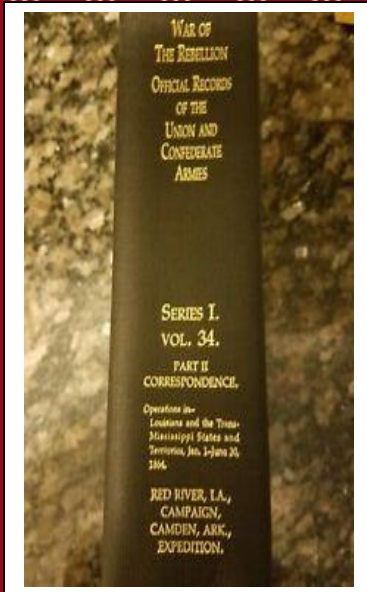


MARY CHESEBRO LEE
DETACHED TENT #23

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Series I of the “OR” contains 53 volumes. Focusing on military operations, it contains battle reports of both the Union and Confederate Armies. The 128 volume set is available for research at the Walworth Co. Historical Society.

DO YOUR CIVIL WAR RESEARCH AT THE
WALWORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No serious study of the Civil War is complete without consulting “THE WAR OF THE REBELLION: A COMPILATION OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES”. The 128 volume set provides the most comprehensive reference on Civil War operations and was recently donated to the Walworth County Historical Society’s Resource Center in Elkhorn, WI by Ron and Julie Dorn.

The “OR” was published pursuant to an Act of Congress which was approved June 16, 1880. The reports contained in the official records are those of the leaders who fought battles and then wrote their assessments of the battle sometimes days, weeks or even months later. While they are eyewitness accounts of the veterans themselves, it is from the individual’s perspective and may contain truthful, contradictory, or flawed materials. In some cases, the information provided by the individual writing it, may be quite self-serving. However, as primary source material, the “OR”, despite some limitations is the most complete and impartial documentation on the Civil War.

You are invited to do research at the WCHS Resource Center located at 210 S. Washington Street in Elkhorn on Wed/Thurs from 1:00-4:00 pm. This collection is exceptional, complete, original and well worth a look. The WCHS also has Civil War diaries and letters available for study as well as a comprehensive collection of Civil War artifacts.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm

AND YOU THINK WISCONSIN HAS A LOT OF SNOW!



While we are experiencing a frigid January with temperatures in the singles digits and anticipated to be in the minus column, as well as abundant snow, we have the modern convenience of central heat. Can you imagine our ancestors who braved the winter elements during the Civil War to defend our freedom?

Photos above: Top Left: Civil War cannon at Gettysburg National Military Park, Top Right: Lone soldier at Civil War camp, Bottom Left: Camp Jameson where, despite the weather, the 2nd Maine Infantry lined up for a regiment photo, Bottom Right: Civil War soldier and his winter quarters

49th Annual Patriotic Luncheon on Saturday, February 2, 2019
At 12:30 pm at Aliotos Restaurant

Guest Speaker: Mary Todd Lincoln (Donna Edwards) "My Side of the Story"
For Information and Reservations call: 414-614-3690



MARY TODD LINCOLN

The month of December 2018 marked the 200th birthday of Mary Todd Lincoln. Born in Lexington, KY she was the fourth child of Robert and Eliza Parker Todd. In 1839 she moved to Springfield, Illinois to live with her sister Elizabeth where she meets and eventually marries a young lawyer by the name of Abraham Lincoln in 1842. Below is an excerpt from Education Links.com which also offers a time line of Mary's life.

“Mary, the wife of President Abraham Lincoln, led a controversial and tragic life over a span of 63 years. Like many others of her time, she experienced the death of loved ones early and often. She outlived three of her four sons, as well as her husband, who was murdered at her side.

Her contemporaries called her witty, pleasant, cultured, and insightful, but also high-strung, devious, petulant, and sharp-tongued. The pressures of being First Lady stoked the extremes of her temperament: a White House staffer dubbed her the "Hellcat," but thousands of visitors enjoyed her hospitable receptions.

She was born into a wealthy, Southern slave-holding family, which went into decline after her mother's death. Her stepmother bore nine children, most of whom later rebelled against the government headed by Mary's husband. Following the president's assassination, she lived a nomadic, sorrowful, and sometimes bizarre life, mostly abroad.”

Renowned character re-nactor, Donna Edwards will portray Mary Todd Lincoln at the 49th Annual Patriotic Luncheon in February.

Photos: Top: Mary Lincoln as First Lady at the White House
Middle: A young Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd are married in 1842 at her sister's home in Springfield, Illinois
Bottom: Mary Todd Lincoln as she appeared at her insanity retrial

We can only hope that the quote below, by Abraham Lincoln becomes reality.

My dream is of a place and a time
where America will once again be seen
as the last best hope of earth.

Abraham Lincoln