

Richmond National Battlefield Park



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Fact: Matron Phoebe Pember wrote of her work at Chimborazo Hospital in A Southern Woman's Story.

Chimborazo was the largest hospital in the country during the Civil War. During the war, Chimborazo treated approximately 78,000 sick and wounded Confederate soldiers. Year-round breezes and good sanitary conditions, combined with excellent care from surgeons such as Dr. James McCaw and matrons such as Phoebe Pember, reduced the mortality rate at Chimborazo to a mere 10%.