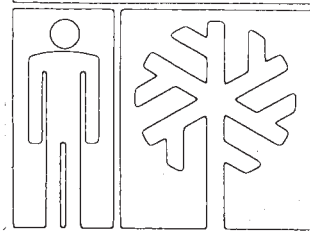
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PREFACE

Prepared as a contribution towards the Living History program of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, this report brings together under one cover a selection of the more informative and interesting of the hundreds of advertisements of the pre-Civil War period that have been previously embalmed in the 100 or so Historic Structure and Site Reports that were written in the period 1957-1960. These notices illustrate the commercial spirit of the 1824-60 period and they also provide considerable information on prices, lists of goods sold, and the various methods of business operation. Assembled in what is intended to be a more convenient format, it is hoped that this data will be of use to the writers of interpretative labels and to the preparers of furnishing plans of the numerous and varied historic business establishments of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

The report is divided into two sections: Part I carries only the commercial advertisements of business establishments situated in the lower town of Harpers Ferry. The notices are arranged chronologically within a particular business. Where only one or two examples of a particular business advertisement are given, this indicates that its quite typical of its type. Part II includes only the industrial advertisements of the manufacturing concerns that were located on the Island of Virginius in the 1824-1860 period. Again the notices are arranged chronologically within a particular industry; typical ads are included as samples, as are the more unusual or informative ones. All data on the Island of Virginius has been drawn from one report: Charles W. Snell, "A History of the Island of Virginius, 1751-1870," dated December 4, 1958, 166 pages, 20 maps, 10 photographs (HF-29A).

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Washington, D. C.
April 18, 1973

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND TRADES

OF THE LOWER TOWN OF HARPERS FERRY, 1803-1860

(Exclusive of the Island of Virginius)

Types	1803	1825	1835	1840	1850	1860
1. Bakery	0	0	0	1	0	1
2. Barber Shops	0	0	0	1	0	1
3. Blacksmith Shops	0	0	0	*	1	1
4. Book & Stationary Stores	0	0	1	1	0	0
5. Boots & Shoes Hats & Caps Stores	0	0	0	1	2	1
6. Butcher & Grocery Shops	0	0	0			
7. Cabinet Making Shops	0	0	0	0	1	0
8. Cleaning and Dying Shops	0	0	0			
9. Ready-Made Clothing Stores	0	0	0	1	3	4
10. Confectionery Shops	0	0	0	0	1	1
11. Drug Stores	0	1	3	3	3	1

* Means businesses first appear in this period

Types	1803	1825	1835	1840	1850	1860
12. Dry Goods & Groceries, Hardware	1	3	7	8	10	7
13. Fish Markets	0	0	0			
14. Flour & Feed Stores	0	0	0	0	1	
15. Grocery & Liquor Stores	0	0	0	2	1	4
16. Hatmaking Shops	0	0	*	*		
17. Hotels	1	1	4	4	2	2
18. Jewelry & Watch Stores	0	0	1	1	0	2
19. Lawyers Offices	0	0				
20. Lumber & Grain Yards	0	0	0	*		
21. Sheet Metal Shops (Roofing)	0	0	*	1	0	0
22. Millernery & Dress Making Shops	0	0				
23. Physicans Offices	0		*			
24. Public Market (Foods)	0	0	0	0	1	1

* Means businesses first appear in this period

Types	1803	1825	1835	1840	1850	1860
25. Saddle & Harness Shops	0	0	*	1	2	1
26. Shoemaker Shops	0	0	*	1	1	5
27. Stone Working Yards	0	0	0	*		
28. Tailor Shops	0	1	2	3	5	4
29. Taverns (Drinking & Eating Houses)	1	0	0	2	5	4
30. Tobacco Shops	0	0	0	*	*	1
31. Warehouses	1	1	1	2	1	1
Totals of Businesses Identified by Location	4	7	18	33	40	43
Total of Store Rooms Available	4	9	22	35	49	43

PART I

A SELECTION OF THE

THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE

LOWER PART OF HARPERS FERRY, 1824-1861

Note: The U. S. Armory at Harpers Ferry was constructed in 1799-1801 and began the production of arms in 1802.

BAKERY Lot 15-subdivision 3 (Old frame building) 1839

"HARPER'S FERRY BAKERY
In the REAR OF ADAM YOUNG'S DRUG STORE, MAIN STREET, NEAR THE UNITED STATES ARMORY.
"The subscriber would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Harpers Ferry that he has commenced the Baking business in all its varieties. He intends keeping
BREAD AND CAKES of every description on the most reasonable terms.
He will be happy to see his friends and the public generally. Persons from the country will find this a most convenient place where they can obtain articles of the best quality in his line at a low price, and on more reasonable terms than they can be got on any of the eastern cities.

"HOT ROLLS FOR EVENING TEA RUSK, etc.
Public Contractors, Captains of Canal and Packet Boats - and all concerned in the works of Internal Improvement - would do well to favor the subscriber with their custom; by so doing they will confer a favor.
MALT YEAST, fresh every day.
FRESH HOPS, for sale of this year's growth.
BARTHOLOMEW SWEETMAN, Late of Baltimore, Md."[1]

In January 1840, Sweetman again announced:

"PUBLIC BAKERY, IN REAR OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE (See Map page 11 for location of this house), NEAR THE UNITED STATES ARMORY. The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recovered from his late illness, and has again commenced the Baking Business at the stand heretofore occupied by him. . . ."[2]

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1. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, May 23, 1839, p. 3, also May 29, 1839, p. 3.

2. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, January 15, 1840, p. 3.

BARBER SHOP Lot 13 1840

In March, 1840, Mr. Tiball announced:

"SHAVING AND HAIR DRESSING.

"The subscriber . . . informs his old customers . . . , that his Shop is now in the basement story of Mr. Wilson's new house, formerly kept as the Harpers Ferry Hotel. With a determination to accommodate, and fine lot of sharp razors, he intends to shave very close for cash . . . ."[3]

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3. Harpers Ferry Constitutionist, July 23, 1840 p. 4.

BARBER SHOP Probably Frame House on Lot 2 1857

"BARBER SHOP

"I have opened opposite the Wager House (which was located on Wager Lots 5 and 7), a shaving and hair dressing saloon where prompt attention will be given gentlemen who wish a clean shave.

JAMES E. BRADY."[4]

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4. Virginia Free Press, October 22, 1857.

BOOK AND CONFECTIONARY STORE Bldg. No. 37, Lot No. 52 1845

In December 1845 James A. Fitzsimmons, then the Postmaster of Harpers Ferry, announced:

"NEW BOOK STORE AND CONFECTIONARY AT NO. 4, HIGH STREET, HARPERS-FERRY.

"James A. Fitzsimmons has just opened this business in the room adjoining Mr. Stephenson Apothecary Shop (Bldg. No. 37, first floor??), near the corner of High and Shenandoah Streets, and only a few steps from the store of A. Holland & Co. [who were located in Bldg. No. 12].[5]

Mr. Fitzsimmons, aged about 34 years, died on December 16, 1846, thus bringing to an end this business venture.[6]

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5. Virginia Free Press, December 18, 1845, p. 3, c. 2.

6. Virginia Free Press, December 24, 1846, p. 3, c. 1.

BOOT, SHOE, HAT, AND CAP STORE Lot No. 51 1842

Mr. Arnold S. Stephens announced:

NEW SHORE, BOOT,
HAT & CAP ESTABLISHMENT
Just opened at Harpers Ferry, Va.

"The subscriber has just open in the Store Room lately occupied by John Rokenbaugh, Jr., on the Corner of Shenandoah and High Streets, a large and general assortment of BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, &c . . . ."[7]

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7. Virginia Free Press, October 27, 1842, p., c. 4.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS STORE Bldg. No. 43, Lot 47 1850

"ARNOLD S. STEPHENS
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, &C., &C.

"I am now receiving and opening in the new House recently erected by Dr. Marmion, on SHENANDOAH STREET, a few doors west of the Pay Office [see map on page 6 for the location of the Armory Pay Office], opposite side, an entire new and extensive Stock of Gentlemen's, Ladies', Boys', Youths', Misses', and Children's

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS TRUNKS, &C.

Of Philadelphia and Eastern Manufacture, of superior quality and workmanship, which I can and will sell at prices as low as can be purchased in the Eastern Cities. I respectfully invite the Citizens of HARPERS FERRY, BOLIVAR, and surrounding Country, to come and examine my stock. A. S. Stephens. N. B. Gentlemen are respectfully invited to examine my assortment of beautiful and elegant finished HATS, of superior quality."[8]

"REMOVAL

"A. S. Stephens has removed his Boot, Shoe, Hat and Cap Store opposite Carrell's Hotel [thus locating himself in the building on Wager Lot No. 5], near the Depot . . . . I have the advantage of a reduction of rent in my new location, instead of an exhorbitant advance in the rent of the room owned by Dr. N. Marmion, which I lately occupied . . . ."[9]

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8. Virginia Free Press, December 25, 1845, p. 3. c. 4.

9. Virginia Free Press, March 28, 1850, p. 3, c. 1.

March, 1850, at which date, Arnold S. Stephens announced:

REMOVAL
A. S. STEPHENS

"Has removed [from Store No. 1 of Bldg, No. 43] his Boot, Shoes, Hat and Cap Store opposite [to] Carrell's Hotel [located on Wager Lot 9], near the Depot where he will keep, as usual, a general assortment of the above goods, at prices lower then heretofore. I have the advantage of a reduction of rent in my new location, instead of an exhorbitant advance in the rent of the room owned by Dr. N. Marmion, which I lately occupied. I ask a continuance of my former friends and customers, assuring them that nothing shall be left undone to merit a continuance of their favors and friendship."[10]

In September, 1856, William J. Stephens, acting as Administrator for the estate of A. S. Stephens, announced:

A STORE FOR SALE
BUSINESS MEN
TAKE NOTICE.

"The Hat, Boot, Shoe, and Trunk Establishment of the Late A. S. Stephens, dec'd, is for sale: This Store-Room is a corner building, large and roomy, is in the business part of town. The Stock is nearly new, and consists principally of BOOTS and SHOES, of Gentlemen and Ladies' wear. The Store is the only one of its kind at the place, has a large and well established custom, and has paid well . . . ."[11]

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10. Virginia Free Press, March 28, 1850, p. 3, c. 1.

11. Virginia Free Press, September 18, 1856, p. 3., c. 3.

BOOT, SHOE, HAT, AND CAP STORE Lot 5 1857

"NEW STORE

The subscribers having recently purchased the STOCK OF GOODS of the late A. S. Stephens, have replenished their stock from the city market, with a NEW AND FASHIONABLE ASSORTMENT OF BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, CARPET BAGS, VALISES, UMBRELLAS, &C. With every assurance of being able to please, they invite the citizens of Harper's Ferry, Bolivar, and the public generally to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere. MOORE & BOTELER."[12]

Moore & Boteler remained in business at this location until 1860; in April of that year, however, the firm failed One well-informed citizen wrote at the time: "I believe I never told you that Botler Moore had failed in business. He sank some five thousand dollars it is said. Every one feels very sorry for him. I expect he credited too much." The writer then goes on to state that both Moore and his wife were extravagant in their manner of living.[13]

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12. Virginia Free Press, April 16, 1857, p. 3, c. 1.

