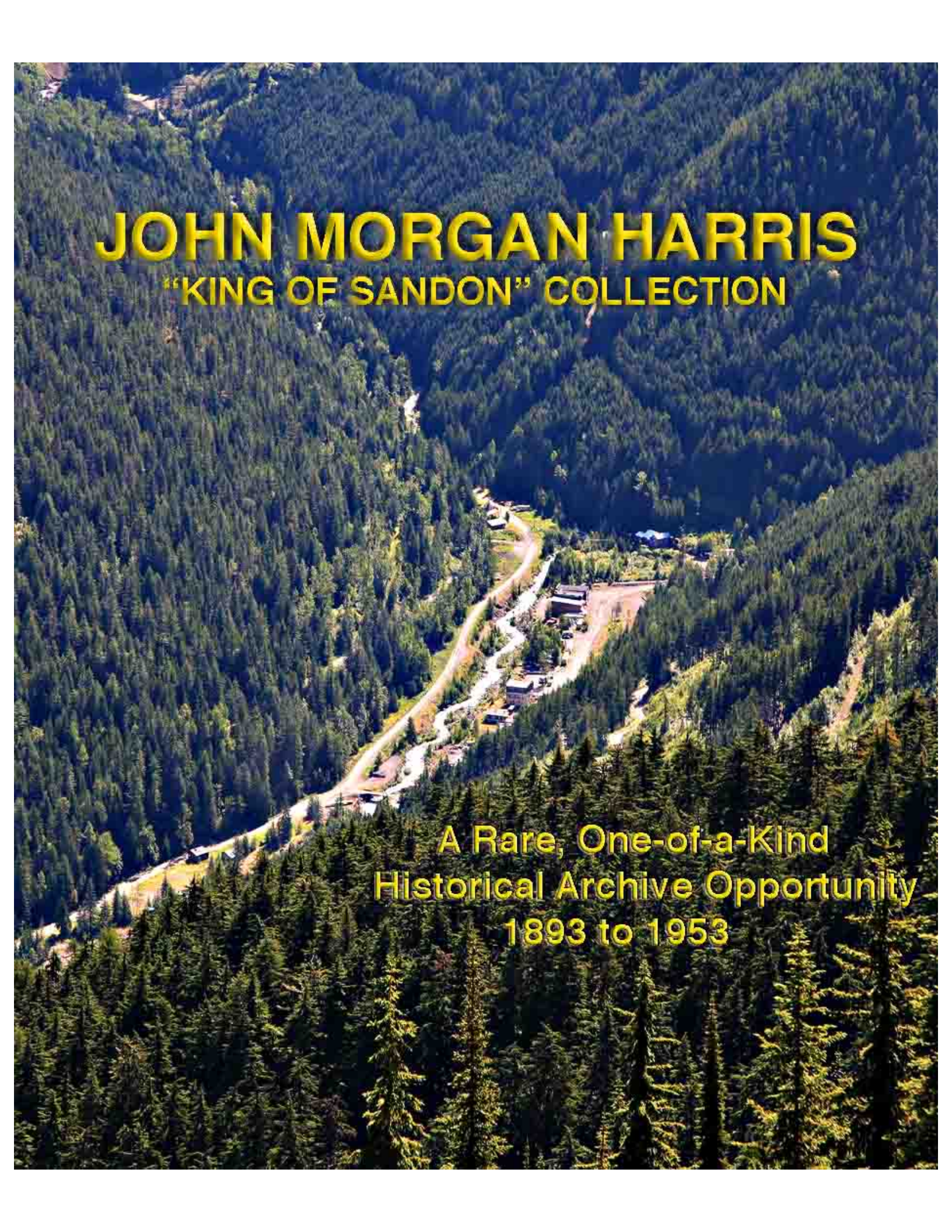


An aerial photograph of a deep, forested valley. A small settlement with several buildings and a dirt road is visible in the center of the valley. The surrounding hills are covered in dense evergreen forests. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

JOHN MORGAN HARRIS

"KING OF SANDON" COLLECTION

**A Rare, One-of-a-Kind
Historical Archive Opportunity
1893 to 1953**

A Legacy Worth Preserving - and Leveraging

This offering represents more than a collection of historical materials. It is a unique, curated narrative of Sandon's identity - its leadership, its evolution, and the forces that shaped its place in the history of British Columbia, Canada, and beyond.

