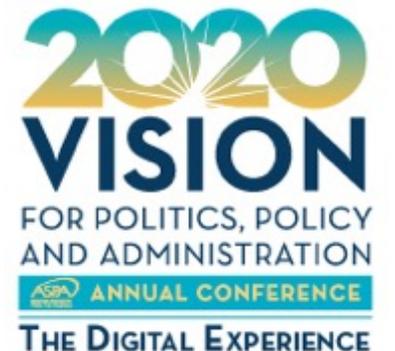


*The U.S. Sanitary Commission: Recovering
Women's Leadership, Management
and Compassion During the Civil War*



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Plan for the Presentation

- Introduction - History of Women in PA
- Civil War and USSC
- Reform efforts
- Lessons Learned



1788-1920

Men's Political Democracy

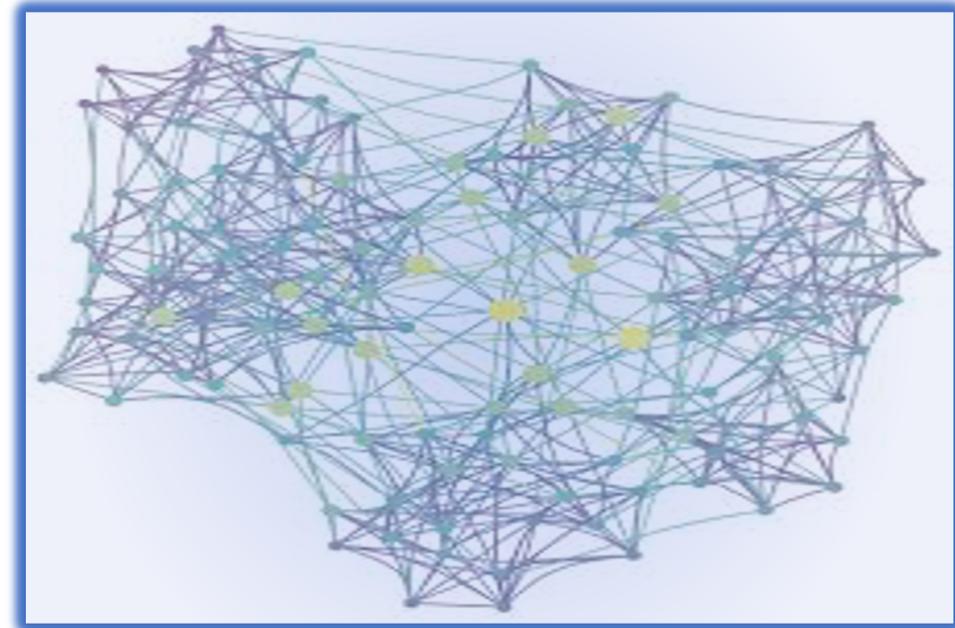
Government and Business



Women's Networked Participatory Democracy

Nascent Non-profit organizations

Service related clubs
Ladies-Aid-Societies



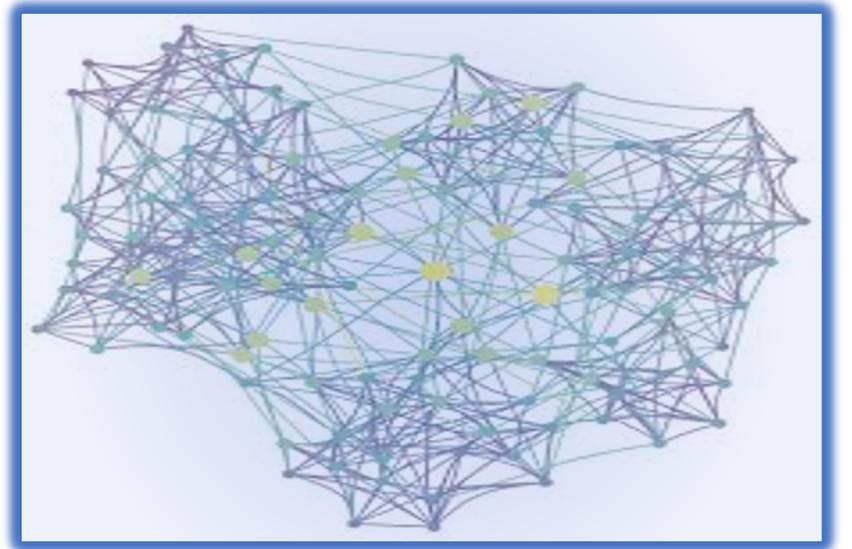


1918

Greene, in New York, (N. Y.

A WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

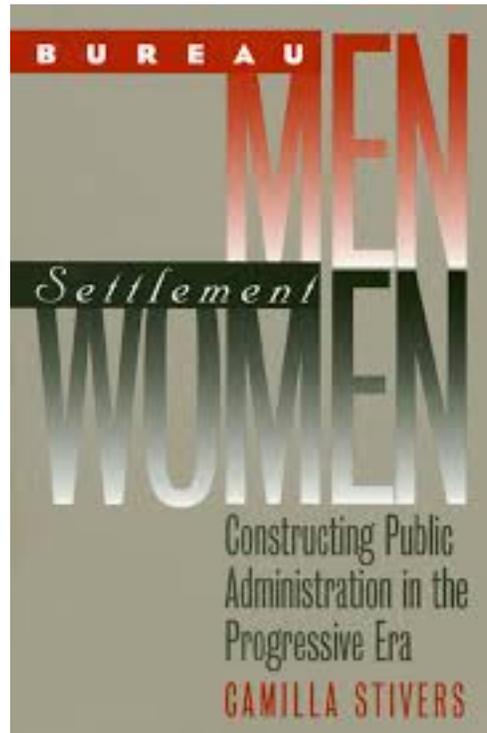
Themes that propelled the women's organizations



Settlement Movement Incubator of the Alternative View of Public Administration



Jane Addams



1880s-1920s



US Settlement Movement

- Dominated by women
- Non-profit
- Multifaceted Community Centers
- Engines of Reform

Alternative view of PA

- Municipal Housekeeping
- Industrial Citizenship



THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

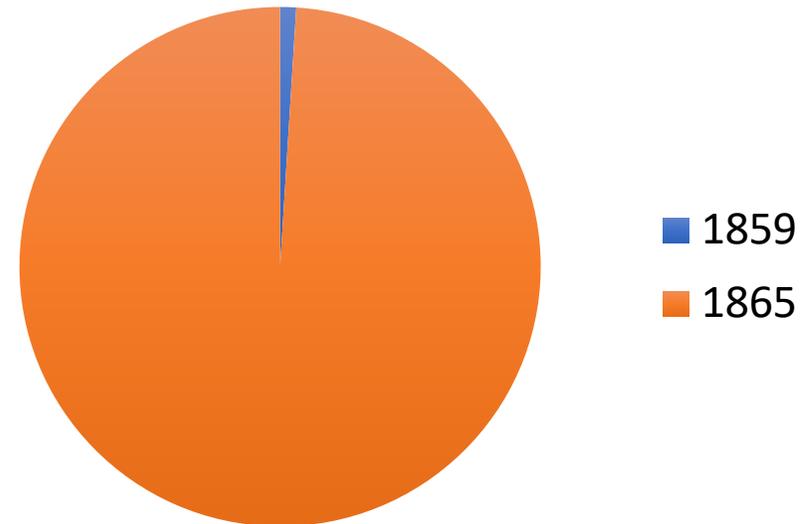
1861-1865

Medical Crisis – Sanitation in camps/hospitals

Supply Crisis - Chaotic Volunteer response

(hospital supplies- bedding, medicine, food, clothing.....)

