

Lineage No.: **ALEXANDRIA 01**

Group Title: **Virginia Journal**

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**Variant 01: The Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser**

Publication Data: February 5, 1784 to July 4, 1789 Weekly

Proprietors: George Richards & Co.

IVP Associates: George Richards (355), Thomas Bond (039)

Notes: First new weekly issued in Virginia after the Revolutionary War outside of Richmond. Richards published the paper first with the support of Baltimore printer and publisher William Goddard (ca, 1784-86), and then with Alexandria land-agent Thomas Bond (ca. 1787-89). The paper experienced a brief three week suspension following the unexpected death of Richards in July 1789, during which time Bond joined with Samuel Hanson, a local forwarding agent, to create the firm that then published the successor to this title.

References: LCCN No. 84-024726; Evans 18856; Brigham II: 1112

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**Variant 02: The Virginia Gazette and Alexandria Advertiser**

Publication Data: July 30, 1789 to about November 1793 Weekly

Proprietors: Hanson & Bond

IVP Associates: Samuel Hanson (200) Thomas Bond (039)

Notes: Hanson & Bond were proprietors, not printers, and so dependent on hired tradesmen; their business interests drew the men's attention away from their *Gazette* over time, leading to the loss of this weekly's primacy in Alexandria to the new *Columbian Mirror* (Alexandria 02) started in November 1792. A year later, Bond relocated his business to Morgantown, dissolving his partnership with Hanson. Hanson then moved this paper and his press to nearby Georgetown, where the journal reappeared on December 3, 1793 as the twice-weekly *Columbian Chronicle*; that publication date suggests a termination of the *Gazette* the month before. However, as the latest surviving issue of this Alexandria paper is the number for August 29, 1793, that ending may have come earlier that fall.

References: LCCN No. 84-024725; Evans 22230; Brigham II: 1111

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