



Women in Union Cemetery: Marion Blair Harris

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Marion Blair Harris 1878 – 1965

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Section 01 Block 42 Plot A

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Marion was born in Placerville to Matthew Blair, II and Pauline Larsen Blair. Marion was the eldest of eight, raised between the family home on Clay Street and the historic Blair mill site and ranch in Pollock Pines.

Marion's grandfather was Nels Theodore Emil Larsen, (N.T.E. to his friends) who was the patriarch of the Camino ranching empire which remains a vibrant part of the Apple Hill circuit.

In 1912, Marion married local orchardist John Harris, and together they raised four children. She was passionate about family and preserving the Blair legacy in El Dorado County. Her sons partnered with their cousins in the 1940s to establish – Blair Brothers Lumber Co. •

Marion and John planted pears and later apples on the old Blair family ranch and operated a successful orchard. When her parents died and the farm was slated to leave the family, Marion pooled resources with her son Blair Harris and bought out her siblings to keep the farm in the family. Today, the farm continues to be operated by Marion's grandchildren and is known as the Harris Family Farm. The apple pies are to die for.



Marion Blair Family Photo

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