

## Ezekiel Corliss Hotel

### Levi T. Corliss

Born: December 25, 1855  
Died: December 21, 1916

### Mary Corliss

Born: September 1857, OH  
Died: 1956 Multnomah County, OR

### 1870 Census – Keene, Ionia County, MI

Corliss, Ira	43 yrs b. Canada	Farm laborer
Corliss, Lou	41 yrs b. NY	
Corliss, Ezekel	17 yrs b. MI	Farm laborer
Corliss, Levi	15 yrs b. MI	Farm laborer
Corliss, George	13 yrs b. MI	
Corliss, Alexander	11 yrs b. MI	
Corliss, Lois	7 yrs b. MI	

### 1910 Census – Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Corliss, L T	54 yrs b. MI	Farmer, general farm
Corliss, Mary	52 yrs b. OH	

**1911** “Everything is growing at Three Pines. There is thought of a development league in the near future. Skyscrapers are not yet in evidence, but the buildings that have in all cases proceeded them are in evidence more and more each day. Five carpenters are today putting the finishing touches on the Corliss hotel. It will soon be occupied and a much needed improvement will have been supplied.” *Rogue River Courier*. May 26, 1911. [Three Pines](#).

Corliss Creek is located in the Three Pines Fruit Tracts and flows south to Bannister Creek. It was named after the Ezekel and Levi Corliss families.<sup>1</sup>

1. State Water Resources Board. 1970. *Rogue Drainage Basin Oregon*. Map No. 15.6. Salem, OR.

2. Walker, Mike. 2001. *Interview of John Halstead*. Hugo, OR.

## Levi Corliss

**1911** “Machinery for the **brick yard** is being installed and the finished product will soon be on the market.” *Rogue River Courier*. July 14, 1911. [Three Pines](#).

“William Rolph, superintendent of the noted Burrell orchards, will leave the employ of the company owning the same and move to the land he has purchased here. He has rented the house now occupied by **L. T. Corliss** as a hotel and will live there until his own home on the fruit land is completed. **Mr. Corliss**, who owns the building, will move to the house on the [?] where the brick yard of the **Three Pines Brick company** is located and give his entire time to the manufacture of brick. He is a practical brick maker, having spent some years in that business in Michigan.” *Rogue River Courier*. July 28, 1911. [Three Pines](#).



“C. J. Perry and C. J. Dunton of the Tolo Brick company, were recently here inspecting the plant of the **Three Pines Brick company**. They report the clay to be fine for the manufacture of brick.” *Rogue River Courier*. August 25, 1911. [Three Pines](#).

**1912** “Levi Corliss is at work for a time in the Hoover orchard at Medford.” *Rogue River Courier*. November 1, 1912. [Three Pines](#).

**1916** Levi Corliss died December 21, 1916. He is buried at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery (lot B2/R5/L2).

## Levi Corliss Brick Factory

**1920** “A pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mr. Price on the evening of December 24 by Mrs. Corliss and daughter, Venita, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Miss Iva Wright, Fred, Tom and Virgil Wright and Mr. Springer. Venita Corliss in spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Allen, in Grants Pass. *Rogue River Courier*. January 9, 1920. [Three Pines Weekly](#).

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**1956** Mary L Corliss died Multnomah County 1956 [not necessarily the 1910 Census Merlin Precinct Mary Corliss since this would make her 99 years old, but not impossible].

The extended Marshall Halstead family has been living in Three Pines, Oregon since 1946. Edith “Edie” Halstead still lives on the old home place. John Halstead informed Mike Walker that his Dad was always digging up old bricks when he plowed his field.<sup>2</sup>

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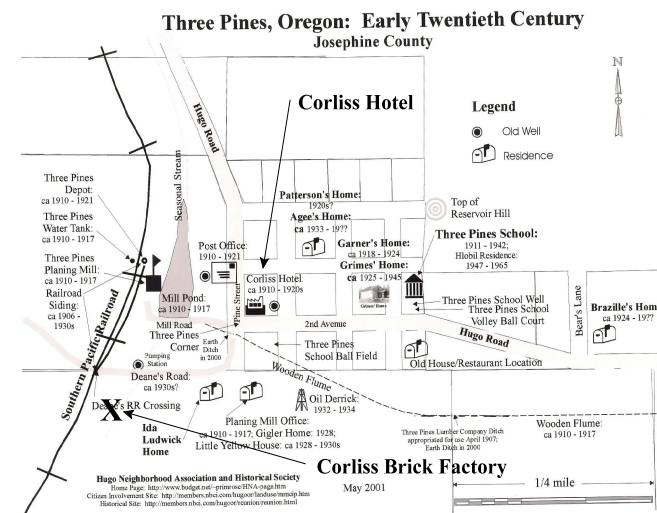
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