads: "Western Dist. of Texas." It is unlikely that John A. Green was serving with General Green at the time the interest was paid on these notes, both of which have specific dates in January 1863. If the interest had been paid to January 1st, 1863, then it could have been paid at any time in 1863, but these notes have specific dates in January and the interest is

calculated to those dates. John A. Green was not associated with his brother, Colonel Thomas Green, until much later at the end of 1863 or early 1864 after Thomas Green had been promoted to General. Thomas Green was present at the Battle of Galveston and John A. Green was probably still somewhere in the Western area. We have found documents for Receivers, which was a state level agent who paid out or collected monies to or from courts or legal entities.

Adamek: Jno. A. Green was likely a Receiver for the Western District of Texas at the time when these notes were endorsed. A Receiver collected taxes, paid debts, collected debts, and bought supplies and property or impressed them if necessary for the war effort. It appears that the notes were used for purchase and the interest was calculated to add value to the payment.

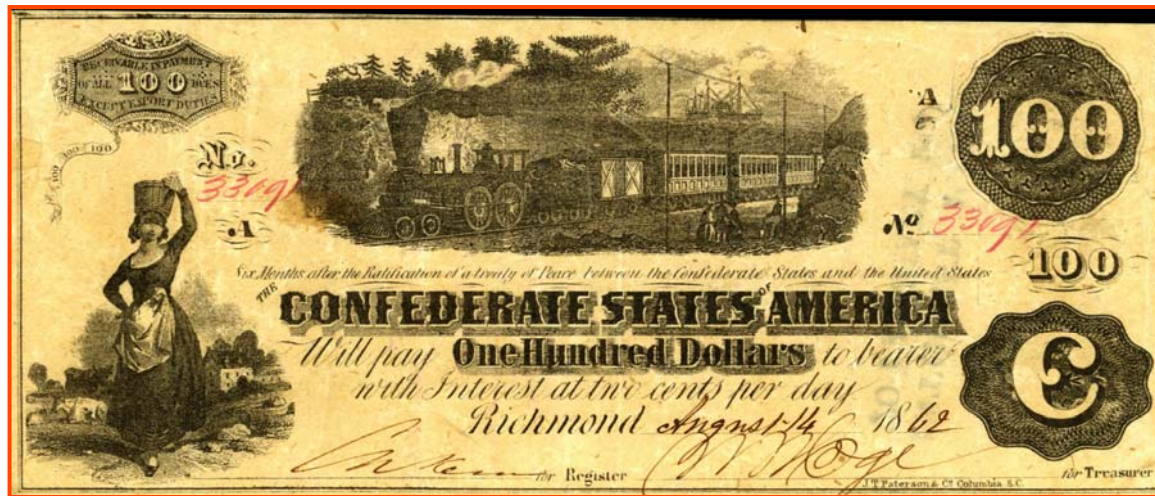
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Signed on February 28th, 1867, at Austin, Texas, as "Secretary of State."

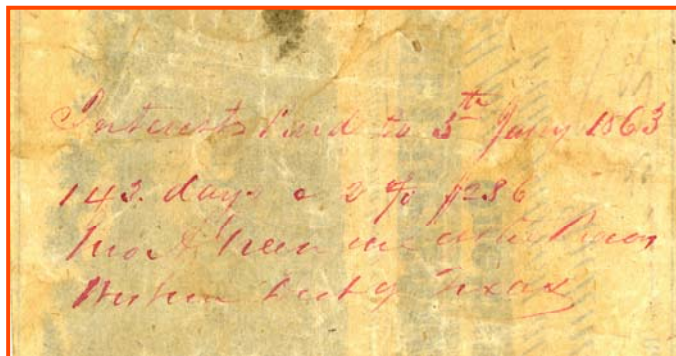
image: Tony Johnson

An undated summary card from the National Archives stating "late on staff of Gen Thos Green, Actg Pro(vost) Marshal of Wharton's Command, recommended for Mil(itary) Court."

