

GRETCHEN DAY

PAST & FUTURE

We used to hear stories from the first women who came into the Postal Service, and they were, uh, all pretty interesting. Um, 'cause they told us, you know, back in the early days when they first came in, the men didn't like 'em and didn't want 'em. Mmm, basically thought they were nuisances and that they should go away. But, they kind of toughed it out and, uh, 'cause my aunt- my mom has a twin sister- my aunt, she lives in California now, and she was one of the original Washington DC female clerks. She came in some time in the very early sixties. She was one of the first women. You know, she told me, um, she bidded out to Bethesda and got out there, it was all men. And they were like, "Where'd this woman come from. We don't like her." But, my aunt was kind of, huh, I guess you could call her like a very early Valley Girl. She's like-was totally oblivious-it's like if you don't-she didn't notice. He! He! He! It was finally like-so they decided, "Man! If we aint gittin' to her, I guess we might as well accept her.