

When the family finally settled in downtown Cincinnati in 1905, he opened a little store on Sixth Street near John Street, and sold various dry goods, shoes, hats, and clothing. According to Samuel Harris, Albert's younger brother, there was a Sixth Street Market in those days from Mound to Elm Streets, and when Al was eight and Sam five, their father trained them to watch the outside stand on market days for five cents a week.

Albert attended the Sherman School on Eighth or Ninth between Mound and John streets until the sixth grade and then the First Intermediate School, now Dyer School, on Court and Baymiller for the seventh and eighth grades. He graduated from Woodward High School in 1919 and attended the University of Cincinnati for one year before joining the United States Navy, serving at the Great Lakes Naval Station until the end of World War I in 1918.

After leaving the Navy, Albert went to work in his father's store and built up the business until several years later when his father turned the store over to him.

Al Harris later prospered in the real estate and hotel business, but few may know that he got his start in the early 1920's when he and his father bought the building the store was in and then the double building next door, at 321-323 West Sixth Street. This was the beginning of a series of real estate ventures that brought him financial success. It has been said about Mr. Harris that he had an unerring eye in looking at a particular lot or building and knowing immediately