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Isabelle F. Story, 1933. (NPS History Collection Photo).

Isabelle Florence Story

Washington Office

1916-1962

- Born in December 1888 in Ohio.
- Grew up in Chicago, Illinois and attended Metropolitan Business College. Began as a copyist at the U.S. Patent Office in 1910.
- Transferred to the U.S. Geological Survey in 1911 as an under clerk. Promoted to junior clerk in 1914.
- Transferred to the NPS as a clerk in the Office of the Secretary on July 10, 1916. Held various clerk titles from 1917-1925.
- As Horace Albright's secretary, assisted with preparation of the 1917, 1918, and 1919 director's annual reports and the 1919 budget report for Congress.
- Promoted to assistant editor in 1926.
- Promoted to chief of the Division of Publications in 1930, becoming the NPS' first woman division chief, while still holding the title of editor and supervising a staff of 50 people.
- Promoted to NPS' first editor-in-chief in 1934.
- Traveled extensively to parks and wrote many NPS publications, including the 1933 *National Parks and Emergency Conservation*.
- Reassigned as chief of information with the NPS Bureau of Interpretation when NPS headquarters moved to Chicago during World War II. In 1943 she returned to her editor-in-chief title.
- Reassigned as assistant chief of information in 1946.
- Returned to the Washington Office in July 1947.
- Was an early advocate for a national park magazine.
- Remained assistant chief of information until she retired on January 31, 1955.
- Awarded the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award in 1955.
- Returned to the NPS a week after retiring, working as an occasional consultant until June 30, 1962.
- Died on April 15, 1970.

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