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Nadine Turchin: The General's Lady

Fort Oglethorpe, GA: In celebration of Women's History Month, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to attend a special 30 minute program at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 3 P.M.

Join a park ranger to discuss Nadine Lvova Turchin, the wife of Brigadier General John Basil Turchin, a very unusual woman for her time, not fitting into the strict role of a woman in the Victorian Era.

Born in Russia, she was the daughter of a high-ranking Russian officer. In 1856, she married Ivan Vasilovitch Turchinov, also a Russian officer, with whom she immigrated to the United States. Upon arrival in the United States, the Turchinovs changed their last name to Turchin, and John Basil Turchin would later become the only Russian born general to serve in the United States Army during the Civil War. Not to be left behind, Nadine traveled with her husband during the war, and was always a force to be respected, managing to make her presence known on the battlefield of Chickamauga. Nadine kept a diary which included her very outspoken views on her husband's fellow officers, as well as the events that unfolded around her at Chickamauga. This special program will tell her unique story.

For more information about programs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, contact the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/chch.

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