

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS
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Newspapers and Periodicals Listed Chronologically:

1789

The Pennsylvania Packet, and Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 10 Sept. 1789. Published by John Dunlap and David Claypoole. Long two-page debate about the permanent residence of the Federal government: banks of the Susquehanna River vs. the banks of the Potomac River. AS 493.

The Pennsylvania Packet, and Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 25 Sept. 1789. Published by John Dunlap and David Claypoole. Continues to cover the debate about future permanent seat of the Federal Government, ruling out New York. Also discusses the salaries of federal judges. AS 499.

The Pennsylvania Packet, and Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 28 Sept. 1789. Published by John Dunlap and David Claypoole. AS 947.

The Pennsylvania Packet, and Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 8 Oct. 1789. Published by John Dunlap and David Claypoole. Archives of the United States are established. AS 501.

1790

Gazette of the United States, New York City, 17 July 1790. Report on debate in Congress over amending the act establishing the federal city. Also includes the Act of Congress passed 4 January 1790 to establish the District of Columbia. AS 864.

Columbia Centinel, Boston, 3 Nov. 1790. Published by Benjamin Russell. Page 2 includes a description of President George Washington and local gentlemen surveying the land adjacent to the Potomac River to fix the proper situation for the Federal City. AS 944.

1791

Gazette of the United States, Philadelphia, 8 October, 1791. Publisher: John Fenno. Describes the location of the District of Columbia on the Potomac River. AS 532.

Gazette of the United States, Philadelphia, 30 March, 1791. Publisher: John Fenno. AS 945.

Gazette of the United States, Philadelphia, 30 April, 1791. Publisher: John Fenno. Page 2 describes laying the first cornerstone (probably boundary stone) of Washington, D.C. AS 558 and AS 558-A (second copy).

Columbian Centinel. Printed in Boston, Mass., 7 May 1791. Page 2 includes an article on the ceremony involving the laying of the first boundary stone of the District of Columbia in Alexandria, Va., on 15 April 1791. AS 840.

The Salem Gazette, Salem, Mass., 10 May 1791. AS 673.

1792

Dunlap's American Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 17 April 1792. Page 4 includes an advertisement placed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the public to submit designs for the proposed President's House and Capitol in the new Federal City. AS 842.

Gazette of the United States, 20 October 1792. AS 465.

1796

Columbian Centinel, Boston, Massachusetts, 25 May 1796. Act of Congress allowing commissioners of the District of Columbia to borrow money. AS 831.

1800

Newburyport Herald And Country Gazette, Newburyport, Mass, 14 January 1800. Page two has lengthy description of the funeral procession of George Washington. AS 452.

The National Intelligencer and Washington Advertiser, Washington, D.C. 49 issues total from 1800 – 1801. Issues are numbered AS 939 A-YY (no PP, WW, or ZZ). Important for advertisements of the first businesses in Washington. Issue 30 Jan. 1801 has article on bill before Congress to establish a government for the District of Columbia with an appointed governor and elected legislature. AS 939 A-YY.

1801

Columbian Centinel and Massachusetts Federalist, Boston, Jan. 1801. Front page contains the news of the death of George Washington as reported by Congress, Tobias Lear, and others. AS 857.

1806

National Intelligencer, and Washington Advertiser, Washington, D.C., 21 July 1806. Article on debates in Congress. AS 868.

1809

National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser, Washington, D.C., 13 March 1809. Discusses recent acts of Congress and the embargo on American shipping by both England and France. Stamp on upper right "New Jersey Historical Society." AS 869.

1810

National Intelligencer & Washington Advertiser, Washington, D.C., 9 May 1810. Editorial discusses damage caused by both the French and British to American ships on the sea. AS 867.

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 9 July 1810. Discussion of the third census. AS 875.

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 30 July 1810. Contains census of Alexandria for 1810. AS 814.

1812

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 10 December 1812. Discussion of seizure of British ships during the War of 1812. AS 859.

1813

Federal Republican, and Commercial Gazette, Georgetown, D.C., 30 July 1813. Includes proclamation by President Madison for a national day of prayer and much information on the war including news from Congress. Runaway slaves advertised. AS 784.

National Intelligencer, 2 Nov. 1813. Contains news of the War of 1812. AS 885.

1814

New-York Herald, published by Michael Burnham & Co., New York City, 31 August 1814. Entire paper is devoted to news of the capture of Washington, D.C. by the British, the Battle of Bladensburg, etc. AS 789.

Essex Register, Salem, Massachusetts, 3 Sept. 1814. Contains a number of articles relating to the burning of public buildings in Washington, surrender of Alexandria, defense of Baltimore, return of President to the capital, etc. AS 807.

