

The Life of Estella Smith (1872-1964)

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Summary:

Estella Margaret Smith was born in Amador County in 1872. Her father soon bought 80 acres of bottomland on the south side of the Mokelumne River (and other properties) and moved the family to what would in 1934 become Lodi Lake. Estella was a good student and graduated from the Woodbridge's San Joaquin Valley College but she never married. Possible reasons:

- Under then-current California marital property laws married women were legally incapable of owning property, so she had to stay single to maintain control of the Smith acreage
- Similarly, husbands generally made the decisions on where a married couple would live and how he would spend their money
- She was unusually free-spirited and competitive, which may have been considered undesirable in a potential wife
- As she reached the typical age for marriage Estella's older sister died, leaving two very young children, which must have been traumatic for the family

Otherwise, the Smith family was "respectable" and in a time where physical disability was publicly discussed in detail, no mention is made of mental or physical limitations for Estella. It is very likely that she received marriage proposals.

Estella inherited the property in 1902 and ran it for 35 years. She made a couple of attempts to sell it as a resort before 1934 when the City of Lodi became interested in purchasing it to make a municipal park. Over time Estella sold most of the rest of her property to the City, to individuals and to General Mills.

Estella was adventuresome and socially very active in the Woodbridge Order of the Eastern Star, at the Woodbridge Golf and Country Club, and in card parties all over San Joaquin County.



In her last years her nephew Charles and his wife Elsie lived with Estella. (Charles's arm had been cut off while working in General Mills, says Charles's grandson Mike Robinson, who was a recent speaker at the Haggin Museum.) Estella died at age 92 and is buried in the Woodbridge Memorial Cemetery.

- SOURCES -

Family Timeline summary:

- 9/28/1831 Father Charles E Smith born in Maine
- 12/1/1841 Mother Isabelle Robertson Smith born in Toronto, Canada
- 8/17/1862 Parents [Charles Smith and Isabella Robertson marry](#) in Amador
- 6/1/1864 Brother Albert Lincoln Smith born
- 4/18/1869 Brother Charles Robertson Smith born
- 5/7/1870 Sister Anna May Smith born
- **1/13/1872 Estella Margaret Smith born** in Scottsville, Jackson, Amador
- 1875 Charles Smith buys 80 acres of mostly bottomland on the south side of the Mokelumne River
- 11/4/1888 [Presbyterian baptismal record](#) for Anna May and Estella
- 2/26/1890 Brother Albert marries Laura Belle Nicewonger
- 8/13/1890 Sister Anna May marries John Abner Field
- 10/2/1892 Nephew Le Roy Smith born to Albert and Laura; Le Roy lives only one day ("Baby Smith" in Woodbridge plot)
- 1/11/1894 Sister Anna May gives birth to Niece Evalyn Isabel Field (marries Crichton, goes to Illinois but comes back, lives in Stockton)
- 2/22/1895 Sister Anna May gives birth to Nephew C Robert Field. He'll die at age 15 and is buried in Illinois.
- 12/18/1895 Sister Anna May dies of malarial fever (record in SJCHSM) [Malaria in California](#)
- 9/28/1898 Brother Charles R marries Caroline Julia Matthews of Amador
- 7/29/1899 Niece Helen M Smith born to Charles R and Caroline (will marry Harriton, live in NY and PA)
- 11/6/1899 Mother Isabella dies
- 6/2/1900 Census - widower Father Charles E Smith is HOH, Estella in household along w Evelyn Fields (Anna May's daughter, will marry Crichton and live in Stockton), boarder Nellie Campbell, Uncle James Robertson.
- 6/14/1901 Niece Caroline Isabella born to Charles R and Caroline (marries Robinson, lives in Stockton)

- 7/31/1901 Father Charles marries Stepmother Pernina Frowe Courtright Heming
- 1/5/1902 Father Charles E Smith dies, buried in Woodbridge Masonic Cemetery.
- 1/17/1902 Stepmother Pernina dies, right after Charles E. Had been ill for some time, died in carriage trying to get home to family. Buried in Woodbridge Masonic Cemetery.
- 11/15/1902 Niece Lucille Smith born to Albert and Laura
- 6/16/1903 Nephew Charles Hiram Smith born to Charles R and Caroline (lives in Woodbridge/Lodi, will live with Estella when she's elderly)
- 5/11/1905 Nephew Albert Matthews born to Charles R and Caroline (lives in Stockton)
- 11/15/1908 Nephew Cyril born to Charles R and Caroline (lives in Stockton)
- 11/1/1910 Nephew Philip born to Charles R and Caroline (lives in Los Angeles and Arabia)
- 10/31/1912 Estella is executrix for Anna May's estate. Property worth \$1000 will go to Anna May's husband and children.
- 1913 Estella gets [drivers license](#)
- 3/17/1918 Namesake Niece Estella Nell Smith born to Charles R and Caroline (marries Cooper, lives in Woodbridge/Lodi)
- 8/28/1920 Niece Janet born to Charles R and Caroline (marries Benevich, lives in Stockton)
- 8/9/1938 Brother Charles Robertson Smith dies
- 1/1/1940 Census - 68yo Estella is head of household worth \$15,000 (very high for neighborhood), no longer working. Also in household are brother Albert (divorced), nephew Charles, niece-in-law Elsie.
- 11/25/1946 Brother Albert L Smith passes away, buried in Woodbridge Cemetery
- 4/9/1964 **Estella Smith dies** in Gross Rest Home in Lodi. Never married. Informant Charles Smith of Route 2 Box 146. Wells Funeral Home. Carcinoma right maxilla and antrum 1y, carcinoma of tongue 14y. Buried 4/13/1964 in Woodbridge Cemetery.

