

THE DEMARIS FAMILY

Another pioneer family that came to the upper Walla Walla Valley in the early 1860's was that of Enoch and Eva Demaris. They played an important part in the development of the community. Many of their descendants continue to reside in the Valley, some of them on the original land grants.

The Demaris family continues to take a lead in the production of fruit and livestock. Enoch Demaris and Wife Eva left Attumwa, Iowa in 1863 and came west with a wagon train consisting of 60 wagons and 70 people. They had 10 children - John, Margret, William, Jacob, Enoch Jr., Henry, James, Sarah Ann, Mary Ellen and Amos Leach.

They settled on the Walla Walla River where Meryl Demaris, his great grandchild, lives at the present time. Enoch Demaris died November 3, 1877 and was buried in the Bowlus Cemetery east of Milton, Oregon.

Three of their children settled here - William, Jacob and Amos.

1. William married Lucretia Howard. They had two children, Eva, who married Jim Garred and raised one boy, Dallas Garred, of Walla Walla, WA. And Charlie, who married Florence Wallace. They had three children, Mabel, Blanche and Dorsey (deceased).
2. Jacob Demaris married Lacy Marcus. To this union was born 5 children; Pearly (deceased), Asa, Cora (deceased), Leslie and Harvey (deceased).
3. Amos married Minerva Ellis and had ten children; Emma, Elta, Orpha, Susie, Fred, Maude, Arch, Goldie, Ida and George.

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