image: Fold3.com

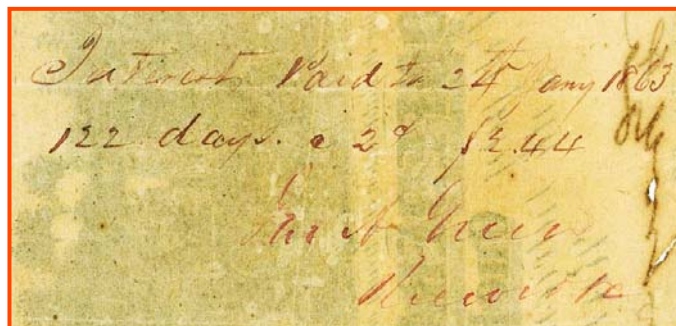


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33091 Ae
14 Aug 1862
image:
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The endorsement reads: "Interest Paid to 5th Jany 1863
143 days @ 2 % [sic] \$2.86
Jno A Green (illegible) Receiver
Western Dist of Texas"



Grayson_Walford
16297 Ac
30 Jun 1862
image: Crutchfield

The endorsement reads: "Interest Paid to 24th Jany 1863
122 days @ 2% \$2.44
Jno A Green
Receiver &c"

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Green, John A.,
 Col., Staff duty; Pre. Mar. Gen.;
 Maj., Pre. Mar. & Judge Advocate.

Green's (Tom.) Comd.
 Wharton's (J.A.) Comd.

Green's (Tom.) Comd.

1863 or 1864. Gen. Wharton says Col. John A. Green was a member of staff of Gen. Tom. Green up to date of death of Gen. Green. (Per. Papers B.H. Davis Oct. 26, 1864)
 Memo. - Gen. Green was appointed Brig. Gen. May 20, 1863 & was killed Apr. 12, 64
 Wharton's (J.A.) Comd.

Apr. 12, 1864. Gen. Wharton says he has been acting as Pre. Mar. Gen. of his comd. since this date. (Per. Papers B.H. Davis, Oct. 26, 1864)

March 23, 1865. Apptd. from Texas as Col. of Cav. to report as Presiding Judge of Mil. Court, Wharton's Cav. Corps. (Report, A.O.)

March 31, 1865. Return shows him as Maj. & Pre. Mar. & Judge Advocate Gen. of Wharton's Cav. Corps.

Prepared by *HR* Examined by *gmb*

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Career summary of John A. Green from the National Archives.

image: Fold3.com

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John A. Green,
Capt., A.A.A.G. Regt.

Appears on a
RETURN
of Green's Cavalry Brigade, Commanded
by Brig. Gen. Thomas Green, for the
month of February, 1864.
Near Columbia, Tex.
Return dated March 4, 1864.

Remarks:

Box 30.
No. 14.

Besore.
Copyist.

A summary card from the National Archives stating that John A. Green appeared on a return dated March 4th, 1864 in Brig. Gen'l Thomas Green's Cavalry for the month of February 1864 near Columbia, Texas, as a Capt. & A(cting) A(ssistant) A(djutant) G(eneral) of the regiment.

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John A. Green
Major

Appears on a
Return
of Wharton's Cavalry Corps, commanded by Maj.
Gen. Jno. A. Wharton,
for the month of March, 1865.
Station Hempstead, Tex.

Officers of the Staff present and absent:
Present

Department or corps Pro. Mar. Gen. &
Judge Adv. Gen.
Post or Station In the Field

Remarks:

L. M. Lillman
Copyist.

(661) 6876

A summary card from the National Archives stating that Major John A. Green appeared on a return of Wharton's Cavalry Corps for the month of March 1865, stationed at Hempstead, Texas, and serving as a Pro(vost) Mar(shal) Gen(eral) & Judge Adv(ocate) Gen(eral) in the field.

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Confederate States of America,

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 23^d 1865.

Yours is hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Member of Military Court

with rank & pay of Colonel of Cavalry

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States. to rank as such from the twenty third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty five. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment: and with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the OATH, herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, reporting at the same time your AGE, RESIDENCE, when appointed, and the STATE in which you were BORN.

Should you accept, you will report for duty to Gen'l E. K. Smith, for duty as Presiding Judge of Court, Wharton's Cavalry Corps, T. M. Dept.

John Breckinridge
Secretary of War.

Col John A. Green
Military Court
J. A. G. S.