

**018 BALDWIN, NATHANIEL**

**Publisher**

**Martinsburg**

Publisher of *The Potomak Guardian* (1798) at Martinsburg with Nathaniel Willis (449).

Baldwin has a brief association with the Virginia print trade. His mere six-month association with Nathaniel Willis, the founder of the then decade-old *Potomack Guardian*, indicates that he was the paper's financier at a time of fiscal distress for the printer. His Jeffersonian journal was under attack from local Federalist leaders, suggesting that Baldwin was either a gesture of accommodation to them or a source of outside capital replacing lost revenues. But which role he served cannot be discerned from the few issues of the *Guardian* that survive from this period. The common nature of his surname, both in this area and in the American printing trade, makes further identification of Baldwin conjectural at best.

***No Personal Data discovered***

Source: Brigham; Norona & Shetler; Brigham misidentifies him as Isaac Baldwin; N&S correct that error from the few surviving imprints; Rice claims partnership resulted from John Albutis' defection from the office, but that did not occur until March 1799.