

422 VIOLETT, FRANKLIN

Printer

Alexandria

Printer in the Alexandria office of Samuel Snowden (393) in 1815.

Violett had only a brief association with the Virginia print trade. He died at the young age of twenty-one while working in the *Alexandria Gazette* office of Samuel Snowden.

Snowden's notice of Violett's death identified his father as the Alexandria merchant John Violett; he had married Jane Gray in 1795, a sister of the booksellers John (189) and Robert (190) Gray of Alexandria and William Fairfax Gray (190) of Fredericksburg; after her death in 1808, he married again with Catherine Gray, another sibling in that large Alexandria family. Thus, young Franklin was introduced to the print trade at a very early age and, after training in his hometown, he had finally attained journeyman status just before his death. Snowden commented that the loss of "this amiable and intelligent youth" was one to be lamented by all in the port town.

Personal Data

Born: In 1796 Alexandria, Virginia.

Died: Aug. 30 1815 Alexandria, Virginia.

Died unmarried and childless.

Sources: *Artisans & Merchants*; Raymond, *Gray Genealogy*; obituary in *Alexandria Gazette*, Sept. 1, 1815.