In the News:

The Sacramento Bee Wed, Aug 20, 1862 ·Page 2

Charles E. Smith (father) and Isabella Robertson (mother) wed near Jackson

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/624040272/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 29, 1882 ·Page 3

C.E. Smith is sued by the San Joaquin and Sierra Nevada Railroad Co. (narrow-gauge) to force the Smiths to allow the tracks through their land

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036197604/?match=1&terms=%22C.E.%20Smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Oct 30, 1886 ·Page 3

May Smith and Estella Smith tie for top grades at the Woodbridge Grammer School

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The Valley Review Thu, Mar 28, 1889 ·Page 3

Mrs. Rosa Herman, Estella's aunt, is still feeling quite low at the Smith residence

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1141004387/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Fri, Aug 15, 1890 ·Page 1

Estella's sister Anna wedding announcement – held at the Smith residence

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The Evening Mail

Fri, Jan 23, 1891 ·Page 1

Estella attends her friends' double wedding

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The Evening Mail Fri, Feb 27, 1891 ·Page 1

Miss Estella Smith gives an oration at a Woodbridge entertainment

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The Valley Review Thu, May 28, 1891 ·Page 3

C.E. Smith is one of the school trustees trying to establish a Union High School district for this end of San Joaquin County

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The Valley Review Thu, Aug 27, 1891 ·Page 3

Estella attends birthday party of Mary Ellis

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1141006304/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Dec 20, 1893 ·Page 5

Charles E. Smith of Woodbridge to administer the estate of Rosina Ashley

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609572272/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

The Record Tue, Dec 03, 1895 ·Page 4

Estella is visiting friends in Stockton

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609697388/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Apr 27, 1896 ·Page 4

Estella is visiting Mrs. Van Vranken in Clements (three times in 1896)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609694463/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Dec 16, 1897 ·Page 5

Estella installed as Warder of the Woodbridge Chapter, No. 118, of the Order of the Eastern Star

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609310891/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Jul 31, 1901 ·Page 8

Charles E. Smith and Pernina Heming to wed

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609366460/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 07, 1902 ·Page 1

Charles E. Smith obituary

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609541381/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Fri, Jan 10, 1902 ·Page 7

Distribution of Charles E. Smith's land – his land near Escalon is divided up among family members. Estella alone gets the future Lodi Lake property:

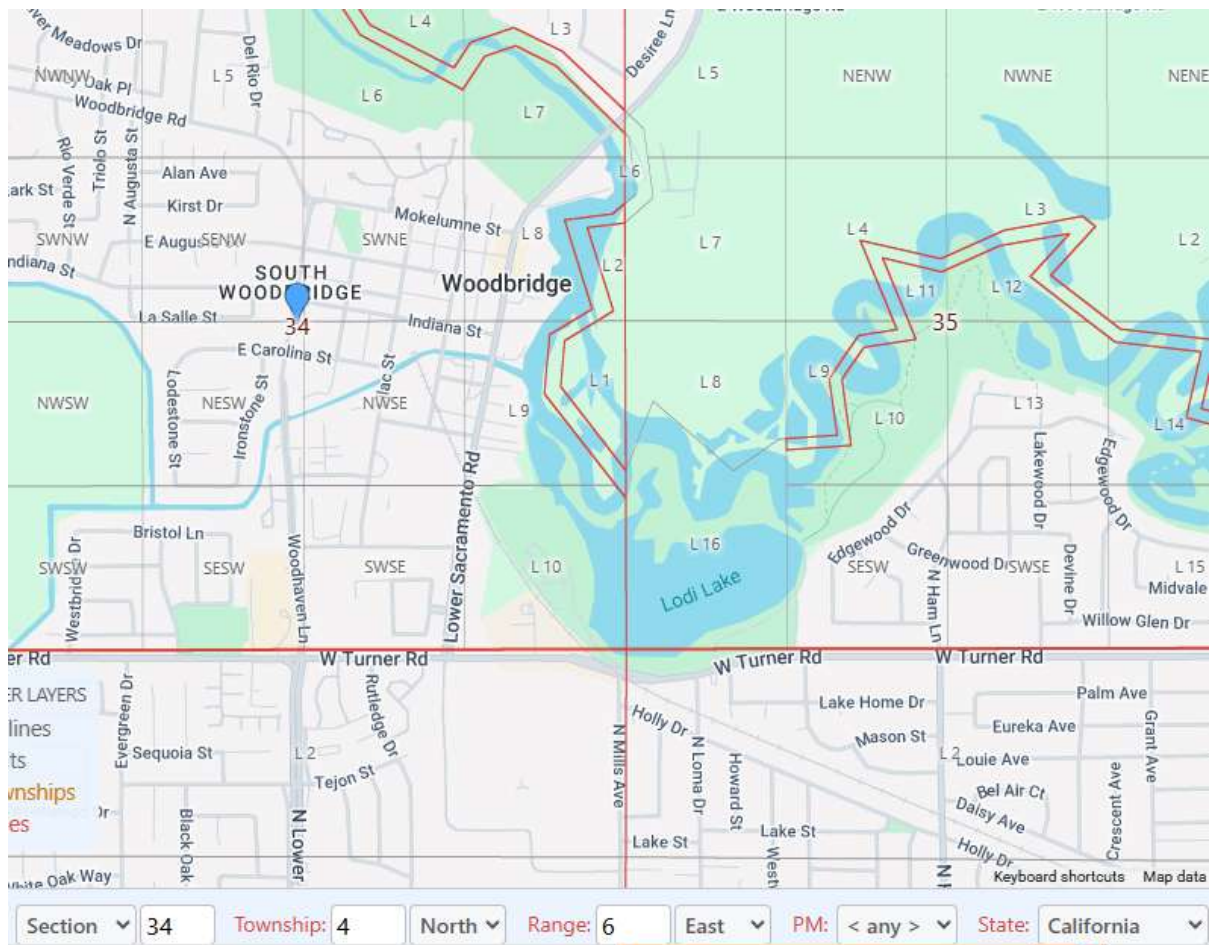
- To his granddaughter Eveline Field - west half of the southwest quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east
- To his granddaughters Helen and Isabella Smith - east half of the northwest quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east
- To his brother-in-law James Robertson - part of section 30, Weber grant, \$10

