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Interesting “finds” from files in the Maryland Hall of Records. — Oct 1980

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Part I of a biography of war correspondent and journalist Townsend who covered Civil War events, Lincoln’s assassination, the conspirators and the Booth escape route. Part II appears in the October 2014 Courier. — Sep 2014

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“Lincoln’s Assassination—Funeral of the Five Conspirators After the Execution”
A clipping from a bound scrapbook belonging to G.A. Townsend (Famous period journalist GATH) and found in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division — updated, but from the Boston Traveler
Description of the conspirators bodies when President Johnson issued an order permitting Christian burial of the bodies—Booth, Mrs. Surratt, Atzerodt, Payne (Powell), and Harold. Includes information of President Johnson’s response to the question: “Would he have pardoned Mrs. Surratt if he had talked with her daughter? No”. — May 2018

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Article by James O. Hall — Jun 1987
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Famous landmarks – Joan L. Chaconas — May 1988

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Points from a talk made by Edward Steers, Jr. concerning the legal ramifications of the Conspiracy Trial of 1865. — Jul 1980

“The Three Versions of the Testimony in the 1865 Conspiracy Trial” by John C. Brennan
A comparison of the testimony as contained in the reporting of Benn Pitman, Ben Perley Poor, and T.B. Peterson & Brothers. — Mar 1983

“Mock Trials of Alleged Lincoln Conspirators” by Roger Norton
Eighth grade students’ re-enactments. — Jan 1985

“Some Questions Answered” by Pam Diffee
Testimony about Mrs. Surratt's involvement as interpreted by K.E. Holland, Laurie Verge and John C. Brennan. — Jan 1985


“More on the Three Versions of the 1865 Trial Testimony” by John C. Brennan — Feb 1986

“The Trial of the President’s Murderers” Contributed by Robert Borrell, Sr.
An article from the Army Navy Journal, July 8, 1865. — Dec 1986

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“President's Message” by Louise Oertly
A look at the question “Was Mrs. Surratt Kept in Irons”. — Apr 2014

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Mary Harris was charged with killing Adoniram Burroughs, tried in civilian court, and acquitted with a temporary insanity plea. Would Mary Surratt's fate have been different if tried in civilian court, used an insanity plea, been young, and had Joseph Bradley as her attorney? — Jul 2014

“Ask and Ye Shall Receive” by Clark Larson
Information about Mary Harris after her acquittal of murder by reason of temporary insanity (See: Jul 2014 article: "Two Marys..."). — Aug 2014

“Revisiting the Case of Ned Spangler in Light of a General Lew Wallace Letter” by Michael Vane
Discussion of whether Ned Spangler was found guilty because he assisted in the escape of John Wilkes Booth — not because he was guilty of conspiracy. This is based on a June 26, 1865 letter of General Lew Wallace, one of the trial commissioners. — May 2018

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19th century ice merchants — Feb 1988


Paper Dolls — Jan 1990

“To See the Elephant...” — J. Schrantz
Origin of Phrase — Mar 1990

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History of various uses of bells through the ages — Mar 1991

“A Bit of Trivia” by Mary Mudd McHale
Celebration of Lee surrender in Cincinnati on Good Friday (wrong date for Good Friday). — May 1991

“Add These to Your Christmas Goodies”
Recipes for Maryland Stuffed Ham and others. — Dec 1992

“Oh, The Joys of Skating...” 19th century history of this sport. — Dec 1993

“Books for the Millions — Sold for a Dime” Excerpted from Research Update of University Microfilms International
History of paperbacks. — Apr 1995

“A Bit of...” by Laurie Verge
The origin of some popular sayings. — Aug 1995


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1827 description of an early Thanksgiving feast. — Nov 1995

Reminiscences by Vivian Edelen on an old-time favorite: Maryland stuffed ham — Jul 1997

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Many products that are familiar to us, were also familiar to our Civil War ancestors. — May 2010

