



The Life of Jessie Spenker Beckman

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Summary:

Jessie Spenker Beckman was born into one hard-working family of German immigrants and married into another. However prosperous his Woodbridge ranch was, her father, Joseph Spenker, bought and sold property often, with sometimes dozens of recorded transactions per year. Jessie's husband, Henry C. Beckman, was the sole inheritor of his family's ranch at the corner of Harney and West Lanes. He was a founder of the First National Bank of Lodi, Atlas Iron Works, and the company that became Lodi's world-famous Super Mold tire re-treading company.

Jessie's family helped found Lodi's current St. Peter's Lutheran Church in the Spenker Oak Grove and Jessie was the first organist. Jessie raised three children: Anita, Vera, and Joseph known as Joe Jr. At age 39 Vera eloped with a longtime family friend, Ed Perrin, of the Catholic Perrin concrete family.

Jessie showed steadiness of character in her 30 years as secretary of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society and her decades-long membership in the Lily Sewing Club, but according to her grand-niece Wanda Woock, Jessie was an ardent supporter of women's rights and local suffragist Laura DeForce Gordon. After their father died and her brother Otto plunged the Spenker property in debt from speculation, Jessie simply took over the Spenker property, selling some of it but always keeping Spenker's grove, and managed that large property in addition to her late husband's Beckman ranch.

Today's Jessie's Grove was known as Spenker's Grove while her parents were alive. Starting in the 1890s groups such as the German Lutheran churches of Lodi and Stockton, the Masons, the Grangers, the White Apron Club, Sunday schools returned year after year to the grove. The current wine-tasting room at Jessie's Grove dates back to 1874.

- SOURCES -

Sources:

Jessie's Grove: 100 Years in the San Joaquin Valley, by Wanda Woock. Woock Publications 2004.

- Jessie kept a diary her whole life. She was as comfortable speaking German as English.
- Jessie's father, Joseph Spenker, came from northern Germany [Prussia] and arrived in Murphy's Camp, CA, in 1859. He went to Stockton and within four years purchased the 385-acre Yolland ranch. By 1869 he had over 1000 acres including the Woodbridge property that would become Jessie's Grove. He raised wheat and alfalfa, then a few acres of watermelons, and around 1887 he planted 20 acres of Black Malvoisier grapes, the beginning of today's vineyard.
- Jessie's mother, Anna Schliemann, also came from northern Germany where she had been working as an indentured servant to pay off family debts. Her uncle brought her to America in 1869. The author remembers Anna often knitting lace.
- Young Jessie helped her mother with the cooking, cleaning and animal husbandry. It was her job to shoot the chickens with a Winchester .22. She especially loved working with the horses.
- Jessie attended the San Joaquin Valley College in Woodbridge. She was secretary of the Woodbridge Grange, which promoted female empowerment. She then married childhood friend Henry Beckman and moved to the nearby Beckman ranch.
- Jessie had an extensive collection of postcards that illustrated the events of the day.
- She saw many technological advancements including the Holt caterpillar tractor. She drove an automobile only once: her husband, Henry, had been instructing her and all was going well until she tried to park it in the barn and drove through the back doors.
- Her family helped found Lodi's St. Peter Lutheran Church [now at 2400 Oxford Way] while meeting in their shady Spenker's Oak Grove [now called Jessie's Grove].
- In 1900s the Cary Brothers built a home for Henry and Jessie two miles south of Lodi. Henry's mother, German-speaking Marie Langhorst Beckman, lived with them. Marie refused to ride horses after her pack-mule experience coming across Panama.
- Family story: Jessie pressured her brother, Otto, into marrying. From his diary: "After delaying the event for as long as I could I finally gave into sister and married Lena.

She is a lovely girl – she deserves a better mate than I will ever be... I'll try not to let [Mother] see how distressed I am." Soon after the wedding, Lena was staying as much as she could with Jessie. The marriage soon ended in divorce.

- Family story: In 1922 Henry, Otto, and soon-to-be son-in-law Herb Woock drove over the Sierra Nevadas only to find their new Hudson's brakes didn't work. To get downhill safely, they tied a big stump to the back of the car and Herb sat on it as a human brake being dragged down the hillside.
- During times when the German economy was strained, Jessie sent money or supplies to her family there.

