

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 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 organized 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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- 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 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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(1922)

- 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 at this time (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*)

