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Martha Bingaman, c. 1926-1928. (Yosemite National Park Archives).

Martha S. Bingaman

Yosemite National Park
Park Ranger, 1926-1928

- Born Martha Sophia Buyek on July 15, 1888 in Rail Road Flat, California.
- Her mother died when she was a child.
- Married John W. Bingaman on June 17, 1916 in Oakland, California.
- Moved to Yosemite National Park in April 1920 when John began working for the Yosemite Park Company. He began working for the national park in 1921.
- Worked as temporary park ranger at Yosemite's Alder Creek Entrance Station for the summers of 1926 and 1927, and winter of 1928.
- Earned \$135/month (less \$15/month for park housing).
- Wore a ranger badge but not the NPS uniform.
- Continued to live in Yosemite until her husband retired in 1956.
- Died May 23, 1970 in San Joaquin County, California.
- Buried in Stockton Rural Cemetery, Stockton, California.

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