Family Timeline:

- 7/25/1870 parents Joseph and Anna wed in Stockton
- 1871 Brother Otto Spenker is born
- 2/15/1875 Anna Jessie Marie Spenker is born
- 5/20/1896 Jessie marries Henry Christopher Beckman of Lodi [Henry's grandmother was a Spenker]
- 1/27/1900 daughter Anita Beckman is born
- 12/24/1901 daughter Vera Perrin is born; she lives for 101 years
- 10/23/1903 son Joseph Christopher Beckman is born
- 10/22/1916 father Joseph Spenker dies
- 3/27/1932 husband Henry C. Beckman dies
- 8/9/1940 brother Otto dies
- 1941 mother Anna Spenker dies
- 3/29/1952 Jessie dies at home with Vera and Ed at 923 S. Pleasant Street

In the News:

Daily Evening Herald Wed, Jul 27, 1870 ·Page 3

Married – Joseph Spenker and Miss Annie Slieman, both of Stockton

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/488529645/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, Oct 21, 1880 ·Page 3

Christopher Beckman marries F. Langhorst at Live Oaks

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609462881/?match=1&terms=%22christopher%20beckman%22>

The Evening Mail Tue, Jun 29, 1880 ·Page 3

Thomas F. Walker has deed to Josep Spenker the north half of the southeast quarter of section 32, township 2 north, range 6 east, containing 80 acres. \$3500.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609460146/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Wed, May 04, 1881 ·Page 2

Joseph with 320 acres is one of many Woodbridge property owners requesting their land be formed into a protection district. [notice runs almost daily through July]

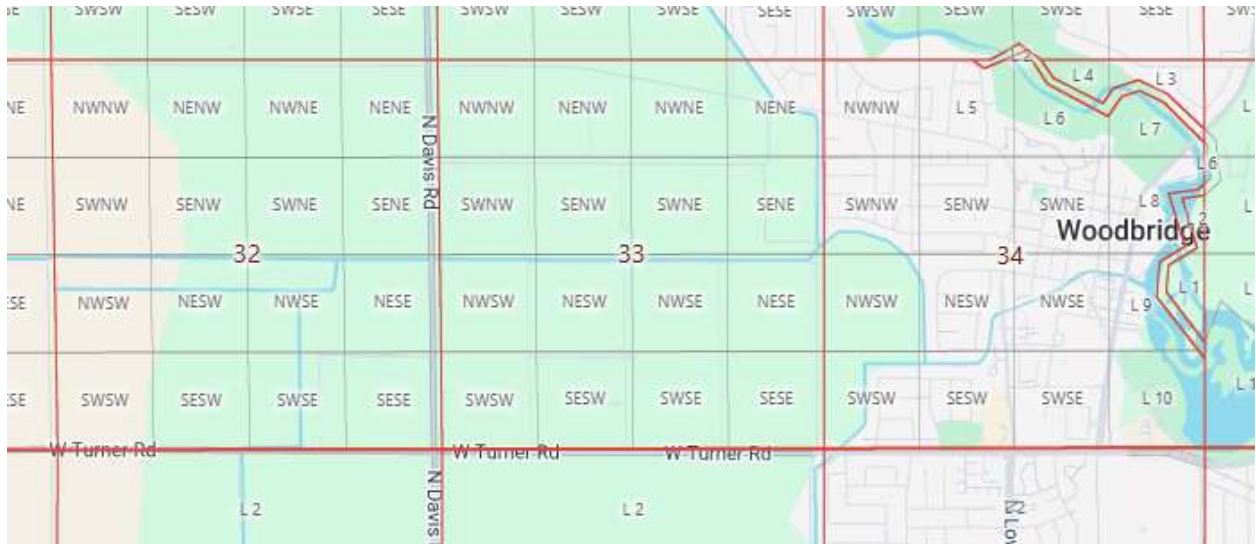
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The Evening Mail Sat, Sep 02, 1882 ·Page 3

Joseph buys 160 acres section 33, township 4 north, range 6 east. \$10,725.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609434829/?match=1&terms=spenker>



The Evening Mail Thu, Sep 21, 1882 ·Page 3

Joseph mortgages part of section 32 and section 33 for three years at 7.5% interest

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609435296/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Dec 23, 1882 ·Page 3

Otto Spencer, student at the Turner School, gives a recitation

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199140/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Fri, Nov 19, 1886 ·Page 3

Joseph mortgages part of section 32, township 3 north, range 6 east at 9% interest

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609449227/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Sep 05, 1887 ·Page 5