Salem Gazette, Salem, Massachusetts, 30 Sept. 1814. Front page has a two-column description entitled "Conduct of British at Washington" written by a resident of Washington City, William P. Gardner. Contains another article entitled "Battle of Baltimore." AS 956.

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 5 November 1814. Discussion of moving Congress to another site temporarily because of the war. AS 799.

Columbian Centinel, Boston, Massachusetts, 21 Dec. 1814. Contains news relating to the report of Congress on the reasons why the British were able to capture Washington, D.C. and the losses at the Washington Navy Yard. AS 861.

1815

Daily Federal Republican, Georgetown, D.C., 13 May 1815. Editorial discusses causes of War of 1812. Advertisements on front and rear pages include two for Romulus Riggs, Georgetown merchant and several for runaway slaves. AS 781.

1820

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 9 December 1820. Discusses the Missouri Compromise debate in Congress. AS 322.

1821

Daily National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 15 March 1821. AS 688.

1822

Washington Gazette, 24 January 1822. News of debates in Congress. AS 929.

Washington Gazette, 26 January 1822. Announcement of a concert of musical glasses at Tennison's Hotel by Mr. Richardson of Philadelphia. AS 309.

Washington Gazette, 29 January 1822. Advertisement of auction by M Poor "at early candlelight" of fancy silks and cloths. AS 310.

Washington Gazette, 12 February 1822. Includes announcement of cotillion parties in Washington and Georgetown arranged by Vincent Mash. AS 365.

Washington Gazette, 16 February 1822. Announcement of Birth Night Ball to honor George Washington. AS 366.

Washington Gazette, 19 February 1822. Sale of Saratoga Spring Water for health. AS 367.

Washington Gazette, 26 February 1822. Meeting of the Alert Fire Company. AS 368.

Washington Gazette, 28 February 1822. Announces meeting of the Columbian Institute. AS 369.

Washington Gazette, 6 March 1822. Fire destroyed two houses and chimney falls and kills four bystanders. AS 370.

Washington Gazette, 8 March 1822. Announcement of meeting of American Colonization Society. AS 371.

Washington Gazette, 11 March 1822. Sale of jewelry by William Sawkins. AS 372.

Washington Gazette, 12 March 1822. Notice of public exhibition of exotic animals opposite Center Market including a lion, camel, bear, etc. AS 373.

Washington Gazette, 15 March 1822. President Monroe approves independence of Spanish colonies in South America. AS 374.

Washington Gazette, 16 March 1822. H.S. Handy sells newly fashionable oval hats, children's fancy hats, and glazed hats for servants. AS 375.

Washington Gazette, 19 March 1822. Exhibition to see a real portrait of Napoleon for 25 cents. AS 376.

Washington Gazette, 21 March 1822. Lottery to raise money to build Washington Monument in Baltimore. AS 377.

Washington Gazette, 25 March 1822. News of Saint Patrick's Day celebration in Baltimore. AS 379.

Washington Gazette, 27 March 1822. Sale of "splendid furniture" belonging to the French minister, H. de Neuville. AS 464.

Washington Gazette, 29 March 1822. Auction by Thomas C. Wight of "old Waterloo tents." AS 515.

Washington Gazette, 3 April 1822. Columbian Harmonic Society concert postponed. AS 626.

Washington Gazette, 5 April 1822. Sale by A. E. Hough of "15 boxes Sicily Oranges and Lemons." AS 836.

Washington Gazette, 8 April 1822. Rev. Ryland to preach at 11 a.m. next Sunday at Capitol. AS 839.

1824

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 6 April 1824. Discussion of debates in the U.S. Senate. AS 844.

Niles' weekly register. Baltimore, MD: H. Niles. Vol. 8, No. 3 (1824). (Item is included in reference library)

1826

The Virginian, 4 September 1826. Page 3 contains "Jefferson Lottery" article, listing the estate sale items of the late Thomas Jefferson. AS 476.

Niles' weekly register. Baltimore, MD: H. Niles. Vol. 6, No. 22 (1826). (Item is included in reference library)

1828

The National Gazette, 10 July 1828. Discusses the deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. AS 306.

1832

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 1 Sept. 1832. Discussion of tariff and threat of South Carolina to leave the Union also runaway slaves advertised. AS 788.

1833

New-England Anti-Slavery Society. *Abolitionist*. Boston, MA: Garrison and Knapp. Vol. 1, No. 10 (1833) – contains article “Slavery and the Slave Trade in the District of Columbia.” (Item included in reference library)

1835

Martin, J. (1835) *A new and comprehensive gazetteer of Virginia and the District of Columbia*. Charlottesville: Moseley and Tompkins, printers. (Item included in reference library)

1836

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C. 15 issues total from early 1836. Three issues - 11 Feb., 20 Feb., and 25 Feb.- have articles on the proposed Washington Monument and issue of 23 Jan. discusses the Smithson bequest. AS 937 A-O.

