

# TUSCANIA

**Abbott, Edwin Rolla**  
**1889 CA – 1959 CA**



*Edwin Rolla Abbott – “San Francisco Examiner” 8 Feb 1918 p 2 (left) & “San Francisco Chronicle” 8 Feb 1918 p1 (right)*



Edwin Rolla Abbott – "San Francisco Examiner" 5 Mar 1918 p 3

DECEASED: <u>Edwin R. Abbott</u>		Soc. Sec. # <u>72</u>	Reg. # <u>42551</u>
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**ABBOTT**—July 17, 1959, Edwin R. Abbott, loving brother of Susan F. Erlin, the late William M. Abbott and Mrs. A. Ralph Kip; a native of San Francisco. A member of San Francisco Lodge No. 3 B.P.O. Elks. Post No. 234 American Legion, Stanford Parlor No. 76 N.S.G.W and The Olympic Club.

Services Monday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the San Francisco Lodge No. 3 B.P.O. Elks at Halsted & Co., 1123 Sutter St. Interment, Cypress Lawn Memorial Park.

STANFORD PARLOR NO. 76 N.S.G.W.—The officers and members are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother Edwin R. Abbott.

ERWIN de VOE, President.

CHARLES T. O'KANE, Secretary.

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Life:

After several days of doubt, relatives of Edwin R. Abbott of Company E, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers, learned definitely yesterday that he had been aboard the Tuscania and had been saved. The young man is a brother of William M. Abbott, a United Railroads attorney. Formerly he was assistant purchasing agent for the company.

"San Francisco Chronicle" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2

# SOLDIERS SING AS SHIP SINKS

By United Press Leased Wire

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—“Hail, hail, the gang’s all here!” was the song the crew of German submarine which torpedoed the Tuscania heard as the transport sank.

It was sung by the Sammies on the ship and it typified their spirit, according to letters from survivors which began to arrive in San Francisco today.

“You know the song,” wrote Private Edwin R. Abbott to his brother. “The lifeboats wern’t there but that didn’t bother the boys any.”

“We had a little accident on the way over,” was the comment of W. Douglas Pine of Berkeley in a letter to his parents. “I lost everything I owned expecting myself.”

“Pomona (CA) Progress” Tuesday 5 Mar 1918 p 1

## No Lifeboats, but That Did Not Bother the Men

From Private Edwin R. Abbott to  
his brother, William M. Abbott:

Dear Bill:

Well, here I am, all O. K. See  
that the papers in the States pub-  
lished the news.

We had quite  
an experience.  
First American  
troops to be  
submarined. We  
were landed by  
the trawler  
which picked us  
up, in a north-  
ern port in Ire-  
land.

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said he was  
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by officers on  
the conduct of  
his men, so we  
must have been  
on the job. I

got away in a lifeboat after sev-  
eral narrow escapes and we had  
some time for four hours. You  
know the ocean wasn't anything  
like the smooth bay or gate; it  
sure bounced us around.

Some of the boys gathered on  
deck and sang:

"Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here,  
What the H— do We Care."

You know the song. Their life-  
boats weren't there, but that didn't  
bother them. Oh, there were lots  
of things I saw, but will wait until  
another time.

We are now among some Scottish  
soldiers who are in a convalescing  
camp. They have been, some of  
them, at war for three and four  
years. Our experience somehow  
does not seem to me so bad after  
hearing some of these stories.



"San Francisco (CA) Examiner" Tuesday 5 Mar 1918 p 3

The following members of the new executive committee of the Republican County Central Committee was announced by Chairman Bartlett:

Edwin R. Abbott, David L. Autumez, George P. Brown, Mrs. Berthold Baruch, W. M. Bowep, Louis A. Duni, Frank P. Doherty, Mrs. Ida W. Darling, Mrs. Oda A. Faulconer, Morris M. Ferguson, Percy V. Hammon, Mrs. Rae A. Johnson, Arthur W. Kennedy, Henry M. Lannan, Evan Lewis, W. W. Mines, Mrs. Grace B. Mee, all of Los Angeles; Joseph A. Allard, Jr., Pomona; Henry P. Barbour, Long Beach; George R. Davis, Pasadena; W. E. Evans, Glendale; William F. Knight, Pasadena; Dudley W. Robinson, South Pasadena; Charles H. Toll, Glendale.

"Pomona (CA) Bulletin" Wednesday 6 Oct 1920 p 6

## ***Elks Hold Lodge Of Sorrow Today***

San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, B. P. O. E., will conduct its annual lodge of sorrow for departed members today at 11 a. m. in the Alcazar theater on O'Farrell street. Memorial talks will be made by the various officers of the lodge and others.

The committee on arrangements, headed by J. H. Harbour, is composed of Thomas W. Butcher, William J. Daley, H. J. Cordes, Louis Newroth, E. C. Epps, Edwin R. Abbott, C. S. Bachman, H. C. Mattheis, A. E. Kroenke and George M. Caesar.

