



## NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



*Margaret Thone, 1911. (Courtesy of the Des Moines Technical High School Yearbook).*

**Margaret A. Thone**  
Yellowstone National Park  
Park Ranger, 1924-1925

- Born August 16, 1893 in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Earned a master of arts degree.
- Began working as a teacher in 1920.
- Her brother, Dr. Frank Thone, worked as a naturalist in Yellowstone for two years, which is likely how she got to know the park.
- Her sketches illustrate her brother's 1923 book "Trees and Flowers of Yellowstone National Park."
- Appointed a park ranger at Yellowstone on July 1, 1924.
- Earned \$100 per month as a park ranger.
- Resigned from the NPS on March 31, 1925 for unknown reasons.
- Returned to Des Moines, Iowa and had a 36-year career as a teacher in public schools.
- Never married or had children.
- Died on February 15, 1974 of pneumonia.
- Buried in St. Ambrose Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa.

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