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Printer

Richmond

Printer in Richmond in 1824.

The only evidence of Michael Hagan as part of Virginia's print trade comes from his 1824 obituary published in the *Richmond Whig* of John Hampden Pleasants (330). That article reports that he was a printer, but his grave stone indicates that he was just 14 years old, and so more probably an apprentice to the printing trade. Unfortunately, nothing else has been discovered that could illuminate his life further.

Despite the fact that his death-date falls outside the range of this Index, Hagan is included here because an older Michael Hagan was recorded living in Richmond in the 1820 federal census, and then the only person of that surname residing in the city. That enumeration suggests that the printer was his adolescent son, especially as no children are counted in his household, a circumstance appropriate for a son apprenticing elsewhere in town. Still, a definitive link between the two Hagans has not been found.

Personal Data

Born: In 1820 Possibly in Virginia.

Died: March 1824 Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia.

Sources: Obituary in *Richmond Whig*, Mar. 16, 1824; birth & death dates from grave marker in Richmond's Shockoe Hill Cemetery (*findagrave.com*). His surname is spelled "Hegan" on his grave stone, while his obituary uses form in this entry; this Index uses the published form of his name.