1859	20,000
1865	2,000,000



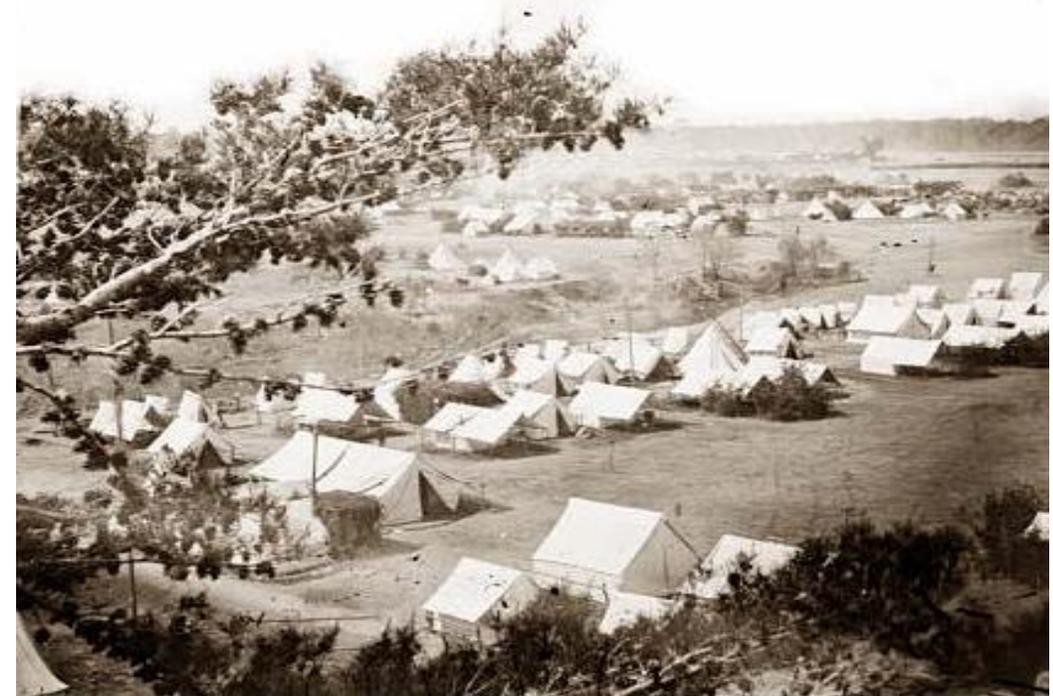


US Sanitary Commission



Nightingale
British Sanitary
Commission

- Non-Profit Authorized by Congress (\$25M)
- Respond to Medical/Supply Crisis
- Successful
Lowered death by disease rate
- 1861-1866