13. MS Letter, George Mauzy, Harpers Ferry, April 29, 1860, James H. Burton. Mrs. Kenneth Gromberg Collection.

In November, 1833, P. O'Byrne & Co. [which, as we shall see, included Gerard B. Wager] announced:

"TRANSPORTATION
To and From Georgetown
VIA CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL

The undersigned will be prepared, as soon as the canal shall be permanently navigable, to transport
Flour and other Articles
To and from Georgetown, by way of the Canal, upon the lowest possible terms, The Flour, &c., will be received at their ware house, at this place [Harpers Ferry], and will be transported in Boats so constructed as effectually to protect it from the weather.

We will constantly keep on hand, SALT, PLASTER, &c., which will be sold low for cash."[14]

Wager & Co. continued in the boating business from 1836 to August 1840.[15]

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14. Virginia Free Press, November 14, 1833, p. 2, c. 1; also January 2, 1834, p. 4, c. 6.

15. Virginia Free Press, April 18, 1839, p. 3, c. 4; May 12, 1842, p. 3, c. 4; March 18, 1847, p. 3. c. 4; April 29, 1847, p. 3, c. 3; May 11, 1848, p. 3, c. 1; February 8, 1849, p. 2, c. 7; March 28, 1850, p. 3, c. 2; February 10, 1853, p. 3, c. 1; For his death see issue of August 11, 1853, p. 2, c. 7.

The firm sold plaster, Cypress Shingles, Fish, Coal, Flour, and Lumber, In relation to the last item, Gerard B. Wager advertised in 1840:

"LUMBER FOR SALE. I have a large quantity of Lumber suitable for building such as Rafters, Joists, Studding, &c.; also weatherboarding, Shingles, and 3/4 boards for Sheathing, all of which, if applied for immediately, I will sell very low for cash, and cash only."[16]

The company also advertised that they wished to purchase "Wheat, Corn, Rye, and Oats."[17]

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16. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, January 8, 1840, p. 4.

17. Ibid., September 11, 1839, p. 3.

CANAL BOATING COMPANIES Lot South of W & P. 1839

Mr. Gibson ran a line of boats on the C. & O. Canal from 1839 until his death in 1853.[18] One of his advertisments in 1839 reads:

"FISH, OYSTERS & POTATOES - The subscriber takes this opportunity of informing the public, that he has on hand a large quantity of Fish Oysters and Potatoes, which he will sell low for cash, if immediately called for. He will also make weekly trips to Washington, and furnish the citizens of Harpers-Ferry with all the delicacies of the season, fresh and in good order."[19]

Two of his canal boats, during the period 1839 to 1845, were named the "Hugh Smith" and the "Andrew Jackson."[20]

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18. Virginia Free Press, April 18, 1839, p. 3, c. 4; May 12, 1842, p. 3, c. 4; March 18, 1847, p. 3, c. 4; April 29, 1847, p. 3, c. 3; May 11, 1848, p. 3, c. 1; February 8, 1849, p. 2, c. 7; March 28, 1850, p. 3, c. 2; February 10, 1853, p. 3, c. 1; For his death see issue of August 11, 1853, p. 2, c. 7.

19. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, May 1, 1839, p. 4.

20. D. B. & S. Nov. 7, 1845, Deed Book No. 27, pp. 419-420

CANAL BOAT OPERATION C & O CANAL Wager Lot 48 1857 (Fish merchant also see)

By February, 1857, Mr. Isreal Russell had developed financial difficulties and placed his personal property in trust with Lawyer Isaac Fouke.21 By the end of the month, Mr. Fouke announced:

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF HORSES, MULES, &c AND NOTICE TO DEBTORS OF ISREAL RUSSELL.

By virture of a Deed of Trust, executed by Isreal Russell, to the undersigned for benefit of creditors . . . I will on SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 1857, offer at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, in front of said Isreal Russell's Store, in the town of Harper's Ferry, a variety of valuable property, viz.

1 Grey horse, 1 Sorrel Horse,
2 Mules, Dick and Lion,
1 Two-Horse Wagon,
1 One-Horse Wagon, 1 Dray,
1 Cart and Gears,
1 Sett Double-Carriage Harness,
1 Sett Single Harness,
1 Wagon Saddle, 4 Collars,
4 Bridles, 3 Setts of Boat Gears,
1 Pair of Platform Scales, &c. &c.
13 Shares of Capital Stock of the Hillsborough and Harper's Ferry Turnpike . . . .

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF CANAL BOATS, &c.

"By virture of a Deed of Trust, executed by Isreal Russell, to the undersigned, for the benefit of certain creditors therein named, which deed is duly recorded in the records of Washington County, Maryland, I will on SATURDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH 1857, offer at public sale . . . in front of Brown & Gibson's Warehouse, on the Cheaspeake and Ohio Canal, about half a mile below Harper's Ferry, the following valuable property, viz:

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21. Trust, February 11, 1857, Deed Book 36, pp. 405-413.

1 Canal Boat, "James E. Essex;" with all Furniture and Apartus;
1 Canal Boat, "J. F. Wheatly,"
A lot of Fish tubs, about 120 in number;
A lot of Fish Barrels, about 40 in number;
A lot of Ropes and Block and Tackle, and 3 setts of Boat Gears. . . ."[22]

Mr. Russel's Property was sold off and he closed out his business by June of 1857.[23]

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22. Virginia Free Press, February 26, 1857, p. 3, c. 2. For results of the sale see report, August 28, 1857, Deed Book 37, pp. 236-240.

23. Virginia Free Press, May 7, 1857, p. 4, c. 7. still selling Fish and salt.

CLEANING AND DYING SHOP Bldg. 43, Lot 47 1850

"The subscriber would respectfully inform the public, that she is prepared to cleanse and renovate Cloth Clothes of every description; renew the colors, or change them to deep or light Blue, Black, Mulberry Green, &c., &c. She will also attend to repairing Gentlemen's wearing apparel on the most reasonable terms. She respectfully solicits patronage. RESIDENCE: Dr. Marmion's House, Main Street, nearly opposite the Market House, Harpers Ferry, Virginia. LOUISA EVANS."[24]

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24. Virginia Free Press, May 1850

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 5 1842 Virginia Free Press, Oct. 27, 1842, p.3, c.2

HARPERS-FERRY
MERCHANT, TAILOR AND READY MADE
CLOTHING STORE

"The subscribers having REMOVED their Establishment to the Corner Store adjoining the Virginia Hotel, more generally known as Gibson's Corner, would respectfully make known to their customers and the public in general, that they have just received from the Eastern Markets a full and complete assortment of

FALL & WINTER GOODS

In their line, of the Latest Fashions and most approved Style. Their assortment consists as follows, viz:

CLOTHS.

Super. wool dyed black
" " blue "
" " green
" invisible green
" polish
" " drab
" light and dark mixed.

Super Belgic coating
" double-waved beaver
" single-waved "
" diamond "
" plain drab
" plain blue and black
" blue, black, and drab pilot cloating.

CASSIMERES.

Super. Wool dyed black
" " drab
" " blue black
" " plaid
" " drab ribbed

Super invisible green
" blue ribbed
" blue fancy
" black ribbed
" stripped and fancy.

SATINETTS.

Super. blue
" black
" drab
" green

Super light fancy
" light mixed
" dark mixed
Super ribbed fancy

VESTINGS.

Super out silk Velvet
" plain and figured satin
" Valencia

Super Cashimeres
" fancy
" various fancy

HATS AND CAPS.

Super. Neutria Beaver	Superior Otter Caps
" " Russia	" Musk
" " Silk	" Seal and Selette

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Super Calf Boots	Super pegged Monroe shoes
" Kid " , water proof	" " Calf
" Seal "	" brogans, and boys' shoes.

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

A general assortment, such as Over-Coats, close and frock COATS, Coatees, Pants, Vests, Shirts, Drawers, and Roundabouts, Buckskin and other Gloves - Suspenders, Socks, Stocks, Scarfs, Cravets, Pocket Handerkerchiefs - Fur Collars, Umbrellas, Trunks, and a general variety in the Gentlemen's way. And we would respectfully ask those wishing to purchase to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere, as we pledge ourselves to sell as Good and CHEAP GOODS, and on as accommodating Terms, as can possibly be sold in Harpers-Ferry or Jefferson County.

W. J. & J. G. STEPHENS.

N. B. All orders in our line attended to at the shortest notice. A neat fit and good work warrented . . . ."[25]

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25. Virginia Free Press, October 27, 1842, p. 3, c. 2.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 8 1848

NEW CLOTHING STORE
At Harpers-Ferry, Virginia.

DAVID SIEGEL respectfully informs the inhabitants of Harpers-Ferry and the surrounding country, that he has established a New Store, where can always be found a large and well made assortment of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

which he offers as low as they can be bought in any of the Eastern cities.

Inducements greater than Ever. Those who are in want of CLOTHING cannot do better than to call on the subscriber, as he is determined to offer such inducements in the sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing, as will defy competition.

Those persons in want of such articles will please call and examine for themselves. He will use every exertion to give them satisfaction.

My motto shall be to please, as showing goods shall be no inconvenience.

DAVID SIEGEL
One door west of Abell's Hotel [which was located on Wager Lot No. 7]"[26]

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26. Virginia Free Press, March 18, 1848, p. 3, c. 2.

Later the same year Mr. Siegel advertised:

LOOK TO YOUR INTERESTS.

"The subscriber has just received from the Eastern Markets, a full and complete assortment of

READY-MADE CLOTHING, VIZ:

Gent's	Fine Cloth Cloaks from	$10.00 to 20.00
"	Frock and Dress Coats,	8.00 to 12.00
"	Over Coats,	4.00 to 10.00
"	Cassinett and Tweed Coats,	2.50 to 3.00
"	Cassimere Pants,	2.00 to 2.50
"	Cassinet "	1.25 to 3.50
"	Fine Satin Vest . . ., and other cassinett. . . .	.75 to 2.00

. . . This establishment may be found between Carrell's [Hotel on Wager Lot 9] and Wager's [United States Hotel on Lot No. 7]. . . ."[27]

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27. Virginia Free Press, September 28, 1848, p. 3, c. 4.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORES Lot 8 1851

NEW AND FASHIONABLE
CLOTHING STORE.

LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS!

"JOHN STRAUSS & CO., have the honor of informing the gentlemen of Harpers-Ferry and Jefferson County, Va., that they have established a new and cheap Clothing Store in Harpers-Ferry, near Carrell's Hotel [which was located on Wager Lot 7 and 9 - the two Hotels then being operated by one proprietor], consisting of a large stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

such as dress, frock, sack and dorsey coats, made of the best French, English, and American Cloths; black and fancy colored pantaloon; shirts, drawers, gloves, handkerchiefs, &c.

Children's Clothing all of the latest styles, which will be disposed of at the lowest cash prices.

