

Abbott Park

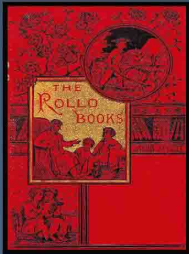


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Jacob Abbott, a prolific writer of children's literature, founded Abbott Park where he created a unique, whimsical landscape. Rollo Pond is named for Abbott's popular character Rollo Holiday, whose adventures amused children all over the world in the mid 1800's. In addition, Jacob collaborated with his brother John to write a series of histories.



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"I want to thank you and your brother for Abbott's series of histories. I have not education enough to appreciate the profound works of voluminous historians, and if I had, I have no time to read them. But your series of Histories gives me, in brief compass, just that knowledge of past men and events which I need. I have read them with the greatest interest. To them I am indebted for about all the historical knowledge I have."

-Abraham Lincoln.

The Abbott School for Boys, or "Little Blue" was located at the present site of the Roberts Learning Center, and was founded by Abbott's nephew, Samuel Abbott. The site of Hippach Field was developed in 1916, and dedicated to the Abbott School in memory of its star athlete, Howard Hippach. Baseball teams have played there since 1916.



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