

## The 7th Conference on Women and the Civil War

Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA

June 3-5, 2005

Presented in Partnership with the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies

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### Friday, June 3

Workshop A: **Using Special Collections.** Joyce Nester, Special Collections Librarian, Virginia Tech.

Workshop B: **Copyrights, Copywrongs.** Susan Anthony, attorney.

Workshop C: **Writing Women's Biographies.** A panel discussion with Bill Christen, Sara Bartlett, and Virginia Mescher. Moderated by Meg Gallante-DeAngelis.

**Annual Meeting of the Society for Women and the Civil War**, featuring a "Meet the Board" Social.

**Welcome Reception**, featuring remarks by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr.

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### Saturday, June 4

**Confederate Women and the Cult of Sacrifice.** William Davis.

Many Southern women took great pride in surviving the extreme hardships brought about by the war. These hardships would form the basis of the post-war glorification of Southern womanhood.

**Patriotism and Practicality: Civil War Era Homespun Dresses.** Vicki Betts.

**Elizabeth Phelps' Gothic Civil War: A Northern Writer Communing with the Spirits of the Dead.** Monika Elbert.

By embracing spiritualism, Phelps found personal solace from grief, and developed a feminist philosophy as well.

**Mary Martha Reed and the Florida Hospital in Richmond.** David Coles.

The widow Reed served as matron of the hospital which had one of the best rates of recovery compared to others in the capital city.

**The Union Army vs. Mary Jane Green: The Rebel Who Would Not be Tamed.**

Wendy King.

Green carried Confederate mail through Union lines; spied; and destroyed telegraph lines.

**Maria Lewis, Black Female Trooper of the 8<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry: A Methodology.**

Anita Henderson, M.D.

The diary of Julia Wilbur, a Quaker relief worker, records meeting with a black woman in uniform.

**Calling on the Female Prisoners: Maintaining Gender Relationships in Alton Military Prison During the Civil War.** Thomas Curran.

The relationships between imprisoned Confederate officers and imprisoned women political prisoners.

**Wee the People: The Patriotic Work of Children During the Civil War.** Meg

Galante-DeAngelis.

**Banquet**

After Dinner Program: **Mary Todd Lincoln Remembers.** Sandra Jordan.

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Sunday, June 5

**Field Trip:** Smithfield Plantation and Cemetery.