Collectors: A rare and tangible connection to Sandon's formative years onward.

Institutions: An opportunity to preserve and showcase Western Canadian heritage.

Commercial Users: A powerful repository of authentic storytelling assets.

Stakeholders: A colourful, strategic asset grounded in history and future relevance.

Why This Collection Matters

Sandon's story is a living continuum. The decisions, personalities and moments captured here continue to fascinate, inform and influence the cultural landscape.

- **Authenticity** - Real moments, real leadership
- **Continuity** - A direct line from past to present
- **Relevance** - Insight for modern growth and governance

Distinct Value Across Audiences

Private Collectors: A rare, one-of-a-kind asset combining provenance and narrative depth,

Institutional Donors & Archives: A cornerstone acquisition for preservation and education.

Commercial & Media Users: High-value content for publishing and production.

A Strategic Opportunity

As British Columbia continues to grow and redefine its regional, national and global role, the importance of its documented past only increases.

This collection is not simply about preservation - its about factual historical proof.

Conclusion

To invest in British Columbia's history is to invest in its future. This archive offers a singular opportunity to engage with the foundation upon which British Columbia continues to build.

Secure a Legacy. Shape the narrative. Carry the past forward.

SANDON BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS COLLECTION

(PRIVATE COLLECTION FROM VARIOUS J.M.HARRIS VENTURES 1893 - 1953)

John Morgan Harris, “ KING OF SANDON ”, renowned as one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Sandon B.C., is considered to be, one of, if not, the founding father of that city in the early 1890's. Sandon B.C. which was generally referred to as the “**Silver Capital**” of B.C.” in that era.**Sandon** is now known as **B.C.'S GREATEST GHOST TOWN**.

This is a rare, **one of a kind, factual historical collection** including a significant number of antique historical documents related to John Morgan Harris aka Davis (most bearing his name and/or signature), his wife, and many of his pursuits spanning primarily the hey-days, 1893 through to his demise in 1953., along with other miscellaneous ephemera from that time period onward.

Briefly, the collection is comprised of:

Reco Mining and Milling Co.

- Two flip files (approximately 200 receipts) of correspondence, invoices and bills of lading from local, regional, national and international suppliers and customers including local merchants, Pat Burns Meats, plus payrolls detailing miners names, remuneration and company stores purchases et.al. (**1890's Reco High-Grade Silver Deposit in its most profitable days**)
- Miscellaneous photos, negatives, press clippings, including Reco Mine crew at bunkhouse in 1896, Reco Hotel in 1947 before the flood and Reco Hotel just before the flood of 1955 and the subsequent demise of the city he once cherished,

Glenara Estate, Fauquier County, West Virginia

With part of the proceeds from the Reco Mining and Milling Co. and associated endeavours, in the 1890's, “Johnny” purchased Glenara, a fine old estate near his birthplace in W. Virginia, which he subsequently sold years later, in order to live out his illustrious life in **Sandon**, the place that he made his chosen home for life, and he re-invested his fortunes in the good old “ **Wild West**”.

- Buy/Sell bound real estate prospectus booklets detailing **his Estate in Virginia** located just west of D.C, (1893 & 1922)

Lead and Silver Mining Association of B.C.

Harris was one of the **Founding Members of the Association**, headquartered in Sandon, which he hosted in his facilities as a main proponent ... (and probably made a lot of money **playing poker** with most of the members)

- Lead and Silver Mining Ass'n. of B.C. ledger book c/w members listing and standing (inc. 1899, disbanded in 1902)
- Lead and Silver Mining Ass'n. of B.C. minute book from incorporation through to disbanding.

Star Mining and Milling Co. (Star M & M Co.) legal case pertaining to extra-lateral mining rights in B.C and Canada.

- Star Mining and Milling Co. (Star M&M Co.) ledger book incl. stockholders, minutes, and general ledger
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- **Writ from The Court of the Privy Council at Buckingham Palace** ruling in agreement with the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling in the favour,favour of Star M&M Co. with:

King Edward's Royal Seal attached through tissue attached, dated July 3, 1909.

(final ruling on the aforementioned legal dispute)

Miscellaneous Supporting Documents etc.

