

GRANT GREEN

1859 - 1863

Grant Green was born February 3, 1826, in Henderson County, Kentucky. He was the son of John and Martha (Dixon) Green. His father died when he was very young and his mother had four small children to raise. She educated them in the best schools of that day. Grant later began teaching in the school where he was once a pupil.

In 1848 he gave up teaching to serve as deputy sheriff under his uncle William Green. He served for two years and then was deputy clerk of the County and Circuit Courts and served until 1851. He was nominated by the Democratic party for representative in the Legislature and was elected.

Grant Green was appointed Assistant Secretary of State February 26, 1852, and afterward Secretary of State by Governor Powell. He served in that office until September 3, 1855. In 1859 he was elected State Auditor. Green took office at the end of the term of Thomas Page. Page was charged with embezzling \$88,927 and was the first elected state official to be tried for corruption. During these difficult times Green managed the state finances with ability. The Legislative committee appointed at his request to examine his office at the close of his term made a very complimentary report of the management and condition of his office.

Grant Green and Kate S. Overton were married February 28, 1855. Of this union there was four children: Henry Dixon Green, Eliza Overton Green, Grant Green Jr., and Waller O. Green.