"San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 4 Dec 1921 p 18

## S. S. ELKS APPOINT GOLF COMMITTEE

With the popular "Sandy" Leith at its head the newly formed golf committee of San Francisco Lodge No. 3, B. P. O. E., are forming plans for the staging of regular monthly tournament events. The complete committee is: Alexander "Sandy" Leith, chairman; Edwin R. Abbott, Ray Gilbert, Charles W. Brown, George Dowden, Byron G. Mobbs, Frank Sutton, Harry N. Kiefer, K. W. Cannon, B. L. Havilside, Rene A. Vayssie, A. J. Glesener, J. Theodore Erlin, Capt. Fred Lemon, Oliver Rousseau, Ed W. Koll and Dr. Fred E. Eckert.

"San Francisco (CA) Examiner" Thursday 30 Apr 1931 p 24

### *Abbott Victor in Elks' Golf Tourney*

Ed R. Abbott of San Francisco won the Elks' tournament at Sonoma Mission Inn over the weekend with a gross 87.

W. M. Lyman took low net honors with 92-24-68.

H. Judah led the guests with a gross 98 and W. Wallberg and Jack Murphy won guests' low net with 105-23-82 and 104-22-82, respectively.

In the ladies' flight Mrs. F. J. Klim won low gross with 109 and Mrs. Jack Murphy won low net with 117-93-84.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 21 Jun 1932 p 17



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## 'Ailing' Appraiser Case Investigated

A local appraiser who informed a joint State legislative committee two days ago that he was too ill to answer a subpoena has managed to collect \$16,000 in fees without leaving his Richmond district home,

The Examiner learned yesterday.

The case of the ailing appraiser, Ed. R. Abbott, will be discussed behind closed doors today at a hearing of the Joint Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administration of Justice at 155 Van Ness Ave.

Abbott, who also dabbles in advertising and insurance, was well enough yesterday afternoon to visit the home of a friend 21 blocks away at 722-23rd Ave.

#### PROBING PRACTICE.

The subcommittee is investigating the practice, which is unique in San Francisco, of appointing extra appraisers in estate cases at extra cost to the heirs.

In 1955 and 1956, Abbott appraised estates worth an estimated \$15,000,000 and collected fees of \$10,000 to \$15,000 for each of the two years, according to the committee.

Goscoe O. Farley, executive director of the committee, said that 20 persons—most of them Superior Court clerks, bailiffs and city employees—have been subpoenaed to testify.

Abbott, who is a friend of Superior Judge Timothy I. Fitzpatrick, refused to accept the subpoena, explaining that he is too ill to appear.

Investigators for the committee arrived in San Francisco two months ago, and have been poring over thousands of wills that have been probated here since Jan. 1, 1955.

Judge Fitzpatrick normally handles all probate cases. During his vacation leaves,

Superior Judges Twain Michelsen and Thomas M. Foley have been assigned to the probate court.

Local attorneys have protested to the committee that the judge often appoints bailiffs, friends and City Hall employes as extra appraisers.

#### LAW CITED.

Farley explained that the State probate law requires that Judge Fitzpatrick must appoint one of the five State appointed inheritance tax appraisers provided for by law.

The law permits him to appoint two more "upon the request of the executor or administrator, or of any person interested in the estate."

However, Farley said that only in San Francisco are additional appraisers often "recommended" by the probate judge.

Farley said that specifically his investigators will seek to show that three appraisers are often assigned here in the probate of an estate that does not justify additional men, and that often the added appraisers are unqualified to make a professional appraisal.

He said that the three Judges had not been invited to appear before the subcommittee, headed by State Senator Edwin J. Regan of Weaverville.

Farley identified 11 of the 20 persons who will appear to testify today. They are deputy sheriffs Martin E. Swahn, who is Judge Fitzpatrick's bailiff; William V. Cotter, John J. Nyhan, Frank W. McGloin, William Kinnear, Hugh Maguire and John A. Ortelle; the judge's clerk, Gerald Romani and a relief clerk Paul Conniff; his court reporter, Paul E. Springer, and Lawrence O'Leary, a clerk in the City Attorney's office.

# ***3 Court Attaches Admit Fee Splits On Appraisals***

State Senator Winds Up  
Probe of Estate Cases

Three San Francisco court attaches have admitted before a legislative investigating committee that they engaged in fee splitting in numerous cases where appraisals were made of estates worth millions of dollars.

This was announced yesterday by Senator Edwin J. Regan, of Weaverville, who charged that a fourth court official had acted as an appraiser, for a fat fee, but was incapable of performing his duties.

### **3 Named—**

Regan, who wound up a one day hearing of his Joint Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administration of Justice, named the county employees as:

Gerald J. Romani, clerk in the court of Judge Timothy I. Fitzpatrick, who allegedly admitted splitting "down the middle" fees received by Ed R. Abbott, a 69 year old real estate man, who refused to testify before the committee.

(Abbott, who suffered a stroke two years ago, told a subpoena server for the legislative committee that he was too ill to appear at the 515 Van Ness Ave. hearing.)

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Lawrence O'Leary, a former bailiff who is now a clerk in the City Attorney's office, who is also alleged to have told the committee

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# Court Attaches Admit Fee Splits in Estate Cases

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behind closed doors that he made appraisals and split his fee with court clerks.

