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*Ethel Meinzer, center, at Scotts Bluff NM, 1942-1943.
(NPS History Collection Photo.)*

Ethel L. Meinzer

Various Parks

Clerk & Park Ranger, 1938 - 1956

- Born September 1, 1894 in Goodland, KS.
- Married Victor Hugo Meinzer and lived in Durango, Co.
- In November 1938, following his death, was appointed a seasonal stenographer at Mesa Verde National Park.
- Was working at Rocky Mountain National Park when it was suggested that she fill in for behind rangers called to war at Scotts Bluff National Monument.
- On August 3, 1942, became that park's first female ranger, continuing secretarial duties but also registered visitors and took care of the museum.
- Newspaper account at the time called her a Ranger-ette. She wore an NPS uniform.
- In May 1943, returned to Rocky Mountain National Park.
- In June 1945, appointed personnel clerk at Glacier National Park.
- Retired in December 1956 due to declining health.
- Suffered a stroke in 1969.
- Died March 29, 1978, age 83, in Phoenix, Arizona.
- One sister and two nephews also worked for the NPS.

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