- To his son C.R. Smith – northeast quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east
- To Nellie Harrop [possibly the 15yo Nellie Campbell in their 1900 Census. Nellie C. Harrop sells this land to Charles R. Smith in 1903. By Dec 1904 the former Nellie C. Harrop has married Archabal Hastay.] – east half of the southwest quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east
- To daughter Estella Smith – west half of the northwest quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east
- To daughter Estella Smith – portions of sections 34 and 35, township 4 north, range 6 east

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The Evening Mail Fri, Jan 17, 1902 ·Page 1

Death of Estella's stepmother, Pernina

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Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 21, 1902 ·Page 1

11yo boy accidentally shot on Smith's lake

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036198131/?match=1&terms=horrible>

The Evening Mail Thu, Mar 06, 1902 ·Page 2

B.F. Hawes to Charles E. Smith, release of mortgage dated Aug 8 1900 for \$1000 on the north half and southwest quarter of section 30, township 1 south, range 9 east, containing 480 acres

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609646488/?match=1&terms=%22charles%20e.%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 18, 1903 ·Page 3

Estella attends Boyce party

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The Record Fri, Aug 19, 1904 ·Page 5

Nellie Covell and Estella Smith have gone to Calistoga for visiting

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 14, 1905 ·Page 12

Estella will be Asst Conductor for the Order of the Eastern Star

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The Record Fri, Dec 15, 1905 ·Page 6

Estella petitions to administer father's estate – he died intestate and Estella is unable to state the value of the estate

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The Evening Mail Wed, Jan 24, 1906 ·Page 5

Estella's brother Charles sues to keep Estella from becoming administratrix

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The Record Wed, Jan 24, 1906 ·Page 7

The land in question is 50 acres in section 30 of C.M. Weber's Grant, excepting 28.252 acres

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Estella attends a ladies' party at the Arthur home in Woodbridge

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The Record Thu, Jan 10, 1907 ·Page 3

Estella is now Conductor in the OES

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The Record Thu, Nov 05, 1908 ·Page 2

The Covells and the Misses Estella Smith and Vivian Boyce made a jolly automobile party going to Escalon on Sunday

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The Record Thu, Jan 21, 1909 ·Page 3

Estella's brother Charles of Stockton has been visiting her in Woodbridge

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The Evening Mail Wed, Feb 10, 1909 ·Page 5

H.B. Stannard to Estella M. Smith – agreement that Stannard shall form a corporation for the purpose of building a hotel and making a pleasure resort on a portion of the land owned by Estella M. Smith, said land is the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 34, except 3 acres, and the southwest quarter of section 35, township 4 north, range 6 east.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609192754/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Fri, Feb 12, 1909 ·Page 3

Smith's Lake, a New Resort – Lodi man will beautify the place. The long talked-of summer resort at Smith's Lake will soon become a reality. Will have a floating dance pavilion, band stands, bath houses, tennis courts, and a ball ground. Will be run on strictly moral and temperance principles – it's in the contract.

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The Record Fri, Jun 18, 1909 ·Page 3

Estella visits Charles for several days

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The Record Sat, Aug 14, 1909 ·Page 3

Misses Estella Smith, Nona Keeney, Mabel McMurtry, and Emma and Vivian Boyce just returned from a camping expedition in the Sierras. They made the trip unattended by males, attended to their horses and wagons and pitched their own camp.

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The Record Wed, Sep 15, 1909 ·Page 8

Estella Smith and nieces Helen and Isabella Smith petition for their acres to be included in the South San Joaquin Irrigation District

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609716930/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Nov 29, 1909 ·Page 3

Estella visiting Charles in Stockton

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609702800/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Fri, Mar 18, 1910 ·Page 3

Charles joins the other Smith in asking for his acres to be included in the Irrigation District

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609272334/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella at Lenora Keeney's engagement party. Like Estella, Lenora came from Jackson (Amador)

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 28, 1910 ·Page 2

Estella is the bridesmaid for Lenora

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036172218/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Tue, Dec 27, 1910 ·Page 7

Estella spends Christmas with her brother Charles's family in Stockton

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The Record Mon, May 01, 1911 ·Page 7

Estella visits Charles's home again

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The Record Thu, May 04, 1911 ·Page 7

Charles visits Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609768497/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Jul 05, 1911 ·Page 7

Miss Helen Smith is visiting her Aunt Estella in Woodbridge

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The Record Wed, Jul 26, 1911 ·Page 6

Estella is visiting Charles (again in November)

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The Record Sat, Dec 09, 1911 ·Page 6

Estella will be Esther in the OES

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The Record Tue, Feb 06, 1912 ·Page 6

Mrs. Laura Smith and her daughter of Oakland spent the weekend with Miss Stella Smith of Woodbridge

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609714770/?match=1&terms=%22laura%20smith%22%20%22divorce%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Oct 02, 1912 ·Page 5

Estella will be treasurer of the OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609077354/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Tue, Oct 29, 1912 ·Page 10

Estella applies to administer sister Anna May Field's estate consisting of land near the town of Woodbridge worth \$1000. It goes to her husband and two children.

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The Record Wed, Nov 13, 1912 ·Page 5

Charles Smith and family of Escalon are visiting Estella

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The Record Thu, Dec 05, 1912 ·Page 4

Mrs. Charles Smith of Escalon is still weak and with Estella

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The Evening Mail Mon, Feb 24, 1913 ·Page 7

Estella with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Covell, Mr. and Mrs. John Emde, Miss Mabel McMurtry, and Miss Gwin heard Nordica at the Yo Semite theater

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609121473/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Mar 27, 1913 ·Page 3

A needlework luncheon at Misses Rita and Evelyn Woods's home, with Estella and Misses Margaret, Kittie, and Helen Brack, Nellie Covell, Elinor Franklin, Vivian Boyce, Edna Anglin, Erma Boyce, Carrie Veitch.

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The Evening Mail Tue, Apr 08, 1913 ·Page 6

Mrs. Charles Newton entertains Mesdames Mills, Rutledge and Misses Smith, Fiske, Franklin, Boyce, Jahant, Moore, Boyce, Wilhoit, Covell.

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The Record Sat, May 10, 1913 ·Page 5

Estella goes to Farmington/Escalon to visit Charles

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The Record Mon, Jun 02, 1913 ·Page 9

Miss Gwin of Modesto is visiting Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609714020/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Sat, Jun 14, 1913 ·Page 10

Mrs. Charles Smith of Escalon is visiting Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609715837/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Jun 25, 1913 ·Page 5

Mrs. Carrie Carleton visits Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609716911/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Sat, Oct 18, 1913 ·Page 11

Miss Estella Smith drove her new Overland car to Escalon accompanied by her nieces Helen and Isabel, students at Woodbridge High School

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609161342/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Hansel & Ortman Overland car – details of Estella's purchase

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Estella wins prize at 500 party given by Mrs. Amos Boyce and Mrs. Elbert Covell

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The Record Wed, Jun 17, 1914 ·Page 5

Mrs. Laura Smith/Mrs. Marshall from Oakland and daughter Lucille [brother Albert's ex-wife and daughter?] are visiting Estella

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jul 30, 1914 ·Page 8

Estella has ice cream and soda water every Sunday afternoon at Smith's lake

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The Record Fri, Aug 14, 1914 ·Page 3

Charles Smith and wife of Escalon are visiting Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609751353/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Sep 02, 1914 ·Page 9

Estella as administratrix of sister's estate deeds 3 acres to brother Charles, in section 10, township 4 north, range 6 east, for \$410

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609754037/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Fri, Aug 06, 1915 ·Page 9

Deeds – Estella to G.L. Potter, A.G. Keagle, and A.N. Davis, fractional southwest quarter of section 35. Township 4 north, range 6 east; also a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 34, same township and range

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The Evening Mail Fri, Aug 06, 1915 ·Page 3

Stockton Men Buy Smith's Lake – the only pleasure ground of its sort between San Francisco and Redding. Will attract tourist, sightseer and homeseecker. About 55 acres, with practically half high ground with imposing shade trees. All that's been done so far is the construction of a dance platform and bathhouses, with boats. Large numbers of people visit during leisure hours. But a few rods off the Lincoln Highway.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609140615/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 12, 1915 ·Page 8

Smith's Lake will be Made Into Model Resort

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036196393/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Evening Mail Mon, Nov 29, 1915 ·Page 9

Estella, Nellie Covell, Helen and Isabella Smith motored over

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609148625/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Tue, Apr 25, 1916 ·Page 2

Estella at the Fore-Posey wedding

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Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 01, 1916 ·Page 1

Niece Estelle Smith is star witness against Mrs. Rena Mooney, Lodi anarchist

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The Record Mon, Mar 26, 1917 ·Page 7

Estella with Nellie Covell and Misses Erma and Vivien Boyce visit Sacramento

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The Record Tue, Apr 10, 1917 ·Page 11

Estella to Potter, Keagle, Davis – release of mortgage dated 4/9/1912 for \$7000

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609808346/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Fri, Apr 27, 1917 ·Page 13

Charles and wife to Estella de for an undivided half interest in and to 3 acres of land in the SW quarter of Sec 34 T 4 N, R 6 E; \$10

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609808922/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Jul 16, 1917 ·Page 7

Estella and Mrs. Elmira Rutledge visit Jackson and lone

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609801572/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Sat, Sep 08, 1917 ·Page 11

Estella buys Hansel & Ortman Overland Willys auto

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609806658/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Oct 10, 1917 ·Page 8

Estella, Nellie Covell, and Erma and Vivian Boyce visit Sacramento

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609823970/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Thu, Oct 25, 1917 ·Page 11

Mrs. Hoyt of Berkeley is visiting Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609824877/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Oct 27, 1917 ·Page 5

Estellla has bought \$500 in war bonds

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036179778/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record

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Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Green of Sacramento have been Estella's guests

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The Record Fri, Jan 04, 1918 ·Page 9

Estella at church meeting

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The Record Mon, Jan 07, 1918 ·Page 9

Nieces Helen and Isabelle are visiting Estella

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609929160/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Jan 09, 1918 ·Page 9

Estella is secretary at church meeting

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609929261/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Jan 21, 1918 ·Page 9

Estella visits Escalon

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609930089/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Feb 25, 1918 ·Page 6

Estella, a single woman, to S.J. Irwin – agreement to sell NW 60 acres of the NW quarter of sec. 30, T.1 A., R. 9 E. for \$6000

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609932306/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Apr 24, 1918 ·Page 11

Estella to Adolphus Pierce – agreement to sell all that portion of the W half of the NW quarter of Sec 30, T 1 S, R 9 E, containing 15.85 acres

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609929833/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Sat, Feb 15, 1919 ·Page 11

Estella is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Weeks of Jackson

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609854658/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Fri, Nov 14, 1919 ·Page 15

Estella and many of her friends at OES event

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609880231/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 02, 1920 ·Page 10

Estella will be an election clerk

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036182025/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Dec 12, 1921 ·Page 7

Estella at Hoyt-Hollingworth wedding

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609929390/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 24, 1922 ·Page 4

Deed exchange between Estella and Henry Blohme in Sec 34

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036235550/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Thu, Jun 01, 1922 ·Page 15

Estella throws party for friends going to Europe

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609893487/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Oct 24, 1922 ·Page 4