- Multiple Stock Certificates from Mines in the area and the Sandon Water and Light Works utility.
- Seven copies of “Articles of Association for Slocan Power Company Limited” booklet dated May 6, 1901
- Four blank cheques, two personalized New Denver Bank of Montreal (J.M. Harris), One Canadian Bank of Commerce-Sandon Branch dated 190_, and One The Bank of British Columbia-Sandon B.C. dated 189_.
- Book on Train Robberies, Train Robbers and the “Holdup” Men address by William A. Pinkerton dated 1907
- Northwest Mines Handbook dated 1918, detailing Mines in the Sandon Region
- \$ 1,000.00 debenture on the Kaslo Hotel, for Reco Hotel walk-in freezer, just after the flood of 1955.
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JOHN MORGAN HARRIS, ESQ.



"KING OF SANDON"



RECO HOTEL, Circa 1947 ©



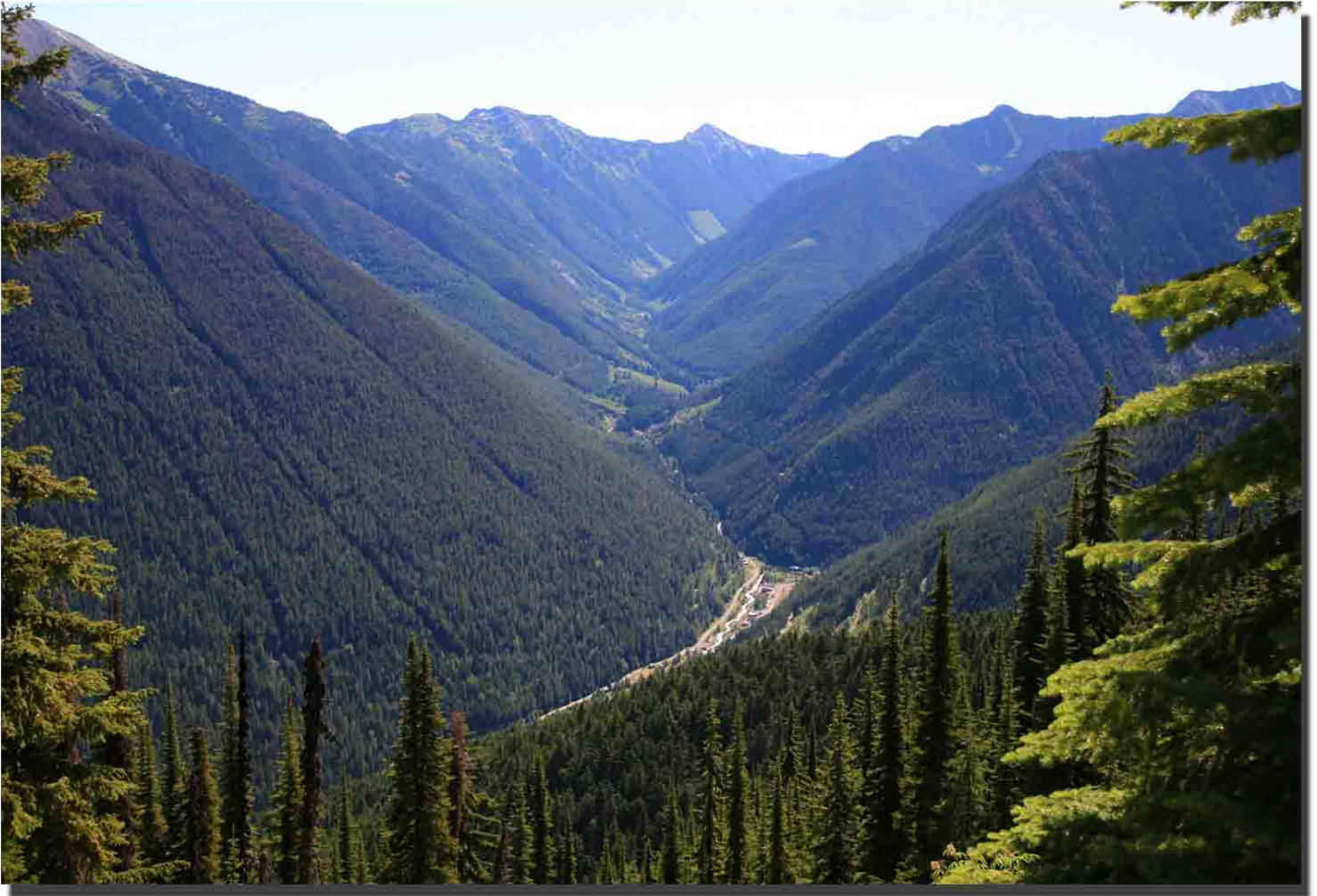
Originally constructed in the 1890's as Harris' livery stable, this building was the only structure to have survived the fire of 1900. It was quickly re-purposed as the new Reco Hotel, Johnny's headquarters for his remaining years.

