

JOHN MORGAN HARRIS IN WALLACE

1890-91 Wallace directory
Harris, J.M., Real estate and insurance, E. Bank
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Harris, John M., Real estate

*Wallace had two newspapers in 1890-92, the
Wallace Free Press and Coeur d'Alene Miner.
Harris mostly advertised in the latter, and generally it
gave his dealings more coverage.*

Wallace Free Press, 9 Jul 1887:
J.M. Harris participates in various Fourth of
July contests, including footrace, standing jump,
running jump and sack race: "Last was the
wheelbarrow race, which was won by J.M.
Harris."

Wallace Free Press, 10 Sept 1887:
Harris (presumably J.M.) on ball, floor
managers, and hall decoration committee for
Sept. 30 ball marking arrival of regular train
service.

Wallace Free Press, 3 Dec 1887:
SOCIAL DANCE AT CITY HALL
Mr. Harris, the lessee of the hall, is fast getting
it into first-rate shape. It is hoped he will be
justified in continuing these pleasant
entertainments.

Wallace Free Press, 10 Dec 1887:
SOCIAL DANCE
At City Hall, next Thursday evening, Dec. 15
J.M. Harris, lessee of the City Hall, has made
arrangements to give, next Thursday evening,
another of those enjoyable social hops for which
his hall is fast becoming so popular. A general
invitation is extended and everybody is promised
a pleasant evening. Half a dozen or more couples
from neighboring towns will be present on this
occasion. Let the dancers of Wallace turn out in
force ...

Wallace Free Press, 17 Dec 1887:
THURSDAY NIGHT'S DANCE
Another large attendance and pleasant time at
the City Hall
Immediately after the performance last
Thursday evening the hall was cleared for the
dance ... Mr. Harris finished the City hall in a
most attractive style, the walls and ceiling being
papered to show off to good advantage. The
continued success of these entertainments shows
that Mr. Harris' efforts to furnish amusement for
the public are fully recognized and appreciated.

Wallace Free Press, 24 Dec 1887:
CITY HALL
Cedar Street, Wallace
J.M. HARRIS – Proprietor
The above hall is entirely new, nicely furnished
with chairs and good stage, thoroughly lighted
and centrally located. It is always open for public
entertainments,
Theatrical Troupes, Concerts &
Travelling Combinations
Professional people will find it
THE BEST HALL IN THE CITY
And Wallace is a profitable town for any
Kind of good entertainment

Wallace Free Press, 31 Dec 1887:
LAST NIGHT'S HOP
Another success – Good attendance, good
music and a good time
The dance given at the City hall last night by
the Young Men's Social Club was a most
enjoyable affair ... The music was first class, as
always is the case when J.M. Harris has the
management ...

The Midnight Hour to be produced at City hall,
Jan. 12 by the Wallace Amateur Comedy Co.
"Immediately following the play will be a
laughable negro camp-meeting scene which is
sure to please an audience."

Rev. A.H. Cloyton holds services in City Hall.

Wallace Free Press, 7 Jan 1888:

Ad for *The Midnight Hour*: "The hall throughout is a credit to the taste and enterprise of the manager, J.M. Harris."

J.M. Harris states that he intends to give a masquerade ball on Valentine's Day.

Wallace Free Press, 21 Jan 1888:

MASQUERADE BALL

A grand time promised on the evening of Feb. 14

J.M. Harris, proprietor of the City Hall and F.J. Heller of Heller's hall have agreed to unite on St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14. and give a mask ball in each of the halls ... Both managers are deservedly popular and the success of the joint undertaking is beyond question.

Wallace Free Press, 28 Jan 1888:

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Grand combined mask ball at Wallace, Tuesday, Feb. 14

Messrs. Heller and Harris are making great preparations for the coming mask ball of which they have the management. As previously announced, both the City hall and Heller's will be utilized on this occasion, one ticket admitting to either of both halls. Singly these gentlemen have become popular as managers and now that they combine their energies, the public naturally expects something more than usual ... Reduced rates have been secured on the railroad. A free sleigh will meet all visitors at the depot, and also transfer them from one hall to the other at all times during the dances ...

Lew Hall's Minstrel Co. tonight at City Hall.

Wallace Free Press, 4 Feb 1888:

Messrs. Heller and Harris have had much experience in managing entertainment of this character and that this will be an enjoyable event is beyond question.

SOCIAL DANCE

City Hall the scene of a pleasant gathering last Wednesday evening

Probably the most enjoyable dance of the season was given last Wednesday evening. It might almost be called an impromptu affair, as it was gotten up on very short notice and a large attendance was not expected.

Wallace Debating Society holds meeting at City Hall.

