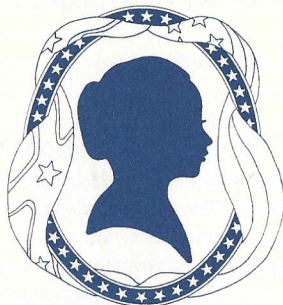


Conference on Women & the Civil War

June 25, 26 & 27, 1999

Winchester, Virginia

*Recognizing the Efforts of Women
1861-1865*



The Conference on Women and the Civil War focuses on the service of women to their country during the War Between the States. Participants include academics, independent scholars, reenactors, living history presenters, genealogists, military and government personnel, and others who have an interest in women's history.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

DeAnne Blanton, Military Archivist & Historian

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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

- 12 to 6 pm Registration
1:30 to 3 pm Optional Workshops
4 to 5:30 Optional Walking Tour: Civil War Winchester
5:30 to 7:30 Welcome Reception

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

- 7:30 to 8:30 Registration
8:30 Welcome

8:45 Camp Followers: Prostitutes and Other

Fascinating Women *Beverly Lowry, researcher.* Many people followed the armies of the Civil War, and although the term "camp follower" has a shady connotation, not all of the women were prostitutes by any means. Cooks, laundresses, nurses, and wives named in official military records for one reason or another provide a fascinating look at women who coped with the total disruption of life that a civil war brings.

- 9:15 "Who is to measure your ability?" **Women and the Christian Commission** *Daniel J. Hoisington, author; president of Edinburgh Press.* The Christian Commission, based on its understanding of the roots of charity and giving high value to volunteer work of both men and women, provided a stepping-stone for many women to move into other social arenas post war. Diaries and letters chart their important roles in the development and success of the organization.

- 10:45 **Wielding the Pen: Margaret Junkin Preston's Contributions to the Confederate Nation** *Stacey Jean Klein, University of Illinois graduate program.* Margaret Junkin Preston and other Southern women served the Confederate nation by contributing to its literature. The war-era trends within Southern literature and the expanded boundaries of the place of white, elite, Southern women will be illuminated through the analysis of Preston's poetry.

- 11:30 **African-American Women and Relations with 'the State' in Civil War** *Virginia Michelle Krowl, author and historian.* An examination of the ways in which the Civil War significantly increased the opportunities for interaction between 'the state' (broadly

conceived) and black women and how these women negotiated their responses to this changing relationship with attention to domestic affairs, employment options and labor distribution, and alterations in interracial relations.

12:15 to 1:45 Luncheon and Book Signing

- 1:45 **A Divided Family in Occupied Memphis** *Autumn Stanley, author and independent scholar.* The Odum's were a Northern family with Southern sympathies. Their activities are more than just a fascinating vignette of life in occupied Memphis because of the enterprising daughter of the family. Charlotte, who had been 'the man of the family' since her mid teens, went on to become a reformer, magazine editor, and feminist of considerable note later in the century.

- 2:30 **Compassion in the Civil War — the Role of the Daughters of Charity** *Sister Betty Ann McNeil, Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul.* Drawing on first person accounts of three sisters of the order, this presentation will provide an overview of the role of the Daughters of Charity at about forty sites in twelve states, describe the encampment and impact of the Northern and Southern troops at St. Joseph's Academy (Emmitsburg, Maryland), and focus on the services provided at the Saterlee Hospital (Pennsylvania, 1862-65) and in Richmond (1861-65).

- 3:45 **Miss Major Pauline Cushman** *Bill Christen, researcher and writer.* Although her work as a spy for the U.S. government lasted less than three months and was of little consequence to the outcome of the war, deception and deceit allowed 'The Major' to spin a spectacular tale and live off the glory of those months the remainder of her life. Despite a late-in-life effort to set the record straight, her remains lie in the Officer's Circle in the National Cemetery at the Presidio; her gravestone reads "Pauline C. Fryer, Union Spy."

- 4:30 **"I am thankful to be strong enough to help": Jewish Women of Richmond** *Jeanne Marie Christie, research associate, Univ. of Connecticut.* A look into the lives of Jewish women in Richmond during the Civil War. The scope of their accomplishments is a study in assimilation and integration that reveals the efforts of diplomats, hostesses, seamstresses, relief organizers, merchants, and medical caregivers. This examination illuminates their unique history and demonstrates their belief that helping at home helped the community, which in turn helped the Confederacy.

