

Early references to Sandon

The Slocan Star claim, located by John Sandon on 7 Oct 1891 and recorded on 15 Oct 1891, was described as being “on Sandon Creek.”

The Miner, 21 May 1892 carries legal ad by M.D. Mahoney applying for liquor license at junction of Carpenter and Sandon creeks, nine miles from Eldorado City.

Coeur d’Alene Miner, 4 Jun 1892, letter from John Morgan Harris dated 19 May 1892: “I have been camped at the forks of Carpenter and Sandon creeks, nine miles from the lake, for over 30 days ...”

The record of the Loudoun mineral claim, dated 23 May 1892, gave its location as “at the junction of Carpenter and Sandon creeks.” UBC special collections, John Morgan Harris sous fonds, Box 2, File 3

Spokane Review, 31 Jul 1892: Reco, Slocan, B.C., July 23 – The townsite of Reco, an embryo Slocan mining city, is situated at the junction of Sandon creek with the main artery of this district, Carpenter creek. At present it boasts only the cabins of a dozen or so prospectors, but numerous predictions of its future greatness are heard.

The Tribune (Nelson), 12 Jan 1893: Charles Alwyn of New Denver was in

Nelson this week purchasing supplies ... Mr. Alwyn has out logs for a hotel at the mouth of Sandon creek and will begin erecting the building in March.

The Tribune, 30 Mar 1893: Charles Kent applies for liquor license for his hotel at forks of Carpenter and Cody creeks, 24 Mar 1893

Kaslo Slocan Examiner, 13 May 1893: Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a hotel and retail liquor license at Sanden (sic), B.C. Archie Chisholm, April 13, 1893, Kaslo, B.C.

The Miner (Nelson), 1 Jul 1893: “On continuing down the south fork of Carpenter creek we arrived in a short time at Sandon creek and gladly proceeded to refresh the inner men. Here, in a position to reach a number of the most important groups of mines, a townsite is being laid out at the junction of Sandon and South Fork.”

Townsite of Sandon surveyed on 19 Jul 1893 by J. Hirsch, per plan 609 held by RDCK.

Sandon does not appear on Perry’s Mining Map of 1893, but at that location is shown the Lucy Hotel. No newspaper references exist.

Vancouver Daily World, 27 Dec 1893: A townsite is also being platted at the mouth of Sandon creek, four miles up the

south fork of Carpenter creek from Three Forks.

Nakusp Ledge, 11 Jan 1894:
A. Cochrane applies for liquor license at Sandon, dated 29 Dec 1893

Vancouver Daily World, 26 Jul 1894:
This noted mine is situated on Sandow [sic] Creek, about is miles southeast of Three Forks. Sandow [sic] Creek is a tributary of the south fork of Carpenter Creek. At the junction of these two creeks is
SANDOW [sic] CITY
the terminus of the proposed Kaslo & Slocan railway ...

Slocan Times, 1 Sept 1894: E. Atherton is opening up business at Sandon creek. It is possible he may go into business at Three Forks as well.

The Tribune (Nelson), 8 Sept 1894: It is rumored Ed [Atherton] will engage in business at Sandon when he disposes of his postmastership and some other encumbrances [at Watson].

Slocan Times, 29 Sept 1894: Ed Atherton was down Wednesday from Sandon creek. He is occupying a building put up there by W.D. Middaugh but will build as soon as he gets his Watson business straightened out.

Slocan Times, 29 Sept 1894: Four miles on comes Sandon, a place which is distinctly growing. It has two good hotels. Ed

Atherton has opened a store, so Sandon is now an independent place.

Slocan Times, 6 Oct 1894: Sandon is a town that should build up this winter. As soon as the sleigh road is in operation, lumber will be procurable at Sandon as cheaply as at New Denver last winter ...
... Sandon should have a post office. It is a convenient place for distributing mail to many men at work in the mines.

The Tribune (Nelson), 20 Oct 1894:
The new town of Sandon
Atherton has general store at Sandon and Charlie Lundberg, well known at Nelson and Kaslo, a good hotel.

The Ledge, 18 Oct 1894: The post office at Watson has been closed and the postmaster, Ed Atherton, has opened a store at Sandon and a petition is being circulated to have a post office established at that point.

Slocan Times, 27 Oct 1894: Things are lively at Sandon. Two hotels and a store are doing a good trade there.

The Tribune, 17 Nov 1894: E.R. Atherton, merchant, Sandon.

The Ledge, 29 Nov 1894: W. Levi is opening the third hotel at Sandon.

Postal application referred to postal inspector 17 Dec 1894. Report filed 31 Dec 1894. Opened 1 Aug 1895 as Sandon. Closed 20 Aug 1962.

Source: Post Office Inspectors Reports,
National Archives, Microfilm C7231, File
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Slocan Prospector, 4 Jan 1895: Charles
Lundberg's Star Hotel, Sandon ad

The Ledge, 10 Jan 1895: Archie Grant's
hotel at Sandon will soon be ready for
business ... There will be a dance at
Sandon on Jan. 25.

Slocan Prospector, 11 Jan 1895: Mrs.
Maxwell has moved back to Sandon,
where she has obtained employment.

