

APPENDIX B
Cover Letter and Survey

Dear Alumna,

I am a graduate student in the History Department at the College of William and Mary and am working on a master's thesis on women students at the College from 1918 to 1945. Professor Helen Cam Walker is directing my work. Using the resources in the College Archives, I have found a great deal of information about the various campus activities during that time. However, I would also like to know something about the background of the women students and also about what they did after they left the College. Hence this letter. By filling out the enclosed questionnaire, you will give me the answers I am seeking. I am interested only in the overall statistical picture; your name will not be used in any analysis based on this questionnaire. I do hope that the Alumni Gazette will accept an article based on my findings.

A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. I wish I could afford to pay the return postage, but as I am sending out approximately 3000 questionnaires, the cost would be prohibitive. Please return the questionnaires to: Laura Parrish
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I appreciate the help you are giving me in this study. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

I hate to bother you with a deadline, but in order to utilize the material in my thesis, I will need the questionnaire back in four weeks. Once again, thank you.

Laura Frances Parrish

1. How important were the following in affecting your decision to attend William and Mary?

	very important	somewhat important	not very important	not at all important
a. parents wanted me to attend	()	()	()	()
b. friends were attending	()	()	()	()
c. close to home	()	()	()	()
d. academic program attracted me	()	()	()	()
e. relative had attended	()	()	()	()
f. other (please specify)	()	()	()	()

2. How was your education financed? (check as many as apply)

- by parents
 scholarship
 part-time employment and summer work
 by other family member
 other (please specify)

3. In what year did you graduate? _____

4. Where were you living when you entered William and Mary?
state: _____

if Virginia, what city or county? _____

5. What was your major? _____

6. What was your minor? _____

7. Do you have an advanced degree (master's or doctorate)?

- no
 yes

if yes, was it earned at William and Mary? no
 yes

8. What job did you hold immediately after graduation?

9. What other positions have you held since graduation?

10. Did you have a full-time job before you entered William and Mary?

- no
 yes

if yes, what was it? _____

11. What is your marital status?
 single
 married
 widowed
 divorced
12. If ever married, did you meet your first (or only) husband while you were both students at William and Mary?
 no
 yes
13. If married more than once, had you met any of your other husbands while you were both students at William and Mary?
 no
 yes
14. Did you marry before you graduated? (If you married after your final exams but before graduation, please answer no.)
 no
 yes

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15. How many children do you have? _____
16. What is your husband's occupation?
17. How much formal education has your husband had?
 none
 eighth grade or less
 some high school
 high school graduate
 some college
 college graduate
 graduate work
 vocational or other post-high school training
18. What was your father's occupation at the time you entered William and Mary?
19. How much formal schooling had your father had?
 none
 eighth grade or less
 some high school
 high school graduate
 some college
 college graduate
 graduate work
 vocational or other post-high school training

20. What was your mother's occupation at the time you entered William and Mary?
21. How much formal education had your mother had?
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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> some college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eighth grade or less | <input type="checkbox"/> college graduate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> some high school | <input type="checkbox"/> graduate work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> high school graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> vocational or other post-high school training |
22. What was your religion when you entered William and Mary?
23. Did you transfer to William and Mary from another college?
- no
 yes
24. What other relatives have attended William and Mary?
(check as many as apply)
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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> cousin(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mother | <input type="checkbox"/> uncle(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> brother(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> aunt(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sister(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> niece(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child(ren) | <input type="checkbox"/> nephew(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grandfather(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify) |
25. Briefly, why did you go to college? (check the most important one, only)
- to prepare for a career
 parents expected me to go
 to enjoy the social life and to meet people
 wanted to be well-educated
 could not think of anything better to do
 other (please specify)

I would also enjoy hearing any of your favorite stories from your college days - funny or sad, about friends, professors, dormitory life, or whatever. Please use the back to write them down. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire.

APPENDIX C

The number of cases for each question is given by the equation $n = \text{some number}$. For most questions, the number of cases was 1338, but this does vary for some questions. Because of rounding, the figures will not always add up to 100%.

1. How important were the following in affecting your decision to attend William and Mary?

	very important	somewhat important	not very important	not at all important	no answer
a. parents wanted me to attend	34.2%	18.8%	5%	9.4%	32.5%
b. friends were attending	12.8%	12.1%	5.8%	22.6%	46.5%
c. close to home	21.5%	13.6%	4.6%	17.8%	42.3%
d. academic program attracted me	36.1%	17.6%	2.9%	4.4%	38.7%
e. relative had attended	11.2%	6.9%	3.1%	24.8%	53.8%
f. other (please specify)	31.4%	3.5%	0%	2.7%	62.1%

2. How was your education financed? (n=1338)

- 91.9% by parents
- 23.4% with scholarship
- 15.5% with part-time employment and summer work
- 9.0% by other family member
- 6.8% other

3. In what year did you graduate? (n=1338)

- 11.8% in 1918-1929
- 39.5% in 1930-1939
- 32.8% in 1940-1945
- 15.9% in other years, or did not graduate, or year not given

4. Where were you living when you entered William and Mary? (n=1338)

5.0% South outside of Virginia (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia)

2.5% New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

26.2% Mid-Atlantic (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York)

4.6% Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)

1.7% West (all other states)

0.5% foreign

57.8% Virginia

Percentage of Virginia students from each region (regional breakdown based on A Hornbook of Virginia History)(n=774)

2% Eastern Shore (Accomack, Northampton);

2.9% Northern Neck (King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond County, Stafford, Westmoreland)

