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Terry Foody, RN, MSN is a graduate of Niagara University, NY and the University of Kentucky. A former public health nurse, university instructor and research coordinator, she has written two non-fiction history books. As a speaker for the Kentucky Humanities and other groups, Terry brings her extensive research, fascinating subjects and personal perspective to audiences near and far.

**Session Title:** Heroes in Disaster: The 1833 Cholera Epidemic in Lexington, Kentucky

**Brief outline of session:**

Before there was Covid, there was Cholera! During the 19th century, cholera raged through the United States several times with high fatality rates. Drawing from her book, *The Pie Seller, the Drunk and the Lady: Heroes of the 1833 Cholera Epidemic in Lexington, Kentucky*, Foody poignantly describes this civic devastation and the crucial deeds of the formerly enslaved woman, the homeless workman and the founder of the Orphan Asylum during a summer with 500 deaths.

Despite great medical advances, cholera is still a worldwide killer. Foody explains why by tracing repetitive patterns of epidemics from disease spread to national response, from Cholera to Covid-19, with lessons for our global health today.