

UNCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS

at the 15th Annual Genealogy Workshop

Featuring **Deborah Abbott**

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Friday, March 31st, 2017

Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St. Burlington, IA

9AM Registration

10AM Self-Publishing Your Family History with Russ Fry (No Charge)

NOON Lunch on your own

1PM TBA (No Charge)

3PM TBA (No Charge)

Evening Lecture with Deborah Abbott

6:30PM Doors Open

7PM Presentation with Dessert Bar

You Only Have a Death Announcement—Now What?

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Capitol Theater, 211 N. 3rd St. Burlington, IA

8AM Registration

9AM-3:30PM Workshop

Breaking the Brick Wall: Researching in Black and White

Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor

Researching Female Ancestors

Vital Records: The Cornerstone of Genealogical Research

Description of lectures included on back of this form

Registration Form

Register by March 24th to be guaranteed lunch.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____

Email Address: _____

Saturday Lunch Options:

Ham Sandwich Qty: _____

Turkey Sandwich Qty: _____

Vegetarian Qty: _____

of people attending Friday evening only _____ @ \$8 each.

of people attending Saturday only _____ @ \$15 each.

of people attending Friday & Saturday _____ @ \$20 each.

Total amount enclosed: _____

Additional Name(s) Being Registered:

Please send or drop off your registration and payment to the **Burlington Public Library, 210 Court St., Burlington, IA 52601.**

If you have questions, call 319-753-1647.

Registrations are limited. Sign up early to secure a spot!

Lectures

Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

You Only Have a Death Announcement – Now What?

To share your genealogical research with finesse, interest and appeal, you must answer the “who, what, where, why and how” questions about your ancestors; understanding that their lives are more than names and dates. Learn how to discover the courageous stories that fill the dash between birth and death. Telling their story and breathing life into their legacy will help in your quest to unlock the unique doors of family history. In this case study we will start with a “death announcement” and follow the clues that lead to numerous other records. The importance of carefully analyzing documents, determining where to find them and understanding how one record can lead to another will be emphasized.

Breaking the Brick Wall: Researching in Black and White

This lecture will reconstruct an African American family from slavery to freedom. Using a case study, learn basic tools of family history research. Understand the importance of analyzing the information that you find and how collateral/cluster research will point you toward success in the genealogical process. Using the 1940 U.S. Federal Census as the starting point, we will follow an African American family back through pre-1870 records connecting them to their slave holding family. In addition to the census, this journey will utilize numerous record groups that will show how two families, one black, one white are intertwined.

Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor

This session will introduce the importance of researching ancestors by researching extended family members, friends and community. Learn to develop techniques and strategies that will help increase the chances of locating that long lost ancestor. Several exams will be presented.

Researching Female Ancestors

Finding female ancestors can be challenging. Female identities prior to the twentieth century are often tangled in the records of male family members both by custom and by law. In many places, women were not allowed to own real estate in their own name, to sign legal documents, or to participate in government. Learn techniques for overcoming some of these barriers.

Vital Records: The Cornerstone of Genealogical Research

Birth, marriage, divorce and deaths are anchors in the lives of our ancestors. They connect our ancestors to a time and place and help to identify other familial relationships. Learn how to find these records, the valuable information they contain, as well as identifying substitutes when these records are inaccessible or nonexistent.