US Sanitary
Commission

Inspection –
Camps/hospitals

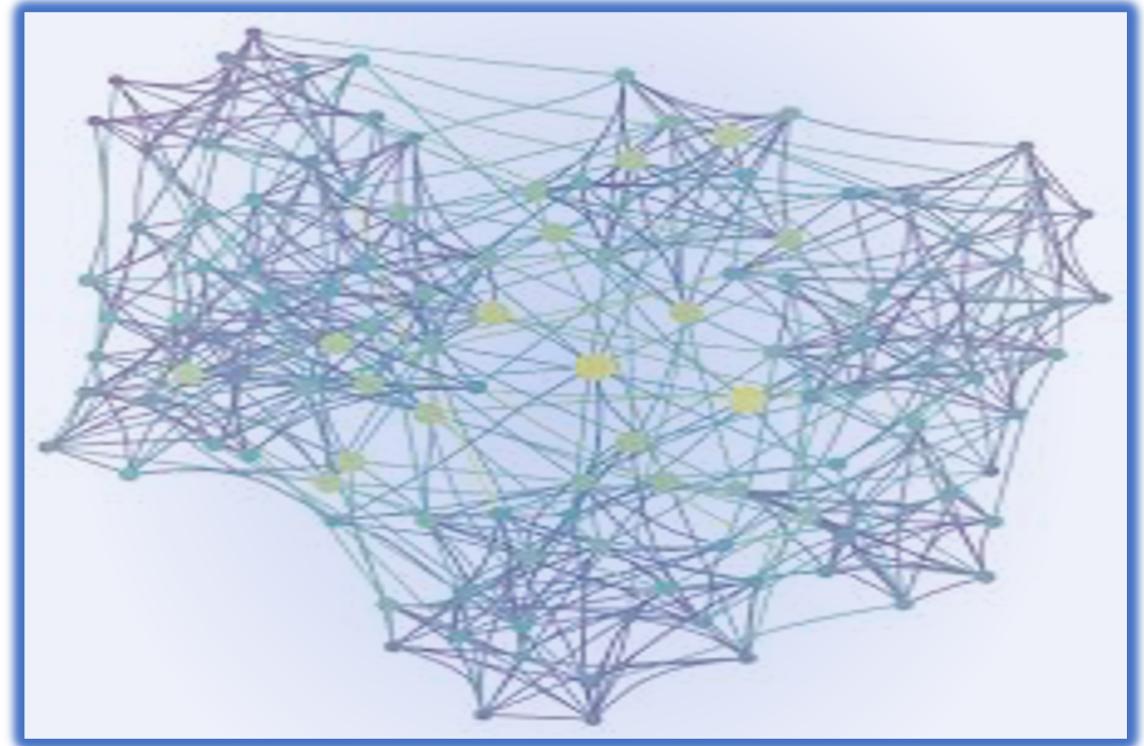
Relief Supplies
Nurses

10,000+
Ladies Aid
Societies

Chapin Hall was filled with ladies who came together to inquire how the charity of women could best serve her country in its impending peril. (Brayton and Terry, Cleveland Branch, USSC, 1869, p. 17)