“The Singer Sewing Machine – If Only It Could Talk” by Joan L. Chaconas
A brief biography of Isaac Singer who, despite his scandalous personal life, became one of the richest men in the country due to the popularity of his sewing machine. — Oct 2013

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History of wrist watches. — Feb 2014

“The Key Degree of Separation” by William P. Binzel
Information about various descendants and relatives of Francis Scott Key with their linkage to individuals surrounding Lincoln. — Aug 2014

“Captain Ahab and John Wilkes Booth – Parallel Objectives” by David Ehrlich
Similarities between Captain Ahab of Moby Dick and Booth regarding each one’s intensity to kill something they hated: Ahab – Moby Dick; Booth – Lincoln and how each died as a result. — Nov 2014
"John Kennedy saved the Life of President-elect Abraham Lincoln and Abraham Lincoln saved the Life of President-elect John Kennedy" by Clark Larsen
List of Lincoln-Kennedy trivia, couplets, trivia, and similes.
Lincoln's establishment of the Secret Service which saved Kennedy in 1960 from Richard P. Pavlick. — Feb 2015

"Who Was James Pollock?" by Joan Chaconas
History of James Pollock and how the motto "In God We Trust" got placed on US currency. — Mar 2016

"The Egg Nog Riot"
Description and consequences of the 'Egg Nog Riot' of 1826 at the West Point Military Academy. — Dec 2016

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"This Story Has Legs" by Joan Chaconas
Information about the wooden leg of Captain Ulrich Dahlgren including where it was buried. — Apr 2017

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Information about Santa Anna's legs: actual, cork, and wooden. — May 2017

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Information about the leg bones of General Dan Sickles. — June 2017

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"Creative Gardening During the Civil War"
Extract from an online article filed by the Extension Service of Penn State University — Aug 2017

"Behold, the Power of the Potato" by Laurie Verge
History and various uses of potatoes including information about the Great Famine of the 1840s and 1850s that hit Ireland especially hard and the spread of potato culture to Europe, and specifically to Ireland, along with its spread to the United States. — Jan 2018

"Finally, In Honor of St. Valentine's Day, We Offer a Bit of History on the Popular Gift of Chocolate"
History of chocolate as a drink, powder, and candy bar. — Feb 2018

"It's Not a UFO— It's full of Water" by Kari Wilson
History of water towers in the United States. — May 2018

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History of Father's Day. — Jun 2018

"The Holy Estate of Matrimony"
Information on how June became the popular month of weddings. — Jun 2018

Six Degrees of Separation: "Worth Noting" by William P. Binzel
List some "Firsts" in Congress and some information on the Rathbone family. — Sep 2018

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Historic information about the Old Bay line (nickname of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company), an overnight passenger steamer line between Baltimore and Norfolk. Isaac and John Surratt, Jr., worked for them after the Civil War. The Old Bay Line ceased operations in 1962. It provided maritime shipping and naval support to the Allies during WWII. Includes the history and origin of the name Old Bay Seasoning. — Sep 2018
“The Farmers’ Friend”
Origins of the Farmer’s Almanac begun in 1792 (Name changed in 1832 to add “Old”) and somethings of the 1840-60 era families used (to include the Surratt family). — Sep 2018

“Dr. Mutter’s Marvels” by Bob Allen
Details about Dr. Thomas Dent Mutter’s life and his collection of specimens, models, historical instruments and many other unusual medical memorabilia and incunabula which are on display in the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia. — May 2019

“Talk About Coincidences…” by Laurie Verge
Coincidences related to some individuals & things involved in the Surratt/Lincoln Assassination Story and the Civil War: Dr. William Tonry (Anna Surratt’s husband); POW camps; Sidney Clopton Lanier, Southern poet and music writer in the Civil War. — Jul 2019

“Why Do We Say This?” by Joan L. Chaconas
Explanation of various common words and phrases that have been used for generations. — Aug 2019

