

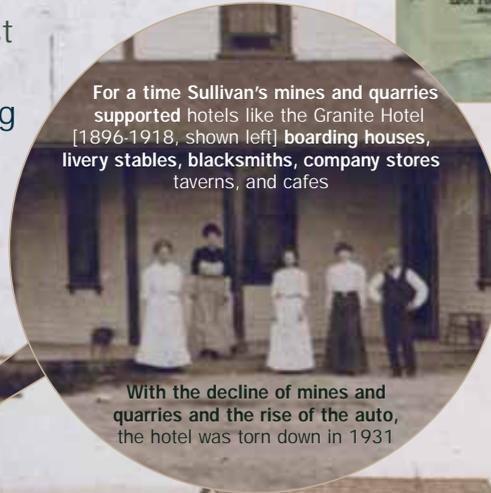
The Economic Tides of Sullivan: as Dramatic as the Ocean's Rise and Fall

Sullivan's architecture is a window into its boisterous past

In the 1800s when ship building, quarrying and mining thrived, enterprising locals built boarding houses and hotels to house many laborers. Blacksmith shops, livery stables, grocery stores and shipyards flourished as well.



For a time Sullivan's mines and quarries supported hotels like the Granite Hotel [1896-1918, shown left] boarding houses, livery stables, blacksmiths, company stores taverns, and cafes



With the decline of mines and quarries and the rise of the auto, the hotel was torn down in 1931

THE SULLIVAN HARBOR LAND COMPANY bought up acreage and built their first grand hotel in 1887 – declaring to visitors “the necessity of coming here instead of Bar Harbor – as this is... the only place on the entire Maine Coast where there is no fog.” However, the Land Company ran into financial difficulties in 1895 and their plans evaporated.

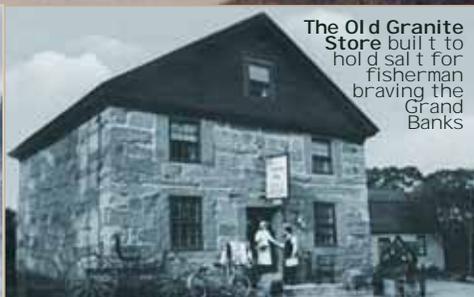
19th century land speculators -- looking at the growth of Bar Harbor -- hoped for a boom here. But the age of the auto and better roads to Bar Harbor led to decades of economic decline and population loss for Sullivan instead.

On the rebound in the 21st century Spurred by demand for summer residences and regional growth, the local economy is rebounding once again.

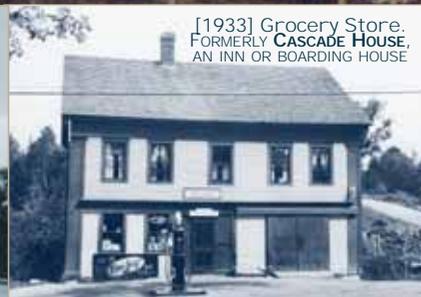
SINCE ABOUT 1889 THERE HAS BEEN A DUNBAR'S STORE HERE. In 1933, a fire burned both the original store and their attached house situated across Route 1 from here.



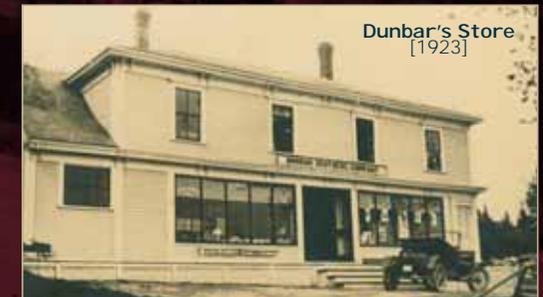
The Hotel Bristol catered to summer guests until 1923 when Mrs. Ethel Newsome bought it to have it demolished because “it obstructed her view of the Bay”



The Old Granite Store built to hold salt for fisherman braving the Grand Banks



[1933] Grocery Store. FORMERLY **CASCADE HOUSE**, AN INN OR BOARDING HOUSE



Dunbar's Store [1923]

GRANITE HOTEL, W. SULLIVAN, ME