

The 11th Conference on Women and the Civil War

Women of Civil War Washington

Court Suites Hotel, Arlington, VA
July 24-26, 2009

Friday, July 24

Workshop A: **A Primer on Presentations.**

Tips of the trade for presenting papers at conferences.

Workshop B: **Show and Tell.**

Identification, and care and conservation strategies, for antique items brought to the workshop.

Workshop C: **Who is Markie?**

Anne C. Webb and Francis Scott discuss how they researched their biography of Martha Custis Williams Carter, cousin and confidante of Robert E. Lee.

Workshop D: **Guided Walking Tour of Downtown Washington, DC.**

Welcome Reception

Annual Meeting of the Society for Women and the Civil War

The Washington Arsenal Explosion: The Forgotten Story of the Women Killed in the Capital's Greatest Civil War Disaster. Brian Bergin, author.

Midnight Madness. A signature speed-shopping event.

Silent Auction.

Photo Studio.

Saturday, July 25

Field Trip: Arlington National Cemetery.

A visit to Arlington House, Civil War Nurses Gravesites, and the Confederate Memorial.

Caring for the Aged Mother, Widow and Child: Private Bills as a Means of Support for Civil War Dependents, 1865-1901. Bonnie Mangan, Library of Congress.

Legislation introduced in Congress to benefit women and children denied pensions.

Southern Women React to the President's Assassination. Juanita Leisch Jensen, Fellow, Company of Military Historians.

Kitty Payne and the Kidnapping of Free African Americans. Meghan Bishop, Historic Interpreter.

In 1845, Kitty Payne and her three children were kidnapped from their home in Gettysburg, and sold into slavery. Through sheer determination, Payne made it back home to Gettysburg, only to be swept up in the battle at her doorstep.

"A Warm Reception:" Soldiers' Homes and the Journey to Camp and Home. Dr. Patricia Richard.

Soldiers' Homes served as one of the many ways that women tried to shape the war experience of men, and help them return to civilian life.

Banquet

Sunday, July 26

Eliza Wilson: A Daughter of Wisconsin. Dr. Karen Kehoe.

The vivandiere of the 5th Wisconsin Regiment.

Singing Schools, Socials, and Sledding: Glimpses from the Ohio Home Front. Dr. Lucy Bailey.

A portrait of small-town Ohio during the Civil War.

Baltimore's Confederate Women: Perpetuating a Culture of War. Dr. Claudia Floyd.

From covert actions during the war to creating monuments after the war, Baltimore's Confederate women built an ideology to justify their opposition to the Union.

Double Agent or Vanishing Spy? The Civil War Mystery of Sarah Antoinette Gilbert. Dr. Jeanne Marie Christie.

Was she a Confederate operative, or a double agent?