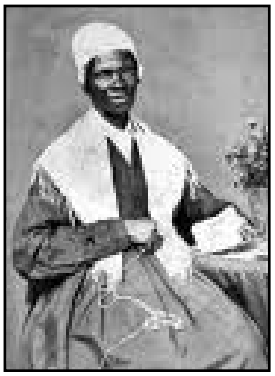
Sojourner Truth: A Life Undaunted

11 a.m. • February 25, 2011

Join the National Park Service for a special program about Sojourner Truth at 11 a.m. Feb. 25 as part of General Grant National Memorial's observance of Black History Month, whose theme this year is " African Americans and the Civil War." Many African Americans played significant roles during the American Civil War including Sojourner Truth.



Born Isabella Baumfree, the slave from a small town north of New York City changed hands several times, sold by one brutal owner to another just as harsh. In 1826, having been promised freedom, but then cruelly denied emancipation, she left her current owners and found her way to the Van Wageners' home.

There she had an epiphany, became a devout Christian, and renamed herself Sojourner Truth, after which she began her travels as a preacher. In 1850, Sojourner began speaking on women's suffrage, believing the causes of abolition and women's rights to be intertwined and equally important.

Dr. Daisy Century gives a commanding performance of Ms. Truth, bringing to life a woman undeterred by incredible obstacles, a woman who mixed with the leading figures of her day, including Susan B. Anthony, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant.

Audience members are urged to consider the twin goals of racial and gender parity of equal importance. Following the presentation, the audience has the opportunity to sign Sojourner Truth's Book of Life, signifying their connection to Ms. Truth's legacy.

ABOVE: Dr. Daisy Century portrays Sojourner Truth.
AT LEFT: Sojourner Truth

Plan Your Visit

General Grant National Memorial is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Ranger-guided tours are offered at 10 & 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. daily.

General Grant National Memorial is located at 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan.

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