

PHOTO: WILDERNESS HOSPITAL or  
TRAIL SIDE GRAVES.

NARRATOR: The Scott family would quickly learn for themselves the price of a western migration that went beyond the simple cost of a wagon and provisions. Scott's wife soon fell ill with cholera and died.

Shortly after the death of his mother, three year old Willie Scott died from dysentery.

PHOTO: SCOTT FAMILY.  
OREGON TERRITORY.

NARRATOR: In spite of the hardship of the trail and the losses sustained the remaining Scotts arrived in Oregon in the fall of 1852.

PHOTO: YOUNG ABIGAIL.

In the spring of the next year Scott's daughter, Abigail, became a school teacher in the village of Eola, Oregon.

PHOTO: ABIGAIL.

Attractive young women were scarce in Oregon at the time, and Abigail did not lack suitors.

PHOTO: LAND ACT.

Also Oregon's Land Donation Act of 1850 gave each new settler to the territory 640 acres, if married. Single men received only half that.

PHOTO: BEN DUNIWAY.

ABIGAIL: "I met my fate in the person of Mr. Ben C. Duniway, a young rancher of Clackamas County, who took me, a bride, to his bachelor ranch where we lived four years."

PHOTO: PIONEER WOMAN AT WORK.

NARRATOR: Abigail undertook the arduous life of a pioneer with committed zeal. However, she quickly became aware of the sacrifices required by such a life: