Early US Baha'is in Chile

"...the believers of God throughout all the republics of America, through the divine power, must become the cause of the promotion of heavenly teachings and the establishment of the oneness of humanity."

'Abdu'l-Baha

The call raised by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the early part of the 20th century for swift, courageous, and loving action by the Bahá'ís in North America was the impetus for a thousand fold increase in the family of the followers of Baha'u'llah. By the end of the century, members of that family would encompass the entire Western hemisphere, from Alaska in the north to Tierra del Fuego in the south. That company of heroic souls who first arose to carry out 'Abdu'l-Baha's vision for the spiritual upliftment of the Americas have left today's pioneers a continent-wide path in which to tread.

Explore with us the lives of those early pioneers who traveled to South America, women and men, young and old, who faced disease, considerable physical discomfort, barriers of gender and language, loneliness, and, often, the gratitude of thousands for bringing their message of peace and hope.