

Sixth Conference on  
Women and  
The Civil War

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Richmond, Virginia



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1861 - 1865*

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Friday, June 25

## Museum of the Confederacy

**12:00 - 5:00 Registration & Tours** of the Museum of the Confederacy and the White House of the Confederacy

**1:00 - 3:00 Workshops\*** A rare opportunity to learn about the remarkable collections at the Museum of the Confederacy from their staff experts. All run concurrently. Additional fee.

**A. Providing, Presenting, and Preserving Confederate Flags and Banners.** Learn about the significant roles of women as related to providing and presenting flags to the troops, and the flag conservation and preservation efforts of women after the war. A slide presentation will be followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the flag storage facility. Rebecca Rose, Curator of the Flag Collection.

**B. Leave It To The Ladies: Restoring the White House of the Confederacy.** Meet the ladies who saved the White House via a slide presentation, then see the restored mansion on a behind-the-scenes tour that emphasizes the remarkable return of the original furnishings. Ruth Ann Coski, Library Manager.

**C. By the Sweat of Their Brows : The Construction of Confederate Uniforms and the Preservation and Storage of Historic Garments.** Participants will get an up-close look at several uniforms, both officer and enlisted, with an eye toward materials and construction. Also included is a behind-the-scenes look at Collection Storage where artifacts not currently on exhibit are housed. Robert Hancock, Curator of the Military Collection.

\*Workshops are optional because space is limited to 25 participants per workshop.

5:30 Reception at Museum of the Confederacy

Saturday, June 26

## Crowne Plaza Hotel

**7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast & Registration**

**8:30 Welcome**

**8:45 The Stories Behind the Socks: Women's Handiwork as Social and Political Expression.** This presentation highlights the importance of the lowly sock, and other indispensable articles, as a means for women's social and political support for the troops. Karin Timour.

**9:30 History Done Her Wrong: The True Story of Mary Custis Lee.** Often portrayed historically as a neurotic invalid who was a detriment to her husband, this lecture reveals Mrs. Lee as a resourceful and spiritual wife and mother, a shrewd businesswoman, and a kind lady who was an inspiration to all who met her. John Perry.

**10:15 Break**

**10:45 The Civil War Diary of a Good Woman: Mary Samuella Hart Curd.** What conclusions and lessons can we learn from the diary of an ordinary woman during the Civil War? Dr. Susan Arpad.

**11:30 The Horizontal Trade.** A candid look at the profession of prostitution during the war years, and its effect both on society and on the image of woman. Elizabeth Topping.

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:15 Listen Ladies One and All: Northern Soldiers Yearn for Their 'Fair Cousins of the North.'** In April 1863, through ads placed in the Chicago Tribune, Union soldiers requested the ladies of the North correspond with them, with the hope of fun and possibly even love. Dr. Patricia Richard.

Saturday, June 26 (Continued)

**2:00 Women on Trial: The Courts-Martial of Southern Women by the Union Army.** More than 120 women were tried and convicted by Union military courts for subversive and unladylike actions. Beverly Lowry & Dr. Thomas Lowry.

**2:45 Soliloquy for Sarah.** For those who have been enthralled by the love letter of Maj. Sullivan Ballou to his beloved wife, this presentation details the life of Sarah Hart Shumway Ballou before, during, and after the war. Robin Young.

**3:30 Break**

**4:00 The 'Fairer' Sex of the 1860s: How Patriotic Women Raised Money in Support of the Union.** This presentation will examine Sanitary Fairs as a means of raising money in support of the Union war effort, and the role women played in making them happen. Dr. Gwen Harding-Peets.