### BAILIFF'S DENIAL.

A fourth attache, Martin Swan, bailiff in Fitzpatrick's court, denied splitting any fees.

He admitted, however, that he had acted as an appraiser in some 60 estates, including one that involved more than \$1,000,000. Of this case, Regan said, all Swan did was to take down a list of figures from the estate's attorneys.

Paul Springer, a court reporter in Fitzpatrick's court, who is also an attorney, said he had appraised three estates—one of which netted him a \$14,000 fee.

In this case, Regan said, the fee was justified and the work performed was done in a professional manner by a well qualified lawyer.

In contrast, committee spokesmen declared, Romani was "unable to show any appraiser's service warranting the payment of money." They



GERALD J. ROMANI



MARTIN SWAN



FRANK MCGLOIN

'Can't Understand Them' Took Down the Numbers'

Admits Fee Splitting

whether any clerks have violated laws or rules."

Chief Administrative Officer Chester MacPhee—

"This is the first I've heard of fee splitting but I'll certainly look into it."

tate lawyers to request additional appraisers.

3—There is a possibility—which will be investigated—that attaches who got appointments as appraisers kicked back part of their fees to support the

nesses, the committee chairman told newsmen:

"There is no question but that there is a practice of fee splitting in the case of court attaches who are appointed as appraisers.

"We have found many

pointments and also split with some one in City Hall.

While admitting that no criminal law has been violated by the fee splitting, Regan said the law is clear on one facet of the subject. He quoted it as saying:

"No courtroom clerk may act as an appraiser."

Fee splitting, the Senator commented, while not technically illegal "is morally wrong."

The statement came on the heels of testimony given, and in some cases withheld, by Dr. Dewitt K. Burnham, physician for Abbott, who says he is an invalid yet has collected \$25,000 in appraiser's fees during a two year period; McGloin, Romani, Oscar Turnblad, a professional appraiser with a private real estate firm (who the committee said had no connection with fee splitting) and O'Leary.

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Sheriff Matthew Carberry, whose deputies, acting as court bailiffs, have often been named as extra appraisers—

"I've already asked Senator Regan for a full transcript of the testimony. It appears there is nothing illegal or immoral in deputies acting as appraisers, and it has been a common practice for many years, but I'll investigate if necessary."

Other developments brought out by the hearing, according to Regan, include:

1—The appointment of favored persons and the splitting of fees is a matter of general knowledge at City Hall.

2—There has been a widespread practice of court attaches soliciting es-

of their fees to support the courthouse bond drive. It failed.

### DENIED BY JUDGE.

Prior to Romani's alleged admission and those of the other attaches, Judge Fitzpatrick indignantly denied there was any wrongdoing among the persons in his official court family.

He said that the Senate investigation was "a campaign to smear judges and get publicity."

The judge said he will file a complaint on the committee's tactics with the State Bar of California.

Regan, sitting with Senator Stanley Arnold, of Susanville, made his allegations after an all day hearing held behind locked doors at 515 Van Ness Ave.

After hearing testimony from more than a dozen wit-

instances of court bailiffs and other employes of the city and county of San Francisco who have been appointed appraisers in estates.

"It is the practice and custom of these employes to split their fees with other attaches and employes."

The ordinary split is 50 per cent of the fees received by the court appointed appraiser, Regan said.

The system, according to committee investigators, works so a favored bailiff will be appointed as an "extra appraiser" in the case of a big estate. Political or other influences probably are involved. When the fee is paid it is split with a clerk.

In some cases an outside appraiser, such as Abbott, could receive these fat ap-

pointments and also split with some one in City Hall.

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The hearing wound up with testimony from six professional inheritance appraisers—all lawyers—who appeared as expert witnesses.

# ***3 Probes Start On Fee Splitting By Appraisers***

## **Two Tax Inquiries, One By City Begun**

The San Francisco Civil Service Commission and State and Federal tax officials yesterday launched separate investigations on fee splitting in appraisal work by court aides.

1—Chief Administrative Officer Chester MacPhee and County Clerk Martin Mongan asked for a ruling

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William Lahanier, Civil Service Commission president, indicated possible suspensions and penalties might be forthcoming.

Civil Service Director George Grubb was ordered by the commission to check with all department heads of employees involved in the practice and find out if any had collected or split fees for estate appraisals without commission approval.

### ***Obvious Violation—***

Lahanier said it seems to him that those who engaged in such outside work without authorization would be "in obvious violation of commission regulations and thereby subject to suspension or reprimand."

The probes were announced on the heels of admissions by three court attaches that they engaged in fee splitting in numerous appraisals of estates worth millions of dollars.

The three admitted accepting thousands of dollars in fee cuts in testimony before a State legislative investigative subcommittee headed by Senator Edwin J. Regan of Weaverville.

### ***Ruling Asked—***

The revelations before the committee brought these other developments:



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# 3 Fee Splitting Inquiries Launched

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from the City Attorney on whether any law has been violated by clerks involved in the practice and whether any disciplinary action can be taken.

