

Where are They Now ?

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Miss "Tiny" Broadwick

Now living in Hollywood, California and a regular attendee at the annual Early Birds conventions, Georgia Broadwick became an aerial parachutist at a very tender age. In 1908, she teamed with "Dad" (Charles) Broadwick and spent the next four years with the J. J. Jones Travelling Carnival. Twice daily the pretty "Tiny", attired in a demure dress, rose to dizzy heights dangling from a trapeze swinging under a hot-air balloon. When the suspense was at fever pitch, the diminutive "Tiny" would cut herself loose and drop in a free fall. Thousands of pairs of eyes focused on the dot in the sky, while a thousand hearts stopped beating until the red and white panels of her silk parachute billowed out to allow her to float earthwards. When her feet touched "terra firma" a roar of voices indicated that the spectators thrilled to the highlight of the carnival.

The act gave the late Glenn L. Martin an inspiration as to how he could add sparkle to his act of exhibition and precision flying. A charming girl making a parachute jump should bring out the cash customers. "Dad" Broadwick and "Tiny" agreed. On June 21st, 1913, with Glenn Martin flying one of his own Los Angeles built aeroplanes and with "Tiny" riding in a sling, suspended from outside the body (fuselage), they took off from Griffith Park

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in Los Angeles. At fifteen hundred feet, Glenn raised his arm. It was the signal. Without hesitation, the plucky "slip of a girl" cut herself loose. It was a "first" for both, and the first in the world for "Tiny." Glenn now had his sparkle and put the Glenn Martin — "Tiny" Broadwick show on the road.

After that, "Tiny" made many daring aeroplane jumps including one in Chicago when she had to be fished out of Lake Michigan, and one which put her in the water near the rapids of Niagara Falls.

The sweet "Tiny" is now 77 years young.

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