

Lineage No.: **WELLSBURG 01**

Group Title: **Wellsburgh Gazette**

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**Variant 01: Charlestown Gazette**

Publication Data: April 1, 1814 to after June 16, 1815 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Workman

IVP Associates: Samuel Workman (459)

Notes: Initial number survives, establishing starting date, though end date is uncertain. Workman advertised sale of his press in May 1815, and latest extant issue of this title is for June 16, 1815; as Workman then reappears in October 1817 as proprietor of Wellsburg paper first mentioned elsewhere in December 1815, it is clear that his proposed sale never occurred, and that he continued to publish a weekly in this town until January 1818.

References: LCCN No. 84-037801; Brigham II: 1169-70; Norona & Shetler 1383.

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**Variant 02: [Spirit of the Times]**

Publication Data: December 29, 1815 to before October 10, 1817 Weekly

Proprietors: Uncertain

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: The title "Times" is mentioned in an Ohio paper in July 1817, as being issued in Wellsburg; No copies of this variant are now known extant, though the title *Spirit of the Times* appears as that for a Wellsburg paper issued by Samuel Workman in December 1815, as calculated from number issued on October 10, 1817 (vol. 2, no. 90); lacking extant copies, title is supplied here from that latter title; as Workman conducted both the preceding and following papers, he evidently published this as well. Norona & Shetler noted title from June 1817 reference in an Ohio paper, unaware of the surviving numbers of fall 1817 bearing Workman's imprimatur; hence they incorrectly recorded this title as being distinctive one and not a link in a succession, so also accepting an earlier account that this paper ceased publication in 1820.

References: LCCN No. 85-059573; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1389.

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**Variant 03: Spirit of the Times and Wellsburgh Gazette**

Publication Data: Before October 10, 1817 to after November 21, 1817 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel Workman

IVP Associates: Samuel Workman (459)

Notes: Earliest known number of this title is the one issued October 10, 1817 (vol. 2, no. 90), so giving a calculated start date of December 29, 1815; as that date preceded the renaming of town in December 1816, subtitle seen here must have been added about January 1817, when news of the Assembly's action reached Brooke County. The three surviving numbers of this title (October 10 & 17, and November 21, 1817) all carry Workman's imprimatur, suggesting he had continued publication of his *Charlestown Gazette* from April 1814 until

he sold this paper in January 1818, though likely with some interruptions over that time.

References: LCCN No. 85-059573; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1389.

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**Variant 04: Wellsburgh Gazette**

Publication Data: About January 23, 1818 to November 30, 1822 Weekly

Proprietors: John Berry

IVP Associates: John Berry (033)

Notes: Earliest known number of this title issued on February 6, 1818 (vol. 3, no. 3), bears the imprimatur of John Berry, formerly a journeyman in office of Samuel Workman; start date derived from that number suggests Workman sold his weekly to Berry at the end of its second volume/year, likely with a brief suspension of publication during the transition, as Workman's second volume should have ended on January 2, 1818. Its title may have been shortened by then, but it is more likely Berry made the change when he bought paper.

References: LCCN No. 84-037882; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1384.

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**Variant 05: Wellsburgh Gazette**

Publication Data: December 7, 1822 to mid-October 1826 Weekly

Proprietors: John Gruber

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Following the issue of November 30, 1822, John Berry sold his weekly to John Gruber and retired from journalism to practice law; Gruber remained sole proprietor until he sold the paper to Thomas Service in October 1826; no copies of this variant are known extant from the period between January 1824 and March 1827, but notice published in a Washington, Pennsylvania, paper on October 28, 1826, reported "recent" sale of paper to Service, so the end date reported here.

References: LCCN No. 84-037882; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1384.

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**Variant 06: Wellsburgh Gazette**

Publication Data: Mid-October 1826 to after March 10, 1836 Weekly

Proprietors: Thomas Service

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: As reported in a Washington, Pennsylvania, paper, John Gruber sold his weekly to Thomas Service in mid-October 1826, apparently in order to conduct a mercantile concern in Ohio; Service continued publication until at least March 1836, even after trying to sell paper in October 1833; last mention of *Wellsburgh Gazette* seen elsewhere dates to March 1837 in an Ohio newspaper, suggesting an end date thereafter, possibly on Service's death.

References: LCCN No. 84-037882; Brigham II: 1175; Norona & Shetler 1384.

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