"THE PALACE"
1900 - 1955

Following the flood of 1955, which undermined the front of the "Palace", the building was torn down and once again re-purposed, this time as a gas station, cafe, and chicken coop in nearby New Denver.

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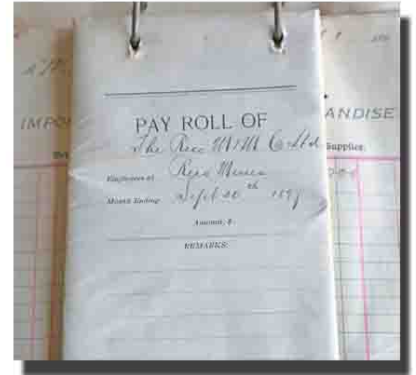
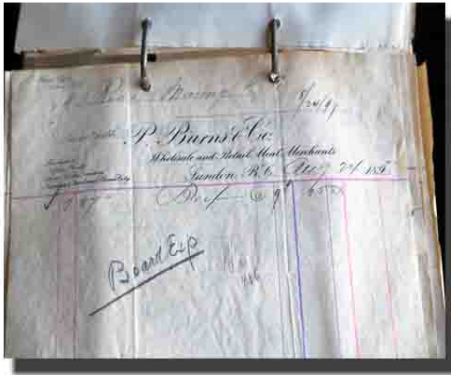


This is a rare, **one-of-a-kind, factual, historical archive** documenting many of “Johnny’s” major exploits as he resided in Sandon from the early 1890's through to his passing in 1953.. Most of the documents bear his name and/or signature.

In addition to the documentary evidence, the collection also includes many photos, press clippings and other unique ephemera related to his personal and business life.

Briefly, the collection is comprised of:

A. RECO MINING AND MILLING CORPORATION



- Two flip files containing correspondence, invoices, and bills of lading from local, regional, national and international suppliers and customers. Also included are payrolls detailing the miners' names, remuneration and company stores purchases. **(1890's Reco High-Grade Silver Deposit in it's most profitable days)**



- Numerous photographs, including the mine crew working the Reco claim in 1896 taken by the bunkhouse, various suppliers, visitors, and dignitaries. as well as photos of the namesake Reco Hotel in Sandon, 1947 and 1955, just before the major flood which spelled the demise of the city that he once cherished.

B. GLENARA ESTATE, Fauquier County, West Virginia

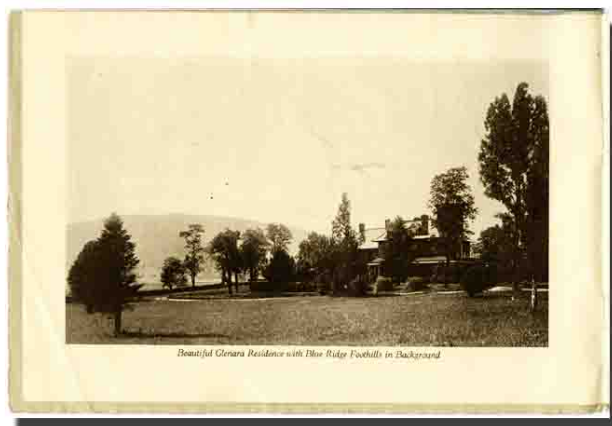
In the 1890's, with part of the proceeds from the sale of ore from the Reco Mining and Milling Co., plus other endeavours, "Johnny" purchased **Glenara**, a fine old estate located near his birthplace in Vernon Mills, West Virginia as his future residence in retirement.

Harris subsequently sold **Glenara** some years later after choosing to pursue further business ventures and live out his illustrious life in his cherished **Sandon**, the city of opportunity.