Gentlemen, please call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, as we can and will sell cheaper goods than can be purchased at Harpers Ferry or in Jefferson County."28

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28. Virginia Free Press, June 5, 1851, p. 3, c. 2.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 8 1852

In 1852, he advertised:

JOHN STRAUSS

"Most respectfully informs his friends, customers and the public generally, that he has just received a new stock of
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
"the most extensive and best selected ever brought to this town, which he will sell on terms to give perfect satisfaction, for quality as well as prices.

I can safely promise that all the Clothing which goes from my house, shall be equal to any in Jefferson county. My general stock comprises all styles of Coats, Pantaloons, Vest Standing Collars, Handkerchiefs, Undershirts, drawers, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Trunks, Carpet Bags, Valices, Umbrellas, Suspenders, Gloves, and all articles usually kept in gentlemen's finishing houses, in addition to which I have a good stock of
BOYS'CLOTHING.

Purchasers are invited to call and examine my stock before buying elsewhere, as I am pretty sanguine of my ability to supply them on as good terms as those they can obtain in Harpers Ferry or anywhere else; therefore call and satisfy yourselves. I have also received a new stock of Knives, Combs, Toys, and a good many more fancy articles too tedious to mention. All of which, I will sell at my well known low prices, not stopping for large profits, but holding to my motto, "A nimble penny is better than a slow shilling."

Purchasers will look out for my name [his sign]
JOHN STRAUSS.
Near Carrell's Hotel, Harpers-Ferry, Virginia."[29]

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29. Virginia Free Press, July 15, 1852, p. 3, c. 1.

"I will also inform my customers and the public generally, that I commenced making goods up to order, and prompt attention will be given. Besides his large stock of Ready-Made Clothing, he also keeps on hand a large stock of Cloth, Cassimeres and Vestings.

50 HANDS wanted to make Coats, Pants and Vests. None but good Seamstreeese need apply."[30]

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30. Virginia Free Press, April 27, 1854, P. 3, c. 2. October 5, 1854, p. 3, c. 3.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Probably lot 48 1852

H. MAMDELBAUM & CO.'s
CHEAP
CLOTHING STORE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"H. M. & Co. would respectfully inform the inhabitants of Harpers-Ferry and vicinity, that they are selling CLOTHING at Baltimore prices, CHEAP FOR CASH, They name in part:

Coats, Pants, Vests, Shirts, Bosome, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Also a superior lot of Silk, Cotton and Gingham Pocket and Neck Handkerchiefs, Cravats, Gloves, Socks, Suspenders, Umbrellas, Canes, Pen Knives, Razor Strops, &c. &c.

TRUNKS, VALICES & CARPET-BAGS.

They are manufactured of the best material and no humbug. A call is all we required to secure your custom."[31]

By December, 1852, they announced: "SELLING OFF AT COST . . . The store room now occupied by us will be for rent on and after the first day of February next."[32]

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31. Virginia Free Press, October 21, 1852, p. 3, c. 5.

32. Virginia Free Press, December 9, 1852, p. 3, c. 6.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Ferry Lot 1853

"HARPERS-FERRY CLOTHING STORE

"The undersigned has just received from the Eastern Cities an entirely new stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, of all styles and qualities, Also a complete assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, AND VESTING, which will be made to order at the shortest notice.

The above goods are opened in the new store at the junction of the Winchester and Potomac and Baltimore and Ohio Rail Roads, and are offered to the public on as low terms as can be purchased in the cities, and respectfully invite the public to call and examine for themselves. R. H. BROWN, G. W. CUTSHAW, AGENT."33

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33. Virginia Free Press, April 21, 1853, p. 3, c. 2.

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R. H. BROWN, G. W. CUTSHAW, AGENT."[34]

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34. Virginia Free Press, April 21, 1853, p. 3, c. 2.

By October 1854, they were advertising their store as the "Cheap Clothing Hall, Shenandoah Street".35 The company continued their operations under this name until January 1856,36 at which date they announced:

"HO FOR KANSAS-NEBRASKA

"Selling off at Cost, I close Business. The Undersigned intends going West next spring, will sell his entire stock of Ready made clothing and other goods too numerous to mention at cost. All persons indebted to Walter, Bro. & Co. will please to call and make settlement by note or otherwise as soon as possible, as I wish to leave on the first of April, 1856. The business will still be continued on by R. Walter & Bro. Now is the time for all persons that want great Bargains. Do not neglect to come before all the bargains are given away. Come one, come all, come to Walter, Bro. & Co.'s cheap Clothing Hall, at Harpers Ferry, Va.

Moses Frank
R. Walter & Bro.

"N. B. Look out for the large Store with large Porch in front on Shenandoah Street opposite the old U. S. Arsenal."37

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35. Virginia Free Press, October 5, 1854, p. 3, c. 3.

36. Virginia Free Press, March 29, 1855, p. 3, c. 1; October 11, 1855, p. 3, c.1.

37. Virginia Free Press, January 3, 1856, p. 2.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 8 1855

Mr. John Strauss

In 1855, he advertised:

HO! FOR PURCHASERS!
LATE ARRIVAL OF
SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING
JOHN STRAUSS

"Respectfully informs his customers in general that he has just received a large stock of DRY GOODS, which he manufactures in CLOTHING at this place, and which he will sell at the lowest cash prices. Having been manufacturing Spring and Summer Clothing for the last 4 months, I can only say people in want of any goods in my line will do well by looking at my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as it is one of the largest and best made assortment of Clothing in Jefferson or Loudoun County. Goods will be made up to order at the shortnest notice and lowest prices, from the common to best quality. Having an experienced cutter, Goods will be made up to order in the latest style and warranted to be fit or no sale. I have also received a large assortment of Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Carpet Bags, Socks, Silk and Gingham Handkerchiefs, Silk and Gingham Umbrellas, Gloves of all kinds, &c.

100 HANDS wanted to make coats, Pants and Vests, None but good Seamstresses need apply . . . ."38

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38. Virginia Free Press, June 21, 1855, p. 3, c. 7. October 18, 1855, p. 3, c. 1. January 10, 1856, p. 4.

In the spring of 1856, Mr. Strauss announced: "SELLING OFF AT COST. 6000 GENTLEMEN wanted to purchase for six thousand dollars worth of Ready-Made Clothing at Cost. The undersinged, intending to go to Europe next Spring has determined to sell his entire Stock of Clothing and all other Articles at first Cost. . . ." He then hastened to add: "P. S. After I am gone my Brother will carry on at the same stand. He will keep a large and good assortment of Clothing which he will manufacture at this place." The stand, Mr. Strauss stated, was located "Near the United States Hotel [Wager Lot No. 7].[39]

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39. Virginia Free Press, February 7, 1856, p. 2, c. 6.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot No. 49 Bldg. No. 40 1858

"NEW STORE!

NEW GOODS! NEW PRICES!

"Frankel Bros., Levitoch and Hirsh Respectfully inform the public that they have just opened a splendid stock of New and Fashonable Spring and Summer

READY MADE CLOTHING

on Shenandoah Street, in the store room formerly occupied by Walter, Brother & Co., opposite the old Pay Office.

"In addition to their large and well-assorted stock of Ready-Made Clothing, they offer also a large stock of

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

Such as Fine White Linen and fancy Marseilles Shirts, Undershirts and Drawers, Overalls, Neck and Pocket Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Suspenders, Gloves, with a wide variety of Fancy Goods such as Pocket Books, Combs, Brushes, etc.

"Having selected our goods with particular pains, and expressly for this market, by one of the partners, (Phillip Frankel) who formerly resided in this place, we are confident that we can undersell any other establishment here or in the vicinity. Purchasers would therefore find it greatly to their advantage to call upon us and examine our stock, which we are willing and ready to show at any time, before purchasing elsewhere.

N. B. Mr. Hirsh, (now a partner in the above firm) who kept store in Bolivar, especially informs his friends and customers of his removal, and promises them in the future, the best bargains they ever had."[40]

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40. Virginia Free Press, April 29, 1858, p. 2, c. 6; also July 22, 1858, p. 4.

"Don't overlook the Store Sign: PHILLIP FRANKEL & CO."[41]

41. Virginia Free Press, September 9, 1858, p. 3, c. 1; also October 14, 1858, p. 3.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 15-subdivision 3 Bldg. No. 10 1858-59

"GREAT SOUTHERN CLOTHING HALL

"Opposite the U. S. Arsenal, Walter, Brother and Frank, formerly occupied by Philip Coons. Men's, Boys' and youths' Clothing."[42]

In March of 1859 the dissolution of this firm was announced:

"THE Co-partnership heretofore existing at Harpers-Ferry under the name and Style of WALTER, BROTHER & FRANK has this day (March 3) been dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be settled up by Nisan Frank, who will always be found at P. Coonce's (sic) old stand where all persons knowning themselves indebted to us are requested to call soon and make settlement.

R. Walter, J. Walter, and N. Frank."

"Having sold out our entire stock and interest to Nisan Frank, the undersigned would respectfully recommend him to our numerous friends and the public generally, and ask for him the same share of patronage bestowed on the late firm of Walter, Brother and Frank.

R. Walter, J. Walter."[43]

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42. Virginia Free Press, April 1, 1858, p. 2, c. 7; July 8, 1858, p. 3, c. 7; July 22, 1858, p. 4, c. 3.

43. Virginia Free Press, March 3, 1859, p. 3, c. 1.

Nisan Frank himself, advertised at this time:

"GREAT SOUTHERN CLOTHING HALL,
Shenandoah Street, Opposite the U. S. Arsenal, Harpers Ferry, Va. NISAN FRANK, Successor to Walter, Brother and Frank.

"Having purchased the entire stock of merchandise of Walter, Brother and Frank, I would call to the attention of my friends and customers that I have adopted the Cash system which will enable me to sell at a small advance above the manufacturing price.

"I have on hand a large stock of
CLOTHING
superior to that made to order as well as a good fit. Also a complete stock of GENTS FURNISHING GOODS and a well assorted stock of
BOOTS AND SHOES
which I am selling cheap for CASH. I am thankful for past favors and patronage, and hope the continuance of the same."44

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44. Virginia Free Press, March 3, 1859, p. 3, c. 1.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 15-subdivision 3 Bldg. No. 10 1859-60

On September 22, 1859, and still appearing in the newspaper at the time of the John Brown raid in October 1859, was the same ad as quoted above, with the exception of the following headline:

"FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING AT THE GREAT SOUTHERN CLOTHING HALL, SHENANDOAH STREET, OPPOSITE THE U. S. ARSENAL, HARPERS FERRY, VA. NISAN FRANK, SUCCESSOR TO WALTER, BROTHER & FRANK. . . ."[45]

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45. Virginia Free Press, December 8, 1859, p. 4. c. 6

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 49 Bldg. No. 40 1859

"LOOK OUT FOR

BARGAINS

NEW GOODS AND NEW PRICES

"PHILIP FRANKEL & CO., respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that they have lately opened a New Store, with a splendid and well selected stock

OF THE LATEST STYLES

FALL AND WINTER

READY-MADE CLOTHING

On Shenandoah Street, in the Store Room formerly occupied by John Walter & Brother opposite the new Government Buildings. [New Master Armorer's House]

HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"In addition to their large and well assorted stock of Men and Boy's Clothing, they offer also a large stock of the latest styles

HATS, CAPS,

BOOTS, SHOES,

and GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS such as fine white Linen and Marseilles Shirts, Under Shirts and Drawers, Overalls, Neck and Pocket Hdk'fs., Hosiery, Suspenders, Gloves, with a great variety of Jewelry and Perfumery - also a great variety of Fancy Goods, such as Pocket Books, Combs, Brushes, &c.