Niece Helen marries David Harriton. Army-Navy artist, in surprise ceremony

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036302780/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jun 09, 1925 ·Page 4

Estella accepts offer to ride in W.H. Gregg's airplane, wanted to see her property

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036372920/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Tue, Dec 22, 1925 ·Page 13

Estella on the stand, testifying that in her memory or at least for the last 30 years her thirty-acre vineyard at Woodbridge has never been irrigated. She relies on rainfall and cultivation to make the best grapes. The proposed Mokelumne River Water District would be a financial burden to her. The taking of Mokelumne River water by the East Bay municipal utility district wouldn't affect her.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843280111/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Dec 23, 1925 ·Page 7

Estella is one of 15 witnesses; map of proposed District is being prepared

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843280205/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036112031/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Dec 14, 1927 ·Page 22

Horse, bay with star on forehead, belonging to Estella has strayed. Address is Rt 2, Box 39.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843379927/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 10, 1928 ·Page 5

Estella plays golf at [Woodbridge Golf & Country Club](#)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036321118/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Stockton Independent Fri, Feb 24, 1928 ·Page 3

Estella attends Tennis Club bridge party; Estella hosts a table at the [Philomathean clubhouse in Stockton](#)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/608142055/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843382646/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/608143293/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Mar 17, 1928 ·Page 8

Thursdays are Ladies Days at Woodbridge Golf & County Club; Estella wins low gross

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036324277/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, May 08, 1928 ·Page 3

Estella and Miss Erma Boyce were returning from Pacific Grove and were on Lower Sacramento Rd near the Williams corner when the car Estella was driving overturned due to loose gravel. The women were slightly injured but the car badly damaged.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036326404/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, May 08, 1928 ·Page 4

Estella attends OES event

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036326409/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 16, 1928 ·Page 4

Estella motors to Yosemite with Mr. and Mrs. Allie Covell, Mrs. Elbert Covell, Mrs. John Emde, and Miss Nellie Covell

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036327516/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 11, 1928 ·Page 4

Party given for Mrs. David Harriton, who is here visiting her Aunt Estella with children Clara and David Jr. Miss Isabelle Smith of Stockton attends the party.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036329949/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Stockton Independent Thu, Sep 27, 1928 ·Page 12

Estella sells to John Auguste portion of NW ¼ section 30, T1S, R9E

Estella sells to W.L. Prater and wife portion of NW ¼ section 30, T1S, R9E

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/607925084/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 03, 1928 ·Page 10

Estella wins second place in golf tournament

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036331347/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Mar 02, 1929 ·Page 10

Estella signs with the California Vineyardists' Association

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036274035/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 29, 1929 ·Page 5

Estella is one of 775 Lodi grape growers enrolled in the Federal Grape Stabilization corporation

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036287429/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 19, 1929 ·Page 3

Estella wins first place in golf

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036339783/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 07, 1930 ·Page 4

Estella and friends go to Del Paso for golf invitational day

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036323092/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 15, 1930 ·Page 1

[Prohibition starts] Estella with many others have signed up for Federal Farm Board relief; we need 85% of the area grape tonnage signed up for the relief to be granted

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036324978/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 29, 1930 ·Page 8

Estella scores second low net at golf tournament

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036329451/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Jun 15, 1931 ·Page 6

Nephew Albert's wedding announcement

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843428703/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 10, 1933 ·Page 8

Land near Estella's will go to forced auction because J.B. and Sarah Jortz didn't pay interest on promissory notes as agreed to L.T. Mason and Margry Pischel. Nephew Albert's new brother-in-law, Carroll Grunsky, is a trustee. [this auction notice is repeated regularly through September 5)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036348299/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Sat, Feb 24, 1934 ·Page 13

Niece Isabella marries I. Newton Robinson in Estella's house, just as the bride's parents were married there 35 years ago. Many Smith family members are present. Masses of almond blossoms decorate the house and wedding arch. Estella gave the couple a tea set that had been in the Smith family for nearly 100 years.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843476791/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Apr 13, 1934 ·Page 3

Niece (?) Estella Smith is a first soprano in the Lodi High School girls' chorus

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036343404/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, May 23, 1934 ·Page 6

Estella is runner-up for the Ella Jahant golf trophy

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036346069/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Lodi News Fri, May 31, 1935 ·Page 4

Estella wins at the Stockton Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036224581/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Lodi News Tue, Jun 11, 1935 ·Page 2

Estella presented with bouquet for being a charter member of the Woodbridge Order of the Eastern Star

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036225170/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Sep 18, 1935 ·Page 5

Estella motors with other OES members to Elk Grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036359136/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Dec 18, 1935 ·Page 4

Estella wins at turkey whist

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036351021/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Jun 10, 1936 ·Page 1

Estella wins trophy at PTA card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036330600/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Sat, Jun 27, 1936 ·Page 9

Niece Isabella entertains at her home on Roberts Island – sisters Helen and Estella attend

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843947448/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 15, 1936 ·Page 4

Estella attends 44th anniversary meeting of Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036330208/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jan 07, 1937 ·Page 4

Estella is a high scorer at the turkey banquet whist party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036364959/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Feb 23, 1937 ·Page 8

Estella and Fred Snyder place third in couples competition at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365650/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 04, 1937 ·Page 4

Estella attends whist party at Woman's Club of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036366027/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jun 15, 1937 ·Page 4

Niece Estella announces engagement to Albert Cooper of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365364/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Jun 28, 1937 ·Page 8

Instead of being married at niece Isabella's home on Roberts Island as had been announced, niece Estella was informally married in Reno

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843901487/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jul 15, 1937 ·Page 4

Estella attends dinner hosted by Rainbow Girls

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365870/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 14, 1938 ·Page 6

Estella wins fourth place at Stockton Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036401345/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, May 27, 1938 ·Page 6

Estella attends dinner card party hosted by Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at the Lodi Armory

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036212921/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 28, 1938 ·Page 7

