



NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



Edna M. Peltz

Washington D.C.

1917-1920

- Born December 18, 1875 in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.
- Initially worked as a teacher.
- Employed as a clerk with the Bureau of Pensions in the early 1900s but was “loaned” to the National Park Service for several years.
- In 1917, she was the private secretary to Robert Sterling Yard, the national parks publicity chief for the Department of the Interior and later as the chief of the NPS’s Educational Division. Together they worked to improve the image of the fledgling NPS.
- Traveled to Hawaii in 1917 to gather information for the park circular.
- Created and managed the first “central information filing service” for the NPS in 1919.
- Returned to the Bureau of Pensions in 1920.
- Enthusiastic traveler who visited most of the parks during her time with the NPS.
- Began a trip around the world with a female friend in 1923.
- Died in February 1954.

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