

# Civilian Dress and Wardrobe List

## Seventh Regiment Maryland Volunteers

### I. BASIC DRESS FOR CAMP — LADIES:

- A: ***Camp Dress or day dress:*** Could be a one piece dress or a shirt and skirt. Keep in mind that the white shirt didn't come into style until the end of the war.
- B: ***Cotton stockings: White or black are the most common.*** (See below)
- C: ***Shoes:*** For everyday the boot was worn. There are fancy shoes for dances.
- D: ***Hat:*** You can spend as much as you like on this item. I've seen them from under \$10 for the straw hat to over \$100 for the really fancy ones. Some actually protect you from the sun and others are nothing more than something to make your hair look good.
- E: ***Apron:*** Most were colored to help hide the dirt. They also covered most of the front of the dress so it would be kept clean.

### II BASIC DRESS FOR CAMP — GENTLEMEN:

- A: ***Waistcoat or period men's topdress and vest***
- B: ***Muslin, or cotton shirt, plain or patterned.***
- C: ***Trousers, period civilian.***
- D. ***Period shoes, bootees or brogans.***

### III. ACCOUTREMENTS AND ACCESSORIES:

- A: Hoop: Used to hold the skirt out. this would make the waist look smaller. also good for hiding things in. Ladies that would spy would tie things to their hoops.
- B: Corset: This is the Civil War-era bra. There are several different styles, some are actually comfortable. Some people say without a corset you cannot get the period look. However, there are photos of ladies that obviously did not have one on.
- C: ***Stockings:*** White or colored. They were thigh high in height.
- D: Drawers: they extended just below the knees with some embroidery or flattucks at the bottom. They should be open at the crotch, but you can sew that shut if you like
- E: ***Chemise:*** These are loose fitting garments that are off the shoulder and reaching around the knee. They help with perspiration. They are tucked into the drawers. They can hide bra straps, which can kill the 1860's look. A chemise is worn under the corset.
- F: Petticoats: The first one is worn under the hoop for modesty. Remember the drawers are crotch-less. You can wear one or more over the hoop for fullness to the dress and also to hide the bone rings that will show if you don't wear a petticoat over the hoop.
- G: Period jewelry— French wire earrings — Ladies
- H: ***Eating utensils— tin or steel fork, knife, spoon and plate (NO pie plates) — Ladies and Gentlemen***
- I: Tent: 9 foot "A" frame. — Ladies and Gentlemen
- J: ***Period style chair or camp stool. — Ladies and Gentlemen***

### IV. AVOID THE FOLLOWING! :

- A: Modern eyeglasses.
- B: Wear hair confined, with no bangs. Very little if any at all makeup was worn.
- C: Handbags, wristwatches, modern jewelry, fingernail polish, gold chains and bracelets.

The items in ***bold italic*** are required within the first two company effort events.

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