The 3rd Conference on Women and the Civil War

Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA June 25-27, 1999

Presented in Partnership with the McCormick Civil War Institute

Friday, June 25

Workshop A: Copyrights and Copywrongs. Susan Anthony, attorney.

How to protect your research and the circumstances under which you can use the research of others.

Workshop B: **Supplementing Your Sources with Photographs.** Juanita Leisch, author.

Determining the approximate age of a photograph, and conclusions that can be drawn from period photographs.

Workshop C: "Looking for Tiny Davis:" Researching Women of the Civil War. DeAnne Blanton, National Archives; Jeanne Christie, University of Connecticut; Eileen Conklin, author; and Marie Melchiori, CGRS, CGL.

Walking Tour of Civil War Winchester. Robert Mallin, local historian and guide.

Welcome Reception

Saturday, June 26

Camp Followers: Prostitutes and Other Fascinating Women. Beverly Lowry, researcher.

Many people followed the armies of the Civil War, including cooks, laundresses, nurses and wives.

"Who is to Measure Your Ability?" Women and the Christian Commission.

Daniel J. Hoisington, Edinburgh Press.

The Christian Commission provided a stepping stone for women to move into other social arenas post-war.

The Lives of the General's Wives (or if the Army wanted you to have a wife they would have issued you one with your rifle). Susan Youhn, historian.

An analysis of life as a military wife for Julia Grant, Mary Lee, Marianna Jackson and Myra Hancock.

African American Women and Relations with "The State" in Civil War Virginia. Michelle Krowl, author.

How black women negotiated their responses to changing relationships regarding domestic affairs, employment options, and interracial relations.

Lunchtime Book Signings

A Divided Family in Occupied Memphis. Autumn Stanley, author.

The Odlum's were a Northern family with Southern sympathies.

Compassion in the Civil War: The Roles of the Daughters of Charity. Sister Betty Ann McNeil, Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

First person accounts of three sisters of the order, and their wartime work.

Miss Major Pauline Cushman. Bill Christen, author.

The true story of the Union spy.

"I am Thankful to be Strong Enough to Help:" Jewish Women of Richmond. Jeanne Christie, University of Connecticut.

The wartime work of these women is a study of both assimilation and unique history.

Banquet Exhibits

Sunday, June 27

Exile to Sweet Dixie: Euphemia Goldsborough, Confederate Nurse and Smuggler. Eileen Conklin, author.

This presentation is based on the extensive Goldsborough collection in the possession of her descendants.

Confederate Widowhood in Virginia. Jennifer L. Gross, University of Georgia.

A look at the legal, economic and social challenges of Southern widowhood.

Rachel Weeping for her Children: Women and the Rituals of Mourning During the American Civil War. Karen Rae Mehaffey, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit.

An examination of American mourning rituals, and how the Civil War changed tradition.