

- 1 ABBOT, Mrs Rhoda Mary « Rosa »
2 Source : <http://cheddarbay.com/0000Tea/Titanic/passengers/survivors/survivors3.html>)
3 39 ans - 3ème classe - billet CA2673- fare £20 5s - embarqué à Southampton - canot A -
born in the UK - female.
4 Rhoda "Rosa" Abbott - Titanic's Woman of Sorrows
5 In the late hours of April 14, 1912, Rhoda was awakened by the impact with the iceberg. Becoming alarmed she sent Gene to investigate. He returned telling of passengers putting on lifebelts and Rhoda wasted no time getting dressed. She made her way to the after-deck by the time the second boat was lowered and waited with Gene to find a place in a lifeboat. She never found a place in one of the lifeboats although she claimed that a number of men were allowed to escape while she and seven other women stood by until the last.
6 As the Titanic took her final plunge Mrs Abbott and her two sons jumped from the deck. She surfaced, the boys did not. The two boys were lost. When Rosa had went under a second time, she seemed to have been blown out of the water by the explosion of a boiler, resulting in burns to her thighs. Somehow she scrambled to Collapsible Lifeboat A where she begged the other occupants to pull her in. In an interview given to the Providence Daily Journal, Rhoda described her experience on Collapsible A.
7 *"Soon the raft tilted and all slid off into the water. Many of them managed to get back on it and some did not. I managed somehow to get on it, but I don't know how. Had it not been for Officer Lowe, I would have been drowned. I was nearly exhausted when he lifted me into his lifeboat. It would have been impossible for an officer to show more courtesy and many of the criticisms that have been made against this man are very unjust."*
8 Mrs. Rosa Abbott, was only female survivor pulled out of the water.