

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name: Benson, Mary Foley

City and country of birth: Storm Lake, USA

Residence: USA

Education:

Graduate, National School of Fine and Applied Art, Washington, D.C., 1927

Student, Corcoran School of Art, Washington, D.C., 1948-1951

Otis Art Institute, Los Angeles, 1948-1951

Career:

Chief Scientific Illustrator, Bureau of Entomology, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Until 1950.

Freelance illustrator. 1950 -

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

Pen and ink

Work reproduced in (*publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist*):

- Journal of Washington Academy of Science vol. 28, nos. 1 and 3, 1958.
- Entomological poster sheets for U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 1941.
- Entomological plates in U.S. Department of Agriculture Yearbook, 1963.
- North American Clear-wing Moths of the Family Aegeriidae, Smithsonian Institution Bull. 190
- 31 color plates for Hay fever plant series, Hollister-Stier Laboratories, 1963.

Please include any pertinent biographical information not covered by the above categories:

Specialty: Entomological and botanical illustration; watercolor, pen and ink.

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