

Johnny's visits abroad

Despite a notion that Johnny could not return to the U.S. because of the shooting of Zach Lewis, in fact he returned frequently, and stayed for months at a time.

Trips to Spokane: *The Tribune*, 24 Mar 1894; *The Kootenaian*, 7 May 1897; *Mining Review*, 2 Oct 1897, 16 Oct 1897, 29 Jan 1898, 29 Nov 1902, and 21 Mar 1903; *The Paystreak*, 24 Apr 1897, 22 Oct 1898, 21 Oct 1899, 7 Jul 1900, and 11 Oct 1902; *The Ledge*, 17 Sept 1903; *Slocan Mining Review*, 6 Dec 1906, 14 Mar, 9 May, and 3 Oct 1907; *Slocan Enterprise*, 5 Oct 1927 and 9 Apr 1930; and *Slocan Herald*, 23 Feb 1933, quoting *Slocan Record* of 20 years prior. *The Paystreak*, 12 May 1900 also reported that Harris was in Pittsburgh during the Sandon fire.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 27 Aug 1892: J.M. Harris, formerly a real estate dealer of this city, who went with the early stampeders last winter to the Slocan country, was here for a few days this week, returning to Slocan Thursday. He got to the new mining field in time to get some of the best locations in it. It is a great country, Mr. Harris says – large bodies of ore and all of it high grade. James F. Wardner's pack train is taking out a good deal of ore and although transportation charges foot up enormously, he realizes a handsome profit out of every ton of it.

Coeur d'Alene Miner, 22 Oct 1892: J.M. Harris came up from Spokane Saturday. He went back to the Slocan and will return to Wallace before election day to remain probably during the winter.

The Tribune, 24 Mar 1894: John M. Harris of the Reco mine, Slocan district, has gone out to Spokane. He took along with him a 250-pound specimen of ore, one of the finest ever taken from a Slocan mine.

The Prospector (Kaslo), 25 Apr 1895: J.M. Harris, manager and part-owner of the Reco mine and of the Sandon townsite, is on a visit to his relatives in the east, after being away from home for ten years.

The Prospector (Kaslo), 1 Aug 1895: Johnny Harris, manager of the Reco, was in the city Sunday, having just returned from Vernon Mills, Va., where he spent the summer season at his home.

The Paystreak, 8 May 1897 notes Harris going east for two months. The issue of 3 Jul notes that while away he will spend time at his old home at Vernon Mills. His return is reported on 24 Jul: "Mr. Harris left here on May 11th and has since visited Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Boston, New York, and Washington, D.C. He also spent a month at his old home in Fauquier County, Virginia, and while there purchased an adjoining farm ... 'Farm lands in Virginia have fallen at least 75 per cent.

I embraced the opportunity and bought the farm adjoining our homestead for \$11,000 cash. This was at the rate of \$27.50 per acre, while for that same land 12 years ago not less than \$100 per acre would have been considered.' 'Will you go there to live?' 'Oh, no. I shall stay in Sandon. I bought it for an investment and I think it a good one.'"

New York Times, 23 May 1897:
HOFFMAN — J.M. Harris, Sandon,
British Columbia

The Paystreak, 29 May 1897: A telegram was received at his office Friday from J.M. Harris in New York saying that he was starting for his home at Vernon Mills, Va.

Mining Review, 17 Jul 1897: Quotes *Spokane Review* on Harris passing through town on return from Vernon Mills, mentions stop at Omaha.

Mining Review, 29 Jan 1898: Harris returning from visit to Nelson and Spokane.

Mining Review, 21 May 1898: Messrs. J.M. Harris and F.T. Kelly left on Tuesday for a four-month visit to the parents of the former in Virginia. While away they are likely to visit Washington and many other points of interest in the south country, perhaps Cuba, Porto Rico, etc. ...

Mining Review, 6 Aug 1898: Harris expected home in two weeks.

Mining Review, 1 Oct 1898: Mr. Harris returned on Friday ... from his four month's visit to his old home in Virginia and in the eastern and southern states ...

The Miner, 4 Oct 1898: J.M. Harris, of the Reco mine at Sandon, returned home last Friday from a four months' visit to his old home in Virginia.

The Ledge, 12 Oct 1899: J.M. Harris, of Sandon, will spend the winter on his ranch in Virginia.

The Paystreak, 11 Nov 1899: J.M. Harris has gone to Virginia to spend the winter on his plantation.

Mining Review, 11 Nov 1899: Mr. Harris left on Saturday morning last to spend the winter in the east, among the scenes of his early life in Old Virginia.

