

Lineage No.: **LYNCHBURG 04**

Group Title: **Lynchburg Press**

Variant 01: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: May 6, 1809 to about May 1810 Weekly

Proprietors: Fleming Grantland

IVP Associates: Fleming Grantland (185), Samuel K. Jennings (236)

Notes: Jennings editor of this paper; Grantland sold his interest to friend W. W. Gray one year into its publication in order to join his brother in Georgia; only 3 numbers from first month known extant.

References: LCCN No. 85-025527; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 02: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: About May 1810 to about May 1811 Weekly

Proprietors: William W. Gray

IVP Associates: William Waller Gray (193)

Notes: Gray apparently agreed to a one-year contract to conduct paper for Grantland's unknown partners; had returned to Richmond by June 1811, so dates seen here; only 3 numbers are known extant for Gray's tenure; Jennings apparently not editor of paper under Gray.

References: LCCN No. 85-025527; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 03: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: About May 1811 to about October 1815 Weekly

Proprietors: Haas & Lamb

IVP Associates: Jacob Haas (196), John F. Lamb (259), Samuel K. Jennings (236)

Notes: Gray apparently sold his interest in paper to Haas and Lamb after he concluded a one-year contract; they brought Jennings back as editor of their paper; only 3 numbers are known extant for this period.

References: LCCN No. 85-025527; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 04: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: About October 1815 to October 24, 1817 Weekly

Proprietors: Haas & Bransford

IVP Associates: Jacob Haas (196), Samuel Bransford (050)

Notes: When Jennings withdrew from paper in fall of 1815, Haas reorganized office, with Lamb selling his interest to Bransford; only 4 numbers are known extant for this period, leaving

date of change conjectural.

References: LCCN No. 85-025527; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 05: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: October 31, 1817 to September 14, 1818 Weekly

Proprietors: Haas & Dawson

IVP Associates: Jacob Haas (196), Samuel G. Dawson (131)

Notes: Bransford sold his interest to Dawson, a kinsman of Hass, after issue of October 24, 1817; only 3 numbers are known extant for this period.

References: LCCN No. 85-025527; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 06: The Lynchburg Press and Public Advertiser

Publication Data: September 21, 1818 to April 19, 1819 2/week

Proprietors: Haas & Dawson

IVP Associates: Jacob Haas (196), Samuel G. Dawson (131)

Notes: With issue of September 21, 1818, Haas & Dawson increased the pace of production from weekly to twice weekly; Dawson retired from firm after issue of April 19, 1819.

References: LCCN No. 87-060378; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 07: The Lynchburg Press and Public Advertiser

Publication Data: April 22, 1819 to May 31, 1819 2/week

Proprietors: Haas & Duffy

IVP Associates: Jacob Haas (196), William Duffy (150)

Notes: Duffy acquired Dawson's interest with the issue of April 22, 1819; he then acquired Haas's interest five weeks later, becoming paper's sole proprietor.

References: LCCN No. 87-060378; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 08: The Lynchburg Press and Public Advertiser

Publication Data: June 3, 1819 to April 25, 1820 2/week

Proprietors: William Duffy & Co.

IVP Associates: William Duffy (150)

Notes: Haas sold his interest in paper to Duffy after issue of May 31, 1819; in April 1820, Duffy began a slow-motion divestiture of his interest in the paper to John Hampden Pleasants.

References: LCCN No. 87-060378; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 09: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: April 28, 1820 to September 22, 1820 2/weekly

Proprietors: Duffy & Pleasants

IVP Associates: William Duffy (150), John Hampden Pleasants (330)

Notes: With issue of April 28, 1820, Pleasants began process of buying paper outright; initially he acquired a half-interest, then bought Duffy's interest after issue of September 22, 1820; Pleasants simplified paper's title by reverting to its original form.

References: LCCN No. 86-071709; Brigham II: 1120-1121.

Variant 10: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: September 26, 1820 to April 6, 1821 2/week

Proprietors: John Hampden Pleasants

IVP Associates: John Hampden Pleasants (330)

Notes: Pleasants completed process of buying paper outright with issue of September 26, 1820; he retained an interest in the paper and its successor until 1829.

References: LCCN No. 86-071709; Brigham II: 1120-1121; Cappon 792.

Variant 11: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: September 13, 1821 to January 11, 1822 2/week

Proprietors: Pleasants & Smith

IVP Associates: John Hampden Pleasants (330)

Notes: With issue of September 13, 1821, Pleasants made his brother-in-law, Marcellus Smith, his partner in this paper.

References: LCCN No. 86-071709; Cappon 792.

Variant 12: The Lynchburg Press

Publication Data: January 18, 1822 to August 2, 1822 2/week

Proprietors: Pleasants, Butler & Co.

IVP Associates: John Hampden Pleasants (330), Joseph Butler (069)

Notes: Pleasants made large changes to his paper in 1822 in anticipation of his father's campaign for governor that fall; first Smith sold his interest to Butler, a veteran political journalist, after issue of January 11, 1822; then Pleasants & Butler bought the competing *Lynchburg Gazette* in August, to form a new political paper, *The Virginian*.

References: LCCN No. 86-071709; Cappon 792.

Variant 13: The Virginian

Publication Data: August 6, 1822 through February 1893 Weekly > 2/week > 3/week

Proprietors: Pleasants, Butler & Co. (to 1824, then others)

IVP Associates: John Hampden Pleasants (330), Joseph Butler (069)

Notes: Paper created by merger of their *Lynchburg Press* with competing *Lynchburg Gazette* to form a new political paper that supported Pleasant's father's campaign for governor. Subsequent publishers were: Toler & Colin (Jan. 1824 to Jan. 1825); Fletcher & Toler (Jan. 1825 to Nov. 1841); Toler, Townley, & Statham (Nov. 1841 to March 1846); Blackford, Statham, & Dillard (March 1846 to Nov. 1847); Blackford, Townley, & Dillard (Nov. 1847 to Feb. 1850); Townley, Dillard, & Shields (Feb. 1850 to Nov. 1850); Terry & Shields (Nov. 1850 to Feb. 1854); McDonald & Peters (Feb. 1854 to April 1857); Charles W. Button (April 1857 to July 1885); Joseph and Charles Fletcher Button (July 1885 to Feb. 1887); Charles W. Button (Feb. 1887 to March 1887); Alexander McDonald & W.W. Wysor (March 1887 to Feb. 1893). Paper was absorbed by the *Lynchburg News* in February 1893.

References: LCCN nos. 85-025610, 84-024649, 85-034363, 85-038635, 84-024648, & 85-034364; Cappon 779.
