

Frederick Neil Innes

London

- 1854 Frederick N. Innes is born on October 29th in London.
- 1862 Innes enters the London Conservatory of Music to study violin and piano (Trescott).
- 1865 Innes changes to the trombone and had a great desire to make it more of a soloist instrument (Trescott).
- 1866 Starts as first trombone in the First Life Guard (Trescott).
- 1872 Innes leaves the army to tour in Europe (Trescott).
- 1874 Innes travels to Boston in November and plays one season with the Howard Street Theater (passport & Trescott).
- 1875 Innes returns to Europe.
- 1879 Patrick Gilmore goes to Paris, hears Innes play, and hires him for his band in NY (Trescott & census).
- 1880 Frederick Innes, musician, East 13th Street, NY, with wife Elizabeth (1854-1912) (census). Innes duels with Levy during performances trying to outplay him, making Levy furious (photo 2, Gilmore Band, 1884).
- 1884 Innes is naturalized in NYC, living at Ashland House, #4 Lexington Ave (nat. doc).
- 1887 Organizes first Innes Band which kept going for twenty years (obit.). Leads the 13th Regiment Band in NY.
- 1897 Innes travels with second wife Georgia (1862-?). His address is given as Carnegie Hall and is described as being 5'-11-1/2" tall and having hazel eyes and dark brown hair (passport).
- 1900 Innes, musician, West 57th St, NY, wife Georgia (census).
- 1906 Innes is playing in Wichita (below).



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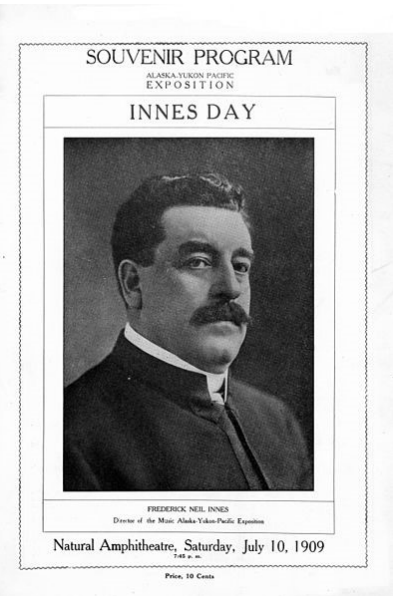
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- 1910 Innes and third wife Francis (Fanny) Boyden (1876-1923) are lodging in Chicago.
- 1912 Innes cancels all contracts and moves west for his wife's health (Trescott).
- 1914 Now in Denver as conductor of the Denver Municipal Band.
- 1915 Innes reorganizes his band for the San Francisco Expo.
- 1917 Innes has his last appearance as a band leader in Waco.
- 1920 Innes, band musician, Denver (census).
- 1922 ad below





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- 1923 Wife Francis dies on April 25th in Denver from tuberculosis (death cert).
- 1926 Innes dies on December 31st in Chicago due to diabetes. He was living at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and was President of the Conn School of Music. His wife (4th?) is listed as Florence (death cert.). He is buried with wife Francis in Cincinnati. He probably develops the Innes model trombone mouthpiece with Conn in the 1920s (photo 4 last page).

Innes helped to develop the modern concert band by bringing in strings and reeds to help widen the appeal of the standard brass band. He was also a prolific composer. His song "West Virginia" won a competition for their official state song (Frank Seltzer, Nov. 1919, *Jacob's Band Monthly*).