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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College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

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?

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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?
   __ none
   __ eighth grade or less
   __ some high school
   __ high school graduate
   __ some college
   __ college graduate
   __ graduate work
   __ 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)
   __ father
   __ mother
   __ brother(s)
   __ sister(s)
   __ child(ren)
   __ grandfather(s)
   __ cousin(s)
   __ uncle(s)
   __ aunt(s)
   __ niece(s)
   __ nephew(s)
   __ other (please specify)

25. Briefly, why did you go to college? (check the most important one, only)
   __ to prepare for a career
   __ 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= 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?

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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
   19.6% 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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