

Chickamauga and Chattanooga
National Military Park



Mark Thrash

A Living Memorial

Born enslaved, Mark Thrash gained freedom after the Civil War and worked for the War Department as a laborer at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park from 1894-1922. He was a "living memorial," enticing visitors to travel from across the country to hear his stories. He passed away in 1943 at 122 years old.

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