

Lineage No.: **PETERSBURG 09**

Group Title: **American Star**

Variant 01: The American Star

Publication Data: June 23, 1817 to October 9, 1817 3/week (Mon-Wed-Fri)

Proprietors: Lorrain & Dunnivant

IVP Associates: Thomas W. Lorrain (270), Marvel W. Dunnivant (154), George A. Martin (281)

Notes: Possibly printed on press of preceding *Mercantile Advertiser*, as its former proprietor was employed in the office of the *American Star* from its start into the ensuing fall.

Lorrain & Dunnivant issued first number on June 23rd, then postponed publication of the second number "so the public may be enabled to judge properly the merit of the paper;" that next issue appeared on June 30th, following a Mon-Wed-Fri schedule through July 28th; with issue of July 31st, paper's publication changed to a Tue-Thu-Sat schedule.

References: LCCN No. 83-026163; Brigham II: 1133.

Variant 02: The American Star

Publication Data: October 11, 1817 to December 23, 1817 3/week (Tue-Thu-Sat)

Proprietors: Marvel W. Dunnivant

IVP Associates: Marvel W. Dunnivant (154)

Notes: Following issue of October 9, 1817, Lorrain withdrew from partnership with Dunnivant; he then conducted paper alone until December 23rd, when he suspended its publication "until the necessary arrangements have been made" for enlarging the paper.

References: LCCN No. 83-026163; Brigham II: 1133.

Variant 03: The American Star

Publication Data: About January 7, 1818 to about April 18, 1818 3/week (Tue-Thu-Sat)

Proprietors: Perkins & Dunnivant

IVP Associates: John H. Perkins (323), Marvel W. Dunnivant (154)

Notes: Dunnivant formed partnership with Perkins about January 7, 1818, but lack of surviving copies makes that date speculative; last known reference to the *American Star* cites the issue of April 18, 1818, so end date reported here. Perkins issued a new paper in Milton, NC in June 1818, so partnership had ended before that date; Dunnivant proposed a new paper that October, indicating the *American Star* had long since expired.

References: LCCN No. 83-026163; Brigham II: 1133.