2—MacPhee and Mongan learned a 101 year old State law may prevent the city from taking any action against the three court attaches who testified before Regan's committee. The law grants immunity from any penalty or prosecution on the basis of their testimony as persons testifying before a legislative committee.

3—Asked whether he thought the fee splitting is illegal, Probate Judge Timothy L. Fitzpatrick, in whose court the appraisal controversy is centered, said:

mer bailiff who is now a clerk in the City Attorney's office.

Romani admitted splitting fees "down the middle" with Ed R. Abbott, 69 year old real estate man who said he was too ill to testify. Abbott, it was reported, received in the last two years some \$32,000 in fees from fat appraisal appointments despite being an invalid, according to his doctor.

McGloin and O'Leary admitted acting as appraisers and splitting fees with court clerks.

A fourth court aide, Martin Swan, bailiff in Judge Fitzpatrick's court, admitted he had acted as an appraiser in 60 estates but said he did not split his fees.

Fitzpatrick said he hasn't talked to Romani and has no

plans to discipline his court clerk at this time. The 83 year old jurist said he has asked for a transcript of the committee hearings and will study them thoroughly before making any decision on Romani and the entire situation.

The judge expressed surprise over Romani's admission to the committee that he took about \$16,000 in the last two years as his cut of fees awarded to Abbott for appraisals.

"I never appointed an appraiser I thought would split with anybody," Fitzpatrick said. Abbott, it was noted, has been assigned hundreds of appraisal cases by the judge.

### UNIQUE POSITION.

Fitzpatrick's court occupies a unique position in the State. It is privileged to ap-

point one or two appraisers in addition to one named by the State Controller. In all other California courts, the appraiser selected from the Controller's panel is sufficient.

Romani, meantime, was maintaining a comparative silence, saying he had nothing to add to what he told the committee except to declare:

"I'm the goat in this thing."

Sheriff Matthew Carberry, concerned because his deputies, acting as court bailiffs, often have been named as extra appraisers, said he sees "no violation of the law by any bailiffs under my jurisdiction."

A spokesman for the United States Internal Revenue Service here said his office would

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**"It may be unethical but I don't know of any law against it. Lawyers split their fees all the time."**

4—Fitzpatrick, the only judge in California who makes it a regular practice to appoint extra appraisers in probate work, said he has no present intention of halting the practice. He said, however, he would discuss the matter at the annual local judges' meeting here Wednesday.

5—The San Francisco Grand Jury last night discussed the fee splitting matter but decided to hold the matter in abeyance until the State legislative committee finished its investigation, according to Hector Guintini Jr., chairman of the jury's judiciary committee.

6—Goscoe Farley, counsel for Regan's committee, hinted the legislative unit has just scratched the surface in its probe of the fee splitting system and other "irregularities" in local courts.

The three court aides who admitted the fee splitting before Regan's Joint Judiciary Subcommittee on the Administration of Justice are Gerald J. Romani, clerk in Judge Fitzpatrick's court; Frank W. McGloin, bailiff in the court of Judge Edwin Molkenbuhr, and Lawrence O'Leary, a for-

look into the fee splitting as it does in all other instances where there is a possible violation in reporting of income.

A larger scale probe was indicated by the State Franchise Tax Board. In Sacramento, John J. Campbell, ex-

ecutive officer of the board, said:

**"We have pulled the files and are looking into the matter now."**

**Great combination: Sunday and the huge Sunday Examiner.**

# ***Judges Will Bar Court Attaches In Estate Cases***

## **20 Jurists Also Plan to Drop Extra Appraisers**

San Francisco's Superior Court judges yesterday adopted stringent rules that will do away with the appointment of extra appraisers in big estates and the companion evil of fee splitting among court attaches.

Harried by a report made by a State legislative investigating committee, the 20 judges huddled over lunch at the Whitcomb Hotel and decided they could take care of their own affairs.

### ***Strict Rules—***

Professing the utmost respect for the committee and its findings, the judges voted to:

1—Make no appointments of court attaches in cases involving estates.

2—Limit appraisers in estate cases to one man unless extra help is requested in a written petition.

3—Refuse to name any State appointed tax appraiser to a case if his status has been questioned on legal grounds.

4—Turn over to a six judge rules committee problems concerning the rotation of probate court judges and their politically potent clerks.

The third point in the resolution, which was adopted unanimously by the 20 jurists who attended the meeting, was obviously aimed at Attorney Raymond Williamson, who is married to a niece of Judge Timothy I. Fitzpatrick.

### ***18 Year Term—***

Judge Fitzpatrick has been in charge of the probate court for 18 years and, according to investigators for the legislative committee, has handed out extra appraiser jobs—that carry fat fees—to favored employes and relatives.

Gerald Romani, clerk in Fitzpatrick's court, has admitted that he received a 50-50 split from fees received by Ed R. Abbott, a 69 year old crippled real estate man,

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**SHIFT**—Judge Harry Neubarth (left), retiring as Presiding Superior Court judge congratulates successor, Judge Timothy Fitzpatrick (center) has been under fire in fee splitting cases. Judge Edward Molkenbuhr (right) at annual jurists meeting yesterday in Hotel Whitcomb.

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appointed by Fitzpatrick in many estate cases.

