From a happy childhood on a farm in Ohio to romance and marriage with Robey Wentworth Harned, Edna's training was such as to prepare her for adulthood and for the role of supportive, loving wife and the care of three surviving children. Her husband's professional life as an entomologist was shared between Mississippi State College and the United State Department of Agriculture, the latter connection resulting in the family's move to the nation's capital and to the affiliation of parents and children with the Friends Meeting of Washington, where Edna served with her regular and faithful attendance at Meetings for Worship.

Incapacitated in her last years, she nevertheless received and enjoyed the care provided her at home where her life's journey, only a few weeks short of one hundred years, ended on sixth month the twenty sixth nineteen eighty-four. To her children, to her grandchildren and to all others who knew her, Edna left a heritage of enduring patience, a kindly disposition and a marked sweetness and gentleness of spirit.