Activated the network of women's clubs

Vision was National not Local



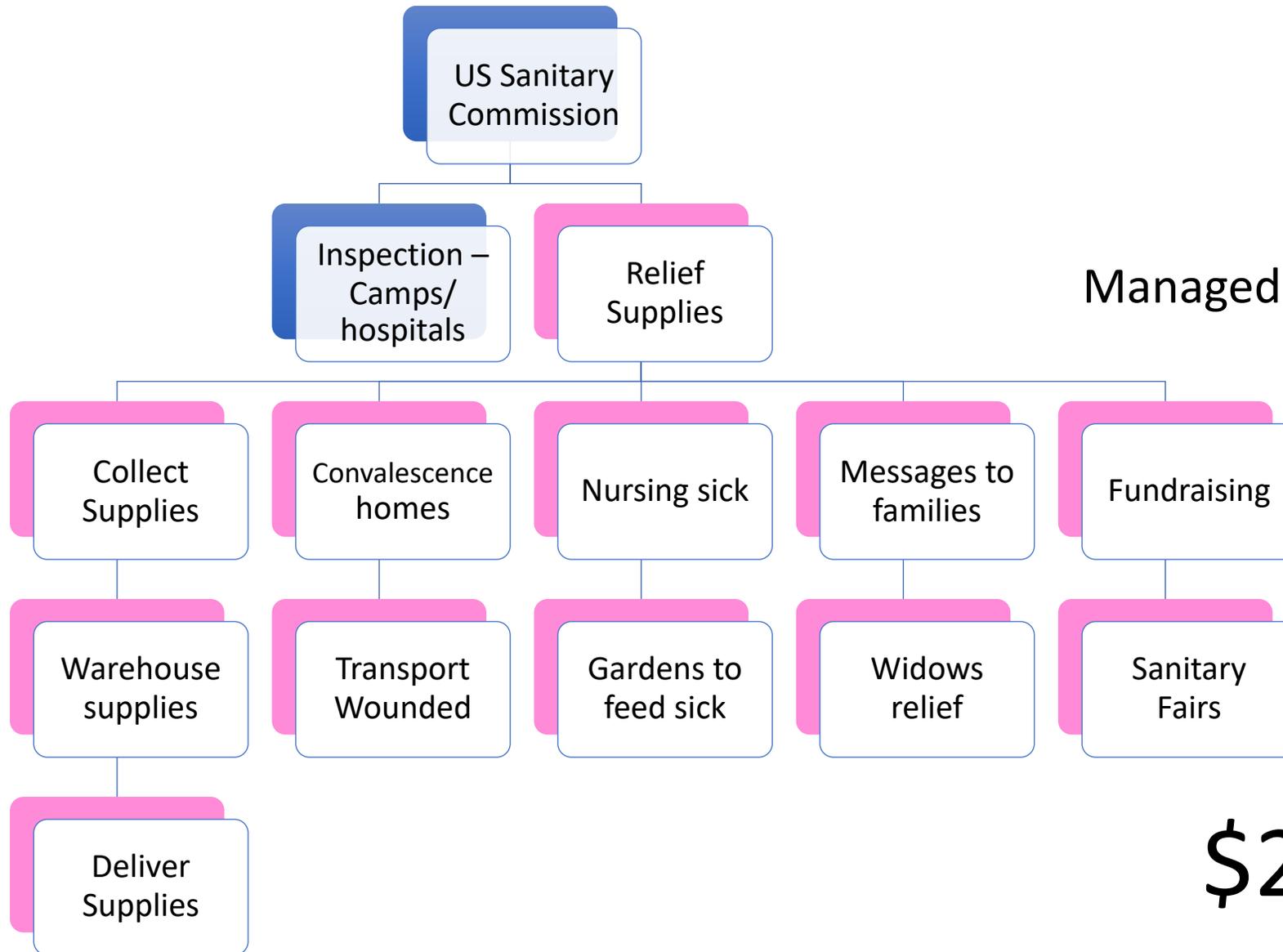


1820-1905

Abolitionist

Manager of Northwest Branch

- Coordinated relief supply effort
- Nurse
- Fundraising
- New programs



Managed by women

Network of aid societies
(women's clubs)

\$25 Million

Nurse made \$3 week (90 hour week)
8.33 million weeks of nursing time.