Wallace Free Press, 18 Feb 1888:

BAL MASQUE

A grand carnival attended by many merry maskers

The "Grand Combined Masque ball" is now numbered among the events of past, but it will afford material for conversation and amusement for many days ... Both Heller's hall and City hall were prepared for the occasion, and excellent music in attendance at each place ... As is usually the case where the same attraction exists at two places, one will seem to be the favorite with the crowd, for no other reason, probably, than that it is the first visited. On this occasion City hall seemed to be the favorite. J.M. Harris managed the affair most creditably throughout and if any one failed to have a good time, it was no fault of his. Mr. Harris made every effort to secure a sufficient number of masks and costumes, and had he succeeded the attendance would have been even larger.

Among the list of those in attendance and the costumes they wore is "J.M. Harris - Dude"

Wallace Free Press, 3 Mar 1888:

J.M. Harris attends Leap Year Party at Wallace hotel.

Wallace Free Press, 10 Mar 1888:

Necktie party planned for City Hall.

Wallace Free Press, 24 Mar 1888:

Wallace Amateur Dramatic Co. plans to perform *Among the Breakers* on Mar. 29.

Wallace Free Press, 21 Apr 1888:

HARRIS' ADDITION

To the Town of Wallace

This property lies directly east of Wallace and within a stone's throw of the business center of town, with Bank and Hotel streets running through the center of the addition. It is less than two blocks from the bank, the Carter House, the Wallace hotel, and the Heller house. The cheapest and most desirable town property in Coeur d'Alene. Positively only a limited number of lots will be sold at present prices.

SIZE OF LOTS, 25 X 100 FEET

PRINCIPAL STREETS, 75 FEET WIDE

Prices of Lots from \$25 to \$100 each

Plats can be seen or particulars learned at the office of

J.C. HARKNESS, Attorney

Wallace, Idaho

HARRIS' ADDITION

Desirable property now offered for sale at low rates

Just east of and adjoining the original town limits is situated Harris' addition, which embraces much desirable building ground, both for business houses and residences. This addition has been platted and lots are now on sale. The location of this addition is near the business center. Bank street will soon be opened up to the mouth of Canyon creek, and the indications point to this being the leading thoroughfare of the city. When this is consummated property in Harris' addition will be very valuable. A plat of this addition can now be seen at the office of J.C. Harkness.

Wallace Free Press, 28 Apr 1888:

NOW IS THE TIME

To purchase town lots in the future metropolis of Coeur d'Alene

Harris' addition is destined to create quite a boom in the real estate market. Already considerable interest is manifested and during the past week a number of transfers have been made. The work of clearing the ground and placing the lots in condition for building upon them is progressing favorably and soon Harris' addition will be one of the most attractive parts of the city. Lots are offered at from \$25 to \$100 each, the lots being 25 x 100 feet. The prices are

remarkably low, and parties wishing to purchase lots either for residence or business purposes should lose no time in making their selections. Preparations are being made to open up Bank Street, which will greatly enhance the value of property in this addition. Now is the time to invest, for these low prices cannot last long.

Wallace Free Press, 5 May 1888:

J.M. Harris informs us that the mule, whose form became so familiar to our people last winter, lies a corpse in the South Fork, just below the first ford east of town. The life of a mule is never a happy one ...

Wallace Free Press, 12 May 1888:

The work of clearing the trees and undergrowth from Harris' addition is in progress and what was a short time ago an almost impossible tract of land will soon be a most inviting spot.

Wallace Free Press, 19 May 1888:

J.M. Harris has been doing considerable on his addition this week, clearing and opening up the jam in the river.

Wallace Free Press, 2 June 1888:

Harris' addition is being steadily improved and parties wishing to purchase lots should do so at once, as prices will be advanced after the 15th inst.

Wallace Free Press, 9 June 1888:

J.M. Harris on Fourth of July race and ball committees.

Wallace Free Press, 16 June 1888:

J.M. Harris at firemen's ball at Burke.

Wallace Free Press, 23 June 1888:

J.M. Harris is devoting much time to improving his addition to Wallace. There are many desirable lots in this addition which can be bought very reasonably and there is no safer investment.

Wallace Free Press, 14 Jul 1888:

Last ad for Harris' addition.

Wallace Free Press, 21 Jul 1888:

J.M. Harris has been burning brush and otherwise improving his addition this week.

Wallace Free Press, 25 Aug 1888:

Last Wednesday night, J.M. Harris was burning logs and brush on his addition east of town. About 1 o'clock he thought everything was safe and went home. When he went out next morning he found about 20 cords of wood in ashes.

Wallace Free Press, 17 Nov 1888:

J.M. Harris returned this week from a two week's hunt near Rockford (Wash). He bagged about 260 chickens and brought about 150 up with him.

Wallace Free Press, 5 Jan 1889:

J.W. (sic) Harris has the contract for filling Kay and Baird's ice house and is now engaged in same. He will also put up 70 tons on his own account, filling the house adjoining McKissick's and also Howes and King's ice house, east of town. It will take another freeze to complete the work. Very little more ice is being put up this year than there was last.

Wallace Free Press, 19 Jan 1889:

THE MASQUERADE

The second mask ball in Wallace resulted in a complete success ... As a lady J.M. Harris was a great success. He wore a well-fitting velvet dress, with all modern appliances and he was sufficiently well drilled to know just know to manage them. As a disguise, it was complete.

Under the list of ladies attending, and the costumes they wore: "John Harris – fashionable belle."

Wallace Free Press, 6 Apr 1889:

ICE FOR SALE

Delivered in any quantity, from 1 to 100 tons.
J.M. HARRIS
Wallace, Idaho
This ad appeared in subsequent issues.

Wallace Free Press, 27 Apr 1889:

J.M. Harris attends grand opening of Windsor Hotel in Mullan, along with Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Harris.

Wallace Free Press, 3 Aug 1889:

Ad for City Hall Hotel

Wallace Free Press, 10 Aug 1889:

Work progresses on interior of City Hall hotel.

Wallace Free Press, 27 Apr 1889:

Angel's new residence on Bank street is receiving a coat of paint. J.M. Harris is the artist.

Wallace Free Press, 21 Sept 1889:

Horace King, John Harris, C.C. Eckert, and one or two others left last Tuesday for a few days shooting in Washington. They are expected back Monday and we may expect to hear some "large" stories.

Wallace Free Press, 19 Oct 1889:

A choice business lot on Bank St.
A choice business lot on Sixth St.
Two choice business lots on Bank St.
Inquire of J.M. HARRIS

Bargains in lots in any part of town for sale by J.M. Harris.

If you want the full value for your lots leave them for sale with J.M. Harris.

Wallace

Real Estate

Parties wishing to buy or sell

Property in Wallace will find

It to their interest to consult

J.M. HARRIS

Real Estate Agent, Wallace, Idaho

Shoshone County taxpayers list:

Harris, J.M., Wallace, \$150

SUNSET PEAK

Quite a number of claim owners have started in to work. Harris on the Alpha fraction ... Don't know which Harris.

Wallace Free Press, 26 Oct 1889:

J.M. Harris by his style of advertising shows that he is familiar with the real estate business. Any property entrusted to him will be carefully listed.

Bargains in

WALLACE

Real Estate

Choice Business Property

25 feet front on Sixth St., near Bank

25 feet front on Bank St., near Sixth

50 feet front on Bank St., near post office

50 feet front on Bank St., near Seventh

25 feet front on Cedar St., near Sixth

50 feet front on Cedar St., near Sixth

25 feet front on Cedar St., near Seventh

Fine Residence Property

50 feet front on Bank St., near post office

50 feet front on Bank St., near Fifth

25 feet front on Bank St., near Fifth

75 feet front on Bank St., near Fourth

75 feet front on Bank St., near Third

50 feet front on Cedar St., near Fifth

100 feet front on Cedar St., corner Second

75 feet front on Pine St., corner Second

Also other business and residence property in every part of town. Call and examine my list.

J.M. Harris

Real Estate Agent

Wallace Free Press, 4 Jan 1890:

A SMART DOG

J.M. Harris, the real estate agent, has a young pointer which he now values above all other canines. On the morning of Christmas, Mr. Harris was welcoming the happy day in the Sunset Parlor when the dog came in and rubbed his nose against his master's legs, as if to draw his attention. No attention, however, was paid to him. The dog made another effort to secure notice and wagged his tail so violently that there was danger of its becoming unfastened. Mr. Harris thought the dog a little more affectionate than usual and observed something in his mouth. Reaching down the dog let go of it, and Mr. Harris found himself in the possession of a five dollar bill, old and greasy, which the dog had

found somewhere on the sidewalk. The side of a \$500 lot would not have given the young man more pleasure than this incident of rare canine intelligence, and the dog secured one of the finest Christmas dinners the meat market could provide. The note has been claimed by a dozen persons, but unfortunately none could remember the number, which is quite essential in identifying money.

Wallace Free Press, 18 Jan 1890:

HARRIS' ADDITION

A part of the town where choice lots can be had

Since the location of the Washington and Idaho passenger and freight depot on East Bank street Harris' Addition property has been looking up. J.M. Harris, the owner of this addition, is desirous of selling the entire plat. So far as we know there is no dispute about the lots in this addition, which lie along Bank and Cedar streets. All of the lots will make good business property. Bank street will be graded and promises to become the main thoroughfare to the depot. Cedar street can be graded at little expense. Here is an opportunity for a good speculation. The center of the town is now without a vacant lot, and the town is bound to grow. It must grow either east or west. The shrewd investor will see where the business opportunities present themselves for the present.

Wallace Free Press, 22 Mar 1890:

In district court: Wallace Townsite Co. vs. Harris (and many others)

Wallace Free Press, 5 Apr 1890:

J.M. Harris is laying the foundations for a handsome store building on the lot south of E.A. Sherwin's drug store.

Re: the town election, J.M. Harris and C.E. Gilbert appointed to a committee to raise funds to pay the expense of the meeting.

