

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)
- 1927 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.



- 1949 Edna does the first solo trumpet recital in Carnegie Hall on February 19th. (photo 2 next page)
- 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)
- 1992 Edna dies in Greenfield on June 25th, a few months short of her 100th birthday.

