

The Calling Card



The monthly e-newsletter of the
Society for Women and the Civil War
<http://www.swcw.org>

The 2024 Conference on Women and the Civil War

Women in the Western Theater

The 24th Conference on Women and the Civil War

July 26 - 28, 2024

Our biggest conference to date -- more speakers and more site visits!

[SWCW 2024 Conference - Society for Women and the Civil War](#)



Ruins of a Roswell Mill

Scheduled Presentations

Women Soldiers in the Atlanta Campaign

The Federal Occupation of Huntsville and the Alabama Women

African American Women's Abolitionist Campaigns During the Civil War

The Women of Civil War Georgia

Peggy Rhodes and the Underground Railroad for Mennonites and Dunkers

Black Women's Property Ownership in Maryland During the Period 1861-1865

Evangelist Amanda Berry Smith

Scheduled Bus Tour

Stop 1: *The Atlanta History Center*

(includes a curated tour of the archives of the civilian collection)

Stop 2: *Ruins of the Roswell Mills*

(includes a presentation at the Workers Memorial)

Stop 3: *The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History*

Stop 4: *Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park*

(features a special women's history presentation)

Social Time

Friday and Saturday Night Buffets

Civil War Trivia Contest

Silent Auction

Book Sales and Exhibits

Register here:

[SWCW Conference 2024 Registration - Society for Women and the Civil War](#)

Registration Deadline: **July 1, 2024**

The conference will be held at Courtyard By Marriott

Atlanta Kennesaw

540 GREERS CHAPEL DRIVE NW,

KENNESAW, GEORGIA 30144



\$189.00 per night + tax.

A block of rooms at this special rate has been reserved.

All rooms have one king or two queen beds and may be single or double occupancy. The hotel features an outdoor pool, complimentary wifi, laundry facilities, and luxurious meeting and dining spaces. To view photos of the hotel, click here:

[Courtyard By Marriott Atlanta Kennesaw | Marriott Bonvoy](#)

Reserve your room by phone or online.

The special conference rate may be extended 2 days prior and 1 day after the conference.

However, there are limited rooms available for these extra days.

To use our conference rate, please reserve your room by **June 25,**

2024

Online registration site: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1694101202125&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

Telephone reservations: call 770-635-4700.

Be sure to mention that you are with the SWCW conference when calling.

News of Note

Film of Note.

Wieland, the first adaptation of Charles Brockden Brown's early American Gothic novel, is now available on Amazon Prime. The sets, costumes, and props in this independent film are painstakingly researched and, according to film critics, the mis-en-scene is painterly. Brown scholars have praised the adaptation in advance screenings. An intricate tale of family drama, mysterious occurrences, and repressed desire, *Wieland* will leave you on the edge of your seat. [Watch Charles Brockden Brown's Wieland | Prime Video \(amazon.com\)](#)



New Civil War Trails Marker.

Augusta County added a new story to the Civil War Trails program, one which has been largely forgotten for more than 160 years. Titled “Civil Disobedience, the Plight of Pacifists,” it is the first Civil War Trails site in Virginia to tell the story of conscientious objectors. In the spring of 1862, approximately 70 pacifists, members of multiple congregations in the Shenandoah Valley tried heading west to avoid the Confederate draft.

Civil War Trails is an Organizational Partner of SWCW.

The 24th Conference on Women and the Civil War will explore the topic of Shenandoah Valley Pacifists with a presentation by Karl Rhodes, “Peggy Rhodes and the Underground Railroad for Mennonites and Dunkers.”

Shape Note Singing Event.

Join the Harmonia Sacra Society on **March 17** at the Union Church in Mt. Jackson, Virginia for a cultural and historical evening singing from the Harmonia

Sacra by Joseph Funk. This event is free and open to the public, and no singing skills are required. For more information, visit this Facebook page: [Harmonia Sacra Community Singing | Facebook](#)

Attendees of the 2015 Conference on Women and the Civil War will recall how much fun we all had at our own shape note singing event.

28th Annual Park Day.

Join volunteers around the country on **April 6** to clean up, maintain, and repair historic sites, cemeteries, and battlefields. To learn more about Park Day, and to find a participating site near you, click here: [Park Day | American Battlefield Trust \(battlefields.org\)](#).