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Educational Exhibits

A variety of interactive, educational exhibits will be set up in the dining hall for the participation of members and guests. Included in the exhibits will be original letters and diaries; a display of mourning items; a medical field kit, letters, and medicinal 'receipts' of a woman doctor who nursed Union soldiers; photographs of the period, and more.

PLEASE NOTE: Additional information—including educational exhibits, presentations, and presenter biographies—is posted on the conference web site: <http://www.nfis.com/~eileen>

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

- 9:30 **Exile to Sweet Dixie: Euphemia Goldsborough, Confederate Nurse and Smuggler** *Eileen Conklin, Civil War historian and author.* Miss Goldsborough nursed wounded Confederate POWs after the battles of Sharpsburg and Gettysburg, was active in the Confederate underground in Baltimore, and was arrested and exiled for her smuggling activities. This presentation is based on the research of the extensive Goldsborough collection in the possession of her descendants.

- 10:45 **Confederate Widowhood in Virginia** *Jennifer L. Gross, University of Georgia, Athens.* A look at the social, economic, and legal challenges and hardships that many southern widows faced; the various strategies they fashioned to cope with their complex situations; and an assessment of the larger societal attitudes toward this new class of "independent" women.

- 11:30 **Rachel Weeping for Her Children: Women and the Rituals of Mourning during the American Civil War** *Karen Rae Mehaffey, academic library director, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan.* An examination of antebellum causes of death, the origins of American mourning rituals, and American views of death up to 1861; some actual views and experiences of women in grief as seen in period and post-war sources; and how pre-war traditions were altered by the close of the war.

12:15 Adjourn

INFORMATION AND FEES

- **Basic Registration** \$195 through May 31; \$245 after June 1. Includes syllabus and other conference materials, presentations, educational exhibits, Friday night reception, and Saturday lunch and dinner.
- **Workshop** \$25. (optional) Space limited.
- **Walking Tour** \$10. (optional) Space limited.

CANCELLATION

Cancellation received on or before June 1, 1999, will be refunded less \$50. No refunds will be made after June 1, 1999, but substitutes will be accepted.

FOOD

Friday night reception, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and light refreshments between sessions are included. Guests of conference attendees and speakers may enjoy dinner and the exhibits on Friday at \$25 per person. Breakfast is not included but may be obtained on campus or in nearby restaurants.

LODGING

Lodging is available in a motel adjacent to the campus at \$30 per night double occupancy. You may choose your own roommate or CWCW will make the assignment. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at \$45 per night.

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QUESTIONS?

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Friday, June 25

WORKSHOPS

(1:30 to 3 P.M.)

A • Copyrights and Copywrongs In this practical, hands-on presentation, copyright attorney and Civil War historian Susan Anthony will explain how to protect your research and the circumstances under which you can use the research of others. Copyright protection and duration; notice and registration; works in the public domain; "fair use" doctrine; rights and permission; and more. To the extent time permits, Susan will address the impact of the World Wide Web on copyright and other intellectual property rights.

B • Supplementing Your Sources with Photographs Juanita Leisch will explore techniques for determining the approximate date of a photograph and compare and contrast valid and invalid conclusions that can be drawn from photographs of the period. Participants are welcome to bring an original photograph for hands-on analysis.

C • "Looking for Tiny Davis": Researching Women of the Civil War DeAnne Blanton, Jeanne Christie, Eileen Conklin, and Marie V. Melchiori. Whether your search has yet to begin or has hit a stone wall, this panel of experienced researchers will offer innovative approaches and source suggestions for your quest. Questions received in writing by May 15 will be brainstormed and discussed in detail by our panel of an archivist, genealogist, and historians; day-of-workshop queries will be taken as time permits.

WALKING TOUR

(4 to 5:30 pm)

Walking Tour of Civil War Winchester with emphasis on the women of the town. This tour takes place on and near the Loudoun Street Mall and includes the experiences of several women of Winchester, a town that changed hands more than seventy times in four years. Robert Mallin, an expert on local history, is the guide.

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