


518 SIMPSON, LAWRENCE

Apprentice Bookbinder

Alexandria

Apprentice who absconded from Alexandria bookstore of John A. Stewart (402) in 1815.

Lawrence Simpson has left but one piece of evidence of his participation in the Virginia print trade – a published notice of his flight from his service in the Alexandria bookstore of John A. Stewart in March 1815.

 I will give the lawful reward for apprehending and bringing home LAWRENCE SIMPSON, an apprentice to the bookbinding business, who absconded on Saturday evening the 11th instant—and I will prosecute those who harbor or employ him.

John A. Stewart.

No further reference to this matter has been found in the era's surviving newspapers, nor has a definitive trace of this individual been found in the bibliographic record.

The Simpson surname is a common one in northern Virginia in the early-Republic era, with multiple occurrences of the given name Lawrence. Those circumstances make tracing this particular Simpson essentially impossible without further evidence showing a connection to this fugitive apprentice.

No Personal Data yet discovered

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