

# *The Calling Card*



**The monthly e-newsletter of the  
Society for Women and the Civil War**

<http://www.swcw.org>

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## **The 2023 Conference on Women and the Civil War**

### **Save the Date!**

23rd Annual Conference on Women in the Civil War:

*Women in Government Service*

July 28-30, 2023

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**Details Coming Soon!**

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## **2023 Membership Campaign**

Now is the time to join us for the first time,  
or to renew your annual membership.  
Just go to our website:

[Join the Society - Society for Women and the Civil War \(swcw.org\)](http://swcw.org)

### **Our membership year runs from January - December\***

*Exclusive benefits of membership include a discounted rate on our annual conference, a members-only page on our website, and access to our quarterly journal, At Home and In the Field.*

The Society for Women and the Civil War is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. **Membership dues are tax-deductible, and they enable us to fulfill our mission.** We are dedicated to recognizing the efforts of women who lived through or participated in the American Civil War, and those who research, reenact or otherwise honor these women of the past.

\*New members who joined from October - December 2022 do not need to renew for 2023.

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## **News of Note**

### **Upcoming Events: Civil War Dance Foundation.**

The Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation will conduct free dance lessons at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA on January 22, February 12, and March 12. Reserve your spot by sending an email to [contact@civilwardance.org](mailto:contact@civilwardance.org)

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The *Annual Civil War Preservation Ball* will be held in the Rotunda of the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg on March 25. This annual ball raises funds for Gettysburg National Military Park.

For information about these events, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Civil-War-Dance-Foundation/164556213606774> or check out their website at [civilwardance.org](http://civilwardance.org)

The Civil War Dance Foundation is an organizational partner of SWCW.

## **Research Resource**

### ***Godey's Lady's Book***

*Godey's Lady's Book* was an American magazine published by Louis Godey from 1830 - 1878. Sarah Josepha Hale was the editor from 1837 - 1877. The magazine was sold in 1877, and the name changed to *Godey's Magazine*. It ceased publication in 1896. Best known for the hand-tinted fashion plates in each issue, Godey's also published poetry and articles of wide-ranging content. Beginning in 1852, Godey's included the monthly feature "Employment for Women." As the most-read 19th century publication for women, designed to both entertain and educate, *Godey's* is a premier source for the study of 19th century American women.

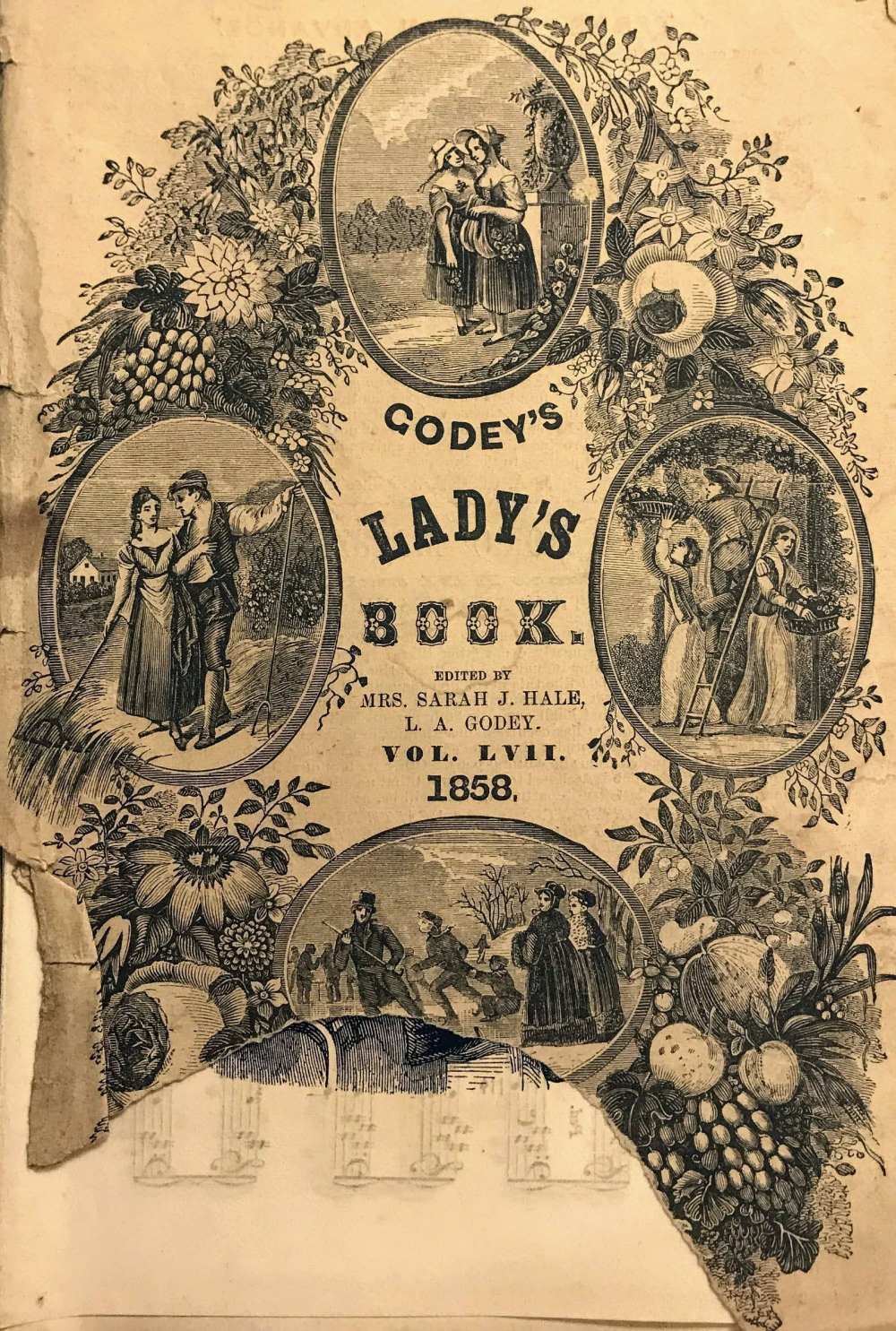
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**DECEMBER.**

