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Frances L. Downs, 1951. (NPS Photo).

Frances L. Downs

Sequoia National Park

1929-1954

- Born in July 1893 in Sprague, Washington.
- Worked for other federal agencies from 1915-1920.
- No information has been found about her activities from 1920-1924.
- From 1924-1928, she was a missionary in Shanghai, China.
- Starter her National Park Service career as a stenographer-telephone operator at Sequoia National Park on May 27, 1929.
- Promoted to a senior stenographer position at Sequoia in 1933.
- Became secretary to Sequoia's superintendent in 1934.
- Retired on January 31, 1954.
- Received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award.
- Died in January 1961.

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