

Vermont Women & the Civil War

“Vermont women enlisted for the duration.”

On Sunday, December 1 at 2pm in Pratt Hall*, Howard Coffin will tell the story of Vermont’s intrepid women during the war.

Vermont’s remarkable Civil War battlefield record is well documented, but little is known of how Vermont women sustained the home front. With nearly 35,000 of the state’s able-bodied men at war, the monumental tasks of keeping more than 30,000 farms in operation became very much a female enterprise. Women took the place of men in factories and worked after hours making items needed by the soldiers.



This story is told in their words, from letters and diaries that describe life during the Civil War in the Green Mountain State. At least one Vermont woman appears to have secretly enlisted and fought in a Vermont regiment.

Hosted by Friends of the Montgomery Town Library and the Montgomery Historical Society.

*Pratt Hall is located at 2044 N. Main Street Montgomery, VT 05470.