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Jessie B. Reed, 1937. Yosemite National Park photo.

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Yosemite National Park
Park Ranger & Cook, 1919-1921, 1923,
1927-1928

- Born Jessie Branson Durbon in Indiana on February 9, 1875.
- Married Ernest R. Reed on September 11, 1903 at Miami, Kansas.
- Moved to Yosemite National Park in 1918 when Ernest was hired as a park ranger.
- Hired as a temporary ranger on June 23, 1919 working c. 7 weeks that summer/fall.
- Worked winter 1920 as an NPS cook.
- The 1920 U.S. Census lists her occupation in April of that year as "assistant ranger" although her official paperwork says cook.
- Worked as ranger from July-October, 1920. before working another winter as a cook.
- Worked as ranger again summer 1921 but not employed in 1922.
- In 1923, works as a cook on a daily basis.
- Did not work for the NPS again until 1927 when she was hired as a temporary ranger for the summer.
- In February 1928, hired as ranger for four days.
- Ernest died in 1939 and after his death she moved to Santa Barbara, CA to run a motel as the couple had planned.
- Died February 20, 1957, age 83, in Santa Barbara, CA.

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