

Lineage No.: **RICHMOND 05**

Group Title: **Virginia Patriot**

Variant 01: The Virginia Independent Chronicle

Publication Data: July 26, 1786 to May 6, 1789 Weekly

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119)

Notes: Weekly advertising sheet initiated on July 26, 1786, by former Williamsburg printer Davis.

References: LCCN No. 84-024704; Brigham II: 1151-1152.

Variant 02: The Virginia Independent Chronicle and General Advertiser

Publication Data: May 13, 1789 to August 18, 1790 Weekly

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119)

Notes: Davis added *Advertiser* subtitle with issue of May 13, 1789.

References: LCCN No. 84-024705; Brigham II: 1151-1152.

Variant 03: The Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser

Publication Data: August 25, 1790 to before January 8, 1799 Weekly

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119)

Notes: Davis modified title with issue of August 25, 1790 to claim function as an official gazette after having been contracted by the state government to print laws enacted by the new Federal Congress; claim was reinforced by his appointment as Virginia's public printer in May 1791, so making this paper the journal of record for the state.

References: LCCN No. 84-024706; Brigham II: 1146-1147.

Variant 04: The Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser

Publication Data: By January 8, 1799 to July 8, 1807 2/week (Wed, Sat)

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), John Wood (456), Charles Prentiss (341)

Notes: Sometime between issues of December 25, 1798 and January 8, 1799 (most likely January 1st), Davis increased production pace to twice weekly, apparently attempting to increase paper's revenue, after having been removed as public printer early in November 1798. From October 1802 until mid-1805, paper was edited by English expatriate John Wood; he was succeeded by Charles Prentiss of Boston from March to about December 1805.

References: LCCN No. 84-024706; Brigham II: 1146-1147.

Variant 05: The Virginia Gazette and General Advertiser

Publication Data: July 11, 1807 to December 19, 1809 2/week (Wed, Sat)

Proprietors: Augustine & George Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), George Davis (122), Thomas W. White (442)

Notes: Davis made his son George his partner in this paper with issue of July 11, 1807; nephew T. W. White also worked in his office from later 1807 to mid-1808.

References: LCCN No. 84-024706; Brigham II: 1146-1147.

Variant 06: The Virginia Patriot

Publication Data: December 26, 1809 to January 30, 1810 2/week (varied)

Proprietors: Augustine Davis for the Proprietors

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), Samuel Livermore (267)

Notes: Issue for December 26, 1809 bore new title of *Virginia Patriot*; change marked start of a reorganization and reinvigoration of this aging paper, including renumbering the series at vol. I, no. 1. New England Federalist Samuel Livermore served as editor until late March 1810. Davis also began publishing a twice-weekly country edition with the relaunch, as well as increasing frequency to thrice-weekly during sessions of the General Assembly.

References: LCCN No. 85-026760 & 85-26761; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 07: The Virginia Patriot

Publication Data: 1 February 1810 to 3 April 1816 2/week (varied)

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), Samuel Livermore (267), Samuel B. Beach (468)

Notes: Davis resumed sole published credit for this paper with issue of February 1, 1810; editor Livermore transferred his interest in the paper to New York lawyer Samuel B. Beach on April 1, 1810; he continued with Davis until about March 1811; secondary sources indicate unnamed others succeeded Beach as the editor. Days of publication and frequency often varied during the War of 1812.

References: LCCN No. 85-026760; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 08: Virginia Patriot and Richmond Mercantile Advertiser

Publication Data: April 6, 1816 to June 30, 1816 2/week (Wed, Sat)

Proprietors: Augustine Davis

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119)

Notes: Davis added *Advertiser* subtitle to his political paper with issue of April 6, 1816; but paper retained partisan character with return of Charles Prentiss as editor from May 12th on.

References: LCCN No. 84-024701 & 84-024700; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 09: Virginia Patriot and Richmond Mercantile Advertiser

Publication Data: July 3, 1816 to August 10, 1816 2/week (Wed, Sat)

Proprietors: Davis & Prentiss

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), Charles Prentiss (341)

Notes: With issue of July 3, 1816, Davis made editor Prentiss his partner; their arrangement was continued through June 1817.

References: LCCN No. 84-024701; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 10: The Virginia Patriot and Richmond Daily Mercantile Advertiser

Publication Data: August 12, 1816 to June 30, 1817 Daily (ex. Sun)

Proprietors: Davis & Prentiss

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), Charles Prentiss (341)

Notes: With issue of August 12, 1816, Davis & Prentiss converted their twice-weekly paper into a daily one; that frequency was maintained until the paper finally closed at end of 1822.

References: LCCN No. 84-024701; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 11: The Virginia Patriot and Richmond Daily Mercantile Advertiser

Publication Data: July 1, 1817 to April 2, 1821 Daily (ex. Sun)

Proprietors: Augustine Davis & Company

IVP Associates: Augustine Davis (119), William Ramsay (348)

Notes: With issue of July 1, 1817, Prentiss retired from concern; Davis continued the paper with unnamed partners until his retirement from print trade in April 1821. During this period, Ramsay became his principal assistant and so heir to the firm on his mater's retirement.

References: LCCN No. 84-024701; Brigham II: 1152-1153.

Variant 12: The Richmond Daily Mercantile Advertiser

Publication Data: April 3, 1821 to December 31, 1822 Daily (ex. Sun)

Proprietors: William Ramsay

IVP Associates: William Ramsay (348)

Notes: Authorities differ on publication dates and titles of this paper from this transition onward. Cappon reports Davis retired from firm following issue of April 2, 1821, so start date seen here. Last issue now known extant is for December 31, 1822, so end date above. Ramsay employed the masthead ornament "Virginia Patriot" frequently during his tenure, so the inclusion of all numbers bearing that adornment in surviving collected runs of his paper and in associated bibliographic entries. It also appears Ramsay renamed this paper's long-

lived, twice-weekly country edition as the *Political Expositor* on March 30, 1821 with that same ornament in the banner, resulting in conflated entries in various reference sources, particularly in USNP items, a project that lacked centralized quality-control of its entries.

References: LCCN No. 84-024701, 85-026147 & 85-026149; Cappon 1301, 1392.
