



## Meet Julia Grant

**A Women's History Program**  
**11 a.m., March 15, 2011**



Julia Dent Grant

Julia Dent Grant's life was anything but typical. Born on a plantation, she received the finest education afforded to young girls at this time. Skilled in sewing, French, music, singing, and other arts appropriate for ladies of the era, Julia's choice of husbands, Ulysses Grant, opened a world of travel, adventure, and paths that led to the White House and recognition from the world stage.

In her first person program at 11 a.m. March 15 at General Grant National Memorial (commonly known as Grant's Tomb), living historian Connie Clowers portrays Julia Dent Grant, relating her early life on the plantation, finishing school and courtship.



Connie Clowers as  
Julia Dent Grant

As a new bride, she describes her marriage to Ulysses up to the Civil War. With the outbreak of the war, duties increasingly changed as Julia's husband rose to the national stage. Reconstruction and duties as First Lady compliment Julia's rise to champion women's rights and her ability to influence her husband, the President.

After the 8 years in the White House, the 2-1/2 year tour around the world visiting nearly every leader of Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, Julia returned to her next task as grandmother to a new generation of Grants.

A touching moment occurs as she describes her final years with Ulysses as he struggle with cancer. Bounding back, Julia joins the Women's movement and champions the efforts to gain equality with such notables as Susan B. Anthony and Varina Davis.

Her final years are defined as the grand matriarch of Washington, D.C. society.



### 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 on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

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