N. B. My Friends and buyers would find it to their benefit to give us a call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere, as we are confident that we can undersell any establishment of the kind in this vicinity.

Don't overlook the Store Sign

PHILIP FRANKEL & CO.

Frankel, Bro., Levitoch & Co."46

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46. Virginia Free Press, October 27, 1859, p. 3, c. 1.

READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 8 1860

In 1860, the store in Harpers Ferry was operated by Henry Strauss, who advertised:

NEW SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING

"Inform my customers and public in general that I have just returned from the East with a very large and well-selected stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING,

made up in the best and latest styles. I will also inform my customers and all persons who wish to purchase

BOOTS, SHOES
HATS, CAPS

Cravats	Shirts,
Handkerchiefs,	Umbrellas,
Canes,	Gloves,
Pocket Books,	Gold Rings

Combs, &c., &c.

to call and examine my stock. As I bought a very large assortment of those named articles and I am determined to undersell any other establishment in Jefferson or any other County in Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

All I ask from the public is to call and convince themselves, as my motto is cash sales and small profits. HENRY, STRAUSS,

Near the Wager House [which was located on Lot No. 7]"47

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47. Virginia Free Press, May 24, 1860, p. 4, c. 7.

CONFECTIONARY STORE AND DRUG STORE Bldg. No. 37, Lot 52 1833-35

In January 1833 the firm announced. "The business heretofore existing under the firm of ADAM YOUNG & CO. will in the future be conducted by ADAM YOUNG JR." Mr. Young sold Drugs, Medicines, Patent Medicines, Paints, Confectionaries, Fruits, and Fancy Articles."[48] In April 1833, Mr. Adam Young, Jr., married Miss Emma Brua of Harpers Ferry.[49]

In 1835 Mr. Young advertised:

"CONFECTIONARY, FRUIT AND FANCY STORE

"He has opened the above in the rooms formerly occupied by him as a dwelling, and immediately above his Drug and Apothecary Store . . . ."[50]

Mr. Young continued his business in Bldg. No. 37 until December 1838,[51] when he announced: "THIS WAY, YOUNG'S DRUG STORE has been removed to the old Tavern Stand, Opposite the Arsenal, Main Street [52] [he was now located in an old frame house on Lot 15, subdivision 3].

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48. Virginia Free Press, January 10, 1833, p. 3; January 3, 1833, p. 3. April 25, 1833, p. 3, c. 2.

49. Virginia Free Press, May 2, 1833, p. 3, c. 1; June 12, 1834, p. 3, c. 5.

50. Virginia Free Press, February 12, 1835, p. 3, c. 4.

51. Virginia Free Press, March 3, 1836, p. 3, c. 4; November 30, 1837, p. 3, c. 5. September 6, 1838, p. 3, c. 3.

52. Virginia Free Press, December 6, 1838, p. 3, c. 7.

DOCTORS Lot 48 1824 (Dr. Godfrey Weise)
(Frederick W. Springer)

On December 1, 1824, Dr. Weise, himself, announced:

Notice

"The subscriber returns his thanks to the citizens of Harpers Ferry, and the public generally, for the liberal encouragement he has received since the establishment of his Drug Store; and informs them that he has relinguished this part of his business in favor of

MESSRS. SPRINGER AND KOSTER. . . .

He deems it his duty to say, that the report of his intention to leave this place, is without foundation; and that he can be found at his old stand, ready to serve the public in the medical profession."53

53. Harpers Ferry Free Press, December 1, 1824, p. 1, c. 2.

DOCTORS Bldg. 45 1827

1. 1827 Doctor's Office

"Doctor N. Marmion, lately of Charlestown Respectfully offers his professional services to the inhabitants of Harpers Ferry and its vicinity. He may, for the present, be found at Major Stephenson's Hotel."[54] In Bldg. 45.

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54. Virginia Free Press, March 7, 1827, p. 3.

DOCTORS Lot 12 (Southwest portion) 1833

In 1832, Dr. D. H. Lawrence advertised:

"A CARD.
DR. D. H. LAWRENCE

Respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of Harpers Ferry and its vicinity. He may be found at J. G. Hayes' Drug Store, (next door to Capt. M. Thompson's Hotel) from 7 o'clock, A. M. to 9 P. M., and during the night at the residence of J. G. Hays, in Virginius [on the island of], unless professionally engaged."[55]

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55. Virginia Free Press, June 21, 1832, p. 3, c. 4; June 27, 1833, p. 4.

DOCTORS

House 3, U. S. Lot 1, Block C. Shenandoah Street and Bldg, 45. 1834

In April, 1834, Dr. James Garry announced that he could be found at Mr. Fitzsimmons' Globe Inn, which was located in House No. 3 on Lot No. 1, Block C, Shenandoah Street, "or at his office nearly opposite."[56] His office was therefore probably located in Bldg. No. 45.

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56. Virginia Free Press, April 3, 1834, p. 3, c. 1.

"DR. J. OWENS,

a regular practitioner of Medicine, respectfully informs the inhabitants of Harpers Ferry and its vicinity, that he has taken an office in their town, and will endeavor to promote the well being of those who may place themsleves under his professional care. N. B. - He boards at Mr. Gibson's Hotel and has his office in the room formerly occupied by Capt. Seaman, - at one of which places he can be found."57

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57. Virginia Free Press, September 23, 1841, p. 3, c. 5.

In September, 1860, Dr. Nicholson announced:

DR. T. A. NICHOLSON

"Having located permanently at Harpers Ferry, tenders his professional services to the citizens generally. He may be always found at the residence of his brother-in-law, Philip Schaarman, Esq., or at Dr. Clagett's Drug Store, when not professionally engaged."[58]

58. Virginia Free Press, December 8, 1859, p. 2, c. 7; September 6, 1860, p. 3, c. 2.

DRUG STORES Lot 9 1827 (Stone House)

In August, of 1827, Mr. Frederick W. Springer announced:

TO THE PUBLIC.

"The subscribers take the pleasure of informing their friends and the public in general, that they have now completed their Fall supply of MEDICINES, in order to shield our citizens and neighborhood from the violent attacks of approaching Fall diseases. --ALSO,

PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, AND
DYE STUFFS.

Our stock of Paint consists of all colours, dry as well as ground in oil. --Also Reeve's Water Colors in boxes--An assortment of Camelhair and other Pencils--Velvet Brushes--Drawing Paper of excellent quality--Sash Tools of every description.--Also a few hundred fresh

LIMES AND LEMONS,

Currant, Raspberry, and other Jellies, East and West-India Preserves, a few dozen, Sugar Sand for ornamenting Cakes and Tarts in all colours--

PEPPER VINEGAR.

Some very fine pickled Holland Herring, Dried Codfish, & excellent quality Mackerel, A few fine and rich Cheese--and fresh Jamison Crackers. Together with a fine and well selected assortment of GROCERIES, WINES, and LIQUORS of every description.

Also, some very fine Moccabau, Rappee, and Scottish Snuff--Spectacles & Goggles, Patent Wooden Spickets of all sizes, Boerstler's celebrated Rifle & Rock Powder, Copal and fine leather Varnish by small or large quantities, and a variety of Fancy and other Articles too numerous to mention.

All of which will be disposed of at reduced prices.

Punctual customers may be accommodated on a short credit. Of those who have proved themselves to the reverse, the cash will be required.

SPENGER (sic) & KOSTER."[59]

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59. Virginia Free Press, August 29, 1827, p. 1, c. 2.

DRUG STORES Lot 9 1828 (Stone House)

Frederick W. Springer

In addition to Drugs, Mr. Springer also offered for sale:

". . . Confectionaries and Preserves, Best Spanish and half Spanish Cigars, All kinds of snuff and Chewing Tobacco. . . and a hansome assortment of Shot . . . And a Few barrels of Wine and Cider Vinegar . . . and all kinds of Spices, and a few bales of Fresh Hops.

Also, an assortment of

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

One Piano Forte, with additional keys, 6½ octave, imported from Vienna, of excellent tone and handsomely decorated. Its goodness and durability will be warranted. The price will be quite moderate, compared with the common price generally paid at seaports.

One Guitar of fine tone, with instructor and music for same,

Violins, Flutes, Clarionetts, Kent Bugle, French Horns, and Flageoletts--also, Instructors or Gamuts for all instruments,

Violin Strings, Clarionet and other Reeds . . . ."[60]

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60. Virginia Free Press, December 3, 1828, p. 4, c. 2.

DRUG STORES Lot 15-subdivision 3 (old frame bldg.) 1838

On December 6, 1838, Adam Young, JR., a druggist, announced:

"THIS WAY!

"YOUNG'S Drug Store have been removed [from Blgs. No 37] to the old Tavern Stand [Lot 15, Sub. 3] opposite the Arsenal, Main Street [Shenandoah Street] . . . .

"FRUIT AND CONFECTIONARY STORE, Young has opened the above store in the room immediately in the rear of his Drug and Medicinal Store . . . also Best Oysters, at his new stand."[61]

By May 1839 Young had his new sign in place: "The Sign of the GOLDEN EAGLE".[62]

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61. Virginia Free Press, December 6, 1838, p. 3, c. 7.

62. Virginia Free Press, May 23, 1839, p. 3, c. 2.

DRUG STORES (Lot 9) Stone House 1842

In July, 1842, Augustus M. Cridler announced:

NEW DRUG STORE
AT HARPERS-FERRY.

"The subscriber has just opened a Drug Store at the old stand formerly occupied by F. W. Springer, and has just received and opened a general assortment of

DRUGS, PAINTS AND DYE STUFFS,

which are fresh and good, and will be sold as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be bought in the place, for cash.

All orders will be punctually attended to, and persons accommodated either night or day, or at any hour, by calling on AUGUSTUS M. CRIDLER."[63]

Later the same year, he referred to his establishment as "LOCUST RETREAT on Potomac Street, two doors above Mr. E. H. Carrell's Hotel [the United States Hotel, located on Wager Lot No. 7]."[64]

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63. Virginia Fress Press, July 21, 1842, p. 3, c. 3.

64. Virginia Free Press, September 29, 1842, p. 4, c. 2. August 3, 1843, P. 4, C. 7. September 18, 1845, p. 3, c. 2.

"A CARD.

The public are respectfully informed that Young's Drug, Medicine and Fancy Store, is removed [from Bldg. No. 10 on Wager Lot 15, subdivision 3] to the corner store formerly occupied by J. L. Russell, adjoining Yost's Grocery Store [which was located on the southwest portion of Lot 12]"[65]

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65. Virginia Free Press, August 11, 1842, p. 3, c. 2.

