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## Quick Facts

**Birth:** February 24, 1876  
Tuscumbia, Missouri

**Death:** March 23, 1934  
Yakima, Washington

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Party Affiliation:** Republican

**Years served:** 1917-19

**Office:** Representative

**District:** 20 (Yakima County)

## Personal:

- Orphaned at 10, she moved to Prosser with her siblings, to live with an Uncle.
- Taught school at 15 in Washington State
- Married Wallis B. Williams, a Yakima Valley orchardist, in 1897

## Education:

- Ellensburg Normal School, graduate

## Community Service:

- Enjoyed gardening, and helped start garden clubs throughout the Yakima Valley

## Affiliations:

- Women's Century Club, president, n.d.

## Awards:

## Legislative & State Service:

- "Yakima Valley State Representative Ina P. Williams introduced legislation to create the Irrigation Experiment Station on March 13, 1917. The station was to be operated by the College of Agriculture of the State College of Washington. In early 1919, the station was established in Benton County, north of the Sunnyside Canal near Prosser, Washington." (*Washington State University Libraries Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections*)

**Committees: (1917)** Agriculture; Education; Federal Relations and Immigration; Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry and Hygiene; Public Morals, chairman; Pure Food and Drugs; State Charitable, Penal and Reformatory Institutions

**House Bills Sponsored:**  
(1917 session)

6-Relating to the offense of having carnal knowledge of children and amending subdivision 3 of section 2436 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington

Went to third reading

23-Establishment and maintenance of a substation of agricultural experiment station in an irrigated section of the state

Signed by Governor Lister

226-Relating to the pollution of waters

Reported out of committee and died

288-Making an appropriation for enforcement of initiative measure No. 3 declaring an emergency

Went to first reading

### **Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- Delegate to the National Progressive Convention for Theodore Roosevelt, Chicago, 1912
- As a western representative on The Suffrage Special, she interviewed President Wilson on the Suffrage Amendment. "The Suffrage Special" consisted of 23 members of the Congressional Union for Woman's Suffrage. They left Washington, D.C. April 9, 1916, on a five-week train tour to gain support for the federal woman suffrage amendment among women voters.
- Delegate to the St. Louis National Convention, member of the Committee of 48  
"In 1924 the Committee of 48, custodians of the Progressive party label, united with the Socialist party, the railroad unions, and the American Federation of Labor behind the independent candidacy of Robert M. La Follette." (Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, <http://ap.grolier.com/article?assetid=0236650-0&templatename=/article/article.html>)
- Took part in the campaigns of Homer T. Bone and Governor Clarence D. Martin
- Candidate for U.S. Congress, n.d.

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