**4:45 Period Correct: 19<sup>th</sup> century Sanitary Protection.** The modern woman has much in common with women in history and this presentation describes 19th century solutions for this universal problem. Virginia Mescher

**5:30 Break**

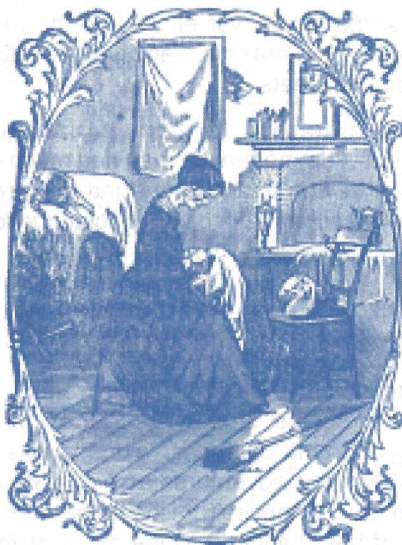
**7:00 Dinner**

**8:30 Film.** Films Piche Ferrari presents the U.S. Premier (the director's cut) of "The Unsexing of Emma Edmonds," a documentary which follows the adventures and ordeals of Sarah Emma Edmonds, from the untamed wilderness of her childhood to the midst of the Civil War, both as herself and as Pvt. Franklin Thompson, 2nd Michigan Infantry. Producer and director Pepita Ferrari will introduce her film.

## Sunday, June 27

**9:00 Bus Tour of Richmond\***. For four dramatic years, Richmond was the Capital of the Confederacy, and the women of Richmond were the heart and soul of their city. Join us for a whirlwind, 4-hour tour of Civil War Richmond focusing on sites relating to women. We will see places concerning famous women, such as Mrs. Lee, Elizabeth Van Lew, and Sally Tompkins, and we will also visit locations where the unsung and unnamed women of Richmond would have spent their time, including Chimborazo Hospital, Brown's Island, and the site of the Bread Riots. No tour of Richmond is complete without a stop at Hollywood Cemetery, and we will also take a peek at the Confederate Ladies Home. Additional fee.

\*This bus tour is an optional activity because seating is limited.



## Information and Fees

Conference Registration Fee (Friday and Saturday, excluding workshops) \$225 - members; \$265 - non-members. This fee includes admission to the Museum of the Confederacy and White House of the Confederacy Friday-Sunday; syllabus and other conference materials; the Friday reception, and Saturday's continental breakfast, snacks for breaks, lunch, and dinner; and the film on Saturday evening.

### Additional Fees:

- Workshops \$25
- Bus Tour \$25
- Reception Guests \$20
- Dinner Guests (includes film) \$45
- Become a member of the SWCW (and receive the reduced conference fee) \$25

**All registrations must be received by June 1, 2004**

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation received on or before June 1, 2004, will be refunded less \$50. No refunds will be made after June 1, 2004, but substitutes will be accepted.

## Lodging

Lodging will be available at the Crowne Plaza in Richmond, VA. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for conference attendees at the discounted price of \$89/room. Contact the Crowne Plaza on your own by May 20, 2004, to reserve your room. Please mention the SWCW conference to obtain the discounted rate.

Crowne Plaza  
555 E. Canal Street  
Richmond, VA 23210  
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## Questions?

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Additional information is also available on the web:  
<http://womenandthecivilwar.org>

## Registration

Only one registration per form please: photocopies are permissible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_check here for permission to print e-mail on attendee list

**Full Registration** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$225 for members of SWCW or \$265 for non-members)

**Workshops** (limited number of slots per workshop.

A single workshop is \$25) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the workshop desired (only check one):

\_\_\_\_ Providing, Presenting, and Preserving

\_\_\_\_ Confederate Flags and Banners

\_\_\_\_ Leave It To The Ladies: Restoring the White House of the Confederacy

\_\_\_\_ By the Sweat of Their Brows: The Construction of Confederate Uniforms and the Preservation and Storage of Historic Garments

**Optional Sun. Bus Tour** (\$25/person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(seating is limited)

**Guest(s) for Friday night reception**

(\$20/person) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest(s) for Saturday night dinner and film**

(\$45/person) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guest(s) . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Reception & Dinner are included in full registration.

Additional payment is required for guests.)

**SWCW membership** (\$25) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment Enclosed** . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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