

007 ALLEN, WILLIAM

Printer & Bookseller

Richmond

Employee in the Richmond printing office of James Hayes (207) in 1786.

Allen first appears as a part of the Virginia print trade in the Richmond office of James Hayes immediately after Hayes' termination as "Printer to the Commonwealth" in May 1786. That presence suggests that he was part of a recasting of that office into a job-printing and book-selling shop without a newspaper, which continued until Hayes' death in 1804. A 1790 marriage notice in a Philadelphia paper further suggests that Allen came to Virginia from that major American printing center, as had Hayes, a familiar story among Virginia's post-Revolutionary-era printers. However, the common nature of his name hinders further research into his history and life; hence, nothing more is yet known.

Personal Data

Married: October 1790 Jane Seaton @ Richmond, Virginia

No record of children yet found.

Sources: Imprints; marriage notice, *Pennsylvania Mercury* (Philadelphia), Oct. 26, 1790.