Romani, it was learned, will probably be transferred to another department after the end of the year. His case and the entire question of the rotation of judges will be considered between now and Jan. 1 by the rules committee. The committee will report to all of the judges at a meeting scheduled early next year.

#### NAME MOLKENBUHR.

The action by the judges was taken at their semiannual meeting during which they elected Judge Edwin Molkenbuhr as presiding judge. He replaces Judge Harry J. Neubarth as the county's chief jurist.

Molkenbuhr and Neubarth, along with all of the other judges, had nothing but praise for Fitzpatrick and were indignant at any suggestion that his appointment of extra appraisers had any dishonest connotations.

Fitzpatrick, who is 82, was just as sure that he was right in making the appointments. **'NOT ON TRIAL'.**

Asked if his fellow judges had given him a vote of confidence during their closed

door meeting, the aging jurist snorted:

"I asked for nothing. Why should I ask for a vote of confidence? I'm not on trial."

Fitzpatrick grumbled about legislative committee investigators and said he had "the unanimous support of the entire bench."

"I think I have the unanimous support of the entire bar," he added while walking from the hotel to his chambers in the City Hall.

After the meeting Neubarth said that the judge's committee will make a series of studies dealing with problems that come up in appointing personnel.

Out of these studies, it is expected, will become a guide to help judges make appointments of appraisers in estate cases, decide on the rotation of judges and court attaches and draw a firm line on the fee splitting situation.

#### TRANSFER PLAN.

On the matter of Romani, it is known that Neubarth will meet with County Clerk Martin Mongan to discuss the clerk's transfer to another department. There is no question of Romani being fired.

In taking a split from Ab-

bott he did nothing illegal under the law as it now reads. The investigating committee called his rake-off "morally wrong" and he probably will be assigned to a court that does not handle probate cases.

In adopting their resolution, the judges said they were "taking note of recent publicity emanating from the investigative staff and hearings of the Joint Legislative Committee."

They said they "welcome and respect" the efforts of the committee and declared:

"We are agreed that many of the committee's criticisms or suggestions should be evaluated according to the highest possible standards of public service."

The new temporary code regarding the appointment of appraisers was adopted, the judges said, "with the full support of our esteemed probate judge, T. I. Fitzpatrick."

Father:

## **WILLIAM ABBOTT, PIONEER SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY**

**Father of Assistant-General Consul  
for United Railroads Dies  
at His Home.**

William Abbott, a California Pioneer father of William M. Abbott, assistant general counsel for the United Railroads, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home, 2350 Fulton street, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Abbott was widely known in this city. He came to California in the early sixties and for nearly forty years was the chief accountant and cashier of the Methodist Book Concern. As first vice-president of the San Francisco Church Extension Society he took a leading part in the work of the Methodist Church in this city, having organized Sunday-schools from which grew the Hamilton Church and the Mission Church on Filbert street.

Mr. Abbott had been a widower for five years. Four children—William M. Abbott, Mrs. Kip of Brooklyn, Mrs. Stanley Webster of this city and Edwin R. Abbott—survive him.

Obituary of William Abbott – “San Francisco Examiner” Sunday 19 Jan 1908 p 2



# **WILLIAM ABBOTT IS CALLED TO LAST REST.**

## **Father of United Railroads Attorney Dies at the Home of His Daughter.**

William Abbott, a well-known early settler and father of Attorney William M. Abbott, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Webster, in this city yesterday afternoon of apoplexy. Mr. Abbott came to San Francisco in the early sixties and for thirty-eight years was identified with the Methodist Book Concern as chief accountant and cashier. He also held the position of first vice-president of the San Francisco Church Extension Society, and was a leading spirit in church circles in this city, having organized the Sunday-schools from which grew the Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Church and the Asbury Church in the Richmond district. He was the president of the board of trustees of the old Central Church, whose building was destroyed in the great fire of 1906.

For many years he was one of the trustees and secretary of the California Bible Society, and every good cause found in him a warm friend. Not being in good health, he retired from business last year and made an extended visit to the Hawaiian Islands. He had been a widower for five years. Four children survive him—Attorney William M. Abbott of the United Railroads, Mrs. Professor Kip of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Stanley Webster and Edwin Rolla Abbott of this city. It has not been announced when the funeral will be held, as the family are awaiting a dispatch from Mrs. Kip.

“San Francisco Chronicle” Sunday 19 Jan 1908 p 23

**ABBOTT**—In this city, January 18, 1908, at the home of his daughter, 2350 Fulton street near Stanyan, William Abbott, husband of the late Anna Bell Abbott, and loving father of Mrs. A. R. Kip of New York, William M. Abbott, Mrs. Stanley Webster and Edwin Rolla Abbott, a native of Ontario, Can., aged 67 years 1 month and 22 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services Friday, January 24, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Wesley M. E. church, corner of Hayes and Buchanan streets. Interment Cypress Lawn cemetery, by electric funeral car from Thirtieth street and San Jose avenue.



