

Lineage No.: **SHEPHERDSTOWN 05**

Group Title: **Informer**

Variant 01: The Informer and Weekly Advertiser

Publication Data: August 5, 1819 to before July 12, 1820 Weekly

Proprietors: G. W. Sappington & Co.

IVP Associates: George Washington Sappington (370), Thomas Trice (418)

Notes: Only surviving number of this paper is that issued July 12, 1820 by Thomas Trice; but both its original proprietor and its start date are known from a notice found in the *National Intelligencer* for September 1, 1819, part of its ongoing reporting of new journals received in its office, to wit: "The Informer, Shepherdstown, Va. weekly, by G. W. Sappington & Co. at two dollars per annum. First No. published August 5th." The date that Trice acquired paper indefinite, but change possibly came in late April 1820, at the end of a six-month agreement between printer (Trice) and editor (Sappington); it also appears he printed this weekly from its start, using press formerly owned by Robinson & Harper.

References: Not found by U.S. Newspaper Project, so no record in LC catalogue; Brigham II: 1174; Norona & Shetler 1371.

Variant 02: The Informer and Weekly Advertiser

Publication Data: By July 12, 1820 to about August 30, 1820 Weekly

Proprietors: Thomas Trice

IVP Associates: Thomas Trice (418)

Notes: Only surviving number of this paper is that for July 12, 1820 by Thomas Trice, but initial number issued in August 1819; that single issue is noted as vol. 1, no. 45, indicating that the paper suspended publication for five weeks sometime during the intervening period. As another weekly issued in Shepherdstown on September 21, 1820, it seems Trice closed *Informer* at end of its first volume on August 30, 1820, three weeks before that start.

References: Not found by U.S. Newspaper Project, so no record in LC catalogue; Brigham II: 1174; Norona & Shetler 1371.
