

Children's Clothing:

[Originals by Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey) also produces very attractive and accurate children's clothing to order and sometimes has ready mades. She frequently has tiny child sized corded petticoats in stock.

Aldridge Clothiers <http://www.aldridgeclothiers.com/>

Children's Patterns:

[Elizabeth Stewart Clark](#) focuses on patterns for infants; boys to age six; girls to age 12-14; and dressmaking instructional books for the 12-20 crowd, as well as adult women.

Toys & Schoolbooks:

[Ragged Soldier Sutlery](#) (Mike & Virginia Mescher) (VA) carries a wide variety of toys and games from the period and also carries slates and slate pencils for period school work.

Women's Clothing

[Originals By Kay](#) - Kay Gnagey has an excellent eye for period color combinations and trim. Basic prices are fairly low as they don't include hand finishing, which is extra, but you can save money by doing this yourself. Does great muslin fittings.

Anna Allen (<http://www.thegracefullady.com/>) - Long distance muslin fittings for custom orders work beautifully. She does period-correct work, a good deal of hand finishing, and is always on time with her orders.

[The Civil War Lady](#) - Joy Melcher. Great gathered-bodice work dresses, plus very nice sheers. Often has lovely ball dresses in silk as well.

Robin Stokes <http://www.robinstokes.com/>

<http://www.themantuamaker.com> Mrs Vivian Murphy

Ivy Wolf Design- <https://www.facebook.com/IvyWolfDesign>

Handstitches In Time, Michelle Forbes, <http://www.etsy.com/shop/handstitchesintime>

<http://www.lavendersgreen.com>

Millinery:

[Originals By Kay](#)

Vivian Murphy (<http://www.themantuamaker.net/>) her bonnet forms frequently fit a larger head

Mrs. Parker's Millinery and Mercantile <http://www.victorianbonnets.com/>

Timely Tresses <http://www.timelytresses.com/>

Miller's Millinery <http://www.bonnets.com/>

Anna Worden Bauersmith <https://www.etsy.com/people/AnnaWordenBauersmith>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Three-Sisters-Millinery/105934002761258>

Kathey Kelley Hunt - kkhunt@mycvc.net Millinery of all kinds

Southern Serendipity, Holly Sheen - www.southernserendipity.etsy.com Ladies caps and Ball headdresses

Ladies Footwear:

Robert Land <http://www.robertlandhistoricshoes.com>

The most accurate reproduction women's footwear to be had. He sells through his website, as well as several sutlers in Gettysburg, including Abraham's Lady.

Fugawee

The Fugawee "Victoria" and "Rose" boots are very good value for money. While not the quality of the above custom shoe makers, they meet standards and are a good starter shoe commonly available "off the rack" in a variety of sizes. As well as ordering via their website, they can also be bought via Heirloom Emporium and Abraham's Lady.

Underpinnings:

Originals By Kay (Kay Gnagey) <http://www.originals-by-kay.com>

Makes a variety of corset models, specializes in gusseted corsets which are comfortable and the most common in our era.

The Civil War Lady (Joy Melcher)

Although we cannot advocate ready-made corsets as your first choice, since a custom fitted corset is always the wisest choice, Civil War Lady does make custom corsets, and for those just getting started or "testing the waters", she also has ready-made corsets in stock.

The Lady in White, 2612 Robinwood Avenue, Toledo, OH Phone: 419-244-8843.
Good starter undergarments.

THE MANTUA MAKER, Vivian Murphy, www.vmurphymantuamaker@gmail.com

Handstitches In Time, Michelle Forbes, <http://www.etsy.com/shop/handstitchesintime>

Lavender's Green Historic Clothing, <http://www.lavendersgreen.com>

Collars, Cuffs and Undersleeves:

Originals By Kay (Kay Gnagey)

Carries a variety of very nicely done collars, cuffs and undersleeves in myriad

documented patterns, including some items that you don't see elsewhere. Sometimes has knit and crocheted undersleeves.

Anna Allen www.thegracefullady.com

Excellent collars, cuffs and undersleeves both plain and fancy, to custom-order

Chemises, Drawers & Petticoats (top quality)

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey)

Makes a variety of chemises based on originals in her collection, including a very pretty model with pintucks on the front, as well as drawers, including nice warm canton flannel ones. Has ready-made woolen winter underpetticoats that are very nice too

Chemises, Drawers & Petticoats (budget)

Chemises, drawers and under and over the hoop petticoats are items that are easy to make on one's own and are also areas where you can economize by buying less expensive ready made that are serviceable. Because you are usually shopping in a sutlery that will have good things as well as the not-so-accurate, be sure to take someone with you whose research you trust.

James Country Mercantile (<http://www.jamescountry.com/>)

Has quite decent cheap drawers and chemises, in both white cotton and unbleached muslin. The latter is less authentic. They are worth patronizing among the general interest sutlers as they also produce the high-authenticity Homespun Patterns and a variety of items that are higher on the authenticity scale than the average.

Heirloom Emporium <http://www.heirloomemporium.com/>

Cindy Hopes carries a wide range of items, including good, high-authenticity items for reenactors as well as tourist stuff for spectators. Underpinnings are usually quite good. In addition to budget priced items she also carries some top of the line items including corded petticoats by Lynne Gaither. She also sometimes has flannel underpetticoats.

[Elizabeth Stewart Clark](#)

For do-it-yourself-ers, her website has several FREE patterns on it, infants, children, women, and dolls, as well as instruction books.

Cage crinoline kits or custom made:

[Wooded Hamlet Designs](#) Based on an original in their collection, this is the most accurate reproduction we have seen. You also have the option of having the creators of the kit make the cage for you or send you a kit.