**Make up your Clubs for next year.**

*See Terms for single Subscribers and Clubs on next page.*



**GODEY'S**

**LADY'S**

**BOOK.**

EDITED BY  
MRS. SARAH J. HALE,  
L. A. GODEY.

**VOL. LVII.**

**1858.**





*Godey's Lady's Book* is widely available in archives nationwide, and multiple websites include digitized copies of issues. The complete collection is available online at Accessible Archives: [The Complete Godey's Lady's Book - 1830-1896 \(accessible-archives.com\)](https://accessible-archives.com)

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## Society Notices

### **SWCW Scholarship Programs**

The Society offers four annual scholarships to support students, educators, and reenactors / living historians.

**The Dr. Florence Williams Memorial Scholarship:**

awarded to current high school students.

[Estilow and Williams Scholarships - Society for Women and the Civil War \(swcw.org\)](https://swcw.org)

**The Marge Estilow Memorial Scholarship:**

awarded to current college students.

[Estilow and Williams Scholarships - Society for Women and the Civil War \(swcw.org\)](https://swcw.org)

**The Brenda McKean Memorial Scholarship:**

awarded to current practicing reenactors / living historians.

[Brenda McKean Reenactor Scholarship - Society for Women and the Civil War \(swcw.org\)](https://swcw.org)

**The Ann Kilian Educator Scholarship:**

awarded to teachers or museum professionals.

[Ann Kilian Educator Scholarship - Society for Women and the Civil War](https://swcw.org)

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Visit the SWCW website for details about scholarship criteria.

**Applications for the 2023 scholarships must be received by April 3.**

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## Woman of the Month

**Mary Jewett Telford**

Nurse, USA

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*Soldiers Friend*



Born March 18, 1839 in Seneca, New York  
Died August 5, 1906 in Hinsdale, Illinois  
Buried at South Perinton Cemetery in Perinton, New York

Mary Jewett was one of nine children born to Dr. Lester Jewett and his wife Hannah. Her family moved from New York State to Lima, Michigan in 1846. Not much is known about Mary's childhood, but she clearly was educated. At the age of 14, she began teaching in the local school district in Lima.

When the Civil War broke out, two of Mary's brothers enlisted in the Union Army, and Mary began her campaign to become a nurse. Initially denied because she was deemed too young, she pleaded to the Governor of Michigan, a family friend, and his influence landed her a nursing position at Hospital No. 8 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary stayed at her post for a year. For eight months, she was the only woman at the 600 patient hospital. One of her patients was Jacob Telford of the 15th Indiana Infantry, who had been gravely wounded at Stones River. Jacob recovered his wounds and was discharged from the army, while Mary was forced to leave nursing due to ill-health and exhaustion.

Mary and Jacob married on July 8, 1864. They adopted two girls who had been orphaned by the war. The family lived in Michigan and Iowa before settling in Denver, Colorado in 1873. Mary helped support her family by writing and editing. She was a charter member of the Women's Relief Corps (an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic), and she also became involved in the Temperance Movement. She was granted a Nurses Pension in 1892.

Jacob died in 1905, and Mary passed away the following year.

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**Solicitations**

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*The Calling Card* accepts submissions. We accept notices of the achievements of our members; activities of the Civil War & Women's History communities; educational and archival resources; and essays for our Woman of the Month column.

Send your submissions to [swcw1865@gmail.com](mailto:swcw1865@gmail.com)  
with *Calling Card* in the subject field.  
(Submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.)

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