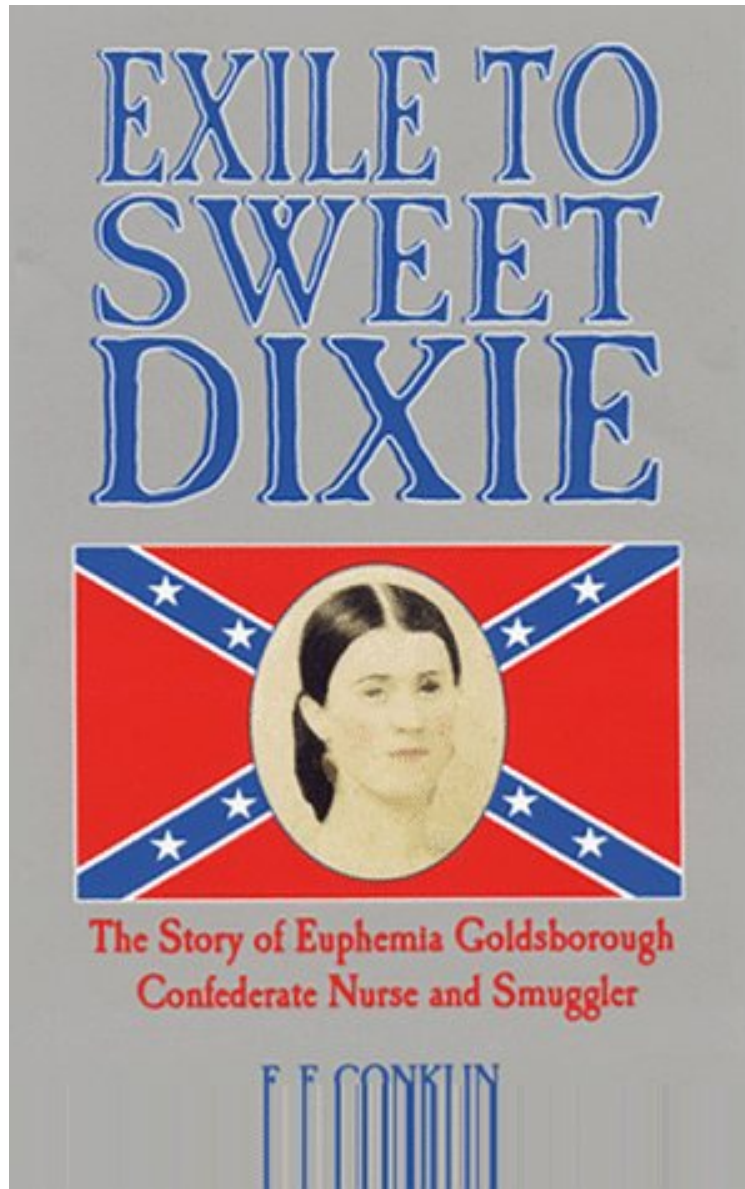


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Exile to Sweet Dixie, based on the research of the Goldsborough Collection, sheds light on some rarely explored aspects of women's Civil War history. The Confederate nurse's experiences at Gettysburg, the activities of Confederate women in Baltimore, the treatment of female prisoners by Federal military authorities, and life as an exiled woman in the South are all part of Euphemia Goldsborough's war time experiences. The collection which has reposed in the hands of the descendants for 140 years has been expanded for this volume with additional documentation and information. Euphemia Goldsborough, while a nurse at Gettysburg, kept "hospital books" replete with signatures and missives of wounded Confederate prisoners. She commenced her diaries at the time of her arrest and exile in 1863. Her correspondence with Confederate soldiers, prisoners, and their families is included, along with her Provost Marshal file in its entirety. This story is one of courage, endurance, and achievement. Euphemia Goldsborough exemplifies the Southern woman committed to the Confederacy and its people both during and after the war. Against great odds and risking all that was dear, Euphemia Goldsborough acted selflessly for convictions that many Americans still value today. Working for the greater good, accepting personal responsibility, adherence to beliefs, and helping those in need are, hopefully, held in timeless esteem.

From Kirkus sA thoroughly researched but ultimately unreadable diary of a Civil Warera nurse and smuggler, edited by Conklin, a Gettysburg battlefield guide and lecturer on women in the Civil War. Euphemia Goldsborough ("Pheme," as the editor calls her), born to a prosperous Maryland family, was 24 at the onset of the Civil War. In a diary and in a journal called a hospital book, she recorded her experiences as a nurse in a hospital and in a Union camp for captured Confederate soldiers (she smuggled letters and parcels to the prisoners). While Goldsborough is a fairly lively writer and offers new information on such topics as the role of women nurses at Gettysburg and Confederate women in Baltimore, as well as the treatment of female prisoners, there is far more irrelevant detail here than even the most ardent Civil War buff would ever care to read. The "hospital book" offers little more than a catalog of injuries and deaths of Confederate soldiers. An important historical document, but not for general readers. (photos, not seen) -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.