

Early Sandon hotels

Similkameen Star, 17 Aug 1917:

Western Float

It is 25 years since Bob Cunning came up the gulch and built the first hotel in Sandon.

I don't know if Cunning really built the first hotel, as demonstrated by some of the above references. However, *The Paystreak*, 22 Jan 1898 said: "He came to Sandon at the end of 1892 and built a log house and opened a hotel."

Kaslo Slocan Examiner, 13 May 1893 contains a notice of Chisholm's liquor license application at "Sanden." This might have been the Lucy Hotel, which appears on Perry's Mining Map of 1893, but is not mentioned anywhere else.

A liquor license application by an A. Cochrane at Sandon appeared in the *Nakusp Ledge* of 11 Jan 1894; Charlie Lundberg also operated a hotel there according to *The Tribune*, 20 Oct 1894, which the *Slocan Prospector* of 4 Jan 1895 referred to as the Star; and *The Ledge* of Nov. 29, 1894 indicated W. Levi was opening Sandon's third hotel. Archie Grant opened another hotel, first mentioned in *The Ledge* on 10 Jan 1895.

A history of Sandon that appeared in the *Mining Review's* debut issue of 12 Jun 1897 indicated Robert Cunning's log hotel was Sandon's first building.