FRESH DRUGS,
MEDICINES, PAINTS, OIL, &c.
Main Street, Harpers-Ferry, Va.
JOSEPH CROSBY,

"Of Baltimore, having taken the Store Room lately occupied by Adam Young,Jr., at Harpers Ferry, is prepared to supply Physicians, Merchants, and Country Dealers, with a general assortment of Fresh Drugs, Medicines, and Paints, Oils, Dye Stuff, Fruits, Confectionary, Groceries, &c., at wholesale and retail, at but a small advance on Eastern prices.

Any goods not on hand will be furnished at two days notice, in quanity, quality, and prices, that shall meet the views of the purchaser.

Mr. Young has charge of the establishment, and from long experience in the business is every way calculated to discharge the duties appertaining to it in a proper manner--of this, however, the community in which he lives is best prepared to judge . . . .

OILS--200 gallons superior quality Winter Strained Sperm Oil at $1.10 per gallon, 40 gallons pure Lard, perfectly limpid, 87½. 1 barrel pure Sperm Oil, pale, $1.00 . . . .

FRUIT & CONFECTIONARY,

Lemons, Citron 37½. Ju Jube Paste 37½, Almonds 18 3/4, Pecan Nuts 12½, Candies 18 to 25 cents . . . .

CHEAP AND GOOD GROCERIES.

Best quality of Imperial Tea at 87½,
Do Do New Orleans Sugar 8 cts.
Best quality of Rio Coffee 10 cts.
St Dominio Do 8,
Soda, Water, and Butter Crakers 8 cts.
2000lb prime Bacon Hams from 7 to 9 cents . . . .

TOBACCO & CIGARS

If you wish a splendid article in the Cigar or Tobacco way, call at CROSBY'S. A supply will always be kept on hand."[66]

Crosby announced "that he has added to his Medicine and Grocery Store, at Harpers-Ferry, A LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, CROCKERY, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &c., &c.,"[67] In September, 1845, they advertised that they had 100 different patterns of wall paper for sale.[68] This firm remained in business at this stand.

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66. Virginia Free Press, August 10, 1843, p. 3, c. 3; November 2, 1843, p. 3, c. 2 for lists and price of other articles for sale. February 15, 1844, p. 3, c. 3; April 25, 1844, p. 3, c. 2; August 8, 1844, p. 4, c. 2.

67. Virginia Free Press, December 19, 1844, p. 4, c. 4 a great list of goods; January 23, 1845, p. 3, c. 4; March 20, 1845, p. 3, c. 4.

68. Ibid., September 4, 1845, p. 3, c. 2.

DRUG STORES Lot 9 (Stone House) 1846-47

In 1846, Mr. Cridler announced:

NEW APOTHECARY
AND
DRUG STORE

"Mr. A. M. CRIDLER respectfully informs the public that he has commenced business at the stand that he formerly occupied as agent for another, where he will keep a good assortment of Mineral, Patent and Thomsonian . . . and Forceps, Drugs, Dye Stuffs, Stationary, fancy articles, Perfumery, Fruits, and Confectionary.

Mr. Cridler having commenced business with the only hope of obtaining an honorable living, will endeavor to be worthy of public patronage. Prescriptions will be promptly attended to, genuine articles furnished, and with every effort to please, he asks the cheering a friendly aid.

TO PAINTERS.

I have a few kegs of best White Lead, Venitian Red, Spanish Brown, Spanish Whiting, Turkey Umb, Terra de Sienna, Lampblack, Putty, Flaxseed Oil, Spirits of Turpentine, Copal, Varnish, Japan Varnish, assorted Paint Brushes, Black Oil Varnish, Pumice Stone, Prussian Blue, Chrome Green, Chrome Yellow, Ivory Black, Red Lead, Black Lead, &c.,

PAINTS, &c. Rose Pink Carmine, Drop Lake, Vermillion, Vinaigre de Rouge, a Paris, improved Pink Saucers, for dying silk stockings, gloves, feathers, flowers, tiffany, gauzes, crepes, cambrics, muslins, &c.

DRAWING PAINTS.--Blue Saucers, used for drawing and velvet painting, and for dying feathers, flowers, silks, muslins, lawns, and all kinds of fine linen, permanent in drawing and velvet painting, and perfectly free from corrosive matter. It gives to fine linen, if used instead of other blues, a superior white . . . ."[69]

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69. Virginia Free Press, May 7, 1846, p. 3, c. 6.

By June of 1846, Cridler advertised that his sign was "the sign of the Golden Mortar."[70]

In 1847, he listed for sale:

GARDEN SEEDS,

"Raised by the Society of Shakers, New Lebanon, Columbia county, New York. The following are selected with peculiar care, being the choicest kinds of the different varieties, and as such they will recommend themselves.
White, Red and Yellow Onion,
Long White Parsnip,
Long and short Orange Carrot,
Round Spinage, Early Cucumber,
Early Cluster Cucumber, Extra Long and Long Green do,
Large Watermelon,
Long Muskmelon, and Nutmeg do.
Winter crookneck Squash, Sweet Potato, Winter Sugar and Summer Crookneck do,
Rutabega of Swedish Turnip,
Early Flat and Flat Field do,
Short top scarlet Radish, scarlet turnip, long salmon and back winter do,
Double Peppergrass, Vegetable Oyster,
Early curled, early Dutch, Ice Coss and cabbage head Lettuce,
Early Turnip, Yellow Sugar, White Sugar, and Long Blood and Mangel
Wurzel Beet,
Early Frame and Large Marrowfat Peas,
Early China Bush Beans,
Early Canada and sweet or sugar corn,
Early York, early sugar loaf, early cauliflower,
Drumhead winter, green savory, and red dutch cabbage,
White solid Celery, curled Parsely,

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70. Virginia Free Press, May 7, 1846, p. 3, c. 6.

English Sage, Summer Savoy,
Sweet Pepper, and Bell do,
Large Tomato, Asparagus, Saffron, &c. &c.
The above, together with many other Fresh Seeds have just been received . . . ."[71]

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71. Virginia Free Press, January 28, 1847, p. 3, c. 3.

DRUG STORES Lot 9 1856

JOS. E. CLAGETT'S WHOLESALE
& RETAIL DRUG STORE
(under the United State Hotel, Harpers Ferry)

"The subscriber would respectfully call the attention of the public to his large and varied assortment of Fresh and Genuine

DRUGS, MEDICINES, AND CHEMICALS . . . .

Physicians' Prescriptions, Paints, Oil Dye Stuffs, glass, putty varnishes, paint brushes, and burning fluid. French, English, and German toilet articles, such as extracts for Hdkrs. Colognacs, soaps, Pink saucers, Lilly Whites, combs, brushes, etc., Hammonds' Castor Oil, Pomode, amber tooth Paste, and Montpeer Cough Drops, School Books, Novels, Annuals, Monthly Periodicals, Toys and Song Books, Stationary, Pictures, &c. Surgical Instruments, Finest Chewing Tobacco & Segars . . . ."[72]

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72. Virginia Free Press, January 3, 1856, p. 2, c. 6. January 10, 1856, p. 2, c. 6.

DRY GOODS Maslin & Company of Baltimore, Md., located in bldg. No. 45:

Advertisements: 1828 and 1829:

"CLOTHS. CASSIMERES,
Cassinetts, Flannels
Blankets Bangup Cord.

A large assortment of Calicoes, Ginghams, Plaid, &c. a variety of Domestic Goods of every description, much lower than heretofore, a full assortment of FANCY GOODS. viz. Silks, Sattins, Fancy Dress Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, &c.

ALSO,

A general assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, Saddlery, Queen's and Glass Ware, together with ever description of GROCERIES . . . ."[73]

In June, 1829, there was a change in name in the firm:

"NEW AND CHEAP GOODS
JUST RECEIVED,

At the Store of M'KIM & CO. (late Maslin & Co.)

A further supply of New Goods, consisting of Calicoes, Ginghams, Cambrick Muslins, Fancy Handkerchiefs and Shawls, Caps, Ribbands, Leghorn Hats, Shoes, Hats, Domestic Cottons generally, &c. Also, Sugar, Molasses, Teas, Coffee, Rice, ...

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73. Virginia Free Press, December 3, 1828, p. 4, c. 4.

74. Ibid., June 24, 1829, p. 3, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot 12 (Northeast half) 1831 John A Fitzsimmons & Joseph Russell

NEW GOODS,
AT MARKET-SQUARE, HARPERS FERRY.

"The subscribers again have the pleasure of announcing to their friends and customers that they are just receiving and opening a handsome stock of

STAPLE and FANCY GOODS,
consisting of

Super, medium and common Cloths,
do do do Cassimere,
Cassinetts, (a large supply and cheap)
Gauze Flannel, circassians, lastings,
Beaverteen, bang-up, drilling--Princetta,
French and Ruen Cassimeres.
Silk, Valencia and Marseilles Vestings,
Pongee, Cape de Lyon, Barage, Palmareen,
Plain and changeable Gros. de Naples,
Italian Lustring, Senshaw and Florence Silks,
Satin, French painted muslin, Batiste Robes,
Coat de Paly, (a handsome assortment of rich prints)
Green, black and white gauze Veils,
Muslins collars and capes.
Black, white, slate and randon Hose and half do.
Gloves, (superior quality,)
3-4 and 6-4 Crape Shawls,
Mandareen, crape, barage and gauze Hdkfs.
Embossed Crape Scarfs, Gauze do.
Plain and variegated silk braid,
7-8 and 4-4 Irish Linen, Kenting,
Linen Cambric, im, do. Bishop Lawns,
Cambric, Jaconets, Book, Mull and Swiss Muslins,
Italian Silk, Jaconet and Swiss Cravats,
Crape, Bandanna and flag Handkerchiefs,
Table Diaper, birds-eye and Russia do.
Marseilles Quilts 19-4 and 12-4,
Rich Bonnet and Belt Ribbands,
Gentlemen's linen Collars and Stocks,
Plain, Oriental in striped ginghams

Silk Umbrellas and Parasols,
A large supply of brown & bleached Linens,
Summer stripes and Satteen,
3-4, 7-8, 4-4 and 5-4 brown and bleached Cotton,
Penitentiary and Warren Plaids,
Checks, Bedticking, &c, &c.
Together with a general stock of
Hardware, Queens, Glass and Tin Ware,
Family Medicines, --Oils and Paints,
GORCERIES AND LIQUORS,
All of which they respectfully offer at reduced prices. They particularly invite the attention of the public to their assortment of Cloths, and Cassinets. Thankful for past patronage, they gratefully solicit a continuance. . . ."[75]

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75. Virginia Free Press, October 6, 1831, p. 4, c. 4.

DRY GOODS Lot 11 1832

On April 19, 1832, the firm of Braden & Rust announced:

NEW STORE.

"The subscribers respectfully inform the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the public generally, that they are now opening, in the new Store-Room, adjoining the Post Office, a General Assortment of

MERCHANDISE,
consisting of
DRY GOODS, HARDWARE,
QUEENSWARE, GROCERIES, &c. &c.

