

George Henry Abbott

Pioneer of 1849

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George Henry Abbott

b. 22 Oct 1829 Chillicothe, OH

d. 15 Nov 1914 Blaine Co, ID

s/o Samuel Bradley Abbott and Nancy Baker

m.

Charlotte Melvina Jones

b. Nov 1844 PA

d.

OHS: Mss #909; George H. Abbott reminiscence; 9pp, soldier, crossed with mounted rifle regiment from Ft. Leavenworth to Oregon City; departed 10 May 1849 and arrived 10 Oct 1849

1860: Tiah, Wasco Co, OR; G.H. Abbott, 29, clerk for indian agent, \$4000 \$5000, OH

1880: Dist 71, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co, CO; George H. Abbott, 50, gardener, OH OH OH; Charlotte M., 35, wife, PA PA PA; Robert B., 13, PA; Charles, 10, MO; William G., 7, MO; Mary Edna, 5, CO; Martha B., 2, CO

1900: Dist 25, Soldier, Blaine Co, ID; George H. Abbott, Oct 1829, 70, m35, OH OH OH, farmer; Charlot M., Nov 1844, 55, m35, 8-7, PA PA PA; Charles, Mar 1870, 30, son, MO; William, Jul 1872, 27, MO; Edna, Aug 1874, 25, CO; Lucy, Jun 1881, CO; George, Apr 1886, 14, ID; Alace J., Oct 1888, 11, ID

1910: Dist 63, Soldier, Blaine Co, ID; Geo. H. Abbott, 80, m-45, farmer, OH OH OH; Charlotte, 65, m-45, 8-6, PA PA PA; George, 24, ID; Alice, 22, ID

US Army: Enlistments; George H. Abbott, 19, grey eyes, light hair, fair complexion, 5'9, b. Ross (?) Co, OH, blacksmith, enlisted 26 Oct 1848 at Chillicothe

OHSQ: 4-237; 8-14,127,231; 57-251,252; 58-198n, 301; favors Klamath military post 69-225; 79-39;

HPN : p.6 George H. Abbott, Indian Agent at Warm Springs

Children of George Abbott and Charlotte Jones:

1. Robert B. Abbott

b. 1867 PA

d.

2. Charles Abbott
b. Mar 1870 MO
d.
3. William G. Abbott
b. Jul 1872 MO
d.
4. Mary Edna Abbott
b. Aug 1874 CO
d.
5. Martha B. Abbott
b. 1878 CO
d.
6. Lucy Abbott
b. Jun 1881 CO
d.
7. George Abbott
b. April 1886 ID
d.
8. Alace J. Abbott
b. Oct 1888 ID
d.

ABBOTT, George H

For some time special agent at
Siletts, apptd sub-Indian Agent
in Ore, 7 Dec 58, 2:5
Indian agent brings news of killing
of whites, 17 May 59, 2:5
Indian agent; discovers bodies of
four men killed by Indians at
Rancherie prairie, 31 May 59, 2:5
Klamath Lake Indian Agent, ordered
to The Dalles to take place of
Dennison, 8 Nov 59, 2:2

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ABBOTT, George H. (cont.)
Indian agent accompanies E.R.
Geary on peace mission to
Snake Indians, 10 Jul 60, 2:5
Indian agent removes Cayuse
and Walla Walla bands upon Uma-
tilla Reserve, 7 Jan 61, 3:2

ABBOTT, George H., Capt.
Commands vol. enrouted Cres-
cent City to Rogue R. hostil-
ities, 29 Apr 56, 1:6

ABBOTT, George H., Lt.
Scouting party attacks Indians
on Rogue R., 20 May 56, 2:7
Wins approval of Capt. Smith
for actions against S Oreg.
Indians, 10 Jun 56, 2:5
Replaces Capt. Bledsoe as com-
manding officer of Co. K,
Oreg Militia Vol. 8 Jul 56, 3:1
Mentioned in U S Ho of Reprs in
Rogue R War Claims, 14 Apr 57, 1:3

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This is Oregon History Sign, P22. Located roughly 10 miles south of Gold Beach, Oregon.

Pistol River is named after James Mace lost his pistol in the river during a skirmish in the Rogue River Indian Wars in 1853. The exact spot of this pistol dropping is unknown as far as I've been able to find.



“During the early 1850s hundreds of miners and settlers poured into southwest Oregon and onto Indian lands staking claims and establishing farms. The clash of cultural attitudes toward the ownership and use of natural resources led to the Rogue River Indian Wars of 1853-56. War came to the coast in March of 1856, when the “Tu-tu-tuni” attacked Ellensburg, a settlement at the mouth of the Rogue River (present-day Gold Beach). A party of 34 armed civilians, led by vigilante George H. Abbott, raced northward along the coast from Crescent City, California in advance of regular army troops dispatched to assist survivors who had assembled just north of Ellensburg at Fort Miner. Local “Chet-less-chun-dunn” villagers responded with armed resistance near this site holding the party at bay behind driftwood for several days until army troops arrived. This conflict led to the tracking and killing of those Indians who participated in the battle. A few “Chet-less-chun-dunne” still reside in communities along the Oregon and northern California coast.”

There is little other reference to this fight anywhere. The three main books I use for searching Oregon History are disappointingly mum about not only this battle specifically, but the Rogue River Indian Wars in general.

[Oregon Historical Quarterly](#), Vol 4, No1 states “On March 8th, 1856, Captain Abbott had a skirmish with the Chetco Indians at Pistol River. He lost several men. The Indians had his small force completely surrounded when Captain Ord and Captain Jones with one hundred and twelve regular troops came to his relief. They charged and drove the Indians away with heavy loss.”

It goes on about the entire War, but still in fairly general terms. Having been written in 1903, it’s possible that many readers were involved, or knew someone who was so more in-depth information is not needed. There are small bits of self righteousness included, but culturally, the White supremacy over Indians was pretty much a given at that time.

[<http://www.1nova.com/photoblog/2010/07/06/history-sign-conflict-at-pistol-river/>]