Joseph sells the north half of section 33 township 4 north 5 east for \$24,072 [many, many more property transactions follow through the years]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609883611/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Tue, Feb 28, 1888 ·Page 2

Joseph will be one of three viewers (inspectors?) for a new road

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609887682/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Mar 19, 1888 ·Page 3

Miss Jessie Spenker has an unclaimed letter in Stockton

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609888111/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, May 22, 1890 ·Page 1

Christopher Beckman and wife gift 3 parcels of land to son Henry C. Beckman with love and affection

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609819365/?match=1&terms=%22christopher%20beckman%22>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1141005480/?match=1&terms=%22christopher%20beckman%22>

The Evening Mail Tue, Jun 23, 1891 ·Page 1

Tomorrow the Masons will give a grand barbecue at Spenker's Grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609805222/?match=1&terms=spenker>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1141006180/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Oct 26, 1891 ·Page 2

Opening of the Headgates of the Woodbridge Canal Thursday Nov 12. Mrs. Spenker is on the Dinner Committee

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609577974/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Fri, May 13, 1892 ·Page 5

Yesterday's Mason's picnic in Spenker's grove was pleasant – hardly a better place for a picnic can be found

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609433645/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Tue, Jul 12, 1892 ·Page 3

Joseph is one of the heavy taxpayers (\$49,825)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609422867/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Sat, Sep 03, 1892 ·Page 1

Harvest festival tomorrow at Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609426571/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Sat, Sep 30, 1893 ·Page 5

German Lutheran Zion services tomorrow in Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609436511/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Sat, Jun 15, 1895 ·Page 4

Joseph is one of the farmers growing watermelons

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609558058/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, Sep 19, 1895 ·Page 5

Stockton's German Lutheran Church will celebrate its annual Mission Festival in Spenker's grove [also in subsequent years]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609358950/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Sun, Nov 24, 1895 ·Page 1

Jessie is elected Ceres at the Pomona Grange

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609696559/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Tue, May 19, 1896 ·Page 5

Marriage license for Henry Christopher Beckman of Lodi, 28, and Jessie Spenker of Woodbridge, 21

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609454509/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, May 21, 1896 ·Page 4

H.C. and Jessie marry at Spenker home with a tent erected in the yard as reception room and dining apartment. [Herny's cousin Theo Beckman was best man]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609454618/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Aug 23, 1897 ·Page 5

Notice of birth of a daughter to Jessie and Henry C.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609349041/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

The Evening Mail Sat, May 14, 1898 ·Page 4

Grangers of Lodi and Woodbridge will picnic in Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609373669/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Jan 29, 1900 ·Page 5

Notice of Anita's birth

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609578390/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

The Evening Mail Tue, Jan 15, 1901 ·Page 3

Otto Spenker buys 70 acres in section 34 from John Axtell

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609353281/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, Jan 24, 1901 ·Page 6

Joseph will receive a medal from the World's Fair Exposition at Paris for his exhibits of corn. He sent Egyptian, yellow, and pop-corn.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609353571/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Oct 03, 1901 ·Page 3

The Misses Mellie and Nellie Spenker of Modesto will spend a few weeks with Mrs. H.C. Beckman

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036197309/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Mon, Nov 11, 1901 ·Page 8

Otto Spenker has returned from the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. He spent some time in New Orleans

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609639481/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 26, 1901 ·Page 2

Notice of Vera's birth

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036197812/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 09, 1902 ·Page 6

Joseph's fine residence is nearing completion

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199535/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 12, 1902 ·Page 6

Lodi Methodist Church will picnic in Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199590/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 16, 1902 ·Page 1

Joseph has shipped three carloads of watermelons, receiving 90 per car

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199621/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Tue, Sep 02, 1902 ·Page 1

German Lutheran Church will hold annual mission festival in Spenker's grove

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The Record Wed, Oct 15, 1902 ·Page 1

Vandervoort suing Joseph over land deal

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609562090/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Mar 03, 1903 ·Page 3

At the Spenker ranch a valuable horse has died of blood poisoning

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036200928/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 04, 1903 ·Page 3

Levee broke below Woodbridge; Spenker, Brack, and others threw enough earth-filled sacks to stop the floodwater before it became an inundation

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036201395/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jul 16, 1903 ·Page 1

Blohm & Spenker sell real estate

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036202400/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 10, 1903 ·Page 3

Joseph makes bail for Winnie Blohm, the young woman whose child was killed at birth and who is charged with infanticide. John Gibson is willing to wed the misguided young woman, redeeming her from a living death.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036203340/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Fri, Dec 23, 1904 ·Page 5

