



Andersonville National Historic Site

Living History Program

Civilian Standards for Camp Sumter February 1864 – April 1865

On at least one occasion, the local civilians did bring food to the prisoners. These people were hard working farmers from the immediate area and town people from nearby Americus, Georgia. For the most part, they were not fancy or rich. Please dress accordingly. **All clothing and other items must be of period correct materials, weave, and patterns.** Clothing should have hand worked topstitching and buttonholes. ***The burden of proof resides with the participant.*** If you cannot prove an item or article of clothing was used, you will not be allowed to use it.

- A. Men and boys.
 - 1. Coat.
 - a. Civilian sack or frock coat of the correct material, weaves, and pattern for 1861 – 1865. Civilian overcoats will be allowed in cold weather.
 - 1.) Satinet, wool, jean cloth, cotton.
 - 2. Trousers.
 - a. Civilian sack or frock coat of the correct material, weaves, and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Satinet, wool, jean cloth, cotton.
 - 3. Suspenders.
 - a. Must be of period correct materials, weave, and patterns.
 - 1.) MODERN ELASTIC SUSPENDERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
 - 4. Shirts.
 - a. Civilian sack or frock coat of the correct material, weaves, and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Cotton, period flannel, muslin, linen.
 - 5. Socks.
 - a. Cotton or wool of the correct material, weaves, and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - b. MODERN "HUNTING" SOCKS CONTAINING ELASTIC, OR WITH RED OR OTHER COLORED STRIPES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

6. Shoes or boots.
 - a. Civilian boots, brogans, or bootees of the correct material and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Leather.
 - 2.) Leather/canvas.
 - 3.) MODIFIED MODERN COMBAT BOOTS, COWBOY BOOTS, CHUKKA BOOTS, BOONDOCKERS OR HUSHPUPIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

- B. Women/girls.
 1. Dress.
 - a. Day or work – no hoops- hand woven if possible. Dress must be of the correct material, weaves, and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - b. Cotton, wool, muslin, linen, satin.
 - 1.) NO MODERN PRINTS.
 2. Shawls, capes, bonnets, and aprons.
 - a. Must be of the correct material, weaves, and patterns for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Cotton, wool, muslin, linen, satin.
 3. Shoes or boots.
 - a. Must be of the correct material and pattern for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Cotton, wool, muslin, linen, satin.
 4. Blankets.
 - a. Must be of the correct material, weaves, and patterns for 1861 – 1865.
 - 1.) Cotton or wool.

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