

Lineage No.: **RICHMOND 01**

Group Title: **Virginia Gazette**

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**Variant 00: The Virginia Gazette [I]**

Publication Data: July 31, 1736 to April 9, 1780 Weekly

Proprietors: Parks → Hunter → Royle & Co. → Purdie & Dixon → Dixon & Hunter → Dixon & Nicolson.

IVP Associates: William Parks (321), William Hunter Sr. (230), Joseph Royle (368), Alexander Purdie (345), John Dixon Sr. (140), William Hunter Jr. (231), Thomas Nicolson (315).

Notes: First newspaper issued in Virginia (see Williamsburg 01); ownership had devolved to firm of Dixon & Nicolson by spring 1780, when the state government was moved to Richmond; proprietors issued last Williamsburg edition on April 8, 1780 (with supplement next day), before suspending publication in order to move office to Richmond; publication resumed there on May 9th. Brigham erroneously reports the Dixon & Nicolson iteration was a new paper, but Hunter Jr. held an interest in the paper from Hunter Sr.'s death in 1761 (when Dixon became his guardian) until the winter of 1778-79, when Dixon bought out Hunter, so making the original Parks paper his alone to continue with Nicolson.

References: LCCN No. 84-024739; Brigham II: 1158-1163.

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**Variant 01: The Virginia Gazette**

Publication Data: May 9, 1780 to May 19, 1781 Weekly

Proprietors: Dixon & Nicolson

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), Thomas Nicolson (315)

Notes: Continuation of the original *Virginia Gazette* after a month-long suspension to move press to Richmond from Williamsburg; its publication continued uninterrupted through April 21, 1781, when British military raid on town compelled suspension; only one more number was issued by proprietors (May 19th), before increasing military activity in state (leading up to Yorktown) forced Dixon & Nicolson to abandon publication and end partnership.

References: LCCN No. 84-024739; Brigham II: 1163.

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