

Historic Columbian Cemetery (HCC) Worksheet

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Purpose/Description

The Historic Columbian Cemetery (HCC) is located one mile south of the Columbia River, along the Columbia Slough in Portland, Oregon. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) is entrusted with the cemetery archives, including survey maps, lot books showing burial locations, daybooks, burial cards, and other cemetery records.

The HCC Worksheet was created as a cemetery index based on the archive records. The worksheet includes data such as birthdate, death date, maiden names for women, and researcher notes. Links to [Find a Grave®](#) memorials are also included in the first column.

Sources

The HCC Worksheet incorporates a variety of sources to ensure comprehensive and accurate information. Of chief importance are the cemetery archives (e.g., Index Cards, Daybooks, receipt books and permits) which provide detailed cemetery records maintained over the years. These records were integral in developing the Worksheet, providing historical context and detailed information for each entry.

In addition to the archive, Worksheet researchers make use of [Ancestry.com](#) and [FamilySearch.org](#) records, including Oregon Births and Deaths, Oregon Death Index, Portland Oregon Deaths, U.S. censuses, the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) and many others. These databases assist researchers in completing Worksheet entries by cross-referencing birth, death, and family data from various sources. Due to its proximity to Oregon, [Washington Digital Archives](#) is also consulted for digitized vital records. Birth, marriage, and death records from other states are also researched to ensure completeness ([Digital State Archives](#)).

GFO researchers also consulted [Newspapers.com](#), [GenealogyBank](#), and newspaper archives available on the Multnomah County Library website such as [The Historical Oregonian \(1867-1987\)](#), [The Oregonian \(1987 - present\)](#), and [The Oregon Journal \(1902-1982\)](#). These newspapers can provide a narrative context and verify dates and relationships mentioned in other records.

[Historic Oregon Newspapers](#), accessible through the University of Oregon website, serve as an additional resource for GFO researchers. They can provide insight into local events and obituaries that may not be documented elsewhere.

The format for the HCC worksheet is included on the last page of this document.

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The HCC Worksheet is a "living document." It is subject to updates and modifications as new information becomes available and as our research evolves. The content within this document reflects the most current information as of the date of publication.

While we strive to ensure the accuracy of the information presented, we acknowledge that changes may occur, and it is possible that some aspects may become outdated over time. The HCC Worksheet is a tool intended to assist users, but it should not be relied upon as the sole source of information.

Users of the HCC Worksheet are encouraged to verify the information and to consult additional sources. By doing so, users can ensure they are making well-informed decisions based on the most current and accurate information available.

To provide the most accurate and relevant information, the HCC Worksheet will be periodically updated to ensure it remains a valuable and up-to-date resource for genealogical researchers.

Although efforts are made to maintain high standards of accuracy, the dynamic nature of genealogical research means changes are inevitable. Therefore, users should not rely solely on the HCC Worksheet and should seek out supplementary resources to validate the information.

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | Redirect to a name variation | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | More research is needed | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Not buried in HCC | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Location based on cemetery observation, not in archived | |
| ↓↓ This column links to the memorial on Find a Grave | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FG | Surname | Given name | Date of Birth | Date of Death | Date of Service or Burial | Date on HCC Index Card(s) | Age at Death | Row No | Section | Block | Lot | Comments | Sources |
| ** | Abbe | Connie Marie (Eacret) | 13 Oct 1948 | 06 Jun 2015 | | | 66y | | | | | Memorial created 6/29/24 based on envelope in Permit file; ashes; divorced from Theodore Robert Eklof and Melvin Abbe; daughter of Marion Eacret and Betty Marie Wheeler; ashes were likely added to her mother's plot, OS 42 10; envelope return address Chris and Treva Smith, Banks, OR - mother Betty's obit mentions daughter Treva. | https://www.afterall.com/obituaries/ConnieAbbe; Ancestry.com Oregon Marriages, Oregon Divorces, Washington Marriages, Washington Divorces |
| ** | Abbott | Baby Boy | Feb 1945 | 20 Aug 1945 | | 21 Aug 1945 | 6m | | RS | 92 | Baby Marker Number 41 | Plot is in "Baby Block." Permit set age at 6.5 mos. Possible parents: 1940 census, Curtis Abbot, 23 and Louise M (Mollett or Mallett) Abbott, 22, lived in Portland. Married in 1938, divorced in 1947. Louise remarried H. Evans Davis in 1949, and died in 2004. Louise and Evans had a five-year old daughter, Judith, in 1950, as well as infant son Richard. | Permit |
| ** | Abdich | Arlene Rae (King) | 24 Mar 1934 | 24 Apr 1955 | 27 Apr 1955 | | 21y | F6 | MSA | 4 | 63 | Card: ALDICK, Arline; w/o Alfred A, daughter of Fred E. King and Alma Lenora Hollinshead. | Ancestry.com Oregon Deaths, cert: 4643 |
| ** | Abercrombie | Cecil Herbert | 01 Mar 1901 | 08 Jan 1961 | 24 Jan 1961 | | 59y | | OS | 47 | 10 N½ | Son of James and Elizabeth Abercrombie; brother Charles Abercrombie | Images on FG; Ancestry.com Oregon Deaths, cert: 722; The Oregonian • 01-11-1961 • Page 9 |
| | Abernathy | Allan Dale - SEE Arnett, Alan Dale | | | | 21 Jun 1961 | 10y | | RS | 63 | 9 S½ | on card with half-brother Shaun Dexter Aberathy; #7023 Josephine Co. | |
| ** | Abernathy | Fred Charles (Jr) | 10 Feb 1922 | 07 Dec 1972 | 12 Dec 1972 | 29 Nov 1972 | 50y | B25 | RS | 63 | 10 S½ | son of Fred Robert Abernathy & Anna Marie Mauck | Ancestry.com SSDI; The Oregonian • 12-12-1972 • Page 33 |
| * | Abernathy | Harriet N (Harlow) | 19 Aug 1853 | 22 Feb 1883 | 27 Feb 1883 | | 29y | F32 | OS | 121 | 1 N½ | Daughter of James B. & Elizabeth Harlow buried in Harlow lot | FG marker shows date of death as 27 Feb 1883; no death certif found |

FG - Asterisk indicates there is a memorial on Find a Grave (FG); double asterisk indicates the memorial is managed by GFO.

A. Surname

B. Given name

C. Date of Birth - Most date fields are formatted **dd mmm yyyy**. However, **mmm yyyy** or **yyyy** (in date or text format) may also appear due to source data limitations.

D. Date of Death

E. Date of Service or Burial

F. Date on HCC Index Card - Usually the date of death or burial. May be a date payment was received, or lot was purchased.

G. Age at Death

H. Row No

I. Section

J. Block

K. Lot

L. Comments - additional information from researcher; spouse's name (h/o or w/o,) and parents' names when found (son of / daughter of.)

M. Sources - Database used for death certificates (with certificate number) and/or publication, date, and page of newspaper items, SSDI, or census records. Include the Oregon Death Index (ORDI) certificate number for deaths after 1971