

Lineage No.: **WINCHESTER 02**

Group Title: **Winchester Gazette**

Variant 01: The Virginia Centinel or The Winchester Mercury

Publication Data: April 2, 1788 to December 10, 1788 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen & Co.

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045), Henry Willcocks (444)

Notes: Issued initially as competitor to *Virginia Gazette* of Matthias Bartgis (024), former partner of Willcocks in that weekly; Bowen dropped "& Co." appendage to proprietary name after issue of December 10, 1788, indicating his partnership with Willcocks ended at about that time; Bowen continued as sole proprietor until his death in 1808.

References: LCCN No. 84-025989; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 02: The Virginia Centinel or The Winchester Mercury

Publication Data: December 17, 1788 to after March 24, 1790 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045)

Notes: With issue of December 10, 1788, Bowen became sole proprietor of this weekly.

References: LCCN No. 84-025989; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 03: Bowen's Virginia Centinel & Gazette or The Winchester Political Repository

Publication Data: By May 26, 1790 to March 11, 1793 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045)

Notes: In early 1790, Bowen faced two competitors with papers carrying their surnames in their titles – Bartgis's *Virginia Gazette* and Willis's *Virginia Gazette*; clearly, he decided to follow their lead sometime between issues of March 24th and May 26th, employing this lengthy title for the next three years.

References: LCCN No. 84-025988; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 04: Bowen's Virginia Centinel and Gazette or the Winchester Repository

Publication Data: March 18, 1793 to February 19, 1796 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045)

Notes: With issue of March 18, 1793, Bowen made small alterations to title of his weekly, most notably dropping word "Political" as partisan tempers began to flare between Federalists

and Jeffersonians everywhere; he continued this usage for ensuing three years.

References: LCCN No. 84-025988; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 05: Bowen's Virginia Gazette and the Winchester Centinel

Publication Data: February 26, 1796 to after April 28, 1797 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045)

Notes: With issue of February 26, 1796, Bowen restructured his paper's title in advance of 1796 election cycle; use of "Virginia Gazette" evinces an attempt to assert authoritative identity for his paper, as many editors then did; usage continued until sometime in mid-1797.

References: LCCN No. 94-055773; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 06: Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: By December 1797 to May 31, 1808 Weekly

Proprietors: Richard Bowen

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045)

Notes: Sometime between April and December 1797, Bowen dramatically shortened the title of his weekly to better associate the paper with its location in this key commercial center of the northern Valley and distance itself from political conflicts beyond the area; this usage continued until his death on June 1, 1808.

References: LCCN No. 85-025370; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 07: The Centinel and Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: June 7, 1808 to before February 18, 1809 Weekly

Proprietors: William Heiskell & Bowen's heirs

IVP Associates: Richard Bowen (045), William Heiskell (211)

Notes: Bowen died on June 1, 1808, and so with the issue of June 7th, Heiskell, his shop foreman, assumed control of the newspaper for the equal benefit of himself and Bowen's heirs; this arrangement continued until Heiskell bought the entire business from his master's estate sometime before the issue of February 18, 1809, the first bearing his name as the weekly's sole proprietor; sometime after the issue of September 29, 1807, the title ornament "The Centinel" was added to the masthead, creating the title reported here.

References: LCCN No. 85-025382; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 08: The Centinel and Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: By February 18, 1809 to about Summer 1809 Weekly

Proprietors: William Heiskell

IVP Associates: William Heiskell (211)

Notes: Sometime before issue of February 18, 1809, Heiskell bought the *Gazette* and its office from Richard Bowen's estate; that issue is the first bearing his name as the weekly's sole proprietor; sometime that summer, he discontinued using title ornament "The Centinel" from the masthead, creating the title reported here.

References: LCCN No. 85-025382; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 09: Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: About Summer 1809 to about January 1811 Weekly

Proprietors: William Heiskell

IVP Associates: William Heiskell (211)

Notes: Sometime in the summer of 1809, Heiskell ceased using the title ornament "The Centinel" in his paper's the masthead, creating the title reported here. Then sometime between the issues of December 4, 1810 and October 8, 1811, Heiskell sold business to elder brother John – most likely at the start of 1811, so the date reported here – and left Winchester.

References: LCCN No. 84-025997; Brigham II: 1166.

Variant 10: Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: About January 1811 to about Spring 1819 Weekly

Proprietors: John Heiskell

IVP Associates: John Heiskell (210)

Notes: Sometime between the issues of December 4, 1810 and October 8, 1811, Heiskell sold his business to elder brother John – most likely at start of 1811, so date reported here – and left Winchester.

References: LCCN No. 84-025997; Brigham II: 1166; Cappon 1697.

Variant 11: The Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: About Spring 1819 to September 30, 1823 Weekly

Proprietors: John Heiskell

IVP Associates: John Heiskell (210)

Notes: Sometime between the issues of December 12, 1818 and July 24, 1819, Heiskell refit his paper, adding prefix "The" to its title; that usage continued through 1826.

References: LCCN No. 84-025997; Cappon 1697.

Variant 12: The Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: October 6, 1823 to after October 4, 1824 Weekly

Proprietors: Thomas Jones

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: In July 1823, Heiskell advertised the sale of his business as result of "considerations arising out of his late domestic affliction;" purchaser was one Thomas Jones, who took control of the Gazette with the first issue of that October; the agreement was apparently a one-year deal, as Jones sold paper back to Heiskell in November 1824.