Slocan Prospector, 11 Jan 1895, From a
legal notice dated 10 Dec 1894: "thence
to the headwaters of the South Fork of
Carpenter Creek, at or near a settlement
called 'Sandon.'"

Slocan Prospector, 19 Jan 1895: Archie
Grant sends down word that there will be
a trip-the-light fantastic at his hotel in
Sandon, Wednesday night, Jan. 23rd ...

Slocan Prospector, 26 Jan 1895: Ed
Atherton has moved into his new store in
Sandon.

Slocan Prospector, 9 Feb 1895:
Sandon
This town is beginning to feel as though
she is worthy of note.
Another store and a newsstand are to be
started next week.
Rawhiders and freighters have kept the
town lively all winter.

Johnnie Harris is doing the assessment
work on the claim on which the town is
built. it is hoped that he will be able to
secure surface rights and sell lots soon.

The Ledge, 14 Feb 1895: Connection has
been established between here [i.e. New
Denver] and Sandon by telephone.

Slocan Prospector, 11 Apr 1895:
A Death at Sandon
Allen McPhee, prospector, about 68, took
ill morning of the 2nd and died same day.
One of discoverers of property on Ten
Mile.

Slocan Prospector, 2 May 1895:
Sandon notes
Star Hotel has a new cook.
Robert Cuning is putting up a two-
storey hotel.
The Hammond Bros. are having a stone
building erected in the central portion of
town.
With railroad surveyors, wagon road
surveyors, and townsite surveyors,
Sandon should be pretty thoroughly
surveyed in another week or two.

Slocan Prospector, 23 May 1895:
As the two railways point directly to
Sandon, that plane begins to grow and
people wish it were platted and on the
market. The title to the ground will be
acquired by Johnny Harris and Judge
Sproat who owns the mineral claim
Loudoun on which the town is built.
Their location was made in '92. The entry
carries with it the surface right and

apparently all they have to do to obtain fee simple is to apply for a crown grant.

Slocan Prospector, 27 Jun 1895:

Sandon has grown some during the past few weeks, but its growth is retarded by the action of the CPR Co., which runs its survey along the side of the principal street, taking the street and half the lots, requiring several buildings to be moved off, with no place but the bed of the creek to move to.

The Prospector (Kaslo), 25 Jul 1895:

Chas. Lundberg
Star Hotel
Rate \$1.50 to \$2 per day
Wines, liquors, and cigars
Sandon, BC

The Ledge, 29 Aug 1895:

SANDON FLOAT

J.S. Reeder's laundry will soon be finished.

Mr. Levi is building an hotel at Cody creek.

Archie Grant has leased the dining room of his hotel.

Mrs. Benov will enlarge her building in a short time.

Robert Cuning has gone to Trail to look after his interest in that camp.

Jake Kelsem has moved into his new building and is doing a fine business.

S.M. Spencer says that business in Sandon is so far ahead of Nakusp as diamonds are of brickbats.

The Slocan Store Co. are doing the principal business in town and will soon have to enlarge their premises.

Hotel Ivanhoe is the name of Sandon's newest hotel. The bar-room is decorated in a way that cannot be seen in New York or Kaslo.

When the Sandon extension of the N&S Ry. is finished lumber will be cheaper, as the enterprising firm of Genelle & Co. of Nakusp are capable of underselling all competitors.

Black & McLennan have acquired an interest in the Star hotel; commencing on Saturday. They are stocking the house with a fine store of wet groceries and expect to do a large trade.

Kaslo Claim, 14 Sept 1895: Liquor license application by Thomas Clair "to sell spirituous liquors" at Sandon, 7 Sept 1895

The Ledge, 21 Nov 1895:

THE GRANT HOUSE

Sandon BC

Good meals and comfortable rooms make this hotel a pleasant place for travelers to stop at. ARCHIE GRANT, Prop

Kaslo Claim, 23 Nov 1895:

Sandon notes

MacDonald Bros. expect to open their fine large hotel about the middle of next month. John Buckley will open the Clifton about the same time. Both houses are sadly needed, as hotel accommodation is badly needed in the sunless city.

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Moore & Black have at last secured a license for their hotel and opened their bar Wednesday.

The Ledge, 28 Nov 1895:

SANDON

Beds are scarce.

Colonel Coy is running a restaurant here.

Spencer's dance was a great success.

The railroads are disputing over property here.

Moore & Black received their license last week.

Several Nakusp people took in the celebration last week.

Macdonald Bros. will open their hotel about Dec. 15.

John Buckley will open the Clifton about the middle of next month.

Hunter & McKinnon's new store is being pushed forward. They now own three stores in the Slocan.

The Ledge, 28 Nov 1895: John Buckley applies for liquor license for Sandon.

Spokesman Review, 30 Nov 1895: The new hotel at Sandon is expected to be completed this week.

The Ledge, 5 Dec 1895:

Application by John Buckley to "sell spiritous liquors at Sandon, BC" dated 7 Nov. Ad for The Grant House, Sandon, BC, Archie Grant, Prop. "Good meals and comfortable rooms make this hotel a pleasant place for travellers to stop."

The Ledge, 16 Jan 1896:

Archie Grant has disposed of his hotel to Thos. Clair and Eri Thompson. The hotel will be known in the future as the Thistle.