

## FRANCIS GREEN.

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The following sketch of the life of Francis Green, author of "Vox Oculis Subjecta," is taken from an article published by Dr. Samuel A. Green, and used with his kind permission.

Francis Green was the earliest American to call public attention in this country to the importance of educating the Deaf and Dumb.

He was born in Boston, August 21st, 1742, and was the son of Benjamin and Margaret (Pierce) Green. He received his early education partly in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and partly at Mr. Lovell's school in Boston, from which he was admitted into Harvard College in the summer of 1756. His collegiate course was only a partial one, as circumstances beyond his control compelled him to take leave at the expiration of his Freshman year. He was allowed, however, to take the bachelor's degree with his class, a favor extended only in extraordinary cases.

The year preceding his entrance into college his father had procured for him an ensign's commission in the 40th Regiment, with the understanding that he should have leave of absence until he should have completed his studies.

In 1757 orders came from the commander-in-chief of the King's forces, that all officers, without regard to rank, should join their respective corps, on account of the war with France. On the reception of this news, he repaired immediately to his regiment at Halifax, with the expectation that his leave of absence would be renewed; but in this he was disappointed.

He now determined to connect his future with that of the army.

In 1765 he went to England, and the next year sold his commission in the army, having honorably served his country nine years.