Joseph in Woodbridge is the only farmer using the German method of adding lime to his soil, with excellent results

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609269794/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Fri, Apr 21, 1905 ·Page 5

The White Apron Club will picnic in Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609696406/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Tue, May 23, 1905 ·Page 4

Otto wins prize for most graceful dancer

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609701705/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 10, 1905 ·Page 1

Jospeh Spenker is about to erect a handsome residence on his property near Woodbridge – it will cost \$4000 and will be located 1.5 miles west of Woodbridge across the road from the old home

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036202397/?match=1&terms=spenker>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036204117/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jun 28, 1906 ·Page 2

Surprise birthday party for Otto at his parents' new house

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036209954/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Mon, Jan 14, 1907 ·Page 8

Older man pruning H.C. Beckman's vineyard accidentally cut his own wrist, bled to death as he attempted to crawl home

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609747358/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Mar 26, 1907 ·Page 1

The splendid Spenker ranch southwest of Woodbridge has been damaged by flood and wind

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036066728/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Oct 19, 1909 ·Page 1

At noon today Miss Caroline Krebs will marry Otto Spenker at the home of H.C. Beckman. The happy pair will reside at the Spenker ranch near Woodbridge. The bride has resided here for a number of years and her parents are Tulare county residents.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036159035/?article=9489281e-8ccd-4425-b70f-fb453dda8e76&terms=spenker>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609696775/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Nov 25, 1909 ·Page 7

Otto's address is Box 73, Rural 3. Phone 306.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036162244/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Sat, Apr 08, 1911 ·Page 5

Embezzler arrested while using false identity to work on Joseph's ranch

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609757610/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, May 25, 1911 ·Page 5

At the White Apron Club picnic, Joseph wins "Oldest Man" and three pounds of coffee donated by Keagle

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036260725/?match=1&terms=%22joseph%20spenker%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 17, 1911 ·Page 2

As sole heir, Henry files estate papers for both of his deceased parents

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036262288/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20Obeckman%22>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036264227/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20Obeckman%22>

The Record Sat, Feb 24, 1912 ·Page 9

Henry bought an automobile in October 1911

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609716717/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 21, 1912 ·Page 1

Joseph Spenker has great success in dairy and alfalfa, gets \$2550*year from them

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036293020/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Mon, Sep 15, 1913 ·Page 7

Very old wooden stirrups for a Spanish saddle for sale from Otto Spenker

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609710244/?match=1&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 27, 1913 ·Page 21

Details and photos of Otto Spenker's ranch 4.5 miles west of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036252708/?match=2&terms=spenker>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 12, 1914 ·Page 8

People are dumping trash along roadsides in Woodbridge inc on Joseph Spenker's ranch

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036200197/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Tue, Nov 24, 1914 ·Page 9

Deed by Kirschenmanns to Henry C. Beckman, Theodore H, Beckman, and Ludin Kirschenmann for portion of northwest quarter of section 22, township 3 north, range 6 east – 1 acre. [This is the property west of Redding]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609617545/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Dec 01, 1914 ·Page 1

Henry buys another automobile

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036203578/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%200beckman%22>

The Record Wed, Jul 07, 1915 ·Page 3

Otto seeks divorce from Caroline

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609616431/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Evening Mail Thu, Jul 29, 1915 ·Page 2

Henry, Vera, and Joe Jr. motor with Ben Churchman to Richardson for two weeks

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609140062/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 15, 1916 ·Page 1

Man assaults young woman at Spenker's grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036183524/?match=1&terms=spenker>

The Record Mon, Oct 23, 1916 ·Page 6

Joseph Spenker dies, one of the wealthiest farmers of Northern San Joaquin

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609752250/?article=5ec68080-5cd9-4675-93f0-20dc4179586b&terms=%22joseph%20spenker%22>

The Record Thu, Nov 02, 1916 ·Page 12

Joseph Spenker's estate is worth \$19,000

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609754043/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 15, 1917 ·Page 5

Jessie gives Henry a Packard automobile for his birthday

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036177583/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

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Tue, Dec 17, 1918 ·Page 12

The sister of Mrs. Henry C. Beckman [actually the sister of Mrs. Henry F. Beckman, Philippine Klink], known as Mrs. Alice Kroyer, the first wife of Stockton manufacturer J.M. Kroyer, is murdered in Stockton at the corner of Pilgrim St and Hazelton Ave. The murderer did not rob her of the cash and bond she was carrying.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036255450/?match=1&terms=%22Henry%20c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Wed, Nov 05, 1919 ·Page 13

