

Albert B. Ness

Albert Ness was born May 15th, 1889 in Zumbrota, Goodhue County, Minnesota. His parents were Berent P. Ness and Christina Anderson. Both of Albert's parents were born in Norway and arrived in the United States in about 1882. Berent and Christina were married in about 1885.

At age 15 Albert was working as a drug clerk in Zumbrota, Minnesota. By 1910, Albert and his family had relocated to a farm in Grand River, Perkins County, South Dakota. As a young man, Albert made his way back to Minnesota, lived in South Saint Paul, and began working at Swift & Company. He also enlisted as a private in the Minnesota National Guard and had served 3 years by the time of his draft registration. Albert registered for the draft on June 5th, 1917, at the age of 28. Likely due to his previous service with the National Guard, Albert achieved the rank of sergeant and served at Camp Dodge, Iowa. According to a March 17th, 1919 *South St. Paul Daily Reporter* article, Albert's duties included training men at Camp Dodge and working as a supply sergeant. He mustered out of service on March 11th, 1919, and returned to South St. Paul, working as a butcher for Swift & Company.

After 1920, Albert met and married his wife, Klara. They had one child together in 1923, Barbara E. Ness. After the birth of their daughter, the family moved to Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. In 1930, Albert worked as a laborer in an oil field and in 1940 he worked as a civil service truck driver. Albert passed away on June 29th, 1973, at the age of 84. He was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, in Cypress, Orange County, California.