



The Sullivan Cigar Factory

90 West Market Street

Harrisonburg is said to have been second only to Richmond in cigar manufacturing in Virginia. Edward William Sullivan, a Spanish-American War veteran, owned the Sullivan Cigar Factory, one of the more successful in Harrisonburg. At one time his was one of the largest cigar manufacturing

operations in the Shenandoah Valley. His factories were located in several different buildings in Harrisonburg.

In 1881 his first factory was in the Sipe Building on Main Street. His second location was the Loewner Building on the corner of North Main and Wolfe streets. His third location was in the three-story, brick Paul Building on the northeast corner of Liberty and West Market streets, the Sullivan sign visible in the above image on the left foreground, second story. The Sullivans later ran a grocery store at the location. By 1888 Edward W. Sullivan was employing 17 workers making 21,000 cigars per week. Sullivan also owned a cigar box factory with five employees making all the boxes used in Harrisonburg at that time.



—Dale MacAllister

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