

Lineage No.: **SHEPHERDSTOWN 06**

Group Title: **Virginia Monitor**

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**Variant 01: The Virginia Monitor**

Publication Data: September 21, 1820 to about October 23, 1822 Weekly

Proprietors: Edward Bell

IVP Associates: Edward Bell (029), Samuel Bell (031).

Notes: Earliest known number was issued on March 22, 1821 (I:27), which establishes calculated start date reported here; start is three weeks after apparent demise of prior *Informer and Weekly Advertiser* of Thomas Trice; seems Bell acquired that press to publish this weekly; he was still conducting paper when brother & foreman Samuel died September 23, 1821. LC catalogue dates paper to October 23, 1822, based on new numbering scheme begun by successor Nathaniel Mitchell on that date; the numbers noted in Brigham and Norona & Shetler were not found by the U.S. Newspaper Project, so no LC catalogue entry has been created for this title.

References: No LC catalogue record known; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1377.

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**Variant 02: The Virginia Monitor**

Publication Data: About October 23, 1822 to after August 13, 1823 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel Mitchell

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Only three issues of this variant (June 4, July 16, and August 6, 1823) were found by the U.S. Newspaper Project, so LC catalogue entry notes October 23, 1822 as date publication was started, calculated from the earliest issue; but date actually marks the start of new volume numbering scheme, probably the date of the first number issued by Mitchell as its sole proprietor; he apparently joined office shortly before death of Samuel Bell, brother & foreman to proprietor Edward Bell, as Norona & Shetler record Mitchell as paper's editor of the September 20, 1821 issue, three days before Bell died. Latest number known extant is that for August 13, 1823, hence paper expired sometime after that date; Mitchell family histories indicate the printer continued offering this paper well into 1824; Mitchell started publication of another weekly in Chestertown, Maryland, on October 21, 1824, meaning that he ceased publishing this Shepherdstown paper well before that date.

References: LCCN No. 87-060319; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1377.

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