

Lineage No.: **WINCHESTER 09**

Group Title: **Republican**

Variant 01: Republican Constellation

Publication Data: January 2, 1810 to summer 1810 Weekly

Proprietors: Jonathan Foster & Son

IVP Associates: Jonathan Foster (168), Thomas Foster (169)

Notes: At the end of 1809, Foster acquired the press owned by Joseph A. Lingan (266), formerly used to publish the *Democratic Lamp or Winchester Aurora*. On January 2, 1810, he issued the first number of this succeeding Republican title. References in later numbers indicate that his partner was his eldest son, Thomas, who was then nineteen years-of-age.

References: LCCN No. 85-025315; Brigham II: 1164-65.

Variant 02: Republican Constellation

Publication Data: Summer 1810 to early February 1814 Weekly

Proprietors: Jonathan Foster

IVP Associates: Jonathan Foster (168), Thomas Foster (169), John Revell (352)

Notes: Sometime in summer of 1810, Foster removed phrase "& Son" from his paper's colophon, though son Thomas apparently remained in that office for many years to come, perhaps into the 1830s. At the start of 1814, Foster added Revell as his "principal assistant," a relationship that continued for about one year before he removed to Baltimore.

References: LCCN No. 85-025315; Brigham II: 1164-65.

Variant 03: Republican Constellation

Publication Data: About February 12, 1814 to about March 30, 1816 2/week (Wed, Sat)

Proprietors: Jonathan Foster

IVP Associates: Jonathan Foster (168), Thomas Foster (169), John Revell (352)

Notes: Foster held a license to publish the laws of Congress from May 1813 to November 1818; in order to fulfill the resulting demand for space in this paper, at a time when its pages were filled with war news, he increased its pace to twice-weekly in February 1814, though not requiring subscribers to take more than one issue per week. After the war, this approach proved unsustainable, with Foster announcing on March 9, 1816, he would reduce its frequency to weekly "from the first of April to the first of December" every year, and then resume its twice-weekly pace "from that date to the first of April," matching the sessions of Congress; but on November 30, 1816, he announced he would not resume the twice-weekly schedule as originally planned because of a financial incapacity caused by a lack of subscribers for the "second paper" among his now-often-delinquent patrons.

References: LCCN No. 85-025315; Brigham II: 1164-65.

Variant 04: Republican Constellation

Publication Data: Early April 1816 to about March 27, 1819 Weekly

Proprietors: Jonathan Foster

IVP Associates: Jonathan Foster (168), Thomas Foster (169)

Notes: Foster discontinued the twice-weekly cycle of his paper about April 6, 1816, citing a lack of subscriber support for that "second paper." Throughout 1818, he frequently appealed to his patrons to pay their arrearages, citing his dire financial circumstances; then when he lost his license to publish "the laws of the Union" at the start of second session of the 15th Congress in November, he began advertising the sale of his partisan weekly; eventually he sold it to George McGlassin at the end of March 1819, so end date reported here.

References: LCCN No. 85-025315; Brigham II: 1164-65.

Variant 05: Republican Constellation

Publication Data: About April 3, 1819 to August 28, 1819 Weekly

Proprietors: George McGlassin

IVP Associates: George McGlassin (287)

Notes: On about April 1, 1819, McGlassin assumed ownership of this weekly after a three-month negotiation; the first number issued under his name was apparently that for April 3rd.

References: LCCN No. 85-025315; Brigham II: 1164-65.

Variant 06: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: September 4, 1819 to mid-September 1820 Weekly

Proprietors: George McGlassin

IVP Associates: George McGlassin (287)

Notes: With issue of September 4, 1819, McGlassin retired Foster's original title in favor of the geographically-identifiable one seen here; the weekly retained this name, in effect, until it ceased publication in March 1862. In April 1820, McGlassin bought the competing weekly of Joseph Caldwell (073), the *Herald of the Valley*, and merged it into his own journal, seemingly in order to pull local Republican readers together into a single audience during that election year; that merger was followed by an intensive advertising campaign seeking new subscribers for the enlarged *Republican*.

References: LCCN No. 84-024627; Cappon 1707.

Variant 07: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: Mid-September 1820 to December 31, 1820 Weekly

Proprietors: George McGlassin

IVP Associates: George McGlassin (287), Samuel H. Davis (126)

Notes: In January 1820, McGlassin offered his paper for sale; S.H. Davis, publisher of Alexandria's *Columbian Telescope*, eventually purchased the weekly from him, after McGlassin bought

the competing *Herald of the Valley* in April. Davis took control of the combined paper in mid-September 1820, after closing his *Telescope* a month before; ownership transferred at the close of the year, after the sale of Davis's Alexandria press office earlier that fall.

References: LCCN No. 84-024627; Cappon 1707.

