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Geraldine Bell, c. 1979-1988. (NPS Collection Photo).

Geraldine M. Bell

**Booker T. Washington National
Monument**

1967-?

- Born and grew up in Philadelphia, PA.
- Earned a B.A. in History from Immaculata College in 1967.
- Joined the NPS in 1967 but left to serve in the Peace Corps in West Africa, where she operated a child care clinic for two years.
- Returned to the NPS as a park technician at Independence National Historical Park in 1970.
- In 1972, became a historian at Saratoga NHP.
- As an intake trainee to the NPS Western Region, served as a bilingual translator at the Second World Conference on National Parks in 1972.
- From 1975-1979, worked as a supervisory park ranger at Independence NHP, managing the park's interpretive staff during the American Bicentennial.
- In 1978-1979 served on an NPS team preparing a feasibility study for an African American culture museum in Ohio.
- Appointed superintendent at Booker T. Washington NM on November 4, 1979, becoming the first Black woman superintendent in the NPS.
- Returned to Independence NHP in 1988.
- No additional information has been found to date.

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