Mining Review, 16 Dec 1899: "Mr. J.M. Harris is said to be rustivating on the late battlefields of Cuba ...

The Paystreak, 18 May 1901: J.M. Harris leaves on Tuesday for a 30-day visit to his home in Virginia.

The Paystreak, 24 May 1901: J.M. Harris left for Virginia on Tuesday morning.

Mining Review, 25 May 1901: J.M. Harris left for his Virginia home on Tuesday.

The Paystreak, 29 Jun 1901: Harris expected home soon. Last heard from in Montana.

The Paystreak, 6 Jul 1901: J.M. Harris returned on Sunday afternoon from his eastern tour. Besides visiting his home in Virginia, he spent a few days in Washington, New York, and Buffalo.

Mining Review, 6 Jul 1901: J.M. Harris returned home this week after spending a month's holiday at his old home in Virginia.

Mining Review, 14 Jun 1902: J.M. Harris left on Monday for an extended visit of several weeks at his old home in Virginia.

Mining Review, 26 Jul 1902: Harris expected home about Aug. 15.

The Paystreak, 16 Aug 1902: J. Morgan Harris arrived from his southern planation on Wednesday.

Mining Review, 16 Aug 1902: Mr. J.M. Harris arrived home on Thursday.

The Paystreak, 11 Oct 1902: Harris at Spokane fair

The Paystreak, 25 Oct 1902: Harris returns from Spokane

Mining Review, 25 Oct 1902: Harris home from Spokane and other points

Mining Review, 28 Feb 1903: Harris leaves on an extended business trip to Spokane and other points in southeastern states.

Mining Review, 14 Mar 1903: J.M. Harris returned to town Thursday from his trip to Spokane and had another escape from the slides. Mr. Harris intended to leave for home on Monday and at the last moment decided to stay over until the following day and it was lucky he did. Numerous slowslides came down on Monday at many points along the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway ...

Mining Review, 28 Mar 1903: Mr. J.M. Harris left Thursday for Virginia, where he will spend a few weeks' visit.

The Ledge, 2 Apr 1903: J.M. Harris has gone to Virginia for a couple of months.

Mining Review, 23 May 1903: Harris expected back from Virginia this week.

The Ledge, 6 Aug 1903: J.M. Harris will return to Sandon in a few days. He has spent the past five months at his old Virginia home.

The Ledge, 17 Sept 1903: Harris in Spokane on business

Washington Post, 20 Nov 1904: A pretty Virginia wedding of more than usual interest took place at Vernon Mills, Fauquier County, at high noon Wednesday, when Miss Blanche Skinner, daughter of Mrs. Landonia Skinner,

became the wife of Mr. Robert Bowersett ... A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presence of Mr. John Davis, a former well-known Virginian, who travelled from Sandon, British Columbia to attend the ceremony.

The Daily News (Nelson), 2 May 1906: John M. Harris arrived in the city from Spokane last night and is at the Hume. He is here on legal business. Spokane is growing very rapidly this year, Mr. Harris says, an unusually large number of homeseekers having arrived. Business is more than good and everybody appears to be making money. Two new theatres have been opened and all places of enteratinment are mightily crowded. 'Spokane people are commencing to live not merely to make money, but to enjoy life as they used to in San Francisco,' was Mr. Harris' concluding comment.

Slocan Mining Review, 3 Oct 1907: Harris back from Spokane

The Daily News (Nelson), 24 Feb 1909: Mr. Harris has been for the past six months at his home in Virginia and states that he has passed a very pleasant time there and that the weather has been delightful.

The Kootenaian, 25 Feb 1909: J.M. Harris is back to Sandon after a pleasant sojourn in Virginia.

The Ledge (Greenwood), 12 Dec 1912:

Times are getting better in the Slocan. Johnnie Harris is spending the winter in California ...

The Ledge, 21 Jun 1917: J.M. Harris has returned to Sandon from Virginia.

Spokesman Review, 10 May 1918:
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J.M. Harris, a mine operator of Sandon, B.C., is at the Davenport. F.C. Kelley of Pasco, who has mining interests in British Columbia, is at the Victoria.

(The above would have coincided with Harris's trip to Wallace.)

The Leaser, 7 Jun 1921: (transcribed by Innes Cooper in Slocan Valley Archives) J.M. Harris, of Sandon, returned last week after spending the winter in the southern States. While in California he called at the hospital to see Dr. Gomm. The doctor is slowly improving, is allowed out for walks and has an appetite that would be envied by an Irish carter.

Slocan Enterprise, 5 Oct 1927: Harris home from holiday in Spokane.