



NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



Una Lee Roberts, 1933. (Courtesy of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame).

Una Lee Roberts
Chickasaw National Recreation Area
c. 1905-1919

- Born in Texas in 1875.
- Attended James College and a local business college in Dallas.
- Worked as a stenographer for her father's lumber company and an oil refinery.
- Started at Platt National Park (now Chickasaw National Recreation Area) in 1905 as secretary and clerk to the superintendent.
- Was acting superintendent for two weeks in July 1919, making her the first woman in that position in the NPS, even if just for a short time.
- Resigned from the NPS in 1919 to work as secretary to Colonel Sneed, Confederate Pension Commissioner for Oklahoma.
- In 1923, she became Oklahoma's Assistant Secretary of State, under Sneed, and the first woman in the United States to hold that position.
- Inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1933.
- Fought for equal pay and for women in Oklahoma to hold higher office.
- Died in April 1950 at the age of 75.

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