1842

The Illustrated London News, London, England, 31 December 1842. Cover engraving depicts the U.S. Capitol as it looked 20 years before the dome was added. AS 511.

1845

Daily National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 22 October 1845. Page 3 includes an article discussing the recent bills passed by the Washington City Council. AS 843.

1846

Daily National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C. 12 December 1846. Lists city properties to be sold for taxes. AS 963.

1852

The Republic, Washington, D.C., 27 February 1852. Long report on the improvements made to public parks and buildings. AS 478.

The Republic, Washington, D.C., 3 March 1852. Report by architect Thomas U. Walter on the progress of the extension of the U.S. Capitol. AS 866.

“A Sketch of Washington City” by Anne C. Lynch. *Harpers New Monthly Magazine*. Date: December 1852. This front article of 15 pages includes over a dozen woodcuts of government buildings including the large arch at 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue leading to the Ellipse and White House grounds. AS 928.

1853

Harper’s New Monthly Magazine. July 1853, No. XXXVIII vol. VII. (Item included in reference library)

1858

Harper's Weekly, New York City, one page only, 6 February 1858. New York City, full page woodcut of "The New Hall of Representatives, with the members in session." AS 872.

Harper's Weekly, New York City, one page only, 3 July 1858, page 421. Article on Mount Vernon with illustration of the river side and land side of the mansion, old vault, new vault, etc. AS 871.

Harper's Weekly, New York City, one page only, 18 December 1858. New York City, article describes a fashionable hotel in Washington, D.C. when Congress opens and includes a half-page woodcut of the south façade of the White House. AS 873.

National Intelligencer, Washington, D.C., 28 Dec. 1858. Contains article on front page on the condition of the city of Washington, a report made by the Commissioner of Public Buildings John Blake. AS 862.

1860

Alexandria Gazette, Alexandria, VA, 17 March 1860. Contains advertisements for slaves. AS 561.

The City of Washington and the Capitol. Front article, pages 786-800, in *Harper's Weekly*. Date: 15 December 1860. Front page has two woodcuts – east front of the Capitol and view of Washington from dome of Capitol. AS 874.

1861

The New York Herald, New York City, 12 September 1861. Features a large map of Civil War troops, forts, lines, etc. in D.C., M.D., and V.A. AS 674.

1864

The New York Herald, New York City, 10 July 1864. Covers the Confederate invasion of Maryland and the Union defeat at the Battle of Monocacy. A large battle map shown on the cover page. AS 672.

The New York Herald, New York City, 12 July 1864. Much of this issue is devoted to reporting Confederate General Early's invasion of Maryland. AS 865.

The New York Herald, New York City, 14 July 1864. Discusses Confederate General Jubal Early's attack on Washington, D.C. AS 633.

1865

[Washington, D.C.] *Sunday Morning Chronicle*, 16 April 1865. Entire paper is devoted to Lincoln's assassination. AS 927.

The New York Herald, New York City, 22 April 1865. Covers Lincoln's funeral train's procession. AS 671.

1868

New York Tribune, New York, 31 March 1868. Discusses impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson. AS 247.

1869

Harper's Weekly, New York, 27 February 1869. pp. 129-144. Leading article is on the resignation of Gen. Geo. Washington in 1783. AS 860.

1879

The Daily Graphic, New York, 17 April 1879. Contains many woodcuts depicting the city of Baltimore. AS 689.

1881

Union Arch, Washington Aqueduct. Published in *Scientific American*, July 23, 1881. Colored woodcut. AS 568.

1886

Washington Sentinel, Washington, D.C., 20 November 1886. AS 395.

1887

Harper's Weekly, New York, 26 February 1887. Image of a bust of George Washington, modelled after Houdon's mask, is on front page and story continues to p. 144. AS 378.

1888

Harper's Weekly, New York, 1 December 1888. Includes a fiction piece about Civil War-era Northern Virginia. AS 382.

1904

The Washington Life. Saturday, 10 September 1904. Printed Periodical. Special military number. Describes the training of the National Guard held at Manassas, VA, in the summer of 1904. AS 557.

1976

The Saturday Star, Washington, D.C., 3 July 1976. Front page is a reproduction of the issue of 3 July 1876. Inside pages discuss celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. – parade scheduled on Constitution Avenue next day. AS 832 and duplicate AS 832-A.

1981

The Washington Star, Washington, D.C., 7 August 1981. The last issue of this newspaper. Title: "128 Years of Service Ending." Includes sections A to F. AS 855.