Estella plays golf in Woodbridge

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036213153/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jun 02, 1938 ·Page 4

Estella attends hobby and pet show at Woods School

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036213608/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Jun 13, 1938 ·Page 1

Estella's barn burns, two horses may be dead. Rte 2, Box 63, Woodbridge Rd.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036215309/?match=1&terms=barn>

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Estella ties for second at Woodbridge Golf and County Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036331259/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Aug 10, 1938 ·Page 17

Brother Charles death notice

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843747463/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Brother Charles obituary, says after the death of his father Charles took over the family farming interests at Woodbridge and later in Escalon, here he lived for many years. About 10 years ago he moved back to his old home in Woodbridge [Estella's house; the [1930 US Census shows Charles](#) was a farm laborer worth living with his family in a rented home paying \$50/month at 123 W Willow in Stockton]. For the last two years Smith and his wife had lived on Roberts Island [perhaps with their daughter Isabella].

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Estella M. Smith to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company – Option for right of way

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033578260/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Apr 17, 1939 ·Page 5

Estella Smith and Fred Snyder take second place at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033579624/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, May 16, 1939 ·Page 1

Estella is one of several bringing in their old cookbooks to the Lodi News-Sentinel

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033580768/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Fri, Oct 25, 1940 ·Page 1

Estella is one of many local farmers organizing a Farmers for Willkie unit, saying that prosperity won't come until unemployment comes down

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843774898/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, May 14, 1941 ·Page 9

Estella H Smith to Estella Nell Cooper – a portion of the SE ¼ of Sec 34 T4N R6E

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033529267/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, May 23, 1941 ·Page 2

Estella's land in Sec 34 is being surveyed

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033530137/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Nov 26, 1941 ·Page 16

Estella is a second flight winner with Woodbridge golfers

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843769469/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Sep 14, 1942 ·Page 2

Woodbridge OES celebrates Golden Anniversary, Estella is charter member

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033546815/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 15, 1943 ·Page 2

Estella is a high scorer at whist

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036400048/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Jun 28, 1943 ·Page 2

Estella wins a special prize at the card party hosted by the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Dept
At the Woods School

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036401982/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 09, 1943 ·Page 2

Estella wins trophy at Woodbridge Whist club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036400143/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Sep 15, 1943 ·Page 4

Estella ties for second at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036400409/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Nov 19, 1943 ·Page 2

Estella attends large card party at the Lodi Woman's Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036402018/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 03, 1944 ·Page 3

Estella wins at Woodbridge Whist Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036398728/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Jun 14, 1944 ·Page 5

Estella ties for third at Woodbridge Golf tourney

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036400000/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Dec 04, 1944 ·Page 2

Estella is chair of tonight's Whist Club meeting

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036528500/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Feb 23, 1945 ·Page 2

Estella wins a prize at Woodbridge OES Whist party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036526925/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Mar 14, 1945 ·Page 4

Estella ties for third at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036528817/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Apr 18, 1945 ·Page 6

Estella wins second at Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036533840/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 13, 1945 ·Page 2

Estella honored as past matron of Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036530847/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella at Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036533553/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella at Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036850052/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, May 08, 1946 ·Page 5

Estella ties for second in Fewest Putt contest

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036844128/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 24, 1946 ·Page 4

Estella sells land to General Mills SE ¼ of Sec 34, T4N, R6E

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036845279/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Nov 07, 1946 ·Page 7

Estella at luncheon at Woodbridge Golf and Country; Mrs. Fred Snyder presiding

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036848483/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Mon, Nov 25, 1946 ·Page 13

Brother Albert Smith, retired Lodi district rancher at Rt. 2, Box 63 and father of Mrs. Lucile E. Spuller of San Francisco, dies following long illness

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843906318/>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036849694/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella at whist party hosted by Native Daughters of the Golden West

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036851953/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 14, 1947 ·Page 2

Estella is one of the January birthdays celebrated by the Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036844899/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Jan 15, 1947 ·Page 5

Estella is a donor for the Lodi Memorial Hospital

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036845000/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Mar 12, 1947 ·Page 3

Woodbridge Firemen's Auxiliary meeting at Estella's house on Turner Road; niece Estella Cooper will be hostess

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036849122/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 26, 1947 ·Page 2

Estella wins prize that H.E.C. card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036556475/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 16, 1947 ·Page 2

Estella cuts the cake at the 55th Anniversary party for the OES. She was matron in 1909.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036561712/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 01, 1947 ·Page 2

Estella wins a prize at the OES Halloween card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036557528/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Nov 17, 1947 ·Page 3

Estella wins at White Apron Club card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036558980/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 22, 1947 ·Page 2

Estella wins at a card party hosted by the Hone Economic Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036559668/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Dec 01, 1947 ·Page 1

Estella contributes to the Navajo Aid Trust Fund

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036560466/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 18, 1947 ·Page 3

Estella wins at Woodbridge Grange card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036562740/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jan 08, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella serves refreshments at Woodbridge Whist Club card games in Woodbridge Masonic Hall

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036555464/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 17, 1948 ·Page 3

Estella wins prize at White Apron Club card party at Lafayette Hall

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036556455/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Feb 21, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella is a high scorer at the card party hosted by the Alpine 4-H club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036560390/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Mar 15, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella attends public card party hosted by NDGW

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036562869/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, Mar 19, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella is a high scorer at the public card party hosted at the Woodbridge Grange

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036563485/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, May 27, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella at Woodbridge OES reception

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036561021/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jun 29, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella plays cards with the Associated Farm Women to raise money for new stainless steel sinks at the Thornton Community Hall

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036565015/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Jul 12, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella plays cards with the Ray 4-H

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036527871/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Sep 15, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella honored as a past matron at the Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036537193/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Dec 11, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella plays cards at Woman's Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036561910/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Dec 22, 1948 ·Page 2

Estella wins at NDGW card party

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036563605/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, May 17, 1949 ·Page 2

Estella at Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036535871/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 16, 1949 ·Page 2

Estella is back from a three-month auto trip Back East with relatives. They visited many interesting places including Yellowstone, Chicago, Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania, DC, and Virginia.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036558505/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Sep 07, 1949 ·Page 2

(with photo) Estella is the only living charter member of the Woodbridge OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036527178/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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77yo Estella jokes that she is “70-plus,” says that she believe in keeping active to stay young, and she still plays a “mean game of golf.”

