

Burgess

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sire, a need, and a will to uncover a hidden truth; to unearth the legacy of a ordinary, noble, and great women buried in the smokey ashes of time.

The Journey

There was nowhere to begin. No anthology, no books, no guidance; only vague and seldom mentioned references that shed dawn's light on her subject of women who served during the Civil War. This challenge was the daunting obstacle that loomed over Burgess. She had sued and won the right to participate in living history reenactment of Civil War battles after having been removed from, then thrown out of, a national park that was hosting the event. Their reason for her dismissal: they didn't want to present that aspect of history.

After putting out notices of inquiry, she was eventually contacted by the Wakemans, a very proud and traditional family, who had almost embarrassedly saved a collection of letters from a somewhat "odd" member of their family

(they thought it strange that a woman would disguise herself as a man to join the army). After what seemed like an impossible trial by fire, Lauren Cook Burgess finally got the break she was looking for...or had a spirit from the



distant past found its conduit to truth?

For two years Burgess dove into her research, expending every bit on spare time and change she could muster to unravel the foggy mystery that was Sara Rosetta Wakeman's life; hidden

yet alive, lost yet real. The hours, days, and years of research had an almost spiritual effect on Burgess, for through her efforts, she came to "know" Sara; to understand, experience, and realize the pride, honor, loneliness, fear, and pain that Sara shared through her letters.

Burgess' journey, arduous yet poignant, reached its climax when she visited Sara Rosetta Wakeman's grave site. She had to do it alone, in the quiet warmth of a Louisiana sun; a gentle wind whispering a silent prayer to a sister-in-arms now gone...much like the quiet tear that fell softly from her cheek.

Look at their pictures closely; Lauren Cook Burgess and Sara Rosetta Wakeman. What you'll see is two women who have made their mark by forcing their combined and united wills beyond the barriers of time, prejudice, and classism. We, the FSU family, stand with the historians, institutes of learning, and others of merit who have and will continue to applaud your historicly triumphant effort to champion Truth.

Look again at Sara's picture. Is it me, or is Sara smiling?

For a more specific and intimate rendering of the details of An Uncommon Soldier, you are invited to join Lauren Cook Burgess on October 1, 1994, 1:00 pm: The Reading Room, located at Cross Creek Mall.

Scholar

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The Public Education Outreach Office also plans to meet individually with each scholar at least three times during the academic year to monitor academic progress. The office also encourages scholars to take advantage of the Mentoring Program, the Counseling Center, and the Career Planning and Placement Office for further support during the academic year.

It seems that the Chancellor's Scholarship Program is continually improving every year for the benefit of its student scholars. As long as this program continues to be focused on the needs of its scholars one can deduce that, as students acquire more motivational skills, retention rate of scholarships from year to year will continue to increase. Is this a successful program? Even if only one student made full use of the Chancellor's Scholarship Program it would, in my eyes, remain a success.

Grant

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education more accessible to them. The EOC is one of numerous educational outreach programs established by Fayetteville State University to improve educational outcomes and the quality of life for citizens in the Cape Fear region. Information about EOC program and its services can be obtained in the main office in the Helen T. Chick Building on the FSU campus; in one of the satellite offices in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Sampson counties; or by calling (910) 486-1171 or 1 800 572-3646.

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PT: 5:20pm - 9:00pm
FT: 12:00pm - 9:00pm

These are set hours, they are NOT flexible. Saturdays are optional. Call 485-5009, you could start today!