

## Lillian St. Cyr

Lillian St. Cyr was born on February 13, 1884 on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska. In 1902, she graduated from the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. In 1906, she married Young Deer. They moved to New York and became involved in the film industry, he as a director of Westerns and she as an actress under the stage name of Red Wing. Red Wing's first film appearance was *The White Squaw* (1908), but her first role as a leading lady in a feature film came in 1914, *The Squaw Man*. In 1909, she and her husband moved from New York to Los Angeles. As the call for native actors to fill native roles dwindled, Red Wing left the film industry and returned to New York with her sister and niece after parting ways with her husband in 1920. After decades of serving as an ambassador of native culture, Lillian St. Cyr died in 1974 and was buried in St. Augustine Cemetery in Nebraska.



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