The Beckman home south of Lodi was the site of a haunted house hosted by Anita Beckman

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609879400/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Thu, Dec 11, 1919 ·Page 15

H.C. Beckman sold his 87-acre ranch south of Lodi for \$40,000 to H.A, McKenzie

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609847597/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

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Thu, Feb 12, 1920 ·Page 1

H.C, Beckman tells Lodi City Council that the city septic tank emptying into the Stockton-Moquelumne canal is a smelly nuisance

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036123422/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 29, 1920 ·Page 12

H.C. Beckman is investigating oil shale production

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036134513/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 13, 1920 ·Page 6

Along with Wilson J. Thompson and Geo. W. Le Moin, H.C. Beckman reports on the financial status of The First National Bank of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036170463/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 17, 1920 ·Page 10

Jessie and her son, Arnold, have returned from vacationing at Pacific Grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036174218/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Oct 02, 1920 ·Page 3

The directors of Lodi's Superior Manufacturing Company include Otto Spenker, H.C. Beckman, and three Woocks. Their initial offering of stock is \$2.50/share.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036178922/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Dec 04, 1920 ·Page 9

First National Bank of Lodi shows big gain in resources, H.C. Beckman director

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036184856/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 15, 1921 ·Page 6

Jessie will be secretary of the Ladies' Society of St. Peter's Lutheran Church for 1921

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036186578/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Tue, Mar 08, 1921 ·Page 9

More trouble with the city septic tanks – H.C. and T.H. Beckman sign petition

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609855124/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Wed, Apr 27, 1921 ·Page 16

H.C. Beckman, residing some 2 miles south of Lodi, is constructing an eight-room cottage

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609871773/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 09, 1921 ·Page 10

H.C. Beckman is selling seed wheat, chicken feed, clean wheat straw

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036227086/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Oct 20, 1921 ·Page 6

H.C. Beckman has bought an Oldsmobile roadster

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036229339/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Dec 06, 1921 ·Page 1

When the First National Bank of Lodi was founded in September 1905, H.C. Beckman was one of two vice presidents

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036231406/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 14, 1922 ·Page 1

Superior Manufacturing Co. holds annual meeting with H.C. Beckman on the board with Otto and Woocks

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036234994/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 17, 1922 ·Page 3

Three turkeys stolen from H.C. Beckman's ranch

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036235171/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 23, 1922 ·Page 6

H.C. Beckman threatens injunction regarding the septic tanks

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036237801/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Fri, Apr 14, 1922 ·Page 8

H.C. Beckman on building committee for St. Peter's Lutheran. The current church building will be moved back on the lot to expand the school. A new church will be built of brick or stucco. [[According to St. Peter's website](#), this happened at the corner of Church and Locust Sts. The new church burned down in 1964 and the congregation moved to its current location on Lower Sacramento Rd. and Oxford St.]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609890176/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jun 08, 1922 ·Page 12

The St. Peter's garden social will be held at the H.C. Beckman home two miles south of the high school

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246638/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 28, 1922 ·Page 4

Members of the Lillie Sewing Club met at the H.C. Beckman home for a surprise bridal shower

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036304379/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 16, 1923 ·Page 1

H.C. Beckman is still on the board of the First National Bank

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036306699/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Sat, Jan 27, 1923 ·Page 23

Otto Spenker has donated \$9000 for a new pipe organ at St. Peter's

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/610003923/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 28, 1923 ·Page 3

The St. Peter's choir will give a program at the H.C. Beckman ranch

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036226830/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Sat, Dec 29, 1923 ·Page 6

Farmers including H.C. Beckman meet to try to lower land tax rate

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609861059/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 22, 1924 ·Page 8

Henry, Jessie, and Anna Spenker are among the petitioners to start the Woodbridge Irrigation District

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036278386/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Mar 04, 1924 ·Page 1

H.C. Beckman and Otto Spencer force the sale of the Superior Manufacturing Company (“the Iron Works”), 420 N Sacramento St, to satisfy a judgement

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036283019/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 20, 1924 ·Page 3

Work must start on the newly surveyed oil field in the Armstrong district within 90 days.
H.C. Beckman present at meeting

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036285088/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Wed, Apr 16, 1924 ·Page 19

