

Lineage No.: **RICHMOND 14**

Group Title: **Impartial Observer**

Variant 01: Impartial Observer

Publication Data: May 1, 1806 to May 31, 1806 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Brooks

IVP Associates: Samuel Brooks (054)

Notes: A non-partisan, though "independent republican" paper issued by a Richmond silversmith, intended to offer place for discussing social issues outside of common partisan newspaper circuit; likely printed by T. P. Manson, based on a later Brooks report, though not credited as such until after issue of May 31, 1806.

References: LCCN No. 85-026548; Brigham II: 1140.

Variant 02: Impartial Observer

Publication Data: June 7, 1806 to January 12, 1807 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Brooks

IVP Associates: Samuel Brooks (054), Thomas Pescud Manson (278)

Notes: With issue of June 7, 1806, masthead reports that the paper was printed by Manson for Brooks, though it may be that he was its printer from start on May 1, 1806; he continued in this role until Brook suspended publication in February 1807, though Manson's name was removed from masthead after issue of January 12, 1807. Paper was not published on November 22 & 29, 1806 for reasons left unstated in text of ensuing issues.

References: LCCN No. 85-026548; Brigham II: 1140.

Variant 03: Impartial Observer

Publication Data: January 19, 1807 to February 2, 1807 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Brooks

IVP Associates: Samuel Brooks (054)

Notes: With issue of January 19, 1807, Manson no longer noted as printer on paper's masthead, though Brooks later reported his continuation through issue of February 2, 1807 (vol. 1: no. 39), when he suspended publication without prior notice.

References: LCCN No. 85-026548; Brigham II: 1140.

Variant 04: Impartial Observer

Publication Data: April 18, 1807 to about July 2, 1807 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Brooks

IVP Associates: Samuel Brooks (054), John Courtney Jr. (109)

Notes: Issue of April 18, 1807 (vol. 1: no. 40) ended a seventy-five day suspension; issued on a Tuesday, announcing subsequent numbers would issue on Mondays, then the only day of week when a paper was not issued in Richmond, so changing day-of-issue from previous Saturday schedule; a later report by a contemporary states Courtney was now its printer, though paper does not evince such production credit.

Last known issue is for July 2, 1807; as that was no. 50 of vol. 1, it is possible that Brooks ceased publication with no. 52, ending a full-volume run two weeks later (July 16th); but July 2nd number may also be the terminal issue, so indefinite end-date noted here.

References: LCCN No. 85-026548; Brigham II: 1140.
