



To the Dear Women of Flagler County:

I must write a note insisting on our blessed women registering in time so no one can challenge their vote in the coming election. The men say women do not know how to vote, but I am sure if they will watch our homepaper, our editor will keep them instructed as to every step they must take, and in working at the polling places on election day, I found at least half the men did not know how to mark their tickets.

Oh! how I wish I could be at work now lecturing and instructing our blessed women. It was my privilege to give the first lecture on Votes For Women ever given in Florida at the State Convention held in St. Augustine, November, 1893. It did not take very well, but oh! what a change since then! I organized first W. C. T. U. in Flagler county, also first Loyal Temperance Legion, consequently I feel that I have had something to do with this great movement in not only Flagler county, but the whole state of Florida.

I have received many letters and telegrams from old Missouri congratulating me on my share in the work of National Womans Suffrage.

"Taxation without Representation" is nothing less than tyranny. Dear women let's come up by the help of the Lord to the help of the people against this great evil.

God bless you all and be sure to register. Oh! how I wish my health was so I could help.

(Signed) ALICE SCOTT ABBOTT

**Invitation to Descendants of 'The Dear Women of
Flagler'
Friday, March 15, 2019 – 1 pm –
School Board Meeting Room #3B
3rd Floor – Government Services Building – Bunnell, Florida**

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AAUW FLAGLER INVITATION TO THE DESCENDANTS OF 'THE DEAR WOMEN OF FLAGLER'

Palm Coast, FL – American Association of University Women (AAUW) Flagler wishes to extend an invitation to the descendants of the women of Flagler County who were recognized and listed, by the Flagler Tribune, on October 21, 1920, as "Qualified Voters" for the November 2, 1920 General Election. We will hold an organizational meeting on **Friday, March 15, 2019, at 1:00 pm, in Room 3 B, located on the 3rd floor of the Government Services Building in Bunnell.**

In anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, we are on a mission to identify, if possible, the first women to have registered to vote in Flagler County. We have unlocked quite a bit of this hidden history in Flagler; but, we know history and memories are passed down through the generations. We want to hear the stories of the grandmothers and great-grandmothers who voted on Nov. 2, 1920, as told by their families. Alice Scott Abbott proudly worked with the National Woman's Suffrage. She delivered the first lecture in the State of Florida during the State Convention of 1893, held in St. Augustine. She fervently implored the 'Dear Women of Flagler' to register "in time so no one can challenge their vote in the coming election" with her letter of October 7, 1920, published by the Flagler Tribune. Sadly, she passed away, twelve days before November's historic election.

The mission of American Association of University Women (AAUW) Flagler strives to advance the education of women and girls in Flagler County and elsewhere.

Susan Baird and Theresa Owen, Co-Presidents

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