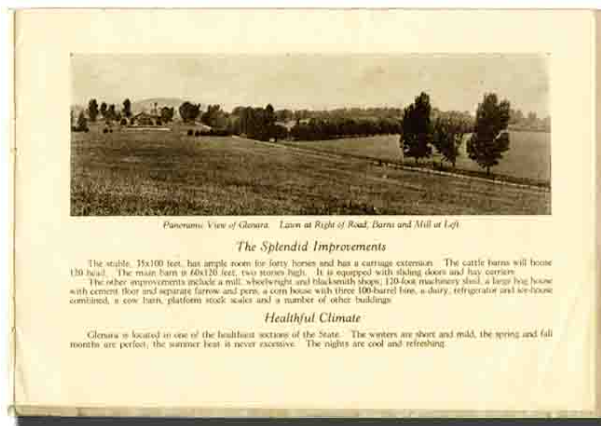


NORTHWEST VIEW OF RESIDENCE.

- Buy/Sell real estate prospectus booklets detailing his **Glenara Estate** in W. Virginia, just 45 miles west of Washington D.C. (1893 & 1922



Beautiful Glenara Residence with Blue Ridge Foothills in Background



Panoramic View of Glenara. Lawn at Right of Road, Darns and Mill at Left

The Splendid Improvements

The stable, 35x100 feet, has ample room for forty horses and has a carriage extension. The cattle barn will house 100 head. The main barn is 60x120 feet, two stories high. It is equipped with sliding doors and hay covers.

The other improvements include a mill, wheelwright and blacksmith shops, 120-foot machinery shed, a large hog house with cement floor and separate farrow and pens, a corn house with three 100-bushel bins, a dairy, refrigerator and ice-house combined, a cow barn, platform scale, scales and a number of other buildings.

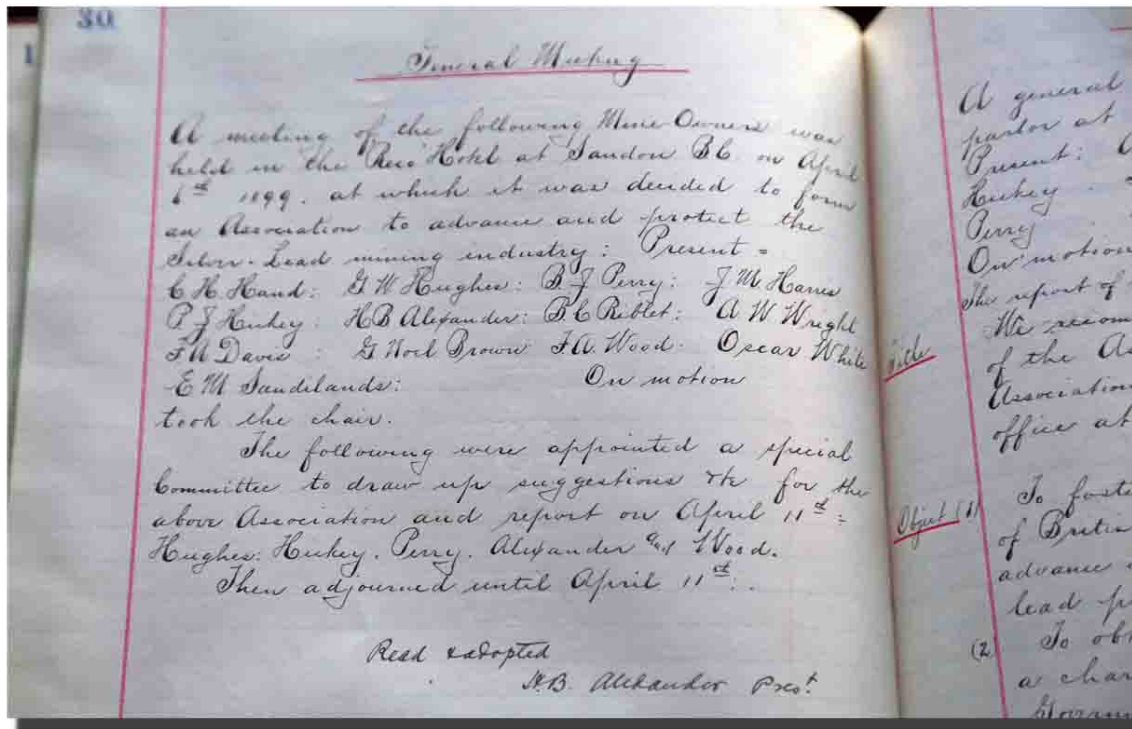
Healthful Climate

Glenara is located in one of the healthiest sections of the State. The winters are short and mild, the spring and fall months are perfect, the summer heat is never excessive. The nights are cool and refreshing.