Variant 08: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: January 1, 1821 to about May 1824 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel H. Davis

IVP Associates: Samuel H. Davis (126)

Notes: On the first day of 1821, Davis became sole proprietor of the *Republican*; the first number published by him alone was issued on January 6th.

References: LCCN No. 84-024627; Cappon 1707.

Variant 09: Winchester Virginia Republican

Publication Data: About May 1824 to about July 30, 1831 Weekly

Proprietors: Samuel H. Davis

IVP Associates: Samuel H. Davis (126)

Notes: Sometime in spring of 1824, Davis added a title ornament to his masthead, so creating the title reported here; practice continued until sale of paper to R.H. Gallaher in early 1843.

References: LCCN No. 86-071897; Cappon 1707.

Variant 10: Winchester Virginia Republican

Publication Data: About August 6, 1831 to early August 1836 Weekly

Proprietors: James G. Brooks

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: S. H. Davis sold a controlling interest in the *Republican* to New York City journalist James Gordon Brooks (1801-41) at end of July 1831, claiming ill health; he apparently retained a minority interest until late 1834, when he offered to buy the *Wheeling Gazette*. In March 1836, Brooks made Charles J.D. Freeland (1809-40), an editorial writer with the *Richmond Whig*, as his principal assistant.

References: LCCN No. 86-071897; Cappon 1707.

Variant 11: Winchester Virginia Republican

Publication Data: Early August 1836 to early January 1843 Weekly

Proprietors: William Towers

IVP Associates: ----

Notes: Brooks apparently decided in summer 1836 to return to state of New York to become part of a new journal being organized in Albany; so the *Republican* was sold to William Towers

(1808-82), a trained printer who was likely then employed by Brooks; an increasingly ill Freeland also seems to have departed the *Republican* office at that time.

References: LCCN No. 86-071897; Cappon 1707.

Variant 12: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: Early January 1843 to early July 1845 Weekly

Proprietors: Robert H. Gallaher

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Robert H. Gallaher (1821-95), son of Whig journalist and politician, J. S. Gallaher, seems to have acquired *Republican* with transition from 1842 to 1843; reports elsewhere indicate that first number Gallaher issued was that for January 7, 1843, first Saturday of that year.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.

Variant 13: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: Early July 1845 to February 9, 1850 Weekly

Proprietors: John S. Gallaher

IVP Associates: John S. Gallaher (177)

Notes: R. H. Gallaher became lead proprietor of the *Richmond Whig* on July 1, 1845; he sold his interest in *Republican* to father, J. S. Gallaher, a respected Whig journalist and politician, shortly thereafter; father continued as proprietor until he assumed a Federal post in 1850.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.

Variant 14: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: February 16, 1850 to December 31, 1855 Weekly

Proprietors: Senseney & Coffroth

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Gallaher was compelled to sell weekly following his appointment to a post in the Treasury Department by President Zachary Taylor in October 1849; the purchasers were George E. Senseney (1827-69), a tradesman in that office, and C.A.B. [Charles Augustus B.] Coffroth (1812-84), a printer from Hagerstown, Maryland; they continued paper as a Whig organ.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.

Variant 15: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: January 1, 1856 to July 31, 1860 Weekly

Proprietors: George E. Senseney

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: With close of 1855, Coffroth sold his interest in the *Republican* to his partner and retired

from journalism; the issue of January 5, 1856 was first by Senseney alone.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.

Variant 16: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: August 1, 1860 January 31, 1861 Weekly

Proprietors: John D. Ridenour

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: John Daniel Ridenour, Jr. (1839-81) of Hagerstown, Md. acquired paper from Senseney on August 1, 1860, and issued his first number on August 4th; from start, this trained printer employed Henry D. Beall (1837-1902), an experienced lawyer & journalist originally from nearby Charlestown, as his editor. They supported the Constitutional Union candidates that fall, as Senseney had previously.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.

Variant 17: Winchester Republican

Publication Data: February 1, 1861 to March 7, 1862 Weekly

Proprietors: Nathaniel B. Meade

IVP Associates: -----

Notes: Nathaniel B. Meade (1828-88) acquired this paper on February 1, 1861, and issued his first number the next day; Beall evidently continued as its editor, as seen in reports published elsewhere during "Stonewall" Jackson's 1862 Valley campaign. Ridenour apparently sold the weekly because of his Unionist sympathies and returned to Hagerstown.

Federal forces occupied Winchester on March 12, 1862, seizing the offices of both papers published there; noted clergyman & abolitionist Charles Wheeler Denison (1809-81), then chaplain of 10th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment, used *Republican's* press to publish one number of the "*Winchester Republican – New Series*" on May 23, 1862; that press was either destroyed or taken away when that unit left Winchester, which prevented Meade from restarting this weekly.

References: LCCN No. 86-071898; Cappon 1707.
