

## The 4th Conference on Women and the Civil War

Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

April 7-9, 2000

Presented in Partnership with the McCormick Civil War Institute

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Friday, April 7

Workshop A: **Documenting Women's Lives: Sources in the U.S. Military History Institute.** Louise Arnold-Friend, USMHI.

Workshop B: **Using Medical Records at the National Archives to Research Women in the Civil War.** Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CGRS, CGL.

Workshop C: **What Do I Do Now? Shaping Your Research into a Book.** Katherine Tennery, publisher.

Tour A: **Stonewall Jackson Headquarters.**

Tour B: **Mt. Hebron Cemetery.**

**Welcome Reception**

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Saturday, April 8

**Mary Surratt, An American Tragedy.** Elizabeth Trindal, author.

An argument for the innocence of Mary Surratt in the conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln.

**We Lived in Fear: Maryland Women and the Antietam Campaign.** Kathleen Ernst, author.

The divided loyalties of black and white women in Western Maryland, and the effects of the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam on those women.

**“Free to Teach, Free to Learn, Free to Choose:” Yankee Schoolmistresses and Former Slaves in the South.** Juanita Leisch, author.

A select group of women acted on their beliefs that freed slaves needed education in order to permanently improve their lives.

**“A Teacher, an Agent, and an Angel to Her State:” The Life of Cordelia P. Harvey.** Richard J. Blumberg, researcher.

Cordelia Harvey served the State of Wisconsin as first lady, teacher, and sanitary agent.

### **Lunchtime Book Signings**

**Families Under Stress: The Richmond Bread Riot.** Judge Douglas O. Tice, Jr., author.

Organized groups of women confronted merchants and authorities in a violent quest for reasonably priced goods.

**Lois Adams, Civil Servant.** Evelyn Leasher, librarian.

Lois Adams of Detroit was an early female employee of the Department of Agriculture.

**“Poverty is no Disgrace, but Very Unhandy. Please Come Home.”** Budge Weidman, National Archives.

The wartime letters of African American mothers and wives to men serving in the U.S. Colored Troops.

**“Do You Wonder that I Get the Blues?” Ellen Moore’s Wartime Negotiations.** Jonathan M. Berkey, Penn State.

How Ellen Moore of Berryville, VA negotiated family roles with her soldier-husband during four years of war and separation.

### **Banquet**

## Exhibits

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Sunday, April 9

**Roswell Grey: The Arrest and Deportation of North Georgia Mill Workers.**

Deborah Petite, author.

In July 1864, General Garrard burned the mills and arrested and deported the mill workers, who were primarily women and children.

**Emilie Todd Helm: Lincoln's Beloved Rebel Sister-in-Law.** Gerald D. Swick, author.

The widow of a Confederate general, she moved into the White House on Lincoln's invitation, and spent much of the post-war years defending both the Lost Cause, and her much maligned sister.

**"If She Had Been a Man, She Would Have Been a Major General:" The Story of Mother Bickerdyke.** Dr. Betsy Estilow, Hood College.

Mary Ann Ball Bickerdyke was a formidable Union nurse.