Burial of father in Cypress Lawn – “San Francisco Call” Tuesday 21 Jan 1908 p 15

Mother:

ABBOTT—In this city, December 11, 1902, Anna Bell, beloved wife of William Abbott, mother of Mrs. Carrie Bell Kip of Brooklyn, N. Y., and William M., Susan F. and Edwin Rolla Abbott, and sister of W. J. Casselmann, a native of Canada, aged 52 years 11 months and 27 days.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services to-morrow (Sunday), at 1:30 o'clock, at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Mission street, between Sixth and Seventh. Interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery, by carriage.

Mother Anna Bell Casselman Abbott – Find A Grave 213877465

Siblings:

KIP—In Oakland, October 10, 1944, Carrie Belle Kip, beloved wife of Arthur Ralph Kip; loving mother of Mrs. Anne Whited and Lucille A. Kip; sister of Edwin Abbott and Mrs. Ted Erlin of San Francisco; grandmother of Joan Lee and Beverly Anne Whited. A native of San Francisco. Former treasurer of Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and member of Trinity Methodist Church of Berkeley. Time of funeral later. (Truman service.)

Obituary of [sister Carrie Belle Abbott Webster Kip \(1869-1944\)](#) “Oakland Tribune” Wednesday 12 Oct 1944 p 31 – <https://www.newspapers.com/image/185507424/>

### **Married in San Francisco.**

The marriage of Prof. A. R. Kip of Napa College and Miss Carrie Bell Abbott, daughter of Wm. Abbott, of the Methodist Book Concern, was solemnized at the Central M. E. Church in San Francisco Thursday evening. The sacred edifice was crowded to the doors, and among those present were a number of friends of the bride and groom from Napa.

The Church was decorated for the occasion by the young ladies of the church, one of the principal floral effects being a three-cornered canopy in front of the pulpit, composed of smilax, white and yellow chrysanthemums and hydrangeas. On the apex of the canopy were white doves and lovers' knots of white ribbon. The whole front of the church was filled in with palms, acacias and ferns, and an arch composed of asparagus fronds spanned the center of each aisle.

Rev. E. R. Dille and Rev. J. N. Beard were the officiating clergymen. Miss Susie Abbott, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The best man was Dr. E. E. Kelley, and the ushers Robt. J. Patterson and F. N. Marcom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, 311 Haight street. The presents comprised a great number of pieces of silverware, pictures, etchings and other objects of art.

Prof. and Mrs. Kip will make a tour of the South before the opening of the College, which occurs Jan. 7. They will reside at the College.

Mrs. Kip has been on several occasions a guest of Mrs. Beard at the College and is consequently known to a large circle of people in Napa.

Wedding of Carrie Bell Abbott & Arthur Ralph Kip 19 Dec 1895 San Francisco CA – “Napa (CA) Journal” Saturday 21 Dec 1895 p 3



Brother William Martin Abbott (1872-1941) – Find A Grave 87556189

**ABBOTT**—In this city, November 13, 1941. William Martin Abbott, loving husband of Anne Mac Vean Abbott, loving father of William Lindley Abbott, Tirey Casselman Abbott of Santa Barbara, son of the late William and Anna Bell Abbott, loving brother of Mrs. A. Ralph Kip, Mrs. J. Theo Erlin and Ed R. Abbott, grandfather of Tirey C. Abbott Jr., Duncan Hunt Abbott and William Martin Abbott II; a native of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the mortuary of Halsted & Co., 1123 Sutter Street, near Polk, under the auspices of San Francisco Lodge No. 3, B. P. O. Elks. Interment strictly private.

**SAN FRANCISCO LODGE NO. 3, B. P. O. ELKS**—Officers and members are hereby notified to attend the funeral services for our late brother, past grand exalted ruler, William M. Abbott, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m., at the chapel of Halsted & Co., 1123 Sutter St.

GEORGE DEVINE JR., Exalted Ruler,  
ARTHUR J. MANGIN, Secretary.

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- Obituary of William Martin Abbott - "San Francisco Examiner" Saturday 15 Nov 1941  
p 13

## Mrs. Abbott Given \$2000 Allowance

San Francisco Superior Judge T. I. Fitzpatrick today had granted Mrs. William M. Abbott of Santa Barbara, widow of the late San Francisco lawyer and counsel for the Market Street Railway, the sum of \$2000 as family allowance pending distribution of the estate.

When Abbott died last November 13 he left one-half of the estate valued in excess of \$100,000 to Mrs. Abbott and one-fourth to each of his sons, Tirey C. Abbott of Santa Barbara and William Lindley Abbott of San Francisco. The latter's share was left in trust.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Tuesday 2 Dec 1941 p 11

## W. M. Abbott Will Probated

The will of William M. Abbott, late chief counsel for the Market Street Railway Company, who died last November 13, at 69, was filed for probate yesterday in superior court.

The will, disposing of an estate worth in excess of \$100,000, divided the residue among the widow, Mrs. Annie Abbott of Santa Barbara, bequeathed one-half; and two sons, Tirey C. of Carpinteria and W. Lindley Abbott of 330 Cherry Street here, bequeathed one-fourth each.

