

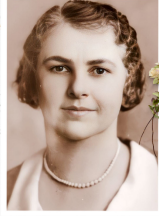


**GROWING UP IN LA GRANDE**

Lou Harris, born on January 27, 1885, in San Francisco, California, was the eldest son of Frank Robinson and Jean Harris, an immigrant from Russia. He had two sisters, Edna and Anna, and a younger brother, Nathan Harris, in the vibrant city atmosphere.

When Lou was just a year old, the Harris family underwent a significant relocation from the bustling streets of San Francisco to the quieter landscapes of La Grande, Oregon.

Growing up in La Grande during the late 19th century, Lou and his siblings had a upbringing, experienced life in a tight-knit community against the picturesque backdrop of the Blue Mountains.



**SEEKING A BETTER LIFE IN PORTLAND, OR**

In pursuit of a better life, the Harris family moved to Portland, Ore. After encountering financial difficulties and a general sense of dissatisfaction during a difficult economic period, Lou Harris, a young man with a bright future ahead of him, decided to seek a better life in a new city.

It was in Portland that Lou Harris played a significant role in the community, serving as the president of the youth league for the aged in Portland.



**DIVEN TO LOVE**

In the midst of the busy days of a young man, Mollie's path crossed paths with Lou Harris, the ideal man for her father's daughter. Their connection, evolved into a romance that defied expectations. This chapter in the Harris family chronicles the serendipity of love found in the most unforeseen places.



**EARLY LIFE AT PAINTED WOODS SWISH SETTLEMENT**

Mollie B. Shank Harris, born in February 1886 in North Dakota, was the third child of Anna Herman and Louis "Lep" Shank, who had emigrated from Russia in 1882. The Shanks were part of the Painted Woods Settlement in Burrows, North Dakota, an early settlement for Russian immigrants established in 1882. This settlement, along with other similar ones, was founded by Russian immigrants who were lured from their homelands by the promise of land and a better life in America.

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**THE CHILDREN OF LOU AND MOLLIE HARRIS**

As the 20th century unfolded, the Harris family continued to grow and thrive. Their children, Mollie, Lou, and Nathan, were raised in a tight-knit family environment, sharing the joys and challenges of life in a small community. Their parents, Lou and Mollie, were dedicated to providing a good education and a strong moral foundation for their children.

Through together, heart work, and the ever-changing Portland landscape, the Harris family's story unfolds—a testament to enduring love and the strength found in close ties.



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