

Lineage No.: **MARTINSBURG 01**

Group Title: **Potomak Guardian**

Variation 00: The Potowmac Guardian, and Berkeley Advertiser

Publication Data: About November 1, 1790 to November 14, 1791 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel Willis

IVP Associates: Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: **Issued in Shepherdstown**; a successor to *Willis's Virginia Gazette & Winchester Advertiser* (March 20 to September 18, 1790), occasioned by removal of his office from Winchester to Shepherdstown, causing a six week suspension and a change in title. End date is for last number known issued in Shepherdstown before paper was moved again to Martinsburg.

References: LCCN No. 84-038410; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variation 01: The Potowmac Guardian, and Berkeley Advertiser

Publication Data: By December 27, 1791 to February 16, 1795 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel Willis

IVP Associates: Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: Number for December 27, 1791 is earliest known issued in Martinsburg; carries same title as in Shepherdstown previously and continues numbering and content, indicating another six week suspension during relocation, as from Winchester a year before.

References: LCCN No. 84-038410; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variation 02: The Potomak Guardian, and Berkeley Advertiser

Publication Data: February 23, 1795 to January 15, 1798 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel Willis

IVP Associates: Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: With issue of February 23, 1795, title spelling altered from "Potowmac to "Potomak."

References: LCCN No. 84-038410; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variation 03: The Potomak Guardian

Publication Data: February 1, 1798 to about July 1798 Weekly

Proprietors: Willis & Baldwin

IVP Associates: Nathaniel Willis (449), Nathaniel Baldwin (018)

Notes: With issue of February 1, 1798, Willis added Baldwin as his partner, apparently a straight-forward six-month agreement to assist Willis financially over that period.

References: LCCN No. 84-038399; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variant 04: The Potomak Guardian

Publication Data: About July 1798 to October 31, 1799 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel Willis

IVP Associates: Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: Willis resumed sole ownership in summer 1798, probably in July. In March 1799, he was severely beaten in his office by two Federalist officials over an item he published; in July, his farm in adjacent Berkeley County was heavily damaged by unknown hands; the two events induced Willis to sell his paper and leave Martinsburg for Ohio; the *Guardian* was transferred to Armstrong Charlton effective November 1, 1799.

References: LCCN No. 84-038399; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variant 05: The Potomak Guardian

Publication Data: November 1, 1799 to April 9, 1800 Weekly

Proprietors: Armstrong Charlton

IVP Associates: Armstrong Charlton (088)

Notes: Charlton acquired the *Guardian* from Willis effective November 1, 1799; its operation was continued unchanged until he altered its title and added a printer-partner in April 1800.

References: LCCN No. 84-038399; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1284.

Variant 06: The Republican Atlas

Publication Data: April 16, 1800 to after May 6, 1801 Weekly

Proprietors: Charlton & Brown

IVP Associates: Armstrong Charlton (088), William Brown (058)

Notes: With the issue of April 16, 1800, Charlton took on printer Brown as a partner in the paper.

References: LCCN No. 84-038398; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1285.

Variant 07: Republican Atlas, and General Advertiser

Publication Data: Before September 2, 1801 to about November 4, 1801 Weekly

Proprietors: A. Charlton for W. Brown & Co.

IVP Associates: Armstrong Charlton (088), William Brown (058)

Notes: During summer of 1801, Brown acquired paper, though Charlton continued to print paper for Brown; change doomed paper, prompting Brown to move to Charlestown in Jefferson County before end of 1801; last known number is that for November 4, 1801.

References: LCCN No. 84-038397; Brigham II: 1172; Norona & Shetler 1285.