Specific bequeaths included \$1,000 each to two sisters, a brother, and three grandchildren, and \$5,000 in building bonds to San Francisco Lodge No. 3 of the Elks to be known as the William M. Abbott charity fund.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 18 Nov 1941 p 13



1. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME, LAST NAME <i>Susan Abbott Erlin</i>		2. DATE OF DEATH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR <i>May 8 1963</i>	
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5. NAME AND RESIDENCE OF FATHER <i>W. A. Abbott</i>		6. NAME AND RESIDENCE OF MOTHER <i>M. A. Erlin</i>	
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NAME *Susan Abbott Erlin* NATIVITY *USA* AGE *88*

HUSBAND OR WIFE OF *the late J. Theo Erlin*

MOTHER OF *son of Richard L. & Frank Erlin Jr. & Anne Whitel*

SON OR DAUGHTER OF

BROTHER OR SISTER OF

MEMBER OF ☒

FUNERAL NOTICE FORM—INVITE FRIENDS ☒ SHORT FORM ☐ PRIVATE ☐ UNTIL 9 P.M. ☐

HOUR *10:4 M* WEEK-DAY *Wed* DATE *5/1* PLACE *St. Louis*

PREPARED BY *Funeral Home*

Sister Susan Abbott Webster Erlin (1875-1963) – funeral home record -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2118/images/B019633-00738?pld=367504>

## Mrs. Susan Webster To Wed J. T. Erlin

Mrs. Susan Abbott Webster, sister of William Abbott, attorney for the United Railroads, will be married at noon to-day to John Theodore Erlin, at the home of the bride's brother, 2735 Vallejo street. A quiet ceremony is planned, only a few friends of the couple being invited. Erlin is a partner in the Richardson and Erlin Company, manufacturers' and druggists' agents, of 580 Mission street. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Erlin will leave on a short honeymoon trip and will later make their home in this city.

Marriage of Susan Abbott Webster to John Theodore Erlin on 24 Dec 1913 – "San Francisco Examiner" Wednesday 24 Dec 1913 p 9

### Erlin-Webster Wedding

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of William M. Abbott Wednesday night, when his sister, Mrs. Susan Abbott Webster, became the wife of Z. Theo. Erlin, a leader in club and financial circles of this city. Only the immediate families were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Bishop Hughes. There were no attendants and immediately after the informal supper Mr. and Mrs. Erlin departed on their honeymoon, which they will spend in the south. On their return they will enjoy a brief visit here before departing for a four months' sojourn in the east. Mr. Erlin is a member of the Bohemian club of this city and also belongs to the University of California club and the Olympic club.



"San Francisco Call & Post" Friday 26 Dec 1913 p 8

**ERLIN**—In San Francisco, Dec. 8, 1963, Susan Abbott Erlin, wife of the late J. Theo. Erlin, aunt of Richard L. and Frank Erlin Jr. and Anne Whited; a native of San Francisco; aged 88 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral service 10 a. m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Gray's, Divisadero St. at Post.

"San Francisco Examiner" Tuesday 10 Dec 1963 p 53

## J. T. ERLIN

J. Theodore Erlin, founder of the San Francisco wholesale drug firm which bears his name, died yesterday in French Hospital. He was 88.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Erlin was a member of the Bohemian Club and the San Francisco City Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Abbott Erlin of 400 40th Ave.; and two sons, Frank of Palo Alto and Richard of Lafayette.

Funeral services are pending at N. Gray and Co.

"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 15 Feb 1963 p 48



At 580 Mission, San Francisco CA - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/162508536/person/382148182694/media/f3396df6-2d83-41a0-b0b6-3e5dbb8f2abe>

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: Edwin Rolla Abbott**

Name variations: Ed R. Abbott

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,461

Entered service from: San Francisco, San Francisco Co. CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edwin R. Abbott

Next-of-kin on Tuscania: brother William M. Abbott, 56 Sulter St., San Francisco CA  
Returned

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Next-of-kin on return ship, sailed under name: Edwin R. Abbott - NOK brother William M. Abbott, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco CA (sgt., 17th Co., 20th Engr, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edwin R. Abbott - b. 7 Apr 1889 San Francisco, CA, res: 839 Leavenworth, San Francisco CA. Single. Clerk at United Railroads, 58 Sutter St. Medium height, slender build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 461 Market St., San Francisco CA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Edwin Rolla Abbott - b. 7 Apr 1889 San Francisco CA; res: 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco, San Francisco CA. NOK sister Mrs. J. Theo. Erlin, 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco. Self-employed at 58 Sutter, San Francisco. Height: 5'10" – 145 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 5 Dec 1917

Discharged 12 Jun 1919

Address: 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco CA

Rank/unit: sgt, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 7 Apr 1889 San Francisco CA (II & VAMI)

Died: 17 Jul 1959 San Francisco CA

Find A Grave record: 87556150 – presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Colma, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: William Abbott, Nov 1843 Canada - 18 Jan 1908 San Francisco, San Francisco CA (at the home of daughter Susan Abbott Webster). Son of William & Susan Abbott. For almost 48 years was chief accountant & cashier for Methodist Book Concern. One of the most prominent workers in Methodist Church circles.

