



**ELISE REID BOYLSTON**

(04/28/1884 - 07/26/1984)

Elise Boylston Memorial Foundation  
Grants first presented in February, 2008

**PSI STATE FOUNDER 1936**

**BORN IN:** Atlanta, GA

**EDUCATION:**

Atlanta Public Schools, Girls High  
New York University  
Art Institute of Chicago  
Pratt University of Wisconsin  
Berkshire School of Art

**EXPERIENCE:**

**TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL**  
Elementary School teacher for all grades; Atlanta Normal School teacher; Atlanta Public School art teacher; assistant principal at Slaton, State Street, and Tenth Street schools; served as assistant art supervisor (1920-1922) and art supervisor (1922-1943); set up Smith-Boylston School in Clayton, GA; taught summer art school in Atlanta

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**LOCAL CHAPTER:**

Alpha president (1941-1943); held many offices; served on most committees both as member and chairman

**PSI STATE ORGANIZATION:**

1st vice president (1946-1950); held many offices and served on committees, often worked as chairman; visited chapters, conducted workshops and seminars for state and district meetings; bequeathed family home to Psi State (1984); title to Boylston home transferred to Psi State Headquarters (1986); home served as meeting place for chapters, committees, and councils for over 20 years.; home later sold to create Elise Boylston Memorial Foundation to fund educational projects conducted by Psi State members

**REGIONAL (CONFERENCES, DUTIES, ACTIVITIES):**

Served on committees; attended regional conferences; presented workshops and programs; led discussions; introduced guests; gave reports; hosted visiting guests

**INTERNATIONAL (CONVENTIONS, DUTIES, ACTIVITIES):**

Assisted with Society work and meetings when requested; attended national conventions; gave reports; assisted with programs and workshops as assigned

**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:**

Writer of many stories for children; member of Atlanta Humane Society; member of International Platform Association; taught Sunday School; sang in choir at St. Luke's Church, Atlanta

**HONORS:**

Psi State Achievement Award (1973); Georgia Writers Award; member of Association Pen Women; Boylston painting on display at High Museum in Atlanta; Boylston poem used as lyrics for official song of National Association of Pen Women; author of: *Stories for Children, Creative Expression with Crayons; Atlanta, It's Love, Legends, and Laughter*; donated proceeds of latter to begin fund for Psi State Headquarters Building

**BURIAL INFORMATION:**

Born April 28, 1884; died July 26, 1984; buried at Atlanta's Oakland cemetery, at Section 9, Block 336, Lot 4, grave #8; Graveside Memorial Service held by Alpha Chapter on October 8, 2011