H.C. Beckman is the lead petitioner for Woodbridge Irrigation District

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609961698/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 27, 1924 ·Page 4

Jessie again hosts the Lily of the Valley sewing club

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The Record Wed, Oct 15, 1924 ·Page 11

Road work will improve the H.C. Beckman road from Kettleman lane two miles southward to the Roach road – asphaltic oil surface will be added

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036249153/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Thu, Dec 25, 1924 ·Page 24

H.C. Beckman plans to incorporate the First National Bank of Lodi and build a bespoke bank building

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843110772/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

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Jessie is again secretary of St. Peter's Ladies' Society

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The Record Wed, Sep 09, 1925 ·Page 11

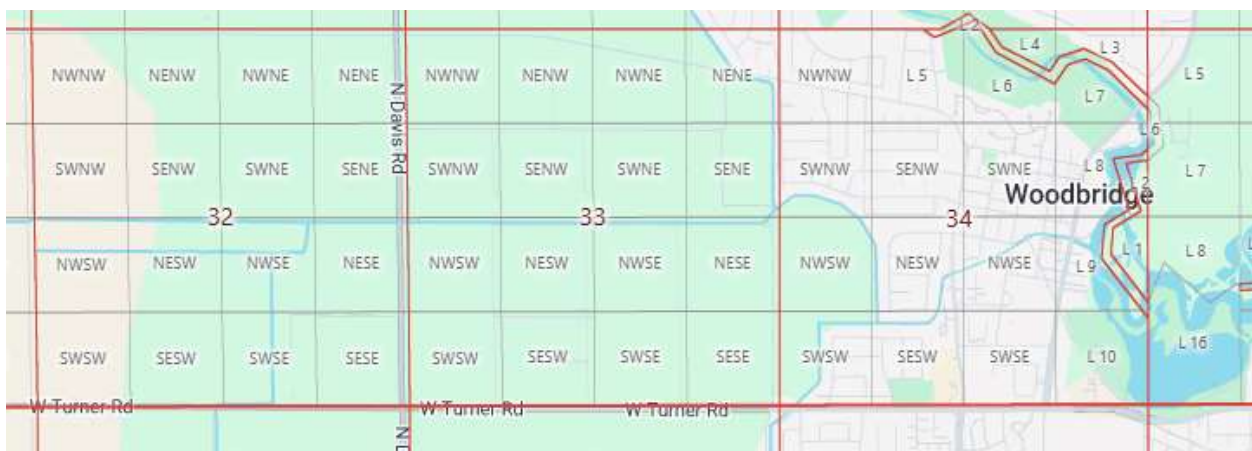
72 sacks of wheat stolen from H.C. Beckman ranch while the Beckmans were in Monterey

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843250510/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 24, 1925 ·Page 5

From Otto Spenker to Jessie Beckman deed to an undivided 1/2 of the E 150 acres of the N 1/2 of Sec 32 T 4 N R 6 E

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036373629/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>



<https://www.randymajors.org/township-range-on-google-maps?labels=show&x=-123.5309046&y=40.6781343&cx=-121.3244886&cy=38.1541048&zoom=14&counties=show&plss=show>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 01, 1926 ·Page 11

H.C. Beckman is secretary of the Standard Shale Products Company of Stockton

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036274067/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, May 05, 1927 ·Page 12

H.C. Beckman thanks everyone who helped fight the fire at the Atlas Iron Works

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036279214/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 14, 1927 ·Page 8

Henry and Jessie petition that they be included in the Woodbridge Irrigation District too

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036280186/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Stockton Independent Sat, Feb 25, 1928 ·Page 10

Otto Spenker to Jessie S. Beckman, wife of H.C. Beckman – portion of NE ¼ section 32 T 4 N R6E

Jessie Spenker Beckman and H.C. Beckman to Otto Spenker – portion of N ½ of section 32 T4 R 6 E containing 170,395 acres

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/608142262/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 06, 1928 ·Page 1

H.C. Beckman has bought a Ford truck

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036265015/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 21, 1929 ·Page 4

Friends throw a big surprise birthday party for Jessie

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036273158/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Mar 16, 1929 ·Page 1

H.C. Beckman has joined the California Vineyardist Association

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036275171/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 18, 1929 ·Page 5

H.C. Beckman has bought a Frigidaire cooling system

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036282696/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 30, 1929 ·Page 3

Mrs. HC. Beckman will give a reading in Pennsylvania German at St. Peter's

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036339962/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jun 05, 1930 ·Page 6