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844217168/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Fri, May 12, 1950 ·Page 2

Estella wins a prize at the Ladies Auxiliary pf the Woodbridge Fire Dept potluck dinner

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036531525/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Sep 11, 1950 ·Page 2

Estella at OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036849967/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Wed, Sep 13, 1950 ·Page 21

Estella at OES

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844288484/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Mon, Sep 15, 1952 ·Page 2

Estella receives card signed by all past officers of the OES, unable to attend due to illness

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036852727/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 13, 1953 ·Page 2

Estella is given a birthday orchid at the OES meeting

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033522154/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Aug 19, 1953 ·Page 1

City plans meeting about proposed expansion of Lodi Lake Park, says Mayor Mabel Richey. Property in question on the south side of the river belongs to Estella M. Smith, LeMoin Beckman, Addine W. Beckman Jones, M.N. Beckman Devine, Jessie L. Ballentyne, Louis R. Sanguinetti, Jay Loveless, Benjamin Bechtold, Mathew A. and Gladys B. Barr. Other property owners are listed for the north side of the river.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033502364/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella is listed as an 1893 graduate of the San Joaquin Valley College

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033496148/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The San Francisco Examiner Tue, Nov 02, 1954 ·Page 23

Obituary of niece Lucille Smith Spuller, of Albert and Laura. Internment at Park View Cemetery in Stockton.

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

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Estella trading land parcels with nephew Charles H. Smith and his wife Elsie; Estella selling ptn. Sec. 34, 4N6 to General Mills [descendent Mike Robinson says that this Charles lost his arm working at General Mills]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033433497/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Sister-in-law Caroline, wife of Charles R., dies. After her husband Charles died she lived with Estella for about 16 years. About a year ago she went to live on the Roberts Island ranch operated by her son-in-law I.N. Robinson Jr.

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Old Smith home sold, set among the blossoming almond trees, across from the General Mills plant. GM has purchased two acres of the Smith property across the road from its present tract. Charles E. Smith built it in 1885. When Estella woke up she looked out through the west bay window at the almond blossoms. Horse and buggy took the Smith children to the two-room schoolhouse in Woodbridge, then to the San Joaquin Valley College. Estella's favorite sport was horseback riding and she broke her own horses. Miss Smith recalls "ten cent" parties given as church benefits and theater parties when SJVC teacher Charles Bryant turned the household into actors and actresses, producing plays in the parlor for the whole neighborhood to see. These rooms echoed with plans for the new golf course. Estella has only recently given up playing. Her nephew Charles H. Smith and his wife had moved their small home further west, across the almond orchard, away from the railroad. A coast redwood tree towers beside the path to the front door. The camellia bush given by GM is blooming against the sun porch. "There's no sense bawling over an old house," says Estella. She is working on the new one a block away.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033432023/>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033432087/>

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Estella deeds land to Charles H and Elsie B Smith, ptn Sec. 34, 4N6

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033433387/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Say hello to neighbor Estella Smith. A rancher, or "rancherette" in her own right, after her father's death she took over the 80 acres on which the family settled and began to "really

operate” the ranch. She was partial to a “frisky” pony whose lively hooves were known even at a distance by almost everybody. “There was always something doing” in her girlhood so was used to lots of work. When help was needed on her ranch, she hired it. She could hitch up a team “just right quick.” Estella was 5 when her father sold this property and moved the family to Escalon. Seven years later her rebought the land and moved them back – “seven years on the wrong ranch.” Estella has a photo of her favorite tree, a mammoth oak, that she used to have club meetings under. She maintains that she was always too busy helping raise her nieces and nephews to get married and have babies herself. She, like her mother, was an active member of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church. She was quite a good golfer. Some time ago when her nephew and his wife moved their little house from beside the old homeplace to Woodbridge Rd [today Lower Sacramento], Estella moved also into a cozy little house near them. In 1947 she went clear to Portland, Maine. She has only recently returned from another trip back east, this time by air. Estella has recovered quite well from a broken hip that she received about 3 years ago and hopes to do entirely without a cane soon.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033425777/>

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Ceremony to honor old Woodbridge College, Estella again listed. College was where Woods Elementary is today.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844778337/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella will attend the Dudes and Duds fashion show planned by the Roberts-Union 4-H Club

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Woodbridge youth crashes his car into Estella’s almond orchard

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036440656/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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City may buy an additional 12.75 acres from Estella to expand Lodi Lake Park. The land is a long triangle.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036449764/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella Smith has offered to sell the property to the City for \$2700. This 12.75 acre tract is devoted to a walnut orchard and also has some oak trees on it. If the sale goes through, Estella would like to take a small pump and water pit from the property.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844823360/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Lodi's City Council has accepted the offer

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844824050/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Photo showing Estella's land and house

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844824342/?match=1&terms=tri-dam>

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Estella flies to niece Evalyn in Chicago and relatives in Pittsburgh and Stroutsburgh, Pa, and New York. Elsie drove Estella to the SF airport.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036438718/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Deed recorded Estella Smith to City of Lodi ptn. Sec 34, 4N6

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036436650/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Thank from Estella to everyone who sent her cards for her birthday

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036445425/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Tracy Press Thu, Dec 04, 1958 ·Page 11

Estella attends party at niece Isabella Robinson's house

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/749889588/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Estella honored at OES (photo)

