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Southern California Genealogical Society and Family Research Library

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Saturday, October 9, 2021

Learn - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with questions and answers

Speakers - **Deborah Abbott, Ph. D. and Char McCargo Bah**

“A Tale of Ancestral Families: Two Paths, One Outcome”

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Learn how two genealogists met for the first time while attending a national conference and discovered, much to their surprise, they possessed a direct connection to the same slaveholding family in Virginia. Listen to how sharing their individual research helped fill the gaps in each of their own family histories. The experiences of these slave descendants will best illustrate how different research methods, resources and documents were used to identify their connection to this common slaveholder. This lecture will help you to identify clues and suggest resources available to recreate your own ancestor's journey from slavery to freedom. The presenters, who used completely different resources, will share how they used those documents to confirm the relationship of their individual families (one from Virginia and the other from North Carolina) to the Virginia slaveholder that connects them. This lecture will show finding records from Virginia and North Carolina.

Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, is a professional genealogist, specializing in African American research, manuscript collections and genealogy methodology. She is an instructor as well as the coordinator for the African American tracts at IGHR held at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA and GRIP held at LaRoche University in Pittsburgh. She is an instructor at SLIG in Salt Lake City, UT, and TIGR in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Abbott is a member of National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Association of Professional Genealogist (APG) and the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG). A Cleveland, Ohio native, she is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Tuskegee University National Alumni Association, and Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland.

Char McCargo Bah is the CEO/Owner of FindingThingsforU, LLC. She has undergrad degrees in Urban Studies and African-American Studies. She holds several professional certificates. She has been a genealogist since 1981; appearing in numerous television interviews and documentaries.

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She is on contract with the Virginia Theological Seminary's Reparation Project. Char has received numerous awards including the 2019 Who Who's in America. She is the author of two books, "*Alexandria's Freedmen's Cemetery: A Legacy of Freedom.*" She is a freelance writer for *Alexandria Gazette Newspaper*. In addition, she is a member of over thirty genealogical societies, historical societies and authors' organizations.

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