

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY'S MCCORMICK CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE

FALL SEMESTER SEMINAR & TOUR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

“TO... PROTECT THE UNION”

UNIONISTS IN THE NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Although the large majority of people who lived in Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia, supported the Confederacy during the Civil War, approximately ten to fifteen percent of the area's inhabitants favored the Union. This autumn, Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute will explore and visit various sites that reveal much about the complexities of life for Unionists in the area, the many ways they supported the Union war effort, including as soldiers, scouts, and spies, and examine how they coped with war's destructiveness in the conflict's aftermath.

Schedule of Activities

9:45-10:15 a.m.	Check in at Henkel Hall, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Welcome and lecture by Prof. Jonathan A. Noyalas, “Are We Traitors and Cowards”: Unionists and the Civil War
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Lunch in Allen Dining Hall (lunch included with registration)
12:15-4:30 p.m.	Caravan tour of sites associated with the Unionist experience in Winchester & Frederick County

Registration Information: Registration fee of **\$25** covers cost of morning lecture, handouts, afternoon guided tour, and lunch. Carpooling is required for afternoon caravan tour. Space for this seminar and tour is limited so please register early. To register, visit www.su.edu/MCWI. Any questions about the event can be directed to MCWI's director, Jonathan Noyalas, via phone at 540-665-4501 or email jnoyalas01@su.edu.



While Winchester's Rebecca Wright, who appears in the photograph above, is arguably Winchester's most well-known Unionist because of her role in intelligence gathering for Union general Philip H. Sheridan in September 1864, the city and areas around it contained scores of Unionists deeply committed to the success of the Union war effort. (J.A. Noyalas private collection)



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