

## Edna Spangler Harks

Born in Oakland, Edna came to South San Francisco as a baby. Her father designed machines for Edwards Wire Rope Company, and later founded the Specialty Wire Rope Company. Her brother later became editor and publisher of the Redwood City Tribune.

Edna graduated from University of California in 1936, and worked for Emporium in downtown San Francisco from 1936-46 and 1956-78. Described as vibrant, energetic and witty. Edna was a founding member of the South San Francisco Historical Society, and a driving force for historical preservation in South San Francisco. She drafted the city's historic preservation charter, and helped found and serve on the historic preservation board. She tirelessly worked for over two years to have the Sign Hill "South San Francisco the Industrial City" sign made a national landmark