3.9% Middle Peninsula (Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, Middlesex)

18.7% Peninsula (Charles City, Elizabeth City, Hanover, James City, New Kent, Warwick, York, Williamsburg, Hampton, Newport News)

20.2% Tidewater (Nansemond, Norfolk, Princess Anne, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach)

17.5% Southside and Southern Piedmont (Amelia, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Isle of Wight, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Petersburg, Danville, Lynchburg)

17.8% Central and Northern Piedmont (Albemarle, Amherst, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Goochland, Henrico, Greene, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Charlottesville)

3.4% Northern Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax, Alexandria)

2.6% Shenandoah Valley (Upper Valley) (Augusta, Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren)

1.1% Central Valley (Allegheny, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Highland, Rockbridge)

9.4% Southwest (Lower Valley) (Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke County, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe, Roanoke, Salem)

5. What was your major? (n=1338)
- 23.1% social sciences (anthropology, economics, government, history, international relations, psychology, social studies, sociology)
 - 33.5% humanities (art history, English, fine arts, foreign languages, liberal arts, music, philosophy, religion, theatre and speech)
 - 15.4% sciences (biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, science)
 - 22.6% professional studies (business, communications, education, health, home economics, journalism, law, library science, merchandising, nursing, nutrition, physical education, pre-law, pre-nursing, radio, secretarial science, social work)
 - 2.9% none
6. What was your minor? (n=1338)
- 19.7% social sciences
 - 32.0% humanities
 - 15.8% sciences
 - 14.6% professional studies
 - 14.3% none
7. Do you have an advanced degree? (n=1338)
- 77.8% no
 - 22.2% yes
- If yes, was it earned at William and Mary? (n=296)
- 89.8% no
 - 10.1% yes
8. What job did you hold immediately after graduation? (n=1338)
- 78.6% white collar
 - 0.3% blue collar
 - 2.6% unable to determine
 - 17.6% no job, volunteer work, or housewife
9. What other jobs have you held since graduation? (n=1338)
- 70% white collar
 - 0.1% blue collar
 - 2.0% unable to determine
 - 27.6% no job, volunteer work, or housewife
10. Did you have a full-time job before you entered William and Mary? (n=1338)
- 94.8% no

5.2% yes

If yes, what was it?

- 32 teachers
- 9 secretaries
- 7 office clerks
- 6 saleswomen
- 3 bookkeepers
- 3 school workers
- 2 waitresses
- 2 journalists
- 1 library worker
- 1 communications worker
- 1 writer

11. What is your marital status? (n=1338)

- 0.3% no answer
- 9.3% single
- 60.9% married
- 24.1% widowed
- 5.1% divorced

12. If ever married, did you meet your first (or only) husband while you were both students at William and Mary? (n=1338)

- 86.6% no
- 13.4% yes

13. If married more than once, had you met any of your other husbands while you were both students at William and Mary? (n=1338)

- 99.7% no, or does not apply
- 0.3% yes

14. Did you marry before you graduated? (n=1338)

- 94.1% no
- 5.9% yes

15. How many children do you have? (n=1336)

- 19.9% none
- 45.7% one or two
- 30.4% three or four
- 3.5% five or more

16. What is your husband's occupation? (n=1208)

- 77.6% white collar

0.6% blue collar
2.2% farmer
5.2% unable to determine
14.2% none, no answer, retired

17. How much formal education has your husband had? (n=1208)

0.2% none
0.8% eighth grade or less
3.0% some high school
5.6% high school graduate
17.3% some college
28.6% college graduate
39.6% graduate work
2.9% vocational training
1.0% no answer

18. What was your father's occupation at the time you entered William and Mary? (n=1336)

70.1% white collar
0.8% blue collar
8.6% farmer
8.7% unable to determine
11.5% none, no answer, retired

19. How much formal schooling had your father had? (n=1336)

0.7% none
12.2% eighth grade or less
11.9% some high school
13.9% high school graduate
16.2% some college
16.0% college graduate
18.9% graduate work
7.5% vocational training
2.0% no answer

20. What was your mother's occupation at the time you entered William and Mary? (n=1336)

8.5% white collar
0.3% blue collar
0.3% farmer
77.9% housewife
10.3% none, no answer, retired

21. How much formal education did your mother have? (n=1336)
- 0.6% none
 - 7.1% eighth grade or less
 - 10.4% some high school
 - 26.1% high school graduate
 - 24.6% some college
 - 18.1% college graduate
 - 2.5% graduate work
 - 8.9% vocational training
 - 1.1% no answer
22. What was your religion when you entered William and Mary? (n=1336)
- 92.5% Protestant
 - 2.5% Catholic
 - 1.8% Jewish
 - 3.0% none, no answer
23. Did you transfer to William and Mary from another college? (n=1336)
- 75.6% no
 - 24.4% yes
24. What other relatives had (or have) attended William and Mary?
(n=1336)
- 3.4% father
 - 0.8% mother
 - 10.7% brother
 - 19.8% sister
 - 14.5% children
 - 0.5% grandfather
 - 25.7% cousins
 - 6.5% uncle
 - 1.8% aunt
 - 9.0% niece
 - 5.8% nephew
 - 7.7% other
25. Briefly, why did you go to college? (n=1033)
- 49.9% to prepare for a career
 - 20.4% parents expected me to go
 - 5.1% to enjoy the social life and to meet people
 - 47.6% wanted to be well-educated
 - 1.0% could not think of anything better to do
 - 3.0% other reasons

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