Henry, Jessie, Anita, Vera, Joe Jr., and Ed Perrin go to Alaska to make the circle tour on the Yukon river

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036325268/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 27, 1930 ·Page 4

Jessie is still hosting the Lily Sewing Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036327604/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 17, 1931 ·Page 4

Jessie is still secretary of the St. Peter's Ladies' Aid Society

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036330695/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 19, 1931 ·Page 3

H.C. Beckman is re-elected to the board of the Lodi Investment Co.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036331468/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Mon, Mar 28, 1932 ·Page 4

H.C. Beckman dies. He had lived in that home all of his life. The Superior Manufacturing Co. is now the Supermold Corporation.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843443606/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 07, 1932 ·Page 7

Henry to Jessie -- Assignment of deed of trust executed by Super Mold Corporation

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036362341/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 09, 1932 ·Page 1

Jessie is the executrix and sole legatee. Stocks, bonds, and real property were transferred prior to his death

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036362352/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 17, 1933 ·Page 4

Jessie and Vera go to Santa Cruz for a week

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036348508/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 30, 1933 ·Page 4

Lily Sewing Club meets at Mrs. H.C. Beckman's home

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 12, 1934 ·Page 5

4-H Club meets at Otto Spenker's home, Vera shows movies and Jessie entertained with readings

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036343335/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Nov 12, 1936 ·Page 10

Jessie is listed as a past president of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society, has been secretary for the past 19 years

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036333887/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Feb 05, 1937 ·Page 4

Jessie is honored by the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society. She was the first president of the Society in 1906, is in her 20th year as secretary

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365829/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, May 19, 1937 ·Page 9

Jessie gives PG&E an electric right of way

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036364615/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Jun 23, 1937 ·Page 4

Anita entertains at Jessie's summer cabin at Bijou on the southern end of Lake Tahoe

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365521/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jul 17, 1937 ·Page 4

Jessie and Vera take a motor tour of beauty spots in the West, including Yellowstone

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365915/?match=1&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 02, 1938 ·Page 4

Jessie is still in the Lily Sewing Club, still meets on Thursday afternoons

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036400936/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

The Record Wed, Jan 11, 1939 ·Page 8

Joe Jr. gets married to Christine Barlow, will live at the Beckman Ranch at Harney and West Lanes

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843765142/?article=9aa61840-43e0-4fbb-9a0b-37fc5ccba1f&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

The Record Mon, Jan 15, 1940 ·Page 6

In Nevada, 39yo Vera [Lutheran] becomes the bride of Ed Perrin [buried in Saint Joachim Catholic Cemetery] – a surprise to many

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843771617/?article=47d6efda-1fc6-438e-b28b-7bc10c2b6537&terms=%22h.c.%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 23, 1940 ·Page 2

Party given for Vera and Ed at their home on Pleasant St, Jessie attends

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033537898/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Aug 12, 1940 ·Page 1

Otto Spenker dies at his ranch home on the Turner road where he had resided for the past 58 years. He was born on the Lower Sacramento road. He'd been in ill health for a long time. His parents were at one time among the heaviest land owners in northern San Joaquin county.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033537026/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 06, 1941 ·Page 1

Anna Spenker dies at almost 94yo – she'd lived in the Woodbridge house for 59 years

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033570860/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Mar 07, 1941 ·Page 2

Jessie is still secretary of the Ladies' Aid society and Vera Perrin is acting treasurer

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033523029/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Oct 31, 1941 ·Page 4

The Lily Swing [sic] Club will meet at Jessie's home

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033539248/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 15, 1944 ·Page 2

Jessie is still secretary of the Ladies' Aid society

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036397603/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 05, 1946 ·Page 4

Jessie donates to the Lodi Memorial Hospital fund

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036848278/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Mar 31, 1952 ·Page 1

Jessie dies, was organist when the Lutheran mission was organized by Pastor E.P. Block at Henderson School. She served more than 30 years as secretary to the St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies Aid Society. She moved from the H. C. Beckman ranch on Harney and West Lanes to Lodi 13 years ago. About a year ago she received an injury that she never fully healed from. She died at 923 S Pleasant.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036553031/>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844663455/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Jun 27, 1952 ·Page 1

Cherokee Memorial Park donates funds for one Cedar Deodar tree to be planted at Lodi Memorial Hospital in memory of Jessie

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036552884/?match=1&terms=%22jessie%20beckman%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 04, 1963 ·Page 1

