

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Varina Howell Davis

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Joan E. Cashin	<i>First Lady of the Confederacy: Varina Davis's Civil War</i> . Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006.
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Books

William C. Davis	<i>Jefferson Davis: The Man and His Hour</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 1991.
James McGrath Morris	<i>Pulitzer: A Life in Politics, Print, and Power</i> . New York: HarperCollins, 2010.
C. Vann Woodward, Ed.	<i>Mary Chesnut's Civil War</i> . New Haven: Yale University Press, 1981.

Organizations

Organization	Description, Contact information including address, email
The Briars, Natchez, Mississippi	Family home of Varina Howell Davis and site of her marriage to Jefferson Davis, this antebellum mansion is on the National Register and is now a 15 bedroom hotel. The Briars Inn, 31 Irving Lane, Natchez MS 39121, 601 446 9654, 1 800 633 MISS.
Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia	The centerpiece of the Museum is The White House of the Confederacy where Jefferson and Varina Davis lived with their family from 1861-1865.

	Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 East Clay Street, Richmond, VIRGINIA 23219, www.moc.org .
Beauvoir House, Gulfport, Mississippi	Last home of Jefferson and Varina Davis, site of his retirement and his Presidential Library, Beauvoir House is operated by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and was a home for Confederate veterans and their widows until 1957. Beauvoir House, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531, 228 388 4400, www.beauvoir.org

Web Resources

Other Sources

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The Howell Family Papers	The best collection of Varina Howell Davis' family papers. The Huntington Library 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108, 626 405 2100, www.huntington.org

Scholars

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