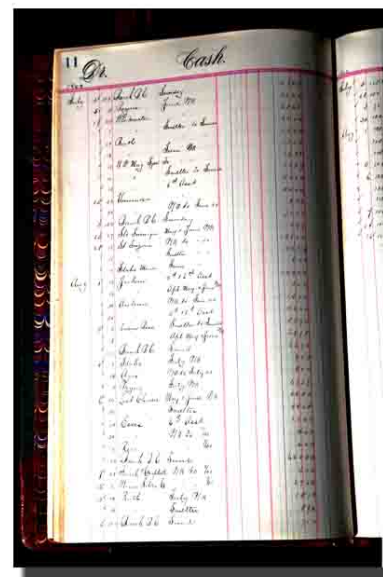
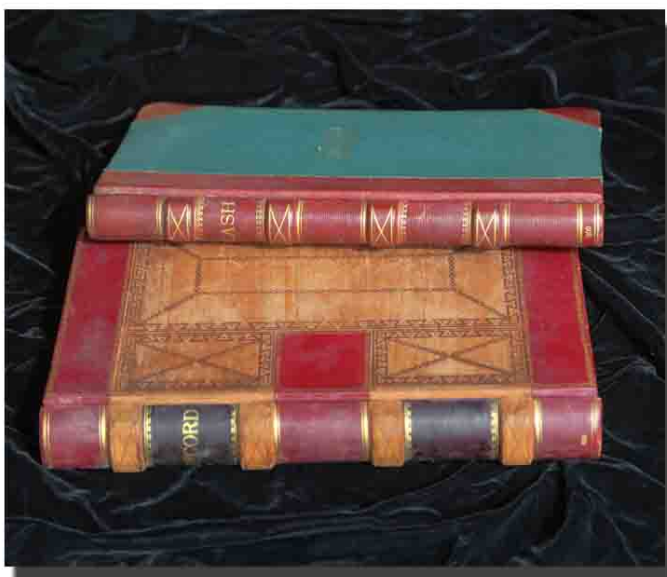
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Formed in 1899, Johnny Harris was a founding member of the **Lead and Silver Mining Association of B.C.**, headquartered in Sandon which he hosted in his facilities as a main proponent.(and probably made money **playing poker** with the boys after the meetings).

The Association was soon to be disbanded in 1902 due to the downturn in silver mining in the region and the onset of the Gold Rush in the North.