J.M. Harris a member of newly-organized Wallace Rod and Gun Club.

Spokane Falls Review, 16 Apr 1890:

Wallace, April 14 — A rod and gun club, with a membership of 25, was organized here Saturday night. The following officers were elected ... J.M. Harris, real estate dealer, treasurer ...

Wallace Free Press, 19 Apr 1890:

THE GUN CLUB

The second shoot of this organization took place at Harris' Park last Sunday afternoon ... The bench where the shooting occurs is on the east side of the mouth of Canyon Creek, about half a mile east of Wallace. The Club has cleared it off and made it resemble a grassy slope. So much interest has been taken in the shooting that a reorganization of the Club took place after the shoot with the following result: ... J.M. Harris, secretary ... It is the intention to have regular shooting contests every Sunday afternoon.

IMPROVEMENTS

Two new buildings are being put up on Sixth St ... J.M. Harris is erected at 25 x 40 house next door south of Sherwin's store. It will be finished next week and occupied by Leghorn and Bros. As a cigar store and Julius Klein with a saloon.

Wallace Free Press, 17 May 1890:

H. Manheim ... has also purchased two lots from J.M. Harris on West Bank street for \$250.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 14 Jun 1890:

J.M. HARRIS

Real Estate Agent

WALLACE, IDAHO

Bank St., Opp. P.O. Lock Box No. 195

Having been a resident of Wallace nearly four years, and having the best business and residence property in every part of the city for sale, lease, or rent, and being thoroughly acquainted with the people, the boundaries, titles, etc.,

I am prepared to give the best satisfaction to both buyers and sellers.

Houses rented and rents collected.

SEE ME BEFORE YOU BUY OR SELL

Wallace Free Press, 21 Jun 1890:

Ad for G.H. Leghorn and Bro. Shows them on Sixth St., between Bank and Cedar.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 2 Aug 1890:

J.M. Harris's losses in the fire of 27 Jun 1890 listed at \$2,000.

Clarke Bros of Post Falls have leased the ground on which the pavilion stands to J.M. Harris until next spring, when they will build a brick block.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 2 Sept 1890:

Anderson and Potter have secured ground from J.M. Harris east of town for a warehouse.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 5 Sept 1890:

For sale – A choice business to, in the fire limits, a few doors from the new brick bank. J.M. Harris

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

Wallace real estate has advanced 50 per cent since the fire. The title is now perfected and I have yet some choice business and residence property listed, some of which must be sold at once and at prices that will double in 30 days. See my list of bargains.

J.M. HARRIS, Real Estate Agent, West Bank St., PO Box 195

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 12 Sept 1890:

FOR LEASE – Choice business location in almost exact business center of town.

J.M. HARRIS, Real Estate Agent

BOX 195 OPPOSITE BANK

J.M. HARRIS

Real Estate, Investment and Insurance

WALLACE, IDAHO

Property Cared For

Rents Collected

Abstracts Procured

Insurance Written

Largest List of Property In the City

Real estate in this city and vicinity is advancing, and investments in Wallace pay better

than almost anywhere else. It is the business center of the wonderful Coeur d'Alene gold, silver, and lead mines.

Located at the junction of four creeks, halfway between Missoula and Spokane Falls with two through railroads and three branch lines running directly from the city, if you want to invest or any information concerning Wallace or the Coeur d'Alene mines, write me for particulars.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 24 Sept 1890:
FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

75 beds, complete with wire springs, woolen mattress, feather pillows, etc., with or without lease of building. Inquire of J.M. HARRIS, Real estate agent.

Wallace Free Press, 7 Feb 1891:

The Pavilion will be sold today at the office of John M. Harris. I'm not sure what this building was used for, but it was one of the few that survived the fire of 1890.

Wallace Free Press, 14 Feb 1891:

John M. Harris last Saturday returned the Pavilion to the fire department and the entire city has again an interest in the structure. It should never have been sold except for cash.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 28 Feb 1891:

J.M. Harris has moved his real estate office to W. Bank St., nearly opposite the post office.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 7 Mar 1891:

J.M. Harris has an attractive new sign to designate his present real estate quarters.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 21 Mar 1891:

J.M. HARRIS
REAL ESTATE
Mining Broker, Investment, Insurance, Rental
and Collecting Agent
Wallace Real Estate a Specialty
Office — Otterson Block Lock Box 256

Choice lots in Wallace for sale from \$25 to \$4,500. Time payments. Examine my list. J.M. Harris.

If you have a lot or house for sale, list it with J.M. Harris, who will advertise it free. Office opposite post office.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 28 Mar 1891:

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE

J.M. Harris occupies a column of *The Miner* this week. Mr. Harris is the pioneer real estate dealer of Wallace and is familiar with every tract of ground and its ownership and title in Wallace. He has fitted up a neat office opposite the post office, where he has an ample supply of maps and plats of Wallace and surroundings. If you wish to sell, buy, or lease, call on him.

