

254 KNOTT, JOHN

Printer

Norfolk, Richmond

Journeyman printer in the office of the *Virginia Argus* in Richmond in October 1807.

The only evidence of Knott in the printing trade is seen in the death notices published in Richmond newspapers, first in the *Virginia Argus* of Samuel Pleasants (331) and then copied in the *Virginia Gazette* of Augustine Davis (119), who erroneously spelled his name as Knox. Pleasants reported that he was "lately from Norfolk," suggesting that Knott was an itinerant printer who was working in Richmond to produce in the torrent of printing connected to the then-ongoing trial of Aaron Burr; the brevity of his death notices, and so the lack of personal detail, is also likely the result of the substantial coverage of that trial in both papers, which consumed at least half of their pages during that trial.

Personal Data

Died: Oct. 6 1807 Richmond, Virginia.

No other personal data yet discovered.

Sources: Death notices in *Virginia Argus* and *Virginia Gazette*, Oct. 10 & 11, 1807.