

HENRY HILL GRAVE

TOPICS

At least three headstones, each with conflicting data, have marked this grave. This makes it extremely difficult to know for sure who lies buried here. However, in 1972, a headstone found among the stone debris at the site was interpreted to read as follows: "Henry Hill, June 8th 1852, Aged 59." Based on this information, it is believed that this is the grave of Henry Hill, born in Caroline County, Virginia, in 1793 and veteran of the War of 1812.

In April 1852, that Henry Hill sold his land in Monroe County, Missouri, and headed west with his daughters, Martha and Clemencia, and son, Joseph Littleton Hill, for California. On June 15, 1852, his in-law, James Hill, recorded "...about thirty five miles below Fort Laramie we was called on to pay the last tribute of respect to old Father Hill." He died from an illness that may have been cholera.



The Hill family would lose more members before reaching California. Also to succumb to the rigors of the journey were Clemencia Hill, Nancy Hill and Wesley Hill.

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The grave has been marked and fenced by the Oregon-California Trails Association. There are no known threats. The site is not listed on the National Register.

Additional Information

Reg Duffin, "The Nancy Hill Story: The Final Chapter." *Overland Journal* 4:4 (Fall 1986) pp. 56-64.