



# 1850 George Washington Petition to Continue Residing in Oregon

## Transcript

To the Honorable Legislative Assembly of The Territory of Oregon  
we the undersigned, beg to represent to your Honorable body the case of George Washington a free  
born Molatta man a native of the state of MO who emigrated to this Territory in the summer of 1850  
across the plains, hoping to find in the general climate of Oregon, what was denied him in his native  
state the inestimable boon of health which he has found beyond his most sanguine expectations,  
before he emigrated to the Territory he was not aware of the passage of the law forbidding colored  
people from residing in the Territory, since he has been residing amongst us his conduct has been  
that of an Honorable, Industrious, Law a biding, man. Your petitioners would therefore pray your  
Honorable body to pass a special act in his favor granting him the privilege of residing in the Territory.  
And your petitioners ever pray.

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 we the undersigned, beg to represent to your Honorable body the case of George Washington a free born Molatto man a native of the State of Mo, who emigrated to this Territory in the summer of 1860 across the plains, hoping to find in the Genial Climate of Oregon what was denied him in his native State the inestimable boon of health which he has found beyond his most sanguine expectations, before he emigrated to the Territory he was not aware of the passage of the Law forbidding Colored people from residing in the Territory, since he has <sup>been</sup> residing amongst us his conduct has been that of an Honorable, Industrious, Lawabiding, ~~and~~ <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~ your petitioners <sup>would therefore</sup> pray your Honorable body to pass a special act in his favor granting him the privilege of residing in the Territory.  
 And your petitioners ever pray &c

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