Selected with much care from the Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, and purchased for cash. They solicit an examination of their stock--the prices and quality of which will be found such as cannot fail to please."[76]

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76. Virginia Free Press, April 19, 1832, p. 3.

DRY GOODS TOOLS AND BRICKS Lot 51 William and Solomon B. Anderson 1833

The Andersons carried a varied stock of goods; in 1833 they advertised for sale, "in addition to the stock usually kept by them, . . . a general supply of Carpenters' Tools, and Blacksmiths' Files, Screw Plates, & also a general assortment of Iron-Cast, Shear, American and English Blister, STEEL-Wheel Boxes, Cross Cut Saws, &c. &c."[77] Later, . . . Mills, Saws, Stoves, Spanish Seal-Leather, and Calf Skins as well as Spring and Fall Goods.[78]

In 1836 they announced: "We have on hand a Kiln of prime BRICK, supposed to contain 150,000 and we will sell on favorable terms."[79]

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77. Virginia Free Press, May 2, 1833, p. 3, c. 2.

78. Virginia Free Press, October 17, 1833, p. 3, c. 3. October 8, 1834, p. 3, c. 4. October 29, 1835, p. 3, c. 2.

79. Virginia Free Press, August 11, 1836, p. 3, c. 4.

DRY GOODS Lot 9 1833 (Stone House)

In November, 1832, the building was rented by Caleb Wall, who advertised:

NEW STORE
AT HARPERS-FERRY

"The subscriber respectfully informs the inhabitants of Harpers-Ferry and its vicinity, that he has just opened a new and extensive assortment of British, French, and American

DRY GOODS
ALSO, a General Assortment of
GROCERIES, HARDWARE, &
QUEENSWARE.
HATS--Fashionable and common quality CAPS,
BOOTS and SHOES.
Tin Ware--Combs, &c. &c . . ."[80]

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80. November 29, 1832, p. 3, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot 9 (Stone House) 1834-35

The store was rented in April, 1834, by Thomas Hughes, whose place of business previously had been located on Lot 1, Block C, Shenandoah Street. Mr. Hughes announced:

"REMOVAL

"The subscriber having removed his Store from Shenandoah Street to Potomac Street, Harpers-Ferry, to the Store-House lately occupied by Messrs. Wall and Duncanson, does earnestly and respectfully invite his friends and customers and the public in general to continue their favor and support. He also takes this method of returning his grateful thanks for the liberal and friendly patronage he has received, and hopes to continue to give general satisfaction. His present assortment is a large and good one, which he is disposed to sell at the most reduced prices.

THOMAS HUGHES.

N. B. The season has arrived when it is necessary to go below to lay in goods for the Spring business. I hope I shall not be forgotten by my friends."[81]

Mr. Hughes stock consisted of "Groceries, Dry Goods, Hardware, ready-made Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Queensware, Stoneware, Crockery, &c. &c."[82]

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81. Virginia Free Press, April 10, 1834, p. 3, c. 1.

82. Virginia Free Press, February 26, 1835, p. 3, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot 5 1835

By August of 1834, Samuel Gibson was located in his newly erected building on Wager Lot No. 5. In April, 1835, he advertised:

NEW SUPPLY

"SAMUEL GIBSON has just returned from market with a very general assortment of substantial and handsome

SPRING GOODS

which he is disposed to sell at moderate profits and which he believes cannot fail to please."[83]

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83. Virginia Free Press, April 9, 1835, p. 2, c. 6.

NEW GOODS

"The undersigned have just returned from New York and Philadelphia, and are now opening their SPLENDID STOCK OF GOODS, purchased in said cities, and for style, quality and cheapness have not been surpassed--some of which are here named:

Needle-Worked Capes,
Black and Plain and Ribbed Silk Hose,
Figured Satin and Gauze Scarfs,
Ladies' Plaid Cravats,
Thibet Handkerchiefs and Shawls,
Challey Handkerchiefs and Shawls,
Thread, Bobbinet, and Cambric Edgings,
Thread, Bobbinet, and Cambric Insertings,
A Variety of Silks
A VAriety of Challeys,
A Variety of Chintz and Calicoes,
8-4 and 9-4 Blanket Shawls,
8-4 and 9-4 Robrey Shawls,
Valencia and Cashmere Shawls,
English and French Merino,
Tinsel and Other Artifical Flowers,
Beaver Bonnets, Long Kid Gloves
Gents' Hair Camblet,
Plain and Striped Cassimeres,
Plain and Striped Sattinets,
Vestings and Cloths Generally.

Their stock of goods generally is more complete than it has ever been, and inducements are held out for the best custom in town and country.

W. & S. B. ANDERSON."[84]

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84. Virginia Free Press, September 29, 1836, p. 3, c. 5.

In 1837 they were offering "Wrought Iron" and "3000 pounds of prime new BACON for sale".85

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85. Virginia Free Press, March 9, 1837, p. 3, c. 6. April 20, 1837, p. 3, c. 4.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 11 (Richard D. Doran) 1836

GREAT ATTRACTION AND
GOOD BARGAINS!

"The subscriber has the pleasure of announcing to his customers and the public generally, the arrival of his
FALL AND WINTER GOODS,
selected with the utmost care, at the lowest possible prices, and embracing the latest and most fashonable style. It is in vain to hope, by words in an advertisement, to adequately express the kindness of friendship. The testimony of any class, however humble, bears with it no trifling gratification; but so liberally patronised as I have been, thanks are due--"There's no mistake about that." To all of my patrons I return my grateful thanks. I am determined not to be undersold--"There's no mistake about that."--The public will please call and examine the assortment before making their purchases, as great bargains and good Goods will be offered to them. Some of which are here named, viz:

Super. plain and figured fancy--coloured Silks,
D. black Italian Do.
Do. Merions of every quality and color,
Ladies' Superior Gloves of every description. Gentlemen's do. do.
Hosiery. Ribbands, Belting,
Thibet Handerchiefs and Shawls,
Thread, Bobinet, and Cambric Edgings,
Thread, Bobbinet, and Cambric Insertings,
A variety of Challeys,
A variety of Chintz and Calicoes,
Plaid and striped Cassimers of different colours,
Plaid and striped Sattinets do. do.
Peter-Shams. VESTINGS AND CLOTHS

Of every colour and quality, and of the latest and most fashionable style,

Fulled and plaid Linseys and Flannels,
Plaid and plain Cambric Muslin,
Plain and figured Swiss do.
Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs,
Pongee and other Silk do. &c &c.
Plain and Figured Jaconet muslin

GROCERIES

Super, Portoo Rico and St. Croix Sugars,
Do. loaf and Lump Sugars,
Do. Rio and Java Coffee,
Gunpowder Tea, extra quality.
Imperial, Uong Hyson, and Souchong Tea,
Mould, dipt, and sperm Candles,
Mackerel and Herring,
Ground Alum and fine Salt,
Superior P. R. Molasses,
A superior lot of prime Bacon, &c.

LIQUORS.

A general assortment of Champagne and other WINES, &c. Together with a splendid assortment of PAINTS AND DYE STUFFS, of every colour. Also, a general assortment of HARDWARE.

BOOTS AND SHOES

Of every size and price--amongst which may be found, Ladier's Gaiters, French Kid Shoes, Seal-Skill do., Prunella do. &c. &c.

LEATHER.

Sole leather, Kip Skins; Calf Skins; Morocco Skins, &c.

Those in want of the above articles will do well to call and judge for themselves.

Country Produce of every description will be taken in exchange for GOODS at the lowest prices."[86]

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86. Virginia Free Press, October 13, 1836, p. 3, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot 5 1837

Some idea of Gibson's varied stock of goods may be formed from his following notice:

A NEW SUPPLY OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

"The subscriber has just returned from the Eastern markets, and has received and opened a splendid assortment of GOODS of every description and fashion, and the latest patterns the markets can produce, which cannot be surpassed by any in the country for beauty, style and durability, all of which will be sold at unusual low prices for cash, or on credit to good and punctual customers. He invites all in search of good bargains to call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere, as he assures them nothing shall be wanting on his part to please. His stock consists in part of the following items, Viz:
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, &c.
Super blue, black Jahlia, brown, olive, green, mint, and cinnamon CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES,
Stripped, figured, and plain sattinets, of superior and other qualities.
Bearskin and Pilot Cloths, of an excellent quality.
Pulled Linsays,
Stripped and Plain Linseys,
Cut Velvet and Silk Vestings,
"Silk Velvet and Satin-faced Vestings.
Merion. Swansdown, and Valencia do.
CALICOES, MUSLINS, SHAWLS, LINENS, &C.
250 pieces super French, English and American CALICOES, which for beauty and style is not surpassed by any,
Plaid, Figured, and plain super Muslins,
Plain and Figured Bobbinets, and Book Muslins,
Linen Cambric, Fancy Silk and Thibet Handkerchiefs,
6-4 and 4-4 Cambric and Jaconet Handkerchiefs,
Scotch Plaids, Birds-Eye Diaper, Irish Linens,
Super, Extra. Plain, and Flag Choppas, Pongee, and Spitalfield Handkerchiefs.
Prussian and other Shawls, of various qualities and pattersn.
Mernio, worested, mohair, and cotton Hose, Super, Hoskin, Berlin, and Beaver Glovers,
SILKS, CRAPES, FLANNELS, &C. Super, Italian and other Silks,

Black Italian Cravats, Plain & Snake-skin Stocks, a new article,
Italian Crapes, plain and fig'd Ribbons, Scarlet, white, red
and green Flannels,
A VARIETY OF SUBSTANTIAL & FANCY ARTICLES. Green Blonde Veils,
Green Baraize Veils. Ladies' Scarfs, a new article of the
latest fashions, Super, Belting, of extra quality and colors,
Coloured Cambries, of all colors, Bobbinet Footings and Edg-
ings, Thread Edgings and Laces, Cotton, Webb, and Buckskin
Suspenders, Silk Umbrellas, English Merinos, Super, and common
8-4 Table Linen, Barnsby shirting. Double Foundation, Brash
and Waddings, Brown Domestic Cottons, of different Factories,
4-4 and 7-8 super. and common bleached Muslins, Osnaburgs,
Linens, Bed Tickings & Checks, Canton Flannels, of all Colours,
Camblet, for overcoats and cloaks, of a superior quality,
Ladies' Kid and Beaver Gloves, Ladies' Silk Hose and half Hose,
of extra quality, Ladies' Corset Laces and Braids, Combs of
every description, McAnan Blankets, Rose and other Blankets.

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Ready-Made Clothing of all kinds and quality.

BOOTS AND SHOES

Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes of all qualities and sizes,
Boys' Boots and Shoes of all qualities and sizes,
Ladies' Prunella, French Kidd, Seal-skin and other shoes.
Ladies' Gaiter Boots, Seal-skin Morocco Boots, and other Boots.
Missess' and Children's Boots and Shoes of various kinds,

HATS AND CAPS

Black Silk and Fur Hats, of Different Qualities,
Men's and Boys' Caps, of different sizes,

GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE & HARDWARE.

