Edna White

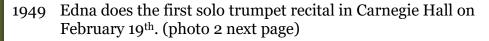
Stamford, CT

- 1892 Flora Edna White is born on October 23rd in Stamford, CT to Herbert & Harriet White.
- 1896 The family is in Pennsylvania when her sister is born.
- 1897 Edna starts on cornet on her 7th birthday using her father Herbert J. White's instrument. (Fleet)
- 1898 The family is now living in Massachusetts.
- 1900 The family is living in Waltham, MA. (census)
- 1901 Edna quickly learns to play cornet and on May 3rd she makes an appearance as soloist at Carnegie Hall. (photo 1)
- 1902 December "This musical prodigy has mounted the ladder of fame several rounds higher than musicians three times her age; she is the queen of the horn and has already gained a reputation as soloist which has even reached Europe." (Holman)
- 1904 Edna starts studying at the Institute of Musical Arts (later Julliard) under teacher Adolphe Dubois. He has her switch to trumpet. (Fleet & Holman)
- 1905 The family is now living in Brooklyn. (census)
- 1907 Edna graduates but is too young to be given a diploma.
- 1908 Edna forms a professional quartet with sisters Norma, Cora and Florence called the Aida Quartet. (Holman)
- 1913 Edna marries Myron H. Chandler in Marion, Indiana. (photo 2)
- 1914 Start of the Edna White Trumpet Quartet. (Holman)
- 1916 Edna starts recording with opera singer Torcom Bezazian.
- 1917 Son Douglas Chandler is born.
- 1918 Edna separates from her husband to devote more time to her career.
- 1919 Edna forms the Gloria Trumpeters with two trumpets and two trombones. (photo 3)
- 1920 Edna records "The Debutante" for Edison. (Holman)
- 1923 Edna divorces Chandler and marries Bezazian. (Fleet)
- Bezazian decides to stay in Europe to advance his career so Edna leaves him and returns to the US with son Douglas ("Buddy").
- 1930s Edna does radio and musical appearances.









1957 Edna does her final recital at Carnegie Hall entitled, "Farewell To My Trumpet". (Holman)

1968 Edna moves to Greenfield, MA to be with her son.

1970 Son Douglas dies this year in Greenfield.

1980 Edna writes "Suite for Solo Trumpet & Symphony Orchestra".

1982 Edna publishes a cassette recording "Life With My Trumpet" (Holman) (photo 3 c.1985)

1990 Edna writes memoir "The Night The Camel Sang" about her life in vaudeville. (Holman)

Edna dies in Greenfield on June 25th, a few months short of her 100th birthday.







