

## The 15th Conference on Women and the Civil War

### *Beyond Borders: Civilians in Service*

The Third in a Series of Sesquicentennial Conferences

Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, PA  
July 26-28, 2013

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Friday, July 26

**Choose Your Own Adventure!** Accompanied by an SWCW officer.

1. **Visit:** Needle and Thread Fabrics, and Adams County Winery.
2. **Civilians in the Crossfire:** tour the Jennie Wade House, Rupp House, and Shriver House in Gettysburg.
3. **Gettysburg for Newbies:** visit the NPS Visitor Center and tour the battlefield.
4. **Tour:** National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD.

**Welcome Reception & Dinner**

**Annual Meeting of the Society for Women and the Civil War**

**Strange Ladies: Catholic Nuns of the Civil War.** Michael Fitzpatrick.

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Saturday, July 27

**Mason-Dixon Field Trip:** Emmitsburg, MD and Gettysburg, PA.

**Samantha French: Telegrapher at Gettysburg.** Brenda Hornsby-Heindl.  
She was the only telegrapher during the battle.

**A Lesson in Defiance.** Dr. Claudia Floyd.

Elizabeth Phoebe Key Howard and Priscilla McKaig, Southern activists.

**Nancy Hart Militia.** Katherine Brackett.

The unusual female military organization in LaGrange, GA.

**Banquet**, featuring a performance by the Victorian Dance Ensemble.

**Silent Auction.**

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Sunday, July 28

**Civil War Soul Sisters.** LaVonda Broadnax.

Fifty African American women who lived through the Civil War published their stories. This presentation explores the means by which they published, and the reactions their works received.

**Fight for Female Pensions.** Hannah Metheny.

It was a long and grueling fight to finally secure the 1892 Army Nurses Pension Act.

**Sophonria's Boys: Ward D at Camp Letterman and Beyond.** Meg Galante-DeAngelis.

Sophonria Bucklin's papers describe not just her work at the hospital after the Battle of Gettysburg, but the deep relationships she developed with the men in her care.