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THE HARRIS FAMILY

The 1900 Federal Census

SEVENTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

SCHEDULE No. 1-POPULATION

NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE	INDUSTRY	EDUCATION	RELIGION	PROPERTY	RENT	VALUE	LAND	IMPROVEMENT	PERSONAL	OTHER
Harris, Isaac	38	M	W										
Harris, Mollie	34	F	W										
Harris, Robert	10	M	W										
Harris, Marian	8	F	W										
Harris, Buster	6	M	W										

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN EUROPE

Political events, including wars in the Russo and Polish, experienced political turmoil and social upheaval during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Factors such as the Russian Revolution of 1905 and broader geopolitical changes influenced the decision of many individuals to emigrate in search of stability and prosperity.

The Americas, including the United States, attracted immigrants with the promise of economic opportunities and the chance for a better life. This was particularly true in regions experiencing economic growth, like the American West.

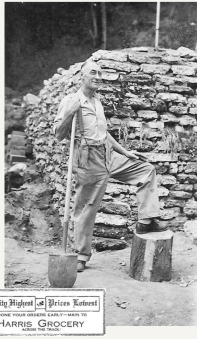
THE 1900 FEDERAL CENSUS

The 1910 Census provides a fascinating snapshot of the life of Isaac Harris, a 38-year-old head of household on Jefferson Avenue in La Grande, Oregon. Born in April 1862 in Russia, Poland, Isaac immigrated to the United States in 1870, reflecting the broader wave of immigration during a period of global change. In La Grande, set against the backdrop of the Blue Mountains, was experiencing growth fueled by industries like agriculture and timber, bolstered by expanding railroads. Isaac's household, detailed in the census, paints a vivid picture of the family's dynamics and socio-economic context. Married to Rose since 1884, the couple shares their home with all seven of their children. Isaac's occupation as a Stock Mixer aligns with the economic activities of the time, emphasizing the role of natural resources in the region.



LIFE IN LA GRANDE, OR

In the mid to late 19th century, La Grande, Oregon, epitomized the pioneering spirit and challenges of the American West. Established in the early 1860s as a result of the Oregon Trail migration, La Grande quickly transformed from a small settlement into a thriving town. The area's economy centered around agriculture, as settlers cultivated the fertile soil for crops and raised livestock to sustain themselves. The town's strategic location along the Oregon Trail and later the Union Pacific Railroad facilitated trade and contributed to its growth. Life in La Grande was marked by the rugged realities of frontier living, with settlers facing the ever-present threats of Native American conflicts, harsh weather conditions, and isolation from the comforts of more established communities. Despite the challenges, La Grande thrived as a hub for commerce, education, and culture, laying the foundation for its continued development to the present day. The tight-knit community forged bonds through shared hardships and celebrated successes, creating a unique tapestry of life in the mid to late 19th century La Grande, Oregon.



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The Children of Lou & Mollie Harris

In the heart of Portland, Oregon, the Harris family thrived—Lou, Mollie, and their three children: Robert, the born leader; Marian, the sweet middle child; and Edward, known as Buster. Lou, a jack-of-all-trades, began as a driver for Mollie's father's hoods and polo business, clip-clopping through cobblestone streets. The bustling city witnessed Lou's transition to junk dealing, turning the Harris Junk Shop into a local haven of oddities and forgotten treasures.

As the 20th century unfolded, the Harris children experienced a shifting world. Bending-horse-drawn carriages with the rumbling of automobiles. Evenings were spent gathered around the radio, absorbing the tunes and news of the day. Street games filled their afternoons—chopsticks, marbles, and laughter echoing through the neighborhood.

Amid the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression, the Harris family persevered. Lou's resourcefulness led to Harris Grocery, a lifeline for the community. Bob, now a young man, joined his father in managing the store, while Marian and Buster helped after school. The grocery store became a gathering place, where the resilience of a community shone through in the simplicity of a can of beans or a loaf of bread.

Through laughter, hard work, and the ever-changing Portland landscape, the Harris family's story unfolded—a testament to enduring love and the strength found in close-knit ties.

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