J.M. HARRIS

The leading real estate agent of Wallace, Idaho
Mines, stocks, and securities
Insurance, investment, rental, and collection
agent

Sole agency at Wallace for the
National Loan & Savings Union

Wallace Property a specialty

Bargains

Choice residence and business property

Lots in any part of the town

Agent for all suburban property of Wallace

List your property, improved or unimproved,
with me and I will protect your interests

Prompt personal attention guaranteed

Correspondence solicited

Office — Opposite P.O.

Lock box — No. 256

References — Any business firm of Wallace

Several 2, 3, and 4 room residences for rent.
J.M. Harris.

Wallace Free Press, 11 Apr 1891:

THE JUSTICE COURT

A case of interest that arises to the "Carter Block"

J.M. Harris brought suit in Justice Angel's court during the early part of the week against Dr. Sims for unlawful detainer, the circumstances of which are about as follows: Dr. Sabin leased a small house and lot in what is styled the "Carter

Block” from Mr. Harris. Dr. Sabin moved away, and by consent of Mr. Harris, transferred the lease to Dr. Sims. Shortly afterward E.D. Carter, who lays claim to the ground leased, notified Dr. Sims not to pay rent to Mr. Harris, as he (Carter) was the owner of the land. Dr. Sims thereupon refused to pay rent and Mr. Harris requested the doctor to move out. He refused to move and Mr. Harris brought suit for \$299. The case was tried before a jury on Wednesday, and they rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Harris for \$130 and costs of suit, the defendant having five days in which to pay. An appeal may be taken at the discretion of the court. The question of title could not be tried in a justice court.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 25 Apr 1891:

J.M. Harris this week paints a choice list of bargains in real estate, which it will pay every reader to inspect.

J.M. Harris is having work done on his ranch, which very much improves the appearance of that tract.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 2 May 1891:

J.M. Harris is fitting up and furnishing his building on 6th St. near Bank, and expects to occupy it within a week as a real estate office. It is among the very best locations in town.

J.M. Harris is agent for the Knabe, Haines Bros., and Gilbert pianos, and will sell for 15 per cent cash and balance in 24 equal monthly installments. Parties wishing to buy will get as good prices and terms and less trouble by buying of him. See cuts and prices at his office, opposite P.O.

How is it that J.M. Harris can get more money for the seller and sell cheaper and give better satisfaction to the buyer than anyone else? List your property with him. Go to him and buy.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 9 May 1891:

J.M. Harris was a visitor to Spokane during the first of the week.

Wallace Free Press, 23 May 1891:

A NICE REAL ESTATE OFFICE

John M. Harris, the pioneer in the real estate business, removed about 10 days ago to new quarters on 6th St., where he has spacious rooms, elegantly fitted up with Brussels carpets on all the floors. There are two large front rooms and several in the rear for bedrooms. One of the front rooms is devoted to office purposes, the other is a private room for meetings or consultations free from annoyance. It contains 12 comfortable chairs, table, and is lighted by electricity. It is an evidence of prosperity to find so much elegance and comfort in a real estate office in Wallace.

Wallace Free Press, 6 Jun 1891:

J.M. Harris has been made a notary public.

The Sandon museum has an example of Harris’s seal, donated by Bob Mills of Silverton. A rare item, considering Harris was only a notary for about nine months. It says: “J.M. Harris, Notary Public, Shoshone County, Idaho.”

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 13 Jun 1891:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following names were proposed for membership ... Proposed by Julius Kline and P.J. Holohan — J.M. Harris

However it doesn’t appear that Harris actually fought any fires; a later list of hook and ladder and pumper company members did not include his name.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 11 Jul 1891:

J.M. Harris has purchased Antelope, the race horse, from Follett and Harris. Antelope is a fine animal, and besides being a good runner, works well as a buggy horse.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 15 Aug 1891:

FOR SALE

A very fine Billiard Table \$175; cost \$350. New cloth, perfect condition, must be sold at once. Also an Organ for sale or rent. J.M. HARRIS, Real estate agent, Wallace.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 22 Aug 1891:

Sixth St. Near Bank Lock Box 256

J.M. HARRIS

Real Estate Agent
Wallace, Idaho
NOTARY PUBLIC, BROKER OF MINES
BUYS AND SELLS STOCKS
Rents Houses, Collects Rents and Bills,
Secures Bonds on Mines and Prospects
Writes Fire Insurance Policies,
Invests for Non-Residents
Wallace business, residence and suburban
property a specialty. All inquiries concerning
Wallace and the gold and silver-lead mines
surrounding it freely answered.

