

125 DAVIS, JOHN [2]

Printer

Richmond

Printer in office of his father Augustine Davis (119) and possibly for Thomas Ritchie (360).

The sons of Augustine Davis have left only fleeting evidence of their lives; John Davis was his eldest son but achieved prominence on his own, despite laboring in his father's press office. His death was apparently accidental at just twenty-three. The only obituary published was in Thomas Ritchie's *Enquirer*, who had "long been sensible of his tenderest friendship, knew of his merit, and appreciated his worth" – a remarkable description from someone who was his father's staunchest political enemy.

Personal Data

Born: ca. 1783 Virginia [at Williamsburg or Yorktown]

Died: Sept 13 1806 Hampton, Warwick County, Virginia

Died unmarried and without issue.

Sources: Hubbard on Richmond; obituary in the *Richmond Enquirer*, 16 Sept 1806.