

Change purse

Small half-round leather coin purse with metal snap frame. Interior is fitted with smaller fixed purse, creating a total of three compartments. Hinged nickel-plated metal frame with brass snap lock. This coin purse belonged to James Burnett Abbott, an early arrival in Kansas Territory. Abbott came to Lawrence with other New England abolitionists in 1854 and became involved in efforts to make Kansas a free state. He joined the militia and participated in the Battle of Black Jack and the 1856 defense of Lawrence. While agent to the Shawnee tribe, he led a party of them in the Price Raid of 1864. Abbott served in the first Kansas House of Representatives and later as a state senator.

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