

133 DICKEY, MASON

Printer

Alexandria

Journeyman printer working in Alexandria in 1803.

Mason Dickey has left just a fleeting trace in the historical record: his obituaries. He died on Sunday, May 8, 1803, apparently in Alexandria, as the first notice of his death was carried in the daily paper of Samuel Snowden (393) there, suggesting an existing association. The next notice appeared in the *Georgetown Olio* of Benjamin Parks across the river from Alexandria, with the only subsequent notice being published in a Boston newspaper. That sequence is suggestive: Parks was from Boston and returned there after the demise of his *Olio* that fall, so Dickey may have come with him to the national capital in 1802, and then moved across the Potomac to work for Snowden when the *Olio* began to falter. However, this conjecture is unproven, only implied; no further information about Dickey has yet been found.

Personal Data

Died: May 8 1803 Alexandria, Virginia [then District of Columbia]

No further data yet discovered.

Sources: AAS Printer File; obituaries in *Alexandria Advertiser* (5/10/03), the *Georgetown Olio* (5/13/03), and *New England Palladium* (5/17/03).