

The 9th Conference on Women and the Civil War

The Inn at Chester Springs, Exton, PA
July 27-29, 2007

Friday, July 27

Workshop A: **Research: “Speed Dating.”**

Brief, sequential encounters with other researchers, sharing issues, suggestions, and solutions to researching dilemmas.

Workshop B: **Collections: “My Find.”**

Discussions of the identity and care of mid-19th century items brought by participants.

Workshop C: **Research: Military Records.**

Les Jensen describes 19th century military records and how to use them.

Workshop D: **Collections: Tabletop Displays.**

Techniques for producing attractive and educational displays.

Welcome Reception

Annual Meeting of the Society for Women and the Civil War

Women of Philadelphia. Robin Stokes.

Book Signings.

Midnight Madness. A signature speed-shopping event.

Saturday, July 28

Nellie Chase Leith: Civil War Nurse with Attitude. Dr. Carolyn Shriber.

She was young, beautiful, practical, and headstrong. Her patients loved her.

Depot Women: Unknown Backbone of the Confederacy. Les Jensen.

Tens of thousands of women worked for the uniform depots.

Martha J. Coston: An Illuminating History. Denise E. Pilato.

She invented and patented the Coston signal fuse used by the US Navy.

Copperhead Women. Jonathan White.

Not all Northern women supported the war.

Field Trip: Yellow Springs Historic Site.

Banquet

Sunday, July 29

Becoming Useful: Confederate Women Composers. Dr. Candace Bailey.

The women who published patriotic sheet music.

Cherokee Women. Dr. Clarissa Confer.

An exploration of how indigenous women experienced the war.

The Role of Chester County Women in the Great Central Fair. Florence K.

Williams.

How local women made an impact on the 1864 Philadelphia Sanitary Fair.

The Woman Maj. Gen. John Fulton Reynolds Left Behind. Marian Latimer.

The story of Catharine Mary Hewitt.