

Ephe M. Olliver



Ephe M. Olliver was born September 21, 1906 in Hastings, Pennsylvania. While working on a teaching degree from Indiana State Teachers College in 1927, he realized that he was meant for an outdoors life, and in 1928 enrolled in the Forestry Program at Penn State University. He completed his Forestry degree there in 1931. Olliver began working with the U.S. Forest Service on the George Washington National Forest in Virginia. While there, he married Ardee Grey in 1934 before moving to Kentucky as part of a team to purchase land that would eventually become the Cumberland National Forest. While in Kentucky, Ardee and Olliver had two sons, Ephe A. and Grey M. Olliver. Olliver worked several different positions in National Forests until 1952 when he transferred to Monongahela, where he stayed as Forest Supervisor for 17 years until his retirement in 1969. Mr. Olliver passed away in October 2001.