Park Day is organized by the American Battlefield Trust, an Organizational Partner of SWCW.

18th Annual Preservation Ball.

Join the Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation at the Pennsylvania State Capitol on **April 13** for an evening of dancing to benefit the Gettysburg Monuments Endowment Trust Fund. For ball information and registration packet, email preservationball@civilwardance.org

The Civil War Dance Ensemble is an Organizational Partner of SWCW.

Living History Event.

Pallas Athena Ladies Aid Society (PALAS) will be operating the restored 19th century farm cabin at the American Civil War Museum – Appomattox on **April 13 - 14**. This activity is in support of the museum's commemoration of the Appomattox area's *Surrender and Freedom Day Weekend*. PALAS will demonstrate the roles of women on the Civil War home front, including textile production and hearth cooking. PALAS is an Organizational Partner of SWCW. For

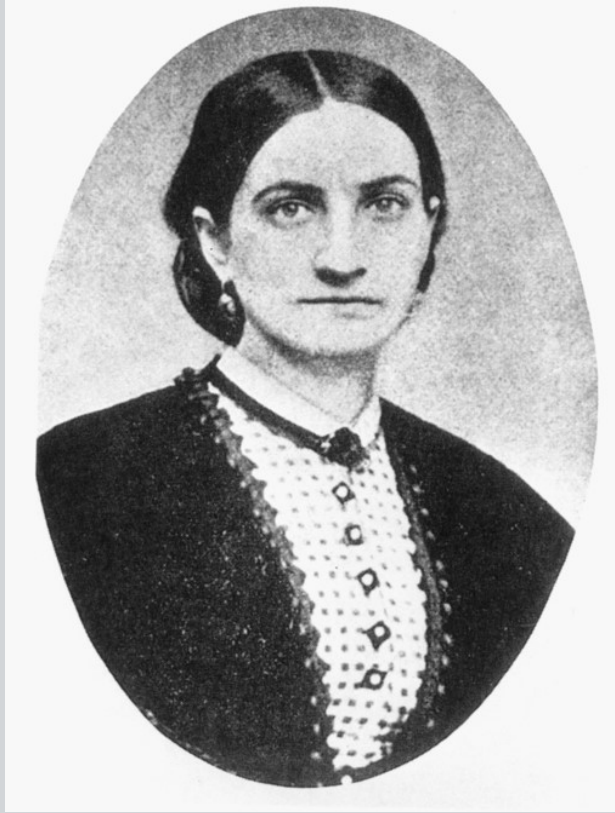
more information, please see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commemoration-of-the-surrender-freedom-day-tickets-837685609207?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>.



Research Resource

Published Diaries, Journals, and Letters of Southern Women

(First in a Three-Part Series)



Kate Cumming

Kate: The Journal of a Confederate Nurse

*A Remembrance of Eden: Harriet Bailey Bullock Daniel's Memories of a
Frontier Plantation in Arkansas, 1849-1872*

A Confederate Girl's Diary

Like Some Green Laurel: Letters of Margaret Johnson Erwin, 1821-1863

*A Lost Heroine of the Confederacy:
The Diaries and Letters of Belle Edmondson*

*A Heritage of Woe: The Civil War Diary of
Grace Brown Elmore, 1861-1868*

*An Evening When Alone:
Four Journals of Single Women in the South, 1827-67*



Belle Edmondson

*Fear in North Carolina: The Civil War Journals
and Letters of the Henry Family*

A Confederate Lady Comes of Age:

The Journal of Pauline DeCaradeuc Heyward, 1863–1888

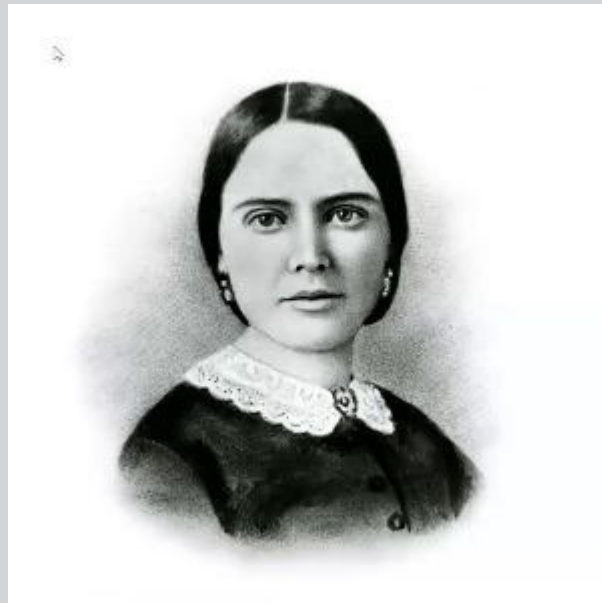
Diary of Miss Emma Holmes, 1861–1866

Very Violent Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Ellen Renshaw House

Myra Inman: A Diary of the Civil War in East Tennessee

*The Diary of Serepta Jordan:
A Southern Woman's Struggle with War and Family, 1857–1864*

When the World Ended: The Diary of Emma Leconte



Serepta Jordan

Volunteer Sought for Publication Support

The Society is seeking volunteers to assist with publication formatting and pdf conversion of our quarterly e-journal, *At Home and in the Field*.

If you can help, please contact us via swcw1865@gmail.com, with *Volunteers* in the subject field. Thanks!

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](#)

[\(swcw.org\)](http://swcw.org)

The Marge Estilow Memorial Scholarship:

awarded to current college students.

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The Brenda McKean Memorial Scholarship:

awarded to practicing reenactors / living historians.

[Brenda McKean Reenactor Scholarship - Society for Women and the Civil War](https://www.swcw.org/scholarships/brenda-mckean-reenactor-scholarship)
([swcw.org](https://www.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://www.swcw.org/scholarships/ann-kilian-educator-scholarship) ([swcw.org](https://www.swcw.org))

Visit the SWCW website for details about scholarship criteria.

**Applications for the 2024 scholarships
must be received by April 1.**

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Woman of the Month

Sarah Louise Foote Cook

Born: May 10, 1826

Died: June 18, 1871

Buried: Linwood Cemetery, Colchester, Connecticut

Sarah Louise was born in Colchester, Connecticut, the eldest of four children, to Ralph and Amelia Foote. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a homemaker. Sarah married Ohio native Cyrus W. Cook (1829-1870) on March 9, 1851. Sarah and Cyrus welcomed their first child, Ralph, in 1853, and their daughter Lizzie was born two years later. Cyrus, Jr. was born in 1862.

Sarah and Cyrus were farmers in Colchester at the start of the Civil War. Cyrus enlisted as a Sergeant in Co. H, 21st Connecticut Infantry on August 12, 1862, and was transferred to Co. C and promoted to 1st Lieutenant the following year. Her husband's absence left Sarah alone to manage the family farm and care for their young children, one of whom was an infant. These responsibilities became increasingly difficult as the war progressed and her health deteriorated.

By the spring of 1864, Cyrus requested permission to resign from his post in a letter to Gen. Benjamin Butler citing the wellbeing of his family. The correspondence was detailed in the *Crawford County Forum* of Bucyrus, Ohio on May 13: "The fact that his farm was going to ruin for want of help, his wife was worn out with care and threatened with serious illness, and his children were almost destitute...The 'Beast,' in his reply, insulted all parties, refused to accept the resignation, intimated that Cook lied, and treated the matter of an ill wife and destitute children with flippancy and disrespect..." Cyrus thus remained in the military and was promoted once again, to Captain of Co. I in November 1864. He mustered out with his regiment on June 16, 1865.

Cyrus Sr. returned to the family farm after the war. Sarah gave birth to a son, Charles, in 1869, but he tragically died in infancy. Cyrus Sr. died of tuberculosis in February 1870, a disease that likely claimed his daughter that November. Sarah died the following year, at the age of 44. Ralph died in 1875 and Cyrus Jr. passed in 1883. The family is buried together in Linwood Cemetery in Colchester.



-- Maria Carrillo Colato

Submissions Requested

The Calling Card accepts 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
with *Calling Card* in the subject field.
(Submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.)

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