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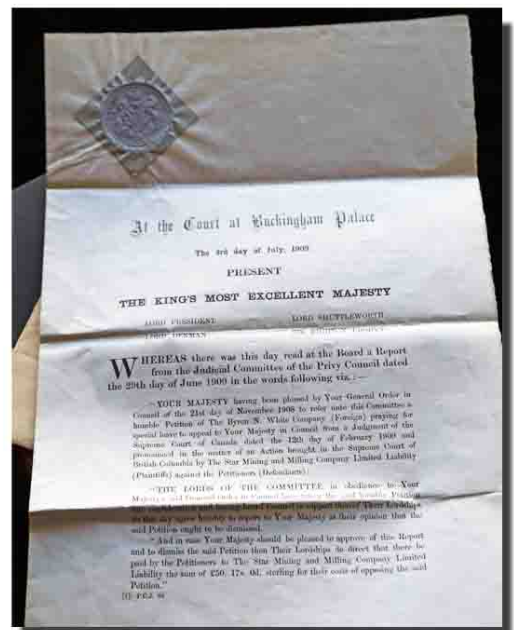
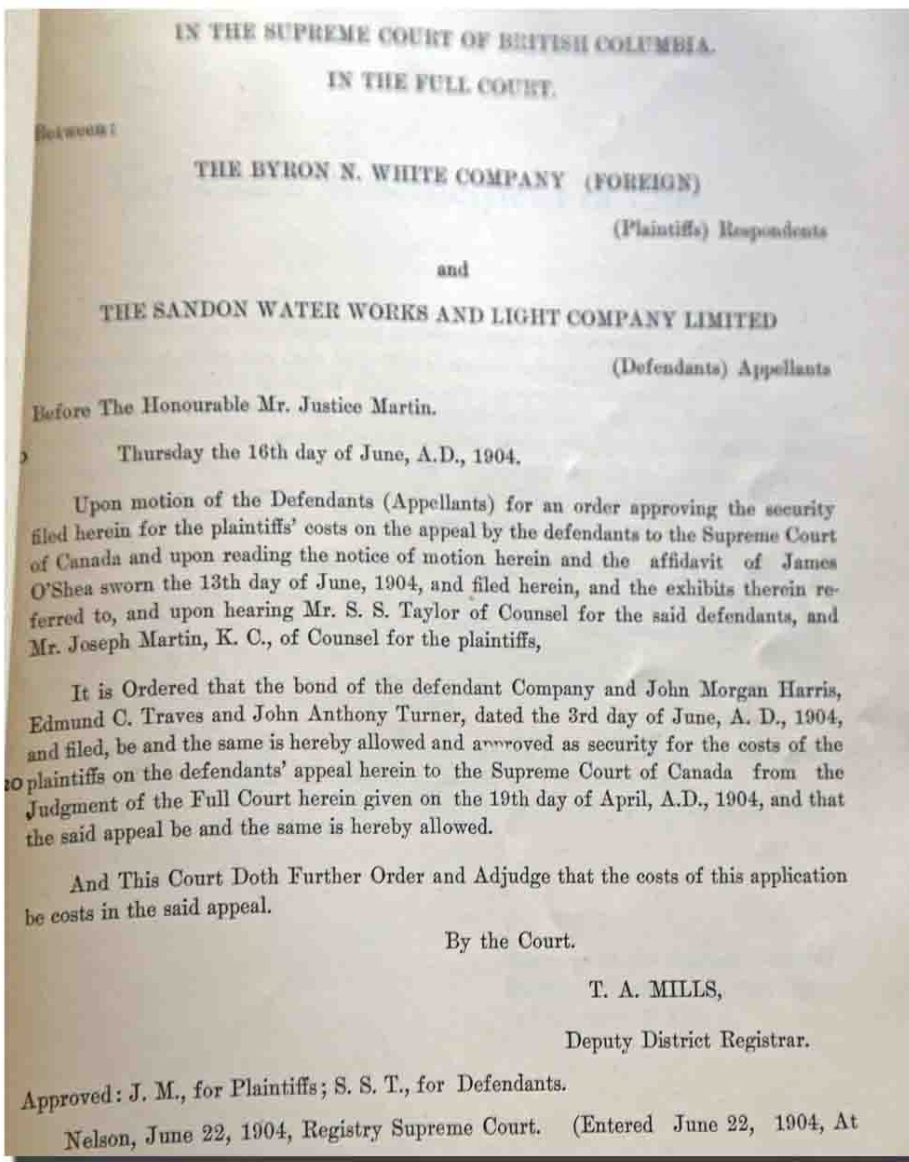


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D. STAR MINING AND MILLING COMPANY

Documentation from the legal case pertaining to extra-lateral mining rights in B.C. and Canada

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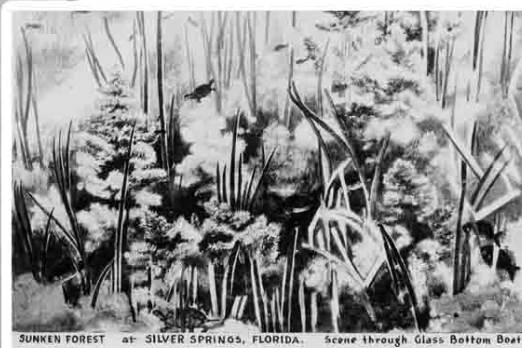
E. JOHN MORGAN HARRIS, “KING OF SANDON” WEDS

Originally hired as his young secretary, bookkeeper and concierge, Harris, now past 60 years of age marries 26 year old Alma Lommatzsch in Sandon in 1926.

Undaunted by the controversy over the age gap, the newlyweds, with **Alma as chauffeur**, for Johnny did not drive, ventured off on a magnificent several months long **honeymoon** travelling by automobile down the west coast of the United States, then across through New Mexico to Florida, the Keys, and Cuba. From Florida, they then drove up to visit his birthplace in the Virginias, and back west through the midwest states where Alma was born then on to Slocan City BC where they boarded the ferry home to the Reco Hotel in Sandon where they resided, conducted their many business affairs, and hosted the many visiting dignitaries and lived out their remaining years together.



DOH'S KIVA, CARLSBAD CAVERN, NEW MEXICO



SUNKEN FOREST at SILVER SPRINGS, FLORIDA. Scene through Glass Bottom Boats



F. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND RELATED EPHEMERA

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