

Lineage No.: **SHEPHERDSTOWN 03**

Group Title: **American Eagle**

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**Variant 01: The American Eagle and Shepherd's-town Weekly Advertiser**

Publication Data: February 29, 1816 to after February 25, 1817 Weekly

Proprietors: John N. Snider

IVP Associates: John N. Snider (392)

Notes: A Federalist advertiser with connections to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, printing office of George Kenton Harper, Snider's mentor & master. Snider seems to have started a press in Shepherdstown in late 1815 and commenced publishing this journal in February 1816. Latest known issue with his imprimatur is for February 25, 1817, with next surviving issue dated July 3, 1817, under the firm of Maxwell & Harper; the two survivors suggest Snider left Shepherdstown after the first volume was closed, and turned operation over to a relative of his mentor, who was in partnership with a local financier and/or editor.

Norona & Shetler calculated start date of March 7, 1816, from issue of July 25, 1816 (I:21), then the earliest known; as first number of this paper (February 29, 1816) was uncovered by U.S. Newspaper Project, that inaccurate date indicates publication was suspended for one week sometime during the four months ensuing months.

References: LCCN No. 85-059807; Brigham II: 1173-74; Norona & Shetler 1368.

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**Variant 02: The American Eagle**

Publication Data: By July 3, 1817 to before January 7, 1819 Weekly

Proprietors: Maxwell & Harper

IVP Associates: Maxwell (283), Harper (202)

Notes: Earliest known issue under this title and partnership is that for July 3, 1817; identity of the proprietors is uncertain, but given previous association with Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, press of George Kenton Harper, this Harper was probably a relation and likely son Kenton Harper (203), later proprietor of *Staunton Spectator* (1823). The only subsequent surviving issue of this variant is that for January 7, 1819, conducted by firm of Robinson & Harper, implying Harper engaged a succession of financial/editorial partners over the course of his Shepherdstown residence to publish this weekly.

References: LCCN No. 85-059770; Brigham II: 1173-74; Norona & Shetler 1368.

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**Variant 03: The American Eagle**

Publication Data: By January 7, 1819 to before April 1819 Weekly

Proprietors: Robinson & Harper

IVP Associates: Robinson (361), Harper (202)

Notes: Only known number of this paper issued by Robinson & Harper is that for January 7, 1819 (III: 45); as partners began a new Shepherdstown weekly on April 15, 1819, publication of this journal ceased sometime before that title issued, likely at the end of February 1819,

at the close of the third volume.

References: LCCN No. 85-059770; Brigham II: 1173-74; Norona & Shetler 1368.

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