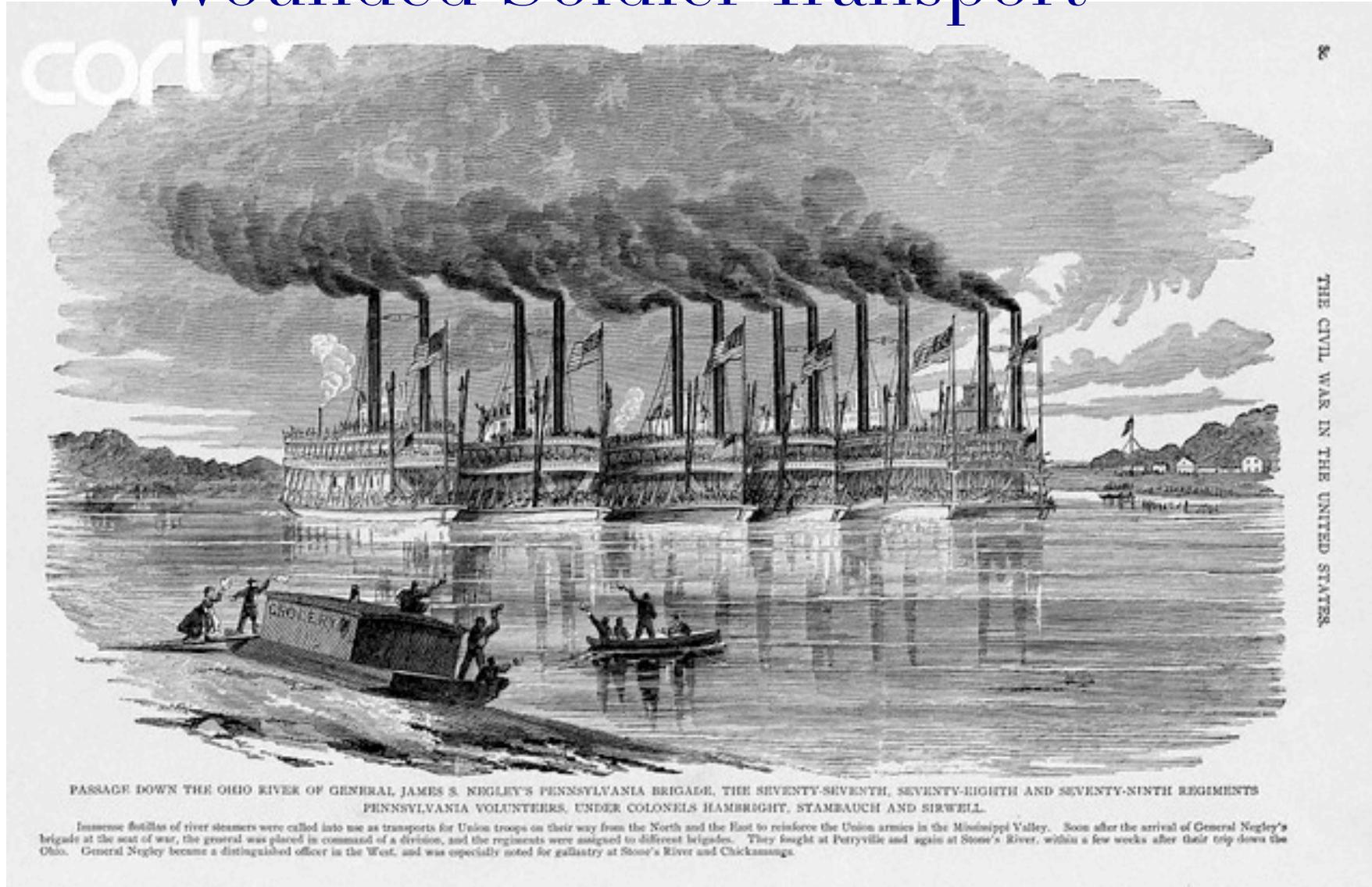
Nursing

- Dorathea Dix required nurses “be over thirty years of age, plain almost to repulsion in dress, and devoid of personal attractions” (Livermore, 1887, 246).
- Mature women – **Mother role**
use the **moral authority** of Mother to serve the Union’s Sons



Clean bedding, Clean clothes, Good food

Supply Transport Wounded Soldier Transport





Chicago Hub



Fund raising – sanitary fairs



Women's New Experiences

They learned how to cooperate intelligently with men; became an expert in conducting public business, in calling and presiding over public meetings, how to keep accounts with precision and system; ... in short, they developed rapidly a remarkable aptitude for business, on which men looked and wondered. **‘Where were these superior women before the war?’** (Livermore, 1891, p. 286)

Stimulated Reform

I registered a vow that when the war was over, I would take up a new work – the work of making law and justice synonymous for women. I have kept my vow religiously (Livermore, 1887/1995, 347)



Accomplishments

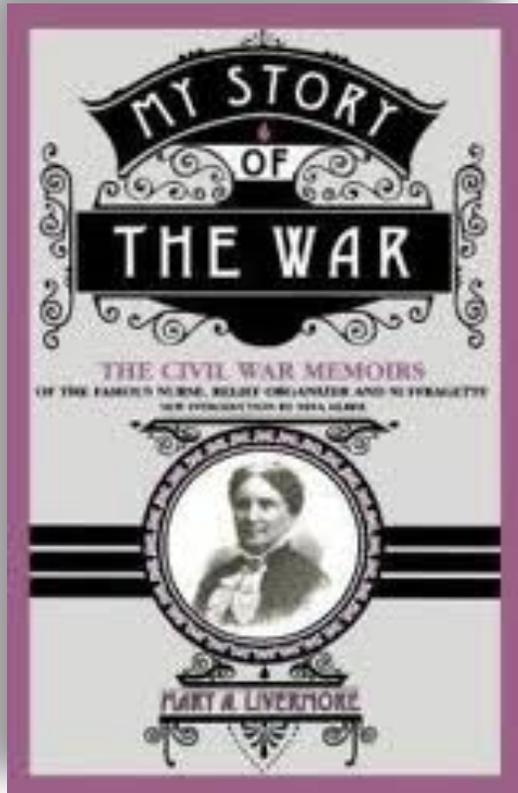
Tangible

Higher education for young women – established colleges for women. Jane Addams went to a college established by Livermore.

