

JOHN H. HARRIS, an industrious and substantial farmer of Wasco county, resides about two miles north from Endersly, where he handles a rented estate, farming it to wheat, mostly. He is an enterprising man, well spoken of and esteemed by all. His birth occurred in Missouri, on June 21, 1849, the son of William and Sarah (Beaver) Harris, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father came from Dutch stock and the mother was from an old colonial family that was prominent in the Revolution and also in all the colonial struggles. They both died in the vicinity of The Dalles. Our subject accompanied his parents across the plains with ox teams in 1865. It was an easy trip aside from one fight with the Indians on Rock creek in the Black Hills, where they killed one renegade white man, who was with the Indians, but received no injury to the train. The train was a large one, numbering one hundred and nineteen wagons, when it left the Missouri. Our subject's parents settled in Idaho and a year later came to Scapoose bay, where they remained until 1883. Then came a move to this section and here the mother died in 1884 and the father in 1895. Our subject took up a homestead here and in 1889 sold the same. Then he removed to St. Helens and rented land there until 1895, when he came to his present place which he has rented since. It is his old homestead and he is quite at home in handling this estate. It is owned by W.J. Harriman.

At The Dalles, in 1887, Mr. Harris married Miss Hester Williams, who was born on Eightmile, on February 16, 1868. Her parents are Henry and Amanda (Abbott) Williams, now living on Eightmile and mentioned in this work in another place. Mr. Harris has two brothers and one sister, George, Joseph and Jane, the widow of Robert Hayes. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Frederick L., Cora L., John W., Willard, Letha and Martha. They also had one child who died, February 14, 1902, Burly, aged at the time of death, seven years, eight months and thirteen days.

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