

Lineage No.: **WINCHESTER 01**

Group Title: **Bartgis's Gazette & Advertiser**

Variant 01: The Virginia Gazette and Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: July 11, 1787 to August 15, 1787 Weekly

Proprietors: Henry Willcocks & Co.

IVP Associates: Henry Willcocks (444), Matthias Bartgis (024)

Notes: First paper published in Winchester was an offshoot of Bartgis's Frederick MD business, conducted by Willcocks as resident proprietor; partners opened press office in May 1787, and then started paper that July; Bartgis's interest in journal masked by proprietary name used initially; he is noted as senior partner after issue of August 15, 1787.

References: LCCN No. 84-025995; Brigham II: 1167.

Variant 02: The Virginia Gazette and Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: August 22, 1787 to January 4, 1788 Weekly

Proprietors: Bartgis & Willcocks

IVP Associates: Henry Willcocks (444), Matthias Bartgis (024)

Notes: With issue of August 22, 1787, Bartgis emerged as credited senior partner in concern that published this weekly; partnership with Willcocks continued thru issue of January 4, 1788, apparently at end of six-month agreement between them; Willcocks then joined Richard Bowen to publish town's second weekly, the *Virginia Centinel or Winchester Mercury*.

References: LCCN No. 84-025995; Brigham II: 1167.

Variant 03: The Virginia Gazette and Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: January 11, 1788 to April 23, 1788 Weekly

Proprietors: Matthias Bartgis & Co.

IVP Associates: Matthias Bartgis (024), Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: Willis joined Bartgis & Willcocks office in late 1787 and succeeded Willcocks as partner to Bartgis with issue of January 11, 1788; his interest in the venture masked by proprietary name used until after issue of April 23, 1788.

References: LCCN No. 84-025995; Brigham II: 1167.

Variant 04: The Virginia Gazette or the Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: April 30, 1788 to September 9, 1789 Weekly

Proprietors: Bartgis & Willis

IVP Associates: Matthias Bartgis (024), Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: With issue of April 30, 1788, partners made slight change in title, and unmasked Willis's interest in the paper; published proprietary name alternates between this usage and prior one until Willis and Bartgis parted ways at end of 1789.

References: LCCN No. 86-071929; Brigham II: 1167.

Variant 05: The Virginia Gazette and the Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: September 16, 1789 December 30, 1789 Weekly

Proprietors: Bartgis & Willis

IVP Associates: Matthias Bartgis (024), Nathaniel Willis (449)

Notes: With issue of September 16, 1789, the partners returned paper's title to previous form; the partnership between Bartgis and Willis expired with the end of 1789.

References: LCCN No. 96-096657; Brigham II: 1167.

Variant 06: Bartgis's Virginia Gazette and the Winchester Advertiser

Publication Data: January 6, 1790 to about November 26, 1791 Weekly

Proprietors: M. & C.B. Bartgis

IVP Associates: Matthias Bartgis (024), C.B. Bartgis (023)

Notes: Partnership of Bartgis & Willis ceased with end of 1789; Willis then advertised start of new weekly called *Willis's Virginia Gazette* (Winchester 04), causing Bartgis to add his surname to his title to differentiate the two *Gazettes*. His new partner was apparently a relative, though unrecorded forename makes an identification uncertain; possibly was his mother Catherine, so providing her support during his father's terminal illness; last known issue is that for November 26, 1791, published shortly after father's death, which also seems to have compelled Bartgis to contract his business ventures temporarily.

References: LCCN No. 84-025996; Brigham II: 1167.
