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Civil War Women's Riot historical marker dedicated in Columbus

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Dr. W. Todd Groce, president and CEO of the Georgia Historical Society and James H. Blanchard, representing the Georgia Historical Society board of curators, unveiled a new historical marker Tuesday afternoon in the 1300 block of Broadway in Columbus.

The marker commemorates the Civil War Women's Riot from April of 1863, where sixty five Columbus women, armed with pistols and knives, met at the site of the marker before marching down Broad Street and raiding speculator's stores.

The Georgia Historical Society, in partnership with The Georgia Department of Economic Development, unveiled and dedicated the marker during a 3pm ceremony.

Mike Haskey mhaskey@ledger-enquirer.com Dr. W. Todd Groce, president and CEO of the Georgia Historical Society,far right, reads the words on a new historical marker unveiled Tuesday afternoon

- Mike Haskey

Dr. Virginia Causey, professor of history at Columbus State University and Ken Johnson, director of programs and education at the National Civil War Naval Museum, related the history surrounding and leading up to the Civil War Women's Riot, as well as what happened that day.

The event is part of the Civil War 150 Historical Marker Project.

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