

**516 SHERMAN, HENRY F.**

**Bookbinder**

**Richmond**

Bookbinder in the Richmond office of Frederick A. Mayo (284) in 1820.

Henry F. Sherman appears to have been an itinerant journeyman who worked briefly in the Richmond bindery of Frederick Mayo. Richmond bibliographer A. Paull Hubbard reported that Sherman was listed in the city's tax records for that year as a part of Mayo's household, and then mentions a reference (unrecorded) to him as a bookbinder working in Baltimore in 1821. Those facts, combined with Sherman's absence from the Richmond city directory for 1819, indicate that he did not long reside in the city, likely just 1820.

Tracing Sherman further, however, is difficult, if not impossible, as a result of his relatively common name. If he was the person Hubbard found in Baltimore, he may have lived there until at least 1824; that year, a Henry Sherman – no middle initial – is seen prominently in notices concerning the estate of one Caleb Sherman, as an executor. That situation suggests that the binder had a short association with Mayo that was preceded and followed by work in Baltimore, his point of origin. But such a suggestion cannot be verified, leaving the single reference to Sherman found in the 1820 Richmond tax census as the only evidence of this tradesman's participation in the Virginia print trade. His origin and fate remain a mystery.

***No Personal Data yet discovered.***

Sources: Hubbard on Richmond.