References: LCCN No. 84-025997; Brigham II: 1166; Cappon 1697.

Variant 13: The Winchester Gazette

Publication Data: By November 26, 1824 to October 1826 Weekly

Proprietors: John Heiskell

IVP Associates: John Heiskell (210)

Notes: Sometime between the issues of October 4 and November 26, 1824, Jones sold paper and press back to Heiskell, apparently at end of a year-long agreement; Heiskell, in turn, sold both to J. H. Sherrard in early October 1826, bringing an end to publication of this weekly under this title.

References: LCCN No. 84-025997; Cappon 1697.

Variant 14: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: November 24, 1826 to about November 1829 Weekly

Proprietors: Joseph H. Sherrard

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Joseph Holmes Sherrard (1802-1889) acquired Heiskell's office and paper in October 1826 with intention of altering outlook from National Republican (Adams/Clay) to Jacksonian; he retained services of the shop's foreman J.B. Patterson (1805-90) and employed extant subscriber list, so making this a successor to the *Gazette*, though not a true continuation, given its change in title and perspective, leading some authorities to record the paper as two distinct entities. Sherrard remained sole proprietor until about November 1829 when he brought in Edgar W. Robinson as his editorial partner.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 15: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: About November 1829 to about April 14, 1832 Weekly

Proprietors: Joseph H. Sherrard & Co.

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: In about November 1829, Sherrard brought in Edgar W. Robinson (1804-49) his editor and minority partner, creating the proprietary name used until about April 14, 1832, when the paper's seventh volume/year began.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 16: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: About April 14, 1832 to May 8, 1833 Weekly

Proprietors: Sherrard & Robinson

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: About April 14, 1832, when the paper's seventh volume/year began, Robinson was noted as a full partner to Sherrard in this venture; firm continued until May 1833, when Sherrard retired from journalism to pursue other business interests.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 17: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: May 15, 1833 to December 31, 1837 Weekly

Proprietors: Robinson & Hollis

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: Partnership of Sherrard & Robinson was dissolved on May 8, 1833; with the issue of May 15th, Robinson made printer John W. Hollis (1811-44) his new partner; they continued together until last day of 1837, when the two sold paper to Lewis Eichelberger (1803-60).

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 18: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: January 1, 1838 to mid-July 1840 Weekly

Proprietors: Lewis Eichelberger

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: Lewis Eichelberger (1803-60) acquired the *Virginian* effective January 1, 1838; with the subsequent departure of printer J.W. Hollis, he retained the services of Edward M. Heist (1818-1900) in that role; in mid-July 1840, Eichelberger transferred control of the paper, though likely not outright ownership, to James H. Carson (1808-84) in apparent attempt to reinvigorate editorial content in that election year.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 19: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: Mid-July 1840 to before April 13, 1842 Weekly

Proprietors: James H. Carson

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: James Harvey Carson (1808-84) gained control of *Virginian* in mid-July 1840; owner Lewis Eichelberger evidently retained an interest in the weekly and reacquired Carson's share sometime between issues of December 16, 1840 and April 13, 1842 – most likely in early 1841, after presidential election was settled in favor of Whig William Henry Harrison.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 20: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: By April 13, 1842 to mid-September 1843 Weekly

Proprietors: Lewis Eichelberger

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Sometime between issues of December 16, 1840 and April 13, 1842 – most likely in early 1841 – Eichelberger resumed sole ownership of paper, and continued in that role until mid-September 1843; he conveyed the journal to writer John C. Bowyer (1803-80) at that time with approbation of local Democratic party leaders who were seeking to overcome the Whig domination of state and national offices established in the 1840 cycle.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 21: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: Mid-September 1843 to early August 1848 Weekly

Proprietors: John C. Bowyer

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: John C. Bowyer (1803-80) acquired the *Virginian* in mid-September 1843 with approbation of local Democratic party leaders; he continued in that role until it became clear that the party would lose the 1848 presidential election; he then sold the weekly paper to Edward C. Bruce (1825-1900), in combination with Charlestown lawyers J. W. Beller (1820-77) and A.J. O'Bannon (1815-60).

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 22: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: Early August 1848 to after November 12, 1856 Weekly

Proprietors: Edward C. Bruce

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Winchester native Edward Caledon Bruce (1825-1900) acquired the *Virginian* from John C. Bowyer in early August 1848 in combination with James W. Beller (1820-77), founder and editor of Charlestown's *Spirit of Jefferson*, and Andrew J. O'Bannon (1815-60), a lawyer in that town; they sold their interests in the venture to Bruce sometime in the ensuing year, leaving him sole proprietor until the winter of 1856-57.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626; Cappon 1712.

Variant 23: Winchester Virginian

Publication Data: By January 21, 1857 to February 27, 1862 Weekly

Proprietors: John J. Palmer

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: John J. Palmer (1807-79) acquired the *Virginian* from E. C. Bruce sometime in winter of 1856-57, and remained sole proprietor until publication ceased with issue of February 27,

1862. Winchester was occupied by Federal forces on March 12, 1862; Palmer's press was used by printers in 5th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers to issue two numbers (March 18th & 22nd) of *The Connecticut Fifth*; that unit then left the city and either destroyed or took away that press, so preventing Palmer from restarting his weekly.

References: LCCN No. 84-024626 & 85-025369; Cappon 1712.
