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Education Division Publications of the National Park Service in the 1930s

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To support and encourage these park programs, Director Mather made Ansel Hall chief naturalist of the National Park Service in 1923. Organizationally, Hall became chief of the Service's Education Division, headquartered at the University of California at Berkeley with the forestry school there. At the Eighth National Park Conference, held at Mesa Verde in October 1925, Mather voiced strong support for interpretation and made the Education Division one of three equal units--with Landscape Architecture and Engineering--in the Service organization.

Barry Mackintosh,

Interpretation in the National Park Service: A Historical Perspective

And so was born the Field Division of Education of the National Park Service. While its main goal was to hire and train park naturalists (then called Ranger-Naturalists), this office also produced a number of reports which were useful for park naturalists and superintendents in developing interpretive programs or museum displays. What we loosely refer to here as "the Berkely Collection", these publications set the stage



Forest S. Townsley, Daniel Hull, Washington B. Lewis, Stephen T. Mather, Ansel Hall, Earnest P. Leavitt, Horace M. Albright, and Alexander, Yosemite NP, ca. 1926

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for more in-depth studies of the parks in subsequent years. Many of these publications were prepared by a special research group employed under the Civil Works Program of 1933-34. Long out-of-print and, admittedly a bit dated, it is hoped that the on-line editions of these publications will give the viewer a sense of the early days of National Park Service interpretation (additional on-line titles will be added at a later date). As Barry Mackintosh wrote: "...from the 1930s few doubted the importance of interpretation to the

Service mission, as a significant part of what the bureau was about."

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