“Where Do These Traditions Come From?” by Laurie Verge as excerpter from online blog of Laura Martisuite
Description of some Christmas traditions: sending holiday cards; green, glass pickle ornaments; wassail; children scientific kits; games, e.g., “ snapdragon”, charades, monopoly; oysters; Boxing Day decorations; football; and “Goose clubs” (similar to Christmas clubs). — Dec 2019

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“More Ripper” by James E.T. Lange and Katherine DeWitt, Jr.
Comments on crime statistics that make Tumblety too old to be Ripper. — Dec 1995

TUDOR HALL
“More about JWB” by Laurie Verge
A trip to Booth’s home. — Aug 1977

“Restoration of Tudor Hall” by Gail Merrifield Papp
Letter sent to Senator Howard Davis and the Senator’s reply. — Jul 1985

UNION ARMY
“A Need for Troopers” by Larry Raskin
Article showing how desperate the Union was becoming for fighting men. — Apr 1985

“Charles County’s Union Occupation” by Rick Barram
Article reprinted from the Historical Society of Charles County, Inc. January 2015 newsletter.
Describes the union efforts to stop information and Confederate shipments across the Potomac River and some Union authorities desire to criminalize returning runaway slaves. — Sep 2015

URQUHART, DR. CHARLES
“Of Interest” Member David Gaddy reports on items related to the doctor who pronounced Booth dead being given to a Virginia museum. — Apr 1997

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“President’s Message” by Louise Oertly
1850-60 history of postal delivery. — May 1996

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“To Our Victorian Valentines” by Laurie Verge
A history of Valentine greetings. — Feb 1980

“The Ages of the Valentine” by Janet Abshier — Feb 1993

“Valentine Remembrances” — Feb 1983

“Cupid’s Courier” by Joan Bragdon
An article on Valentine’s Day. — Feb 1986

History of Surratt House Museum’s Valentine exhibit. “President’s Message” — Feb 2001
“Finally, In Honor of St. Valentine’s Day, We Offer a Bit of History on the Popular Gift of Chocolate”
History of chocolate as a drink, powder, and candy bar. — Feb 2018

“Pork and Beans” by Nancy Griffith — Jan 1978

“Living History for Confederate Women” Excerpted from *Camp Chase Gazette*
Historical hints for accurate portrayals of period events. — Apr 1978

“For the Ladies” Excerpted from *Camp Chase Gazette*
A hint on m’lady’s make-up. — May 1978

“They’re Still Around” by Laurie Verge
A history of common household articles of then and now. — Jun, Jul 1978

“An Oil Crisis” From a Mobil Oil Co. report
A shortage of whale oil in the 1850’s. — Jun, Jul 1978

Mourning – Nancy Griffith — Jul 1987

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The beginning of the Daguerreotype of 1839. — Sep 1978

“Helpful Hints from the Past” by Laurie Verge
A preposterous guide to 1863 Confederate life housekeeping. — Jan 1979

“Month of Roses” by Doris Van Swaringen
A unique recipe for the Victorian rose beads. — Jun 1979

“By This Exemplar I am Taught How Letters Great and Small are Wrought” by Doris Van Swaringen
A history of worked samplers in Maryland. — Oct 1979

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“The Songs of War” by Laurie Verge
Sketches on the many pieces of familiar music born out of the Civil War. — Feb 1980

“Some Bits and Pieces of Trivia For Your Enjoyment” by Elaine Entwisle
Victorian ways from lawns to ice cream and lace. — Apr 1980

“Are Those Window Shades Correct?” by Laurie Verge — May 1980

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Trivia on the history of Levis and button collections. — May 1981

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Directions for making old fashioned rose jars. — Jun 1981

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On Victorian cosmetics. — Aug 1981

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History of a Victorian oddity. — Mar 1982