An extra assortment of Groceries of all kinds. An additional
assortment of Queensware of all qualities and sizes
And a first-rate assortment of Hardware of different
descriptions, &c. &c."[87]

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87. Virginia Free Press, December 7, 1837, p. 3, c. 4.
Other Gibson advertisments will be found in issues for
April 12, 1838, p. 3, c. 2; March 26, 1840, p. 3, c. 1.

In March, 1840, Gibson took a partner into his business, announcing:

McCARTNEY AND GIBSON, AT GIBSON'S OLD STAND.

"Are now receiving a variety of desirable and new GOODS, to which they invite the attention of their friends, and the public generally . . . ."

Special items for sale included Second Mourning Goods, Groceries, Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Burlaps and Domestics, Fish, Sperm Oil, Corned Beef, and Starch.[88] The firm apparently continued in business at this location until about October of 1841.

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88. Virginia Free Press, March 26, 1840, p 3, c.2 and c.4. Also Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, July 23, 1840, p. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 51 Iron 1839

"W. & S. B. ANDERSON

"Would respectfully announce to their friends and customers, that they now have on hand, and intend constantly to keep, a splendid assortment of HAMMERED IRON, from Blackford's Iron Works, embracing almost every size used by farmers and mechanics. Also, a good assortment of Nailor & Sanderson's Cast and Shear Steel, English and American Blister Steel. Also Hollow Ware, a general assortment--all of which they will sell on accommodating terms, and fully as low as their neighbors will undertake to sell.

Their stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, and Hardware, is unusually large, to which they also invite the attention of their friends."[89]

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89. Virginia Free Press, May 23, 1839, p. 3, c. 2.

DRY GOODS Lot 5 November 1841

NEW STORE

"The subscribers have taken the store room recently occupied by McCartney & Gibson; where they have just opened an entirely new and complete

STOCK OF DRY GOODS,
HARDWARE AND GROCERIES,

which they are determined to sell on terms to suit the times, and respectfully solicit their friends and the public to give them a call.

Among their stock will be found:
Blue, Black, Olive, Invisible Green and Beaver Cloths.
Premium and other Cassimeres,
Silk, Merinos, Bombazines, Mouseline do.
Lain Super, English Prints, Calicoes,
Irish and German Linens,
Merinos Shawls, Broissa do. Hdkgs. Domestice, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Ladies' Fur Shoes, &c., &c.,

Together with a general assortment of Hardware and Groceries.

SMITH & PINE."[90]

On June 9, 1842, Trustee Isaac Fouke announced:

GOODS AT COST

"The undersigned, as Trustee for Messrs. PETER & PINE, Harpers-Ferry, is selling off at Cost for cash, a large supply of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, LIQUORS.

And other articles, comprising their Entire Stock, which consists of a great variety, well selected, and new--being purchased since October last . . . ."[91]

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90. Virginia Free Press, November 18, 1841, p. 3, c. 2.

91. Virginia Free Press, June 9, 1842, p. 3, c. 3.

"REMOVAL
UNION STORE NO. 1
CHEAP, CHEAPER, CHEAPEST?

The subscriber takes pleasure to announce to his friends and the public in general, that he has removed his store to the corner of High and Shenandoah Streets, nearly opposite the United States Pay Office, known as William Anderson's old stand, and recently occupied by Messrs. Kirby and Hughes. He would respectfully say that his assortment is large and general, and he is better able to give greater bargains now than he has ever been before. He would respectfully ask the generosity of the public to call and examine his stock before buying elsewhere, as he is determined to give general satisfaction in the way of quality, prices of his goods, and attention to his customers, to gain their patronage. His stock will consist of all kinds of goods that are ever kept in a retail store.

JOHN ROKENBAUGH, JR.

"GROCERIES & LIQUORS

I have just received a new assortment of Groceries and Liquors, which in addition to my former stock, I am enabled to offer a very large assortment which I pledge myself to sell as low as they can be bought elsewhere; the following are in part, viz:

"GROCERIES

Best Porto Rico and N. O. Sugar,
Syrup and N. O. Molasses, 37½ cents per gallon,
Loaf and Lump Sugar,
Porto Rico, Rio, and Java Coffee,
Imperial and Y. Hyson Teas, 62½ cents per pound,
Cavendish Tobacco,
Cheese, Rice, Chocolate, Indigo, Starch, All-Spice, Pepper, Copperas, Ginger, Saltpetre, Winter Strained Oil, warrented to be genuine,
Fish Oil, Sperm, Mould and Dipped Candles.

"LIQUORS

Wines-Champagne, Port, Maderis, Lisbon, Malaga and Claret, of superior quality,
Cognoac Brandy of the best quality,
Common Brandy, 87½ cents per gallon,
Holland and Common Gin,
New England Rum,
Whiskey of a very good quality, at 50 cents per gallon:
Porter and New England Cider,
Jamaica Spirits,and many other liquors . . . ."

In addition Mr. Rokenbaugh, Jr. sold:

"HATS & CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES

Just received a beautiful and fashionable assortment of mens and boys' Russia, Beaver, and other Hats,
Mens and Boys' Fur, Beaver and Otter Caps,
Mens and Boys' Seilett and Hair Caps,
Mens and Boys' Cloth Caps, of the latest style,
ALSO--A splendid assortment of Ladies', Misses, Gentlemen's and Boys' Boots and Shoes, Servants' (slaves) coarse Shoes, Boots, &c."[92]

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92. Virginia Free Press,December 9, 1841, p. 3, c. 3. See also Rokenbaugh, Jr.'s Deed of Trust, dated April 8, 1842, Deed Book 25, pp. 457-461. Prior to December, 1841, Rokenbaugh, Jr.'s store had been located, April, 1840 to November, 1841, on Lot No. 1, Block C, Shenandoah Street.

In July, 1843, Samuel Gibson informed the public:

"GROCERIES AND
FANCY GOODS

I am receiving and offer for sale in the front room of the house formerly occupied by Mr. Wm. M. Thompson as a tavern, a large stock of Groceries and Fancy Goods, comprising nearly every article in the line, with the exception of liquors. I deem it unnecessary to say much about quality and prices, as persons directed to purchase will use their own judgment--I am determined to sell at a moderate profit. N. B. I have on hand a lot of BACON, well cured and closely trimmed."93

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93. Virginia Free Press, July 6, 1843, p. 3, c. 5.

DRY GOODS Lot 51 1845 (William N. McCoy)

OFFICAL!
WAR DECLARED AT LAST!

"I have just declared War to the knife against the high priced system, and have already commenced hostilities against all the enemies of low prices, quick sales. My watchwords are, Cheap, CHEAPER, CHEAPEST! . . . .

FALL & WINTER DRY GOODS
QUEENSWARE & GLASSWARE, GROCERIES . . . ."

Mr. McCoy further invited people "to call at my cheap store on the corner of High and Shenandoah Streets, Harpers Ferry . . . ."[94]

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94. Virginia Free Press, October 9, 1845, p. 2, c. 6.

DRY GOODS Lot 13 1847

"NEW AND BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF
DRY GOODS, &c.

Robert Russell, opposite the Arsenal Gate, in the room lately occupied by John G. Wilson as a store and Post Office, Harpers-Ferry . . . ."

Russell's stock consisted of "Ladies' Dress Goods, Bonnets, Gentlemen & Boy's Wear and Domestic Goods."[95]

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95. Virginia Free Press, April 29, 1847, p. 3, c. 5.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 51 1847

"R. S. LITTLEJOHN
HARPERS FERRY, VA.

"Has just opened in the store room over the corner of High and Shenandoah Streets, an entirely new, fashonable and well selected STOCK OF MERCHANDISE, consisting in part of Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Hats, Caps, Bonnets, &c. &c. which will be sold as low as they can be bought in the country . . . In addition to the above, the basement of his store room is appropriated to the use of Capt. J. Gibson, where will be found for sale, at his usual low prices, Herring, Shad, Salt, Plaster, Tar, and all other articles in his line in their season."[96]

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96. Virginia Free Press, April 29, 1847, p. 3, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Bldg. No. 43, Lot No. 47 1848 (F. J. Conrad
F. M. Conrad)

WHOOP! HURRAH!!
CUT AND COME AGAIN!!!

"The subscribers would most respectfully inform their friends and the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the surrounding country generally, that they have just returned from the Eastern cities with a beautiful assortment of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES
BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, DRUG, MEDICINES,

And in short any and every article necessary to a complete assortment. Our stock has been selected with much care, and having purchased entirely for cash, we flatter ourselves as much as to believe, that we can offer as great inducements to purchasers, as any merchants in the Valley.

"This is no humbug, but the sold truth. All we ask to convince you is a call and an examination of our prices and assortment. We will take much pleasure in showing you goods, and think it no trouble. Call on Shenandoah Street, just opposite the Market House.

F. J. CONRAD & BRO.

"N. B. We have the largest assortment of Groceries in the place, which were purchased at auction, when very low--and can sell lower than those persons who have purchased since the advance. Our stock of Liquors is prime, embracing all kinds, from the best Cogniac Brandy to Whiskey at 35 cents per gallon." J.J.C. & Bro."[97]

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97. Virginia Free Press, April 8, 1848, p. 3, c. 2.

"BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!
THE HARPERS-FERRY CASH
STORE.

"Here is the Store for Bargains, as I sell for CASH, and cash only. Goods can be sold much cheaper for cash, and cash dealers would do well to give me a call, as I intend to wait on customers with the greatest attention, and give full satisfaction to dealers. I also invite the attention of my old customers, the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and surrounding country, to give me a call [from 1845 to 1847, he had been located in Store No. 1 of Bldg. No. 38, on Wager Lot No. 50]. Come, come, citizens and country men, one and all! My Stock is well selected and large, and at full view. I will endeavor to enumerate a part of the articles, such as follow:

"Prints of various quality; mouslines, shalleys and ginghams, which can be sold low; a large lot of brown and bleached Cottons, together with a large stock of Hoisery and silk and cotton Gloves and mits, all colors and cheap; a large stock of silk, worsted and cotton Shawls, and dress Handerchiefs; gentlemen's silk and oil dressed Handkerchiefs--together with a large stock of Groceries, Sugars, Coffee, Molasses, Teas, Loaf and Lump Sugar cheap--also, a large and full stock of Confectionaries, Candies, Raisins, Figs, Prunes, Oranges, Lemons, Almonds, Filberts, English Walnuts and Coca Nuts--Cheese, Crackers, Cakes, and French Belona Sausages--Also, a large stock of Tin-ware, cheaper than ever. Queensware and Earthernware very cheap--together with a large lot of Jewelry--Gold, Silver and common, Gold and Silver Watches, Gold and Silver Pencils, Gold Rings, Gentlemen's and Ladies' Gold Breast Pins, a very handsome lot of common Jewelry, cheap and very handsome, fancy Work-boxes, a large lot of Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, a large lot of Ladies and Gentlemen's Combs, assorted, very good to common, and in short various qualities of Musical Instruments, Silk, Cotton, and Buck-skin Purses, Watch and Guard Chains, Clocks, Looking Glasses, Tea Waiters, Buckets, Baskets, Brooms, Segars, Snuff, Soap, Candles, Shad, Mackerel, Herring, Bacon, Lard, Flour, Corn Meal, Cucumber Pickles in jars, Pepper Catsup, Tomato do., and every other article of 5 hundred, too tedious to enumerate. All is at full view--Come and see for yourselves.

