

524 SULLIVAN, W.

Publisher

Leesburg

Purportedly first publisher of Leesburg *True American* with Matthias Bartgis (024) in 1798.

The sole attribution of "W. Sullivan" as publisher of the first newspaper issued in Leesburg is found in a brief history of Loudoun County papers published in 1986. Citing the number of the *True American* issued on January 17, 1799 (vol. 1, no. 8), the author reports Sullivan as the weekly's publisher in partnership with Matthias Bartgis of nearby Frederick, Maryland. However, the imprint actually reports "W. Silliman" – Wyllys Silliman (541) – as publisher. The variance appears to be a result of an indistinct impression; other sources clearly identify Silliman as Bartgis's partner, so making that report inaccurate.

Determining Personal Data deemed unnecessary.

Sources: Frances H. Reid, *Inside Loudoun: The Way It Was*. (1986).