

FIND A COUSIN Surname Exchange

Members and friends can make their research interests known during the conference. Please contribute three family lines you are researching. The cousin list will be emailed to all attendees.

(Example: Jones, late 18th C, York Co, VA)

Name

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Conference Door Prizes

Live-streaming guests **only** will be sent a link to Door Prize Registration a few days before the conference. Check the prizes you're hoping to win and submit your registration by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, 29 September. Winners will be announced after the third lecture on Saturday. Good luck!

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GRIVA Virtual Fall Conference

featuring

Deborah Abbott, PhD

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*Connecting the Dots
Revealing the Story*

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Saturday, 1 October 2022



Deborah Abbott, PhD

Dr. Abbott is a professional genealogist specializing in genealogical methodology, manuscript collections, and African American family research. In addition to being an avid researcher, Dr. Abbott is a noted speaker at both national and local events and is a published author. She holds both the BS and MEd degrees from Tuskegee University and the PhD degree from Kent State University and is a retired professor of Counseling from Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.



Dr. Abbott is coordinator of both the African American Track at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) in Athens, Georgia, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). She teaches at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (TIGR).

Dr. Abbott's articles have been published in the *Ohio Genealogy News* and *FamilyTree* magazines. She can be found teaching African American genealogy in a segment entitled "Needles & Threads" on Ancestry Academy, an educational video course for Ancestry.com. She also teaches monthly classes entitled "Using Ancestry.com in Genealogy Research" at the Lakewood (Ohio) Public Library and coordinates the "Genealogy and Family History Clinic" for the Cleveland Public Library.

She is a member of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG). She is a member of the Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Archives Commission, the Lakeview Cemetery Community Outreach Committee (Cleveland, Ohio), and is past president of the African American Genealogical Society, Cleveland.

A Cleveland native, Dr. Abbott is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Tuskegee University National Alumni Association, and Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland.

GRIVA Virtual Fall Conference

10:00 am **Welcome**

10:15 am ***Breaking the Brick Wall:
Researching in Black & White***

This case study will illustrate the strategies, organizational skills, and analysis, as well as collateral and cluster research, needed to reconstruct the ancestry and migration of an African American family from freedom to slavery, including the identification of the slaveholding family.

11:15 am **Break**

11:30 am ***More Than a Face on a
Spaghetti Can: The Genealogy of
Chef Boyardee***

Chef Boyardee was a real person! Genealogical records—vital, immigration, newspapers, manuscripts, ship manifests, etc.—found in libraries, archives, and universities, bring this person from the spaghetti can to life. You are guaranteed to leave with new knowledge and a smile on your face by following the life of this American icon.

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm ***Using Manuscript Collections
in Genealogical Research***

Manuscript collections contain unique original, often handwritten, documents that include oral histories, personal papers, letters, diaries, photographs, and more. But manuscripts are rarely indexed. Learn the importance of these records and where to find them. With patience, a gold mine of information pertaining to the lives of your ancestors can be found.

2:00 pm **Break**

2:15 pm ***A Gift of Life:
Who's Writing Your Story?***

How do you want to be remembered? Who knows better than you the highs and lows of your life? Do not leave the task of writing your history to someone else. A case study will demonstrate the ease of writing your story, including a creative way to include your ancestors, as you leave a legacy for future generations.

Registration Form

(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

**Do you plan to attend the livestream on
1 October?** (circle one) Yes No

Registration Fees:

GRIVA member \$35 _____

GRIVA non-member \$45 _____

2022-2023 dues (See note 4 below) _____

Total enclosed _____

Notes:

1. Pre-registration is required for live or recorded viewing, which will be available until 1 December.
2. You will receive emails with handouts, door prize details, and a link to attend the virtual meeting two or three days before the Zoom conference.
3. See GRIVA.org for additional registration forms.
4. Not a GRIVA member yet? Include \$20 (\$25 for a couple) and register as a member.
5. Questions? Email GRIVA.Notes@gmail.com or mail@GRIVA.org.

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