

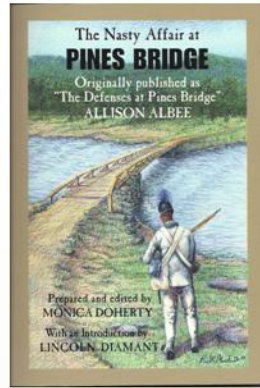
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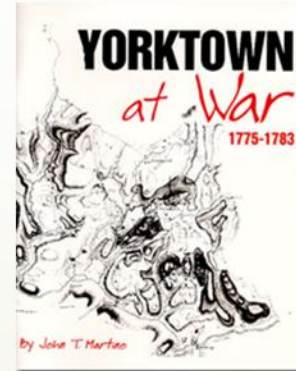
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# Battle of Pines Bridge Monument



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## ***The Battle of Pines Bridge: The Revolution in Yorktown***

### ***May 14, 1781 The Davenport Attack***

Colonel Christopher Greene was in command of the First Rhode Island Regiment at Pines Bridge. The regiment had approximately 200 men, many of whom were black recruits from Rhode Island. Greene was responsible for guarding Pines Bridge and its approaches. Greene was assisted in command by Major Flagg, a fellow officer who had fought with him at the Battle of Red Bank.

On the morning of May 14, 1781, DeLancey's Refugees slipped across the Croton River at the Oblenis Ford and advanced toward Col. Greene's position at the Davenport House

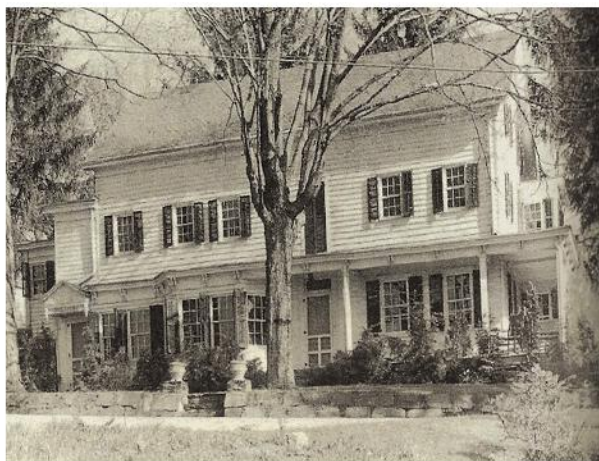


headquarters. The Patriots were only able to fire a few shots before being overrun. Before Greene could dress and leave the house he was cut to pieces by the Tory forces. Greene's Regiment put up fierce resistance, but they were defeated.

Col. Greene was killed and the African American soldiers were sold back into slavery.

The Davenport House stands today on the north side of Croton Heights Road. The remains of Colonel Greene and Major Flagg are interred at the Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Yorktown. A mass grave somewhere near the Davenport House accommodates the remains of an unknown number of black soldiers from Greene's 1st Rhode Island Regiment.

### **THE DAVENPORT HOUSE**



Revolutionary War Command Post

## **Battle of Pines Bridge Monument**

The Pines Bridge Memorial will commemorate the Battle of Pines Bridge where Col. Christopher Greene, the Black Freemen and Native Americans, members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Regiment, perished on May 14, 1781 while guarding the Pines Bridge crossing and the patriot line along the Croton River.

For further information about the monument, please check out the Facebook support page "Remember the Revolution – Yorktown Heights, NY" or send an email requesting information to: [Monument1781@yahoo.com](mailto:Monument1781@yahoo.com).



**Col. Christopher Greene**

- Third cousin of Nathaniel Greene
- Commanded an integrated unit, including free blacks, and Native Americans
- Charged with guarding the Pines Bridge, a vital natural barrier

**Col. John DeLancey**

- Led Loyalist unit in "Unlimited War"
- Regiment was known as "The Refugees"
- Garrisoned in Morrisania, Bronx
- Ordered to be captured by George Washington.