Intangible

- Greater acceptance of women's competency
- **Missing link** between female activism of the early 1800 and successful mass successful women's movements of late 19th & early 20th century

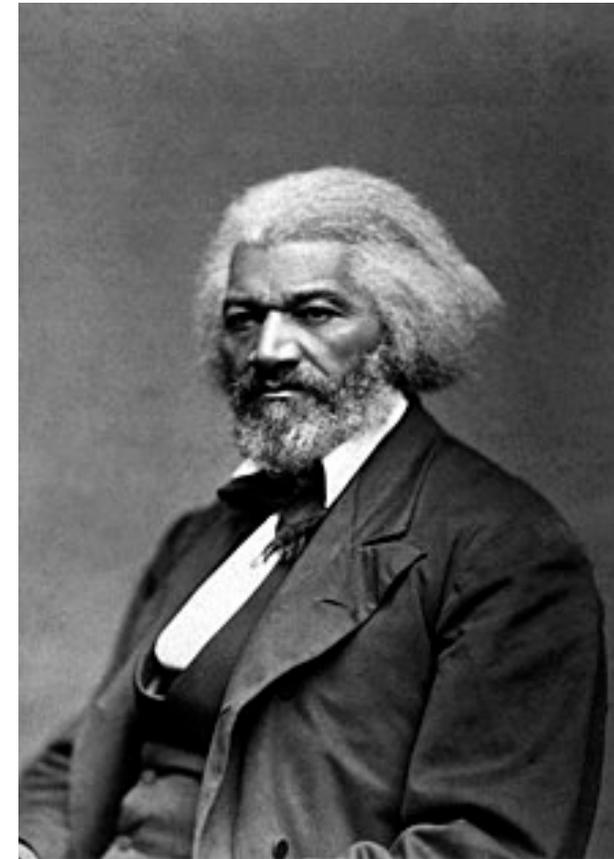
EXPANDED WOMEN'S SPHERE - Open Door For Settlement women



After Civil War

- Publisher – Editor *Agitator*
- *My Story of War*
- Speaker – 20,000 miles year
- Leader Suffrage Movement
President, American Women's Suffrage Assoc.
- Help establish **colleges** for women
Next Generation
- Active early Peace movement

“The most eloquent and able speakers in Congress today do not speak with more self-possession or assurance of fitness than [Mary Livermore]”



Frederick Douglass

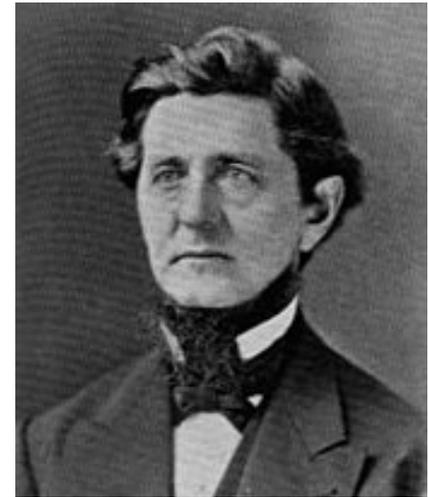


Tilling the soil for Settlement Movement

Alternative Vision of PA



Jane Addams



John Addams

Lessons Learned

- Need to recover the historical contributions of women in PA
- Importance of nonprofits in History of PA
- Similarities to Covid-19 (disarray, medical supply chain problems, national goals/regional response)



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