Son-in-law Ed Perrin dies

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036636057/?article=d72774df-e735-405d-a9a6-e01a3a3ffa24&terms=perrin>

History of San Joaquin County California with Biographical Sketches, by George H. Tinkham 1923:

[always take Tinkham with a grain of salt as the editors generally did not fact-check the families' submissions]:

Henry Christopher Beckman - On May 20, 1896, at Woodbridge, Mr. Beckman was married to Miss Jessie Spenker, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Schliemann) Spenker, natives of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Holstein, Germany, respectively. Joseph Spenker was reared on a farm and came to America in 1854, landing in New York, where he remained three days. He then spent a few years in traveling, settling finally in Illinois. From there he started for California in 1859, crossing the plains with ox-teams and arriving at Murphy's Camp on September 16, 1859. By hard work and economy he became, within a few years, a large landowner and a prominent citizen of San Joaquin County. Mr. and Mrs. Beckman are the parents of three children: Anita, Vera and Joseph C.

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/1326/mode/2up?q=spenker>

Superior Manufacturing Company - The Superior Manufacturing Company has agencies in Kern, Kings, San Joaquin, Tulare, Madera, Sacramento and Placer counties; and with the growth of their business, they will doubtless maintain branches all over the state and in the adjoining territory. With the reclamation of waste lands through irrigation, these deep-well pumps will play no small part, thus adding to the natural wealth and productivity of every locality in which they are installed. The business of the company is in the hands of the following efficient personnel: Walter R. Woock, president; Herbert J. Woock, vice-president; Eric M. Woock, treasurer; H. T. Bailey, secretary; while the other members of the board of directors are H. C. Beckman, Otto Spenker and Percy S. Webster. The company has just been reincorporated as The Superior Iron Works, and the manufacturing will be continued and gradually increased.

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/1340/mode/2up>

Otto Spenker - From youth up he was successfully identified with his father in extensive farming pursuits. His father owned 1000 acres of land along the Mokelumne River, a portion of which was heavily timbered and much of this was cleared and put under cultivation. Mr. Spenker now owns 640 acres, seventy of which is in vineyard, sixty acres in alfalfa and the balance general farming land; the entire ranch is under the Stockton-Mokelumne irrigation system. He is a director of the First National Bank of Lodi and a stockholder in the Lodi Investment Company. In 1907 he erected a fine residence on his property, where he now resides with his mother.

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/1544/mode/2up?q=spenker>

Lodi Historical Society newsletters:

- [San Joaquin Valley College](#), Vol 15, No 1 Winter 2004
- [Lodi Banking](#), Vol 7 No. 1 Spring 1996
- [Woock Bros. – Superior Manufacturing Co. - Atlas Iron Works – Super Mold](#), Vol. 10 No. 1 Spring 1999
- [The Jules Perrin Family](#), Vol 6 No 2 Summer 1995

Find a Grave:

- Jessie Spenker Beckman <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31241950/jessie-beckman>
- Joseph Spenker <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68140455/joseph-spenker>
- Anna Spenker <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68140364/anna-spenker>
- Otto Spenker <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68140304/otto-spenker>
- H.C. Spenker https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30521180/henry_c-beckman
- Anita Beckman Woock <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/131558425/anita-woock>
- Vera Beckman Perrin <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/49964139/vera-perrin>
- Ed Perrin https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104216933/edward_j-perrin

Censuses:

1880 Census – Jessie is 5yo

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4239992-00248?pld=16022170>

1880 Agricultural production

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1276/images/31560_204073-00825?pld=1235710

1900 Census – Jessie is gone from Spenker house, Herman Krebbs is a boarder with Joseph, Anna, and Otto

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4112032_00102?pld=291648

1900 Census – Jessie is living with Henry, Anita, and Henry's mother Mary

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4112032_00118?pld=292400

1910 Census – Jessie is living with Henry, Anita, Vera, Josphe Jr., and Henry's mother Mary

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884/records/187161676>

1920 Census – Jessie is living with Henry, Anita, Vera, and Joseph

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/5822092>

1930 Census– Jessie is living with Henry, Vera, and Joseph C

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4532357_00962?pId=92810758

1940 Census – Jessie is living with daughter Vera and son-in-law Ed Perrin at 923 Pleasant

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/records/71831160>

1950 Census – Jessie is living with daughter Vera and son-in-law Ed Perrin at 923 Pleasant

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/256431624>