Since his wife & children are buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA, he may be the William Abbott, unknown birth & death years in that cemetery.

Find A Grave: perhaps 193271607?

Mother: Anna Bell Casselman Abbott, Dec 1850 Canada – 11 Dec 1902 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Daughter of Riley Casselman (1826-1870) & Fanny Cooke (b. 1825).

Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA.

Find A Grave: 213877465

Parents' marriage: 2 Jun 1868 Dundas County, Ontario, Canada

Spouse(s): never married, according to the 1950 census

Spouse Find A Grave:

## Children:

## Siblings:

- Carrie Bell Abbott Kip, 1869 San Francisco CA - 10 Oct 1944 Oakland, Alameda CA. Wife of Arthur Ralph Kip (1869-1947, F: 87728726) whom she married in Central Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, San Francisco CA on 19 Dec 1895. Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87728727
- William Martin Abbott, 17 Mar 1872 San Francisco Co. CA - 13 Nov 1941 San Francisco Co. CA. Attorney. Husband of Annie Josephine MacVean (1874-1956, F: 57988752,). Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87556189
- Susan F./T. Abbott Webster Erlin, May 1875 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 8 Dec 1963 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. First married to Stanley Webster, on 5 Oct 1905 in San Francisco CA. Both were age 21. He was a resident of Fresno CA & she of San Francisco CA. Stanley was born 20 Jul 1880 Manchester, England & died 2 Dec 1911 in Brooklyn, Kings NY. He was the son of Lewis Cook Webster & Rebecca Walker & is buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings NY, F: 219665617. – Widowed, Mrs. Susan Webster married John Theodore Gustave Erlin (9 Jun 1875 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 14 Feb 1963 San Francisco, San Francisco CA F: 87859319), at the home of her brother William Martin Abbott. John was the son of Gustave Erlin (F: 99913542) & Anna Henrichson (F: 99913524). Erlin was the founder of the San Francisco CA wholesale drug firm that bears his name. Susan & John married in San Francisco CA on 23 Dec 1913. He died 14 Feb 1963 CA (F: 87859319) & she died later that year, on 8 Dec 1963. Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87859322

## Notes:

## Pre-war:

“Los Angeles Times” 28 Jan 1911 p 25 – financial secretary, Southern California Rod & Reed Club, endorsed as county game warden  
Was secretary of the Southern California Rod and Reel Club in May 1911

## Wartime:

“San Francisco Chronicle” 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - after days of not knowing, cable yesterday he was on ship, brother of William M. Abbott, United Railways attorney, Edwin was this company's asst. purchasing officer

"San Francisco Examiner" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 - photo

"San Francisco Examiner" 5 Mar 1918 p 3 - photo & letter to brother William M. Abbott, 1st ship to be submarined, landed in Ireland, in lifeboat 4 hrs, sang songs, Scottish soldiers have been in war 3-4 yrs

"Santa Ana (CA) Register" 5 Mar 1918 p 1 – the crew of the German submarine that sank Tuscania heard the troops singing "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here" said letter to his brother. "You know the son. The lifeboats weren't there but that didn't bother the boys any."

Post-war:

Social Security Number: 561-40-6430

Censuses:

1880 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 811 ½ Tyler St.  
 William Abbott, 36 Canada, parents b. England, clerk in store  
 Anna B., 30 Canada, father b. Canada, mother b. Ireland, keeping house  
 Carrie B., 11 CA, at school  
 William M., 8 CA  
 Susan F., 5 CA  
 & mother-in-law Fanny Casselman, 55 Ireland, at home  
 & brother-in-law John Casselman, 25 Canada, clerk in tel. office

1900 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 345 Haight St.  
 William Abbott, 56 Canada, Nov 1843, parents b. England, married 32 years, cashier, Methodist Book Concern  
 Anna B. 49 Canada, Dec 1850, father b. Canada, mother b. Ireland, gave birth to 4 children, 2 are living  
 Susan F., 23 CA, May 1877  
 Edwin R., 11 CA, Apr 1889, at school  
 & lodger William P. Lean, 27 CA, May 1873, single, commercial traveler, shoes

1910 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 2350 Fulton St.  
 Stanley Webster, 33 England, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 4 years, contractor, building  
 Susan A. Webster, 32 CA, parents b. Canada (English) [wife]  
 Edwin R. Abbott, 21 CA, single, commission – ins (?) [brother-in-law]  
 & maid Hannah Demien/Demier, 60 Germany, servant in private home

1920 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 J. Theodore Erlin, 40 CA  
 Susan Erlin, 40 CA  
 Edwin R. Abbott, 36, single, salesman/insurance office [brother-in-law]

1940 San Francisco, San Francisco CA - 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Thero J. Eilin, 64 CA, retired

Susan A. Eilin. 60 CA, house work, at home

Edwin R. Abbott, 51 CA, single, insurance broker [boarder]

& housekeeper Helen O'Connor, 53 CA, single, maid

1950 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 400 – 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.

J. Theo Erlin, 72 CA

Susan A. Erlin, 71 CA [wife]

& brother-in-law Ed R. Abbott, 50 CA, insurance salesman, broker

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