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey) Carries a kit, or will do cages to order

Amazon Drygoods

<http://www.amazondrygoods.com/categories/clothing/underpinnings.html>

Corded Petticoats:

Corded Petticoats by Lynne Gaither

<http://home.comcast.net/~lynnegaither/index.html>

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey)

Also makes nice corded petticoats, including tiny ones for children.

Miscellaneous Accessories:

Historic Eyewear Company - Period Eyewear

862.812.4737 9AM - 5PM EST, Monday - Friday

<http://www.historiceyewearcompany.com/default.aspx>

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey)

Fans and a variety of other accessories. At events, also carries high quality stockings.

Abraham's Lady <http://www.abrahamslady.com/>

Carries a wide variety of useful accessories, including some antique jewelry, fans, gloves, stockings and other basic items. Quality can vary from the very best to standard sutler row, so shop carefully.

Anna Worden Bauersmith <https://www.etsy.com/people/AnnaWordenBauersmith>

Aldridge Clothiers <http://www.aldridgeclothiers.com/>

Buttons

John Zaharias, Sutler. www.thebuttonbaron.com

Knit & Crochet Goods

Karin Timour (men's socks & accessories)- 212-567-0605 ktimour@aol.com

Colleen Formby (ladies' knitted goods) <http://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLadysWorkbox>

MorganAside Kathleen Yurkonis (knitted goods) morganaside@gmail.com

South Union Mills - www.southunionmills.com Socks, stockings, other knit goods, straw hats, coverlets, and blankets

Ezra Barnhouse Goods www.ezrabarnhousegoods.com

Jewelry

Anita Lauramore - Ortega Traders They are on Facebook and have a website:

www.ortegatraders.com

www.thecivilwarlady.com

Southern Serendipity, Holly Sheen - www.southernserendipity.etsy.com Victorian wristlets and bracelets

Parasols:

[Marta Vincent](#) -- does an excellent job at recovering original parasol frames that have lost their covers and are therefore suitable for reenacting. Her husband repairs parasol frames and makes very nice bonnet stands.

Toiletries:

[The Ragged Soldier Sutlery](#) (Mike & Virginia Mescher) carries a wide variety of colognes of the era including Carmelite Water, Hungary Water, Florida Water, etc. Virginia's new book on period cosmetics and toiletries is particularly worth buying and available from them at events or online.

[The Arabia Museum](#): has chemically analyzed and reproduced two colognes from residue found at the bottom of perfume bottles on this steamboat that sunk in the Mississippi in 1856.

Hair Supplies:

Hairpieces: Heirloom Emporium <http://www.heirloomemporium.com/> carries a good selection of hairpieces suitable for reenacting. Abraham's Lady carries some hairpieces too. Also, check your local wig shop. You *WILL* need to compare hairpieces to your hair in good light, so we would hesitate to recommend that you buy these through the mail or online.

Hairpins: Faux tortoiseshell hairpins can be obtained at events from Heirloom Emporium. They are also available at Sally Beauty Supply and online at [HairBoutique.com](#). Metal hairpins may be found online at <http://plainlydressed.bravepages.com/headcoveringfile.html> . About the only difference between the appearance of these and a period hairpin is that these are not japanned.

Antique Haircombs: Betty Loba. If you buy online, be aware that you should know what you are looking for. Many sellers will call things "Civil War era" when they are not.

Pomade: You needn't buy pomade as there are a number of period recipes available, many of which are mentioned in the book on toiletries that may be found at www.raggedsoldier.com . In addition, although not listed on their website, Cornier Clothiers (<http://www.cornerclothiers.com/>) has an excellent reproduction pomade sold in an authentic style container as well.

Outerwear:

Coats, Paletots, Mantles, Etc:

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey)

Often has a good selection of outerwear in a variety of styles, including items based on patterns in Godeys and Petersons that are generally not being reproduced by others. Also does silk mantles and other under-represented items.

Woven Shawls:

[Originals By Kay](#) (Kay Gnagey)

Has modern Indian paisley shawls available on her website that are a good approximation of period woven paisley shawls.

Abraham's Lady <http://www.abrahamslady.com/>

Often has period woven paisley shawls that are not in museum condition yet sturdy enough to be used CAREFULLY for reenacting. Also sometimes has vintage, non-antique woolen shawls of the right dimensions for our period. (e.g. ca. 60 in square or 60x180 rectangular to be doubled)

Women's Wardrobe Resources

Pattern Lines for Home or Hired Sewing

Fig Leaf Patterns (and KayFig): www.figleafpatterns.com; www.originals-by-kay.com

Laughing Moon Patterns: www.lafnmoon.com

Past Patterns: www.pastpatterns.com

Truly Victorian Patterns: www.trulyvictorian.com

Free patterns for undergarments in the Compendium at www.elizabethstewartclark.com

Discussion Forums & Educational Opportunities

www.authentic-campaigner.com

www.thesewingacademy.org

www.genteelarts.com

Cwneedleworkers yahoo group

Men's Clothing:

Corner Clothiers <http://www.cornerclothiers.com/>

Jim Ruley

James Williams / Williams Clothiers, LLC - <http://williamsclothiers.com/>

Ivy Wolf Design- <https://www.facebook.com/IvyWolfDesign>

Ezra Barnhouse Goods www.ezrabarnhousegoods.com

Men's Footwear:

[Mattamore Harness](#) (Tom Mattamore)

Missouri Boot & Shoe Co <http://www.missouribootandshoe.com>