



Brigadier General Joseph Carter Abbott

Joseph Carter Abbott was born on July 25, 1825 in Concord, New Hampshire. He attended the Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and later studied law at Concord. Abbott was the owner and editor of the Daily American newspaper in Manchester from 1852 to 1857.

Abbott served as adjutant general for New Hampshire from 1855-1861, during which time he reorganized the state militia. In 1861, he became the lieutenant colonel of the 7th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment. During this time he participated in the battles of Port Royal Sound, St. John's Bluff, Fort Pulaski, and Fort Wagner. In 1863, he was promoted to colonel of the regiment, which he led at the Battle of Olustee and the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in Virginia.

During the later years of the Civil War, Abbott participated in the battle of Fort Fisher, and also the capture of Wilmington. For his service, he was nominated for appointment to the grade of Brevet Brigadier General of Volunteers.

Following the Civil War, Abbott lived in North Carolina. He was active in state politics, and held various political positions for a good portion of his life. After his death on October 8, 1881, he was buried in the National Cemetery in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was reinterred in 1887 at Valley Cemetery in Manchester.