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A synopsis of Susan A. Hanson’s talk to the society on 19th century kitchens. — Apr 1982

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A 19th century Wedding Cake Recipe from Doris Van Swaringen — Jul 1982

“Crinolines and Cannons: Queen Victoria Would Not Have Been Amused” by Phyllis A. Duncan
A historical look at the “liberated women” of the Civil War era. — Sep 1982

“The Soldiers’ Fare—Hardtack” History and recipes — Nov 1982

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— Apr 1983

“In Yesterday’s Kitchens” by Pam Diffee
A history of canned foods during the mid-19th century. — Jan 1984

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Natural sweeteners of honey, maple sugar, etc. are discussed. — Feb 1984

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Apples. — Mar 1984

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The iron kettle. — Apr 1984

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Reports on household hints from the 19th century, including substitutions and measures. — May 1984

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More culinary delights. — May 1984

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Bridal customs and fashions during the Victorian era. — Jun 1985

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History of mid-19th century weddings. — Jun 1996

Some Victorian pointers. See: “President’s Message” by Louise Oertly. — May 1998

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In Mourning — Apr 2005

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“An Oil Crisis” Reprint of an article from June/July 1978. — Sep 2011

“Beat the Heat with a Southern Mint Julep” courtesy of civilwarhome.com
The history and ceremony connected with one of the most celebrated of all southern summer beverages. — Aug 2013

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“Can It!” by Joyce Sweeting
Description of the development of containers for preserving goods. — Nov 2016

“Francis and Arabella” — A Love Story by John C. Fazio
Story of Union soldier Francis C. (Channing) Barlow and Arabella Wharton Griffith from their marriage until their deaths. Contains discussion of Civil War battles including Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Wilderness. Arabella worked in hospitals helping both Union and Confederate wounded. — Feb 2017

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Details of the wedding between Senator Sprague of Rhode Island & Miss Katherine ("Kate") Jane Chase, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, and their life together. — Sep 2017
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“Food for Thought: Civil War Christmas” Adapted from a post by Maggie McLean on the civilwarwomen blog.
Description of some Civil War Christmas customs. — Dec 2017

“Life in the 1800s” by Joan Chaconas
Description of the life of men and women in the 1800s, which includes: clothing, marriage, church attendance, housing, jobs, shopping, health, crime, household furnishings, etc. Some information is from the book Everyday Life in the 1800s by Marc McCutcheon, printed in 1993. — Mar 2019

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Article on the visit of Prince Albert (future King Edward VII of England) to the U.S. in 1860. — Nov 2019

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“Liberty and Union: The Motto on the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia” by Edward Steers, Jr.
A letter in response to a Dec 1999 article by John E. McHale — Jan 2000

“The Richmond Bread Riots of 1863” by Laurie Verge
Description of riots in Richmond in 1863 due to food shortages, including a letter of a Richmond resident about the riot. — Aug 2017

WALDRON, EDMUND Q.  "Another Side of…” by Alfred Isacsson
Examines the priest who reportedly influenced Louis Weichmann. — May 1998

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Biography of Civil War lady doctor. — May 1993

“Female Fighter” by Elizabeth S. (Betty) Trindal
Examines the controversial female doctor. — Jul 2000

WALLACE, GENERAL LEW  “Revisiting the Case of Ned Spangler in Light of a General Lew Wallace Letter” by Michael Vane
Discussion of whether Ned Spangler was found guilty because he assisted in the escape of John Wilkes Booth — not because he was guilty of conspiracy. This is based on a June 26, 1865 letter of General Lew Wallace, one of the trial commissioners. — May 2018

WARD, ANNIE  "Who Was Annie Ward?” by Laurie Verge
Additional information concerning a woman who testified at the conspiracy trial. — Jul 2008

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“The June 1864 Washington Arsenal Explosion” by John C. Brennan
A war-time civilian tragedy. — Nov 1977

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History of the Washington Arsenal and its explosion of June 1864. — Apr 2014

