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South Carolina State Parks

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A SC State Park tribute to #WomensHistoryMonth:

Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site tells the stories of many people, including Caroline (Carrie) Gist, the daughter of "Secessionist Governor" William H. Gist.

This photo shows Carrie (top right corner) as part of the 1859 graduating class at Limestone College in modern-day Cherokee County. Those who attended Limestone studied languages, instrumental and vocal music, embroidery and fancy work, among other instruction. Also, in the 1859 class was Carrie's future sister-in-law, Malvina Black (center – 3rd in middle row). Malvina was married to William M. Gist for a little under a year before he was killed in battle. A widowed Malvina become part of the Confederate treasury, signing Confederate bank notes during the Civil War before she remarried.

Photo courtesy of Arlene Westermeyer.

www.southcarolinaparks.com/rose-hill



Millie West I'm thrilled that the photo has been helpful. My great, great-grandmother, Sallie Jefferies is on the second row, second from left and beside Malvina Black.

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Karen Herschell I have mulled over my response to this. I do not think that these women, particularly at the age they were in the photo, were responsible for their position in their society - they were born into it - and I do not believe in what is referred to as "cancel" culture. But we need to face the facts of our country's and state's history.

Is it appropriate, particularly in this women's history month, to commemorate those who played an integral part of the white economic and social patriarchy...these women who, as they were from wealthy families, most likely actively participated in the subjugation of women of color...how many women on these students' fathers' and husbands' landed properties were subjected to forced labor and yes, to physical and perhaps even sexual abuse? How many of the ladies in that photo at some time in their lives stood by as the children, spouses, parents and dear friends of the women whom they and their men owned were pulled from the arms of those whom they loved and sent to a strange place, knowing that they may would most likely never meet their loved ones again?

I hope that we who look at this photograph think of not only the young ladies in it and their lives but think also of the lives of the women who toiled to physically care for them - who sewed and ironed and cleaned those dresses, who carried the pails of hot water to their baths, who carefully placed their hair in the latest fashion. I hope we pause to think of the women on whose bent backs was created the wealth to support these students' privileged lifestyles and their education.

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Brian Cudd Same class ..slightly different pose...



1859
Class of 1859
Names beginning
from top row
from left
Mary Wilson,
Julia Ray,
Eugenia Coleman,
Carrie Cist,
2nd:
Sallie Jeffries,
Julia Brown,
Mulle Black,
Ida Callison,
Marion Patterson,
3rd:
May Anderson,
Emma Ezelle,
Mary Ramsey,
Lavinia Miller
Sixth plate
ambrotype
2 3/4" x 2 1/8"
in case

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Philipson Arison Brian Cudd I can show you how you can earn up to \$3000 online without you sending money to me or anyone

at 18:46:17 on 3/18/2021 UTC



Jerry Mcdaniel The Gist have a son buried at Hopewell Baptist Church three miles out of Blacksburg.

at 18:54:01 on 3/18/2021 UTC



Leslie Clark Amazing photo and I am sure she was an amazing woman!

at 11:50:38 on 3/19/2021 UTC



Garden City Coffee Grounds - GCCG Karen Herschell well said...my thoughts exactly!

at 0:08:40 on 3/24/2021 UTC



Dorcas Tumininu ♥

at 13:07:37 on 4/18/2021 UTC



Sherry Moskal Karen Herschellin so tired of these kind of white guilt responses to HISTORY. The facts and history of our country's and state's history is FABULOUS!!!!!! If you don't believe in Jesus Christ, then it's another matter. I tell my children and my black friends, if it wasn't for God working on EVERYONE AT THE SAME TIME, and it wasn't for Americans participating in the slave trade, there would be no black Americans today. God's plan is perfect FOR EVERYONE. We MUST live for GOD, he handles everything else.

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Karen Herschell I just slapped my head when I read your comment. How silly of me! Sure, slavery with its accompanying legal kidnap, beatings, sexual assault, child abuse, torture and murder, was a simply wonderful thing. As was the attempted genocide and cultural destruction of the indigenous peoples. And the imprisonment behind barbed wire and under armed guards of 120,000 American citizens and legal residents (one quarter of whom were children) simply because of their ancestry or the country from where they emigrated. And the blatant theft of an island nation who never threatened the US in any way, shape or form. Praise the Lord!

Sorry you are so uncomfortable with the reality of our nation's past. And I find it interesting that you don't value our constitutional freedom of religion.

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