

Lineage No.: **RICHMOND 04**

Group Title: **Gazette and Independent Chronicle**

Variant 01: Virginia Gazette or The Independent Chronicle

Publication Data: August 16, 1783 to before April 24, 1784 Weekly

Proprietors: J. Dixon & J.H. Holt

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), John Hunter Holt (223)

Notes: Despite lacking a connection to the state government as a semi-official information sheet, this paper used the *Virginia Gazette* title that implied it did carry official information, as was the case with all Virginia newspapers to this date; paper retained that title element until 1795.

References: LCCN No. 85-034464; Brigham II: 1149.

Variant 02: The Virginia Gazette and Independent Chronicle

Publication Data: By April 24, 1784 to June 6, 1787 Weekly

Proprietors: J. Dixon & J.H. Holt

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), John Hunter Holt (223)

Notes: Simple alteration in title elements made sometime between December 13, 1783 and April 24, 1784; paper continued in this form until October 1789; however, number for June 6, 1787, was the last issued by founding partnership prior to Holt's death on June 8th.

References: LCCN No. 85-034465; Brigham II: 1149.

Variant 03: The Virginia Gazette and Independent Chronicle

Publication Data: June 13, 1787 to September 26, 1789 Weekly

Proprietors: John Dixon & Company

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), John Hunter Holt (223)

Notes: Number for June 13, 1787, was the first issued by Dixon following to Holt's death on June 8th; though Dixon was reported in print as publisher, he actually conducted paper as joint venture with Holt's estate until it was settled at the end of September 1789; last number under this arrangement was issued on September 26, 1789.

References: LCCN No. 85-034465; Brigham II: 1149.

Variant 04: The Virginia Gazette and Public Advertiser

Publication Data: October 3, 1789 to April 23, 1791 Weekly

Proprietors: John Dixon & Company

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), John Dixon Jr. (141)

Notes: Dixon altered title in first number of the paper that was issued after settlement of Holt's estate; his son had been employed in his office since its founding in 1783, and so was one of the unnamed partners in the new corporate name seen thereafter. Dixon Sr. died on April 27, 1791, so making number of April 23rd the last issued under that arrangement; Dixon Jr. succeeded his father with next number issued.

References: LCCN No. 85-026725; Brigham II: 1148.

Variant 05: The Virginia Gazette and Public Advertiser

Publication Data: April 30, 1791 to February 16, 1793 Weekly

Proprietors: John Dixon & Company

IVP Associates: John Dixon Sr. (140), John Dixon Jr. (141)

Notes: Paper retained corporate name seen since October 1789 following death of Dixon Sr. on April 27, 1791; but business actually conducted by Dixon Jr. for benefit of himself and his family until settlement of his father's estate in February 1793; publication was suspended after February 16th issue in order to reorganize that office as part of that settlement.

References: LCCN No. 85-026725; Brigham II: 1148.

Variant 06: Virginia Gazette & Richmond Chronicle

Publication Data: March 2, 1793 to May 19, 1795 2/week (Tue/Fri)

Proprietors: John Dixon

IVP Associates: John Dixon Jr. (141)

Notes: Dixon resumed publication of this paper as a twice-weekly periodical after finally settling his father's estate in interval between February 16 and March 2, 1793; some authorities record this paper as a new title, despite continuation of several advertising notices from last *Public Advertiser*, apparently result of conflating father & son, who are both reported as simply "John Dixon" in publisher attributions, though Dixon Sr. died in April 1791.

References: LCCN No. 86-071814; Brigham II: 1149.

Variant 07: Richmond Chronicle

Publication Data: May 23, 1795 to August 27, 1796 2/week (Tue/Fri)

Proprietors: John Dixon

IVP Associates: John Dixon Jr. (141)

Notes: With issue of May 23, 1795, Dixon simplified title of his paper, eliminating the customary *Virginia Gazette* name, evidently in recognition that most Virginia papers were no longer vehicles of official information. Financial issues resulted in Dixon's inability to acquire new type for his paper in summer of 1796, so leading him to retire from journalism until his fortunes improved; the last number that he issued here was that for August 27, 1796.

References: LCCN No. 85-026060 & 85-026043; Brigham II: 1136.