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“Mr. Lincoln’s City”
A synopsis of General Richard Lee’s talk before the Society. — Dec 1982

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"Who Lived on H Street” by Helen Thompson — Jan 1986

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Relates the history of the Cherry Blossom Festival. — Apr 2000
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Information learned while preparing an exhibit on the city. — Apr 2002

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Excerpted from Willard’s of Washington by Garnet Laidlaw Eskew. — Jun 2002

“More Washington, DC History as Seen from Willard’s Hotel”  
Additional excerpts from Willard’s of Washington. — Jul 2002

“Tearing Down the Old Penitentiary” Contributed by Joan L. Chaconas  
An article from The Baltimore Gazette. — Nov 2002

“Jenkins Hill” provided by Cliff Jenkins  
The property now known as Capitol Hill was once known as Jenkins Hill. A brief account of how this property was sold to the government. — Jan 2013

Pvt. Lanahan was executed on what is today Logan Circle. His story is told and a brief history given about General Logan and some of the residents on the circle. — Mar 2013

“Did You Know” by Joan L. Chaconas  
A brief history of the property known as Fort Carroll during the Civil War. It is now Joint Base Anacostia — Bolling. — Jul 2013

“Destination: Washington City” by Joan L. Chaconas  
Description of life in Washington in the 1800s and 1900s, specifically what it was like to be black and living in Washington. — Jul 2017

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Establishment of the Freedman’s Hospital, initially on the grounds of Camp Baker in northwest D.C. in 1862, then to Campbell Hospital in August 1865, to Howard University in 1967, and finally to the former site of D.C.’s old Griffith Stadium in 1975. — Feb 2018

History of Burleith estate, history of the Glover Park in Washington, D.C., some Civil War history, and some persons of note in “Of Note…”. Submitted by Jill Mitchell
Additional information to the article on Richard Smith Cox (Feb 2018) about the website (http://gloverparkhistory.com/) on the Burleith estate and the Glover Park areas in Washington, DC. — Mar 2018

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Alleged conspirator – James O. Hall — Jan 1988

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A brief history of its construction. See: “President’s Message” by Louise Oertly. — Mar 1998

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“The Deadly Weapon” by John Kokkonen  
Description of the derringer that killed President Lincoln” — Jan 1978

“That Pocket Cannon” — Jun 2003

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An in depth study of the knives and the confusion over their identification and their final disposition. — Mar 2012

“Booth’s Spencer Carbines: The Best Weapons He Never Used” by Wesley Harris  
Description of the Spencer Carbine and its use by the U.S. military and Lincoln’s involvement with it. Includes information on Booth having one and the other one that was found in the Surratt Tavern. — Apr 2018

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“Who’s Buried in Grant’s Tomb?” by Edward Steers, Jr. — Apr 2001

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“Timothy Webster: History’s Obscure Hero” by Patricia D. Goff — Sep 2000
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“Note on the Education of Louis J. Weichmann and John H. Surratt” by John C. Brennan — Jan 1986

“The Status of the Weichmann Studies” by Alfred Isacsson — Jan 1986

“Regarding George Alfred Townsend’s 1867 Interview with Louis J. Weichmann” by John C. Brennan — Jul 1991

“Townsend Interviews Weichmann” Courtesy of Dr. Joseph George, Jr. — Aug 1991


Did the fact that some Surratts lived in Anderson cause Weichmann some unrest in later years? — Nov 1992

“The Talespinner and the Witness...” by Erick Ewald — Mar 1993

“Louis J. Weichmann’s Second ‘Deathbed Confession’ and Other Tales from Behind the Curtain” by Erich L. Ewald — Sep 1993

“Two Overlooked Letters of Louis J. Weichmann to the Hon. Joseph Holt” by Kenneth J. Zanca, Ph.D. — Feb 2005

WESTFALL, JOHN

“Booth’s First Attempt” by D. Mark Katz — Jun 1986


WHITE HOUSE

“A Visit to Mr. Lincoln’s White House” by Laurie Verge

Description of the White House during the Lincoln presidency including some of the activities and Mrs. Lincoln’s decorations. — Aug 2016

“Breaking the Color Barrier at the White House”

Excerpted from an online article from the White House Historical Society. Originally published online on February 3, 2017, by The White House Historical Association.