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/844877906/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

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Cancer survivor Estella still enjoys gardening at 90 (photo)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036433978/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

The Record Fri, Apr 10, 1964 ·Page 30

Estella Smith obituary. Her big house was an 11-room Victorian. She continued to care for vineyard and orchard property and field crops until 1947. Since 1954 she lived in an apartment adjoining Charles and Elsie's house near the Victorian home site.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/845192860/?match=1&terms=%22estella%20smith%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sep 16, 2025

Steve Mann: Lakehouse project is still a go

It's still a "go," according to Lodi architect John Vierra. In fact, he says, "Dirt is likely to be moved spring 2026 (with) construction to start mid-2026" on the Lakehouse Resort project at the corner of Lower Sac and Turner, across from the former General Mills plant....That corner has never had anything built on it. An orchard has occupied the property for eons, but nowadays it's a vegetation wasteland as the property awaits the future.

https://www.lodinews.com/opinion/article_f7e0f902-d5e8-40c7-b06d-4381881491d5.html

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]:*

Among the prominent women of Northern San Joaquin County, Miss Estella M. Smith has for many years been esteemed as a substantial resident of her community and factor for good and progress in religious, moral and social circles. Since 1885 she has been a resident on her beautiful estate of thirty acres situated near Woodbridge on the Lodi-Woodbridge Road at Smith's Lake. She first saw the light of day at Jackson, Amador County, and is a daughter of Charles Edward and Isabelle (Robertson) Smith, the former a native of Kennebunk Port, Me., and the latter born near Toronto, Canada. The father crossed the plains in an ox-team train to California in 1853 and the mother came about the same time via the Panama

route. The father engaged in mining at Jackson for a few years, then followed farming until 1874 when he went to Sacramento County remaining there for one year; then in 1875 he located at Woodbridge where he purchased eighty acres on the south bank of the Mokelumne River. On this ranch is located what is known as Smith's Lake, a small body of water covering about fifteen acres surrounded by large oak trees. Charles E. Smith purchased this ranch from Capt. McQueen and owned it a few years when he sold it and removed to Escalon where he lived and farmed for seven years; then returned to Lodi and bought back his original place and lived upon it until his death in 1902, at the age of seventy-two years, while the mother passed away in 1900, at the age of fifty-eight. The eighty acres was originally heavily wooded and only a portion of it was cleared when Mr. Smith purchased it and during his lifetime he cleared the balance and planted it to vineyard; in 1885 he built a fine residence on his place. He was school trustee and was a member of Woodbridge Lodge of Masons. This worthy couple had four children, three living, Miss Smith being the youngest.

Estella M. Smith received her education in the Woodbridge grammar school and San Joaquin Valley College at Woodbridge, where she was graduated in 1893 with degree B. S. She grew up on her father's farm which has enabled her to continue the cultivation and care of a portion of the old homestead. Fifty acres of the original tract has been sold, so that Miss Smith now owns and operates thirty acres all in full-bearing vineyard. She is most progressive in her methods of farming and her labors and supervision have been attended with excellent results. As her father was a stanch Republican so Miss Smith votes. Her father was also a strong and active member of the Woodbridge Masonic Lodge and Miss Smith is past matron of Woodbridge Chapter No. 118 of the Eastern Star Lodge at Woodbridge. She is a Presbyterian in religion and her mother was one of the early members of Woodbridge Presbyterian Church. Her life has been characterized by unflagging industry and it is upon this foundation that she has builded her present prosperity.

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/490/mode/2up?q=%22estella+m.+smith%22>

Lodi Historical Society Newsletters:

- *Early Lodi Lake*, Vol. 14 No. 4 Fall 2003 https://archive.org/details/calodhs_000037
- *Lodi During World War II, Part Two*, Vol. 4-3 Summer 2024 https://lodi-historical-society.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/6/8/146884138/4-3_lodi_during_wwii_part_2.pdf

Find a Grave:

- Estella Smith <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578415/estella-m-smith>
- Charles E. Smith https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146832052/charles_e-smith
- Isabelle Smith <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578196/isabelle-smith>
- Pernina Smith <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/156939613/ernina-courtright-smith>
- Albert L. Smith https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578322/albert_l-smith
- Charles R. Smith https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578291/charles_r-smith
- Anna May Smith Field
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578234/anna_may-field
- Evalyn Isabel Field Crichton, Anna May's daughter
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101522379/evelyn-i-crichton>
- Caroline J. Smith <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/162578367/caroline-j-smith>

Censuses:

1880 Census

Charles E. and Isabella Smith are living with children Albert, Charles, May, and Estella in Dent, San Joaquin County

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/records/16024466?tid=&pid=&queryId=6fa7ddbe-ac7c-4362-82ec-bd9a1dbf1c75&_phsrc=KRi38&_phstart=successSource

1900 Census

Estella is living with father Charles (Head of Household), niece Evelyn, boarder Nellie Campbell, and uncle James Robertson

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602/records/291297?tid=&pid=&queryId=f1c5f33a-a66b-4bc0-8434-6a048da90e40&_phsrc=KRi1&_phstart=successSource

1910 Census

Estella is HOH living with hired man Frank Thompson

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884/records/1735384?tid=&pid=&queryId=acbac2f7-01e8-46eb-af1f-4fe8be4ee4fb&_phsrc=KRi8&_phstart=successSource

1920 Census

Estella is HOH living with hired man Frank Thompson

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1930 Census

Estella is HOH with brother Albert (widowed)

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/92810929>

1940 Census

Estella is HOH living with brother Albert (divorced), nephew Charles, niece-in-law Elsie. Household is worth \$15,000.

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1950 Census

Estella is HOH, occupation is now Keeping House, living with Caroline F Smith

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/256439242?tid=&pid=&queryId=50bc0517-05a3-42b7-9779-d975055f5509&_phsrc=KRi10&_phstart=successSource