Also, County Produce will be taken in exchange for goods.— This store can be found down on Hotel Square, near the Potomac Bridge. No Pains shall be spared, but bargains given.

JACOB NISSWANNER.

ALSO--On Monday the 22d day of May, 1848.

At early candle-light, from day to day, I will sell at auction, about $800 to $1,000 worth of fine and common Goods, well assorted. Mouslines, Ginghams, Lawns, Cambricks, Shawls and Dress Hdks., Hosiery, Silk and Cotton Hdkfs., some Shoes, striped goods, and many other articles here too tedious to enumerate. Goods that I had on hand before I got my new stock on hand, depreciated in value, but good, fine and handsome, among which are various kinds and qualities.

On sums of $10 thirty days; of $20 sixty days, and under 10, the cash. Notes with security. No goods to be removed until settled for.

JACOB NISSWANNER."[98]

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98. Virginia Free Press, May 25, 1848, p. 1, c. 3.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 13 1852

"A LARGE AND SPLENDID
STOCK OF GOODS.
AT COST, FOR CASH ONLY.

The undersigned having sold his Property, including his Store House to the Government, has determined to close his business in the Mercantile line. He, therefore, offers his extensive

STOCK OF GOODS,

which has been purchased as low as any Stock in the Valley fo Virginia, and all Fresh Goods, he having been in business only about two years.--This assortment consists in part of the following articles, viz:

Plain, Black, Changeable, Plaid, Striped and Figured Silks;
Silk Tissues of various patterns:
Illusions, Tarltons, and Sarcenets;
Barages of every quality; Barago De Lains;
Muslins and Lawns; Mourning Lawns;
Swiss, plain, and figured Muslins;
Cambries and Jaconets do.; Poplins;
Super Curtain Muslins of various patterns;
Ginghams and Calicoes all patterns and prices;
Ladies super Linen Hdk'fs. from 10 cts. up;
Gentlemsn's Linen and Silk Hdk'fs;
Colored and Black Cravats;
Crape and Cashmere Shawls of various sizes and prices;
Taibet and Barage Shawls, of various sizes and prices;
Figured and plain bobinets;
A large assortment of Dress Trimmings;
Silk Laces and Fringes;
French worked Collars;
Ladies Kid, Silk, and Lisle Thread Gloves;
Gentlemen's Kid and Silk Gloves;
Parasols and Umbrellas;
Ladies'Silk, Cashmere, Lambs-Wool and Cotton Hose;
Gentlemen's Lambs Wool Hose;
Super Black Cloths and Cassimeres;
Do Fancy cassinetts at very low prices;
Silk Velvet, Satin, Figured Silk and Marsailes Vestings;

Tweeds of all colors and prices;
Super White, Red and Yellow Flannels;
Canton Flannels; Domestics of every description and colors;
Silk and Fancy Bonnets;
A large assortment of Fancy and Plain Ribbons, Artificial Flowers, Cape Tabs, Combs and brushes and almost every article in the fancy way.

CHINA AND QUEENSWARE.

Among which are several handsome Tea Sets.--A good assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, Carpernters' Tools, &c., Waiters, Looking Glasses and tin Ware.

GROCERIES.

I have a large stock of Groceries all of which are of the best quality.

A large lot of Ladies and Children Shoes; Silk and Leghorn Hats, Kossuth and Wool do; Caps of every description; all of which will positively be sold at COST for CASH, as I am determined to close up my business.

Those who desire to get good bargains are respectfully invited to call soon and judge for themselves . . . .

N. B. Those who know themselves to be indebted to me, are respectively requested to call and settle their accounts."[99]

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99. Virginia Free Press, August 18, 1852, p. 3, c. 1.

DRY GOODS Lot 10 John and William Walsh 1854

TO THE PUBLIC

"The undersigned, having engaged in the Mercantile Business, are now opening at Dorn's old stand, near the Armory Gate, a very extensive stock of Dry Goods, Hardware, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Bonnets, &c. to an examination of which they respectfully invite the attention of the public. Their motto is not large profits, but large sales. They are determined to conduct their business on the most liberal principles, and to use every effort to merit the public confidence and patronage. Whatever they sell shall be of the character represented, and invariably reduced to such prices that none may hope to undersell. They have established such extensive arrangements as will enable them to supply the market with every article they deal in at the very lowest prices. They feel confident as examination of the variety, quality, and prices of their goods will convince the public that money may be saved by purchasing at their house.

"They will give particular attention to the Grocery and Provision Business, for which they have made ample room, by an enlargement of the premises, and families may rely with confidence upon being supplied by them with articles in this line, fresh and superior quality. They purchased their Groceries, mostly in large quantities and for cash. They keep a very heavy stock on hand, and can, and will, sell them at prices unusual in this market. The following enumeration will give a general outline of their extensive stock:

"Plain, Changeable and Figured Dress Silks:
Plain and Figured Mouslin de Laines;
Challers, Lawns, Ginghams, Alpaccas, Canton Cloths;
Bombazines, French and English Calicoes;
Brown and Bleached Muslings.
Ticking, Bagging, Checks Plaids, Linen Sheetings, Table Linens and Oil Cloths.
Towelings White, Red and Yellow Flannels;
Irish Linens, Silk Crape, Cashmere and Mouslin Shawls;

Hoisery, Kid, Thread, Cotton, Silk and Silk Nett Gloves;
Cambric, Jaconets, Laces and Edgings;
Plain, Barred and Figured Swiss Goods;
Needle-worked Goods, Trimmings, Bonnet Ribbons, Parasols, and Umbrellas;
Coating Linens, Jeans and Tweeds;
Cassimer, Cassinets, Linen Drils;
Cravats, Suspenders, Boots and Shoes of every description for Men, Ladies, Boys, Misses and Children;
Silk, Fur, Straw, Ship, Kossuth and Slouch Hats of every variety.
A large stock of Hardware, including cutlery and house furnishing materials;
Rifle and Blasting Power;
Queensware, Window Glass, Putty, Oil and Paints, and Woodware;
A lot of fine Tobacco and Segars;
Bacon, Salt, Fish, Lard, Potatoes, Flour and Corn Meal.

They have a choice lot of fine Liquors, wherewith they will supply gentlemen as cheap as the same brands can be bought in the city."[100]

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100. Virginia Free Press, April 20, 1854, p. 3, c. 1.

DRY GOODS Lot 15-subdivision 3 Bldg. No. 10 1855

Louis J. Coons and James A. Beckham

"1855 FALL TRADE 1855

"Having purchased the entire stock of Phillip Coons, the subscribers are now supplied with the Largest and Most Varied General Assortment of Dry Goods, Carpets, and Fancy Dress Goods, Domestic and Foreign, ever offered in Harpers Ferry, to which we invite the attention of the public.

"The one price system will be established and adhered to, believing it to be the only true principal of selling goods. We shall receive NEW GOODS WEEKLY, Through the season, giving our customers the advantage of every new style as soon as received.

"Customers will bear in mind that our Fall Stock is ENTIRELY NEW.

"FAMILY GROCERIES

"We are receiving, and will constantly keep on hand a large assortment of the best selected and choicest FAMILY GROCERCIES, LIQUORS, &c. Also hardware, Cook Stoves, and Stoves of all kinds for Wood and Coal.

COONS AND BECKHAM."[101]

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101. Virginia Free Press, October 25, 1855, p. 3, c. 1.

January 1856: "New Cash Store:" In January 1856 Thomas Peacher announced:

"Tho's Peacher would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has opened a large and well selected stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Queensware, Books, Shoes, Hats, Caps, &c. in the Store Room known as "Stephenson's Corner" being on the corner of Main and High Streets . . . ."[102]

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102. Virginia Free Press, Jan. 24, 1856, p. 2.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 51 1858

"PRESSURE IN THE MONEY MARKET!
$5,000 TO DEPOSIT IN SAFE INVESTMENTS!!!

"The Subscriber having on hand in store, one of the best selected, largest, and most general assortments of DRY GOODS, Groceries, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, CARPETING, OIL, CLOTHS, QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, BOOKS AND STATIONARY, NOTIONS, DRUGS, MEDICINES, CONFECTIONARY, &c. &c.: all fresh and of the latest styles; he would take this method of calling the attention of his friends, the citizens of the town and county, and those in want, more particularly herto.

Not in the spirit of boasting or humbuging would say, that he is determined not to be undersold by any one. Owing to the tightness of the money market, he has purchased his stock from the very best houses, and on the most accommodating terms; a great portion for cash, and is thereby enabled to offer inducements to consumers. His assortment is varied and complete, as well as general. Call and see, inspect, and if pleased purchased.

F. J. CONRAD.

ALSO.

THE LARGEST STOCK OF TOBACCO!

He has also on hand and will constantly keep (in the adjoining room) a large and complete assortment of the very choicest and most popular brands of

TOBACCO,

purchased alone from the Manufacturers and Commission Merchants, as also is constantly by the very best of hands, manufacturing the various brands of Cigars, which, together with Pipes, Snuffs, Matches, &c. &c., he is prepared to sell Wholesale and Retail on the most accommodating terms.

F. J. CONRAD.

CORNER OF HIGH AND SHENANDOAH."[103]

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103. Virginia Free Press, November 25, 1858, p. 3, c. 1.

DRY GOODS Lot No. 51 1858

"PRESSURE IN THE MONEY MARKET!
$5,000 TO DEPOSIT IN SAFE INVESTMENTS!!!

"The Subscriber having on hand in store, one of the best selected, largest, and most general assortments of DRY GOODS, Groceries, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, CARPETING, OIL, CLOTHS, QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, BOOKS AND STATIONARY, NOTIONS, DRUGS, MEDICINES, CONFECTIONARY, &c. &c.: all fresh and of the latest styles; he would take this method of calling the attention of his friends, the citizens of the town and county, and those in want, more particularly herto.

Not in the spirit of boasting or humbuging would say, that he is determined not to be undersold by any one. Owing to the tightness of the money market, he has purchased his stock from the very best houses, and on the most accommodating terms; a great portion for cash, and is thereby enabled to offer inducements to consumers. His assortment is varied and complete, as well as general. Call and see, inspect, and if pleased purchased.

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F. J. CONRAD.

CORNER OF HIGH AND SHENANDOAH."[103]

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103. Virginia Free Press, November 25, 1858, p. 3, c. 1.

"GREAT EXCITEMENT!
FRESH AND NEW STYLES OF
SPRING AND SUMMER
GOODS.

The undersigned is just receiving and opening a large and varied assortment of Ladies and Gents new style DRESS GOODS—which, together with his Shoes, Hats, Notions, Drugs, Medicines, &c. &c., render his assortment complete and varied and will be sold as cheap as similar styles and qualities can be purchased anywhere in the Valley.

TOBACCO, CIGARS, SNUFF, &c.

He has also on hand and is receiving constantly, additions of the choicest brands of Tobacco, together with a large assortