



## **Amanda Inez Knight Allen**

Born September 8, 1876 in Payson, Utah

Died June 5, 1937 in Provo, Utah

## **Lucy Jane Brimhall Knight**

Born Dec 13 1875 in Spanish Fork Utah

Died March 31, 1957 in Provo Utah.

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*"It has been decided to call some of our wise and prudent women into the missionary field."* President George Q. Cannon 1898

While other sisters had served with spouses in genealogical missions or had acted as missionaries as they traveled abroad, Inez Knight and Jane (Jennie) Brimhall were the first official single sisters sent out to be full-time proselytizing missionaries for the LDS Church.

Inez and Jennie were childhood friends who had graduated from Brigham Young Academy at the same time. Naturally adventurous in spirit, the two had been planning a European tour when they received their calls to Great Britain and took the opportunity to go and bear testimony gladly.

On April 2, 1898, they set out for Liverpool, England. Soon after their arrival they were asked to speak in front of a congregation of 800 people. "Both bore strong testimony of the restoration of the gospel and Joseph Smith. You could have heard a pin drop in the crowded hall during their testimonies," Joseph Broadbent reported to the *Deseret News* in May of 1898.

People were not always friendly. In one journal entry, Inez recorded with surprise a pleasant day without anyone showing hostility toward them, but notes she was "sure when we come back with our second tracks and they realize we are Mormons, we will not be treated so kindly."

Shortly after returning from her mission, Inez was named matron for "Missionary Theology for Girls" at Brigham Young Academy. She later married Robert Eugene Allen, with whom she had five sons. While raising her family she also served as Democratic National Committeewoman and even ran as a candidate for state senate. She was serving on the Relief Society General Board at the time of her death.

Jennie also continued to serve, first as a Mutual Improvement Association President in Canada and later as First Counselor to Clarissa Williams, the General Relief Society President. She raised two sons with her husband (and Inez's brother), William Knight. It was said of her in the *Relief Society Magazine*, "When Jennie is once a friend she is a friend always."