



VIGNETTES OF COASTAL PLAIN GEOLOGY

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As a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and then Assistant in Paleontology, following her degree in 1911, Julia Gardner began her lifelong study of the fossiliferous beds of the Coastal Plain. After an interruption, during World War I, when she served with the Red Cross in France, she returned to Washington, D.C. to be a Paleontologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, a position she held until her retirement in 1952. In that position she published several studies on the Tertiary molluscan faunas from Maryland to Mexico, most notably her monograph on the Alum Bluff Group of northwestern Florida. This latter opus included over 800 species, published in a single Professional Paper, the parts of which appeared in intervals over a period of 25 years. (From H. S. Ladd, 1962, Geological Society of America, Proceedings)