Description of the initial start of colored people as visitors in the White House on New Year’s Day in 1864 and the increase in African Americans watching and cheering presidential activities. — Feb 2018

WHITMAN, WALT

“A Sidelight on Walt Whitman” Submitted by Clare Crozier — Nov 2005

WHITLOCK, PHILIP

“Confederate Memories”

Reminiscences of the author’s experiences as a Richmond Gray and Confederate soldier. — Jul 2010

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WILLARD HOTEL


A history of the celebrated hotel and the men who ran it. — Oct 2012

“A Follow-up on the Willard Hotel Article” Contributed by Robert G. Tucker

A listing of dishes served at the Willard on September 2, 1862 taken from an original menu. — Dec 2012

“Postscript to a Program”

Additional information based on the 2019 talk on Antonia Ford (“On Some Auspicious Day: Antonia Ford Willard” by Michelle Krowl) who was a Confederate spy. Antonia and Union Major Joseph Clapp Willard’s son, Joseph Edward Willard’s life is described. Joseph Edward Willard was one of the owners of the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC. — May 2019

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“The Pistol-Packing Parson”

Brief article about one of the few Union sympathizers in Southern Maryland. — Jul 2010
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“Major Henry Wirz Again” by James O. Hall
Tells of the trial, execution, and burial of Major Henry Wirz, CSA. — Jan 1991

Follow-up to Jan 1991 article on Major Wirz — Feb 1991

“The Devil's Advocate: O.S. Baker of the Andersonville Trial” by Robert S. Davis

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“Non-Combatant’s Service” courtesy of Paul Kallina — May 1991

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“Into the Fray: Changing Roles of Women During the Civil War” by Laurie Verge — Mar 1997

“Summer Reading” Reminiscences by Vivian Edelen. — Jul 1997

“A Woman Named Frank” Biography of Miriam Florance Follin, wife of 19th century newspaper great Frank Leslie. — Mar 1999

“What About Teresa Sickles?” by James O. Hall
Questions about the wife of Dan Sickles who figured in the famous murder of Philip Barton Key. — Apr 1999

“Our Question is Answered” John Schaud, great grandnephew of Teresa Sickles, responds to the James O. Hall Apr 1999 article. — Jun 1999

“President’s Message” by Louise Oertly
Women and their roles in spying during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. — Mar 2018

“To the Madhouse: Female Incarceration in the 19th Century Asylums for the Insane” by Annette Bethke
Description of the early treatment of the insane in the 1700s and the rise and history of public asylums in the 19th century. Includes a discussion of the issues women dealt with which resulted in them being considered to be insane or having mental problems. Details the treatment of African Americans, some case studies, and the conditions in the institutions: lack of privacy, food, clothing, work, entertainment, punishment, and treatment. — Mar 2018

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“Meet Mr. Wood of Old Capitol Prison” by Joan L. Chaconas
Biographical material on the superintendent of the notorious prison. — May 2010

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“Victoria Claflin Woodhull: An Encounter Between Civil War-Era Low Life and the American Sucker Gene” by William L. Richter
Description of Victoria Claflin Woodhull’s life and her affairs with Henry Ward Beecher & Theodore Tilton. Includes the time she ran as the first woman for President of the United States (1872). — Sep 2016

WOODWARD, DR. JOSEPH JANVIER
“Museum Receives Donation”
Personal items of doctor who performed autopsy on Lincoln donated to Surratt House. — Apr 1996

WREN, GEORGE
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