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Printer, Editor

Winchester

Printer & editor of Winchester's *Republican Constellation* (1814) for Jonathan Foster (168).

Revell is a fleeting figure in the American print trade. In a Virginia context, he served as the "principal assistant" to Winchester proprietor Jonathan Foster in publishing his *Republican Constellation* in 1814; how long that association lasted is unclear but it was from at least February to December that year, so likely for the entire calendar year. That employment also provides the first mention of Revell in the bibliographic record.

By summer 1815, Revell was laboring as a journeyman in Baltimore where he was a pivotal figure in reviving the local printers' trade alliance, the Baltimore Typographical Association, with the end of the war, being elected the group's president that December. The following spring, Baltimore publisher and bookseller Benjamin Edes (1784-1832) featured Revell as foreman of his press office in newspaper advertising that solicited "orders for printing" both books and pamphlets. Revell was evidently still employed by Edes in 1818, as his death in the early morning of April 21st was first reported that same day in the *Federal Republican and Baltimore Telegraph* that Edes published. Revell was not quite thirty years of age.

Personal Data

Born: ca. 1788 Unknown

Died: Apr. 21 1818 Baltimore, Maryland.

No data on family or origins yet discovered.

Sources: Imprints; Brigham; Lause, *Some Degree of Power*; death notices in Baltimore *Federal Republican*, Apr. 21, 1818, and Winchester *Republican Constellation*. May 2, 1818.