Our enterprising real estate men were on the alert while the Montana excursionists were here and the advantages of Wallace in this line were set forth in the best light. J.M. Harris had a three-seated rig for the purpose of showing to visitors the town and its surroundings and this was kept steadily on the go.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 5 Sept 1891:
John M. Harris is making a business trip of a few days to Helena.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 12 Sept 1891:
J.M. Harris returned from a business trip to Helena Wednesday evening. He reports much interest manifested in Wallace by residents of Montana's capital.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 26 Sept 1891:
There are bears in the neighborhood of Sunset peak. E.G. Smith killed one a week or so ago and saw others. That induced a party composed of Mr. Smith, J.M. Harris, Dr. Bruner, and about three others to go out last Thursday. If they really looked for bear, they found nothing but tracks.

Wallace Free Press, 26 Sept 1891:
The north half of J.M. Harris's real estate building has been converted into a saloon. Its destinies will be presided over by Huff and Co.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 10 Oct 1891:
City assessment roll lists: "Harris, John M.; Cook and Powers house, lot 3, block 22, \$650"

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 17 Oct 1891:
J.M. Harris has moved his real estate office from his own building on Sixth Street to the Coeur d'Alene bank building, Bank Street.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 24 Oct 1891:
The horse race tomorrow at Osburn between Harris' Antelope and Stokes' Dollie promises to be a first rate one – probably the best of the season. The purse is \$1,000.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 14 Nov 1891:
MYSTERY CLEARED UP
The occupant of the strange grave west of Wallace was Thos. Kelly, railroad laborer
What seemed last week to be a mysterious murder has developed into a case of inhumanity in dumping a dead body into a sand hole to save the labor and expense of digging a grave ...
Following is the testimony in full given at the examination of Clarkin and Clay last Monday before Judge A.E. Angel ...

J.M. HARRIS
Reside in Wallace, and am a real estate agent. I am acquainted with both defendants by sight; saw them Friday afternoon and had a conversation with Mr. Clarkin. I heard Mr. Clay make the remark immediately after he left the court room Friday afternoon that he was the man who made the coffin that was found, and that it was a clear case of murder; that if they looked at the body they would find a bullet hole in the back of the man's head and all the teeth knocked out; that if they thought he would give a friend away they were much mistaken.

Q. Are you positive that is the language used?
A. Word for word, as well as I remember.

It is reported that Wm. Harris, late of the firm of Follett and Harris, will start a wholesale slaughter house somewhere in the vicinity of Wallace. It seems that the enterprise would pay well.

Tax collector J.B. Fenn to be at J.M. Harris's office on Nov. 14 and 15.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 21 Nov 1891:

J.M. Harris to Boise as witness in case of E.D. Carter against occupants of block 22, bounded by Sixth and Seventh, Bank and Cedar.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 5 Dec 1891:
J.M. Harris and W.E. Harris both attend Wardner Knights of Pythias ball.

Wallace Free Press, 2 Jan 1892:
SCHOOL MATTERS
J.M. Harris said if the site of the schoolhouse is to be changed some good ground could be had below Pine St. Which he undoubtedly would have been willing to sell.

Born – Dec. 25, 1891, to the wife of Geo. W. Harris, a boy. No indication this was any relation. Place of birth not stated.

Wallace Daily Advertiser, 2 Feb 1892 and
Coeur d'Alene Miner, 20 Feb 1892:
WALLACE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE
I will sell at a sacrifice the whole or any part of the following real estate:
One first class business lot on Sixth street, renting for \$80 per month.
Two lots in block 1, Harris's addition with \$500 residence, renting for \$15 per month.
Five lots in block 2, Harris' addition, with residence rented.
Undivided one-half interest in 15 lots in block 3, Harris' addition.
Undivided one-half interest in eight lots in Harris' addition.
Five lots in block 5, Harris' addition, with small residence, rented.
Five acres of choice level ground near Miners' Union hospital, suitable for residence or truck gardening purposes.
All the above property is fenced with a good four-board fence.
Terms reasonable. Apply at once to
J.M. HARRIS
Broker of Mines, Real Estate and Stocks, Bank Building, Wallace, Idaho

Wallace Free Press, 13 Feb 1892:

J.M. Harris's name on petition to move county seat from Murray to Wallace.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 20 Feb 1892:
J.M. Harris and W.E. Harris attend Wardner mask ball.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 12 Mar 1892:
J.M. HARRIS
Broker of Mines, Stocks and Real Estate
OFFICE — BANK BUILDING
Post office Box 256 Wallace, Idaho

The regular meeting of the fire department was held Monday evening in J.M. Harris's office ...
NEW MEMBERS
J.M. Harris proposed the name of Charles Tautphaus ...

J.M. Harris, the real estate dealer, was a visitor in Spokane several days this week. He says the Slocan country is exciting much interest there and hundreds of people are preparing to go in.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 19 Mar 1892:
J.M. Harris, the pioneer real estate dealer in Wallace, left yesterday for Slocan, the new mining field in British Columbia. He proposes to put in the summer there. Whether good or bad, it is evident (sic) that the new excitement is going to draw many people just as soon as they can get there. Mr. Harris' purpose is to get there among the first.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 26 Mar 1892
Frank Pierce is clearing ... a five-acre tract of ground belonging to J.M. Harris, located southeast of the hospital. He will put in a garden there this summer.

Wallace Free Press, 16 Apr 1892:
IN THE FAR NORTH
J.M. Harris writes for the Press from Eldorado, British Columbia. He says as yet they have no post office, the nearest mail being Nelson, but that there are already 150 persons in Eldorado and coming in at the rate of ten a day. Mr. Harris thinks Eldorado to be the coming town of that

section. Every eight out of ten hail from the Coeur d'Alene. Mr. Harris will furnish information about the country to those desiring.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 28 May 1892:

The Nelson *Miner* gives an account of a rich strike in the neighborhood of El Dorado, stopping place for the early immigrants to the Slocan mining district. Among the locations recorded is one by J.M. Harris, Evan Jones, and Charles Sinclair.

The Miner (Nelson), 18 Jun 1892:

On Sunday last, during the thunderstorm, two men near the Slocan Star were struck by lightning, one of them being instantly killed, the other was insensible for some hours, but eventually recovered, C.P. Wolley, who was in the vicinity at the time, was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the accident and helped to carry the men down to Eldorado.

Spokane Review, 23 Jun 1892, p. 6:

During a recent thunderstorm at Slocan two men were struck by lightning, one being instantly killed, while the other, although insensible for several hours, finally recovered.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 25 Jun 1892:

A Couer d'Alene miner killed by lightning
The following dispatch was received at The Miner office last Saturday:
EL DORADO CITY, June 13 – {Special to The Miner} — William Tonkin, a miner from Wallace, while in company with Sim Tabor prospecting near here, was instantly killed by lightning today at 1 p.m. Tabor was badly burned, but not fatally. He walked two miles to camp. Tonkin's body will be buried here, as it is impossible to get it out.

J.M. HARRIS

Sim Tabor is a brother of Jesse Tabor of this city. William Tonkin had a number of acquaintances here. His partner at Burke was notified, and we understand his relatives in the east were also telegraphed.

Coeur d'Alene American, 24 Sept 1892:

John M. Harris is one of the hardest rustlers in the camp and his untiring energy has been rewarded. He bought for \$2,700 the Rico (sic) which was located by some prospectors who were not as well posted on minerals as they might have been and all the investors in the district have coveted his purchase ever since. A bond for \$50,000 has been refused. Evan Jones is interested with Harris in several other promising prospects.

Letter held by University of B.C. special collections, John Morgan Harris fonds, Box 1, File 3:

Office of
J.M. Porter
Civil Engineer and
U.S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor

Wallace, Idaho, April 17th, 1897

J.M. Harris Esq.
Sandon, B.C.

Dear Johnnie: –

I have not heard from you yet, as to when you will be in Spokane, and as I am going out into the hills in a few days, I write to ask you to write to Horace G. King, when you can tell just when you will be in Spokane, as I might not be here to get your letter until it is too late.

I am glad to hear you cleaned out the jumpers on your townsite, and that your property generally is doing so well. "Jumpers" will find out after awhile that they have the wrong "pig by the ear" when they try to jump your property.

I see by the Spokane papers that you have quite a valuable lot of ore in transit to the smelters, which I am glad to hear.

The weather here is fine now, and everything is moving along in its usual style. No great stir of excitement, but producing a good deal of ore.

With best wishes I remain your friend
{Signed} J.M. Porter

The Wallace Press, 21 Dec 1901:

Two cabins in Harris' Addition to Wallace, and one house opposite the Providence Hospital, also in Wallace, assessed to John M. Harris, sold to William Welch for \$7.

The Wallace Press, 10 May 1902:

John M. Harris has begun suit against Mrs. L.A. Wallace to foreclose a mortgage of \$500 on lots 19, 21, and 23, block 14, Wallace, given May 2, 1896.

The Wallace Press, 30 May 1903:

Wharton, S.N., Wallace, lots A, B, C, block 4, Harris addition, state and county, \$4.12, school \$0.49, bond \$0.50, city \$1.32, adv. \$0.25 [This is the same property upon which the brewery warehouse was later built.]

The Wallace Press, 23 Apr 1904:

OLD TIMER RETURNS

John M. Harris visits old Wallace friends

John M. Harris, an early resident of Wallace, visited the city this week. Mr. Harris left here in 1891 [sic] and joined the stampede to Slocan, British Columbia. He secured an interest in the Reco mine, from which he made a comfortable stake. He also located the present townsite of Sandon, where he now lives, most of which he still owns, and where he has large building interests. He is also interested in mining properties adjoining the Slocan Star, which company he is in litigation over ore [illegible] at half a million dollars, alleged to have been taken by the company from his ground.

The Wallace Press, 4 Jun 1904:

The case of John M. Harris against Mrs. L.A. Wallace, foreclosure, was decided in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Wallace.

The Wallace Press, 23 Jul 1904:

Legal ad indicating Johnny received an order of sale and decree of foreclosure for Lots 19, 21, and 22 in block 14 against Lucy Wallace for \$806.09. [in file]

Wallace Miner, 9 May 1918 (Thursday):

A PIONEER RETURNS TO VISIT OLD SCENES

J.M. Harris meets many old time friends

MAKES FORTUNE IN B.C.

Holds valuable mining and real estate interests in Sandon

Memories of early days in Wallace were happily revived Tuesday evening by the arrival of John M. Harris, one of the real pioneers of this city, and who was closely identified with the work of laying the foundation for this prosperous community. The few old-timers who are still here find it difficult to realize that 26 years had passed since "Johnny" Harris rolled his blankets and joined the Slocan stampede to British Columbia, but it is true notwithstanding. Mr. Harris left Wallace in 1892, a memorable year in the history of the Coeur d'Alene district. Possibly he had a hunch that it was a good time for him to leave, for within a month after his departure the smouldering fires of dissention between the mine operators and the miners' union burst into a flame of riot which resulted in destruction of life and property, paralyzing business for a long period and engendering factional bitterness from which the district to this day is not wholly free. Mr. Harris missed all this excitement, for his lucky star held for him a more generous fate. Arriving in the Slocan district before all the good things had been located, he secured an interest in ground that soon became famous as the Reco mine. It proved to be a veritable bonanza and it was not long until Mr. Harris was ranked among the rich men of British Columbia. In the meantime he saw the possibilities of an important town growing up adjacent to the mines and located the townsite of Sandon, which he held after a protracted lawsuit instituted to contest his title. At this time he still owns his mining property which is operated under lease and from which he receives a handsome royalty. He owns and conducts a model hotel in Sandon, owns the light and water plant which supply the

town and still retains other extensive real estate and mining interests.

Time has touched him lightly

Passing the silvery tinge with which time has touched his hair, 26 years have made surprisingly little change in the appearance of Mr. Harris. We have his word for it, however, that his sporting blood has grown more sluggish since the days when he and his brother "Billy" and other early-day patrons of the turf made a race course of Cedar street and furnished exciting entertainment for the populace on the Fourth of July and for a day or two after. After making his fortune in Sandon, Mr. Harris returned to his native state, Virginia, and bought a magnificent farm where "Billy" makes his home, there indulging to the limit his natural hobby for "horseflesh," and which renders him immune to the blandishments of modern motor cars.

Owned much Wallace property

Some of the most valuable business property in Wallace was formerly owned by Mr. Harris, some of which he acquired by purchase from the original townsite company and part by "jumping" along with the balance of the population when the townsite title was found to be defective. What is known as "Harris addition" was located and platted by Mr. Harris at a time when it is best described as a spreading river channel, covered with standing and fallen timber, stumps and debris accumulated during the years. The value of that property today is a testimonial to his business foresight and faith in the future of the city.

Mr. Harris left for his home this morning, his brief visit being greatly enjoyed by himself and his friends of other days.

An original copy of the above paper is in the John Morgan Harris fonds at the University of B.C. special collections, Box 1, File 1. Handwritten at the top is: "How are the teeth. I warned about you."

Wallace Miner, 5 Dec 1918:

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Strode, of Mullan, have been in this city the past week ... Last October Mr. Strode sold the control of the Mullan water

works to J.M. Harris of Sandon, BC and immediately began shaping his affairs to leave ...

Wallace Miner, 19 Jun 1919:

Harry C. McAllister, accompanied by Mrs. McAllister, left yesterday morning for Nelson, BC where he will attend the mining convention that meets there this week. From Nelson Mr. and Mrs. McAllister will go to Sandon to visit for a few days with J.M. Harris, an old friend who was well known in the early days of this city. Mr. Harris was the chief owner in the Reco mine, near Sandon, from which he derived a fortune years ago and which was sold a few weeks ago for \$200,000.

Wallace Miner, 4 Dec 1919:

W.H. Farrar, better known as Doc Farrar, was in Wallace last week after an absence of about a year ... He went to Sandon about a year ago ... Mr. Farrar met many former Coeur d'Alenens while in British Columbia. One of these was J.M. Harris, one of the pioneers of Wallace, who joined the stampede to Slocan many years ago, who made a fortune in the Reco mine, acquired the site upon which now stands the town of Sandon, owns the waterworks, electric light plant, leading hotel, and much valuable real estate. To round out his fortune he recently sold the Reco mine for \$250,000 in cash.

Shoshone News-Press, 4 Jan 1921:

John M. Harris, a former resident of Wallace, now living at Sandeen [sic], BC, is visiting friends in the city, accompanied by his niece Miss Davis of Virginia.

Shoshone News-Press, 20 Dec 2011: Variance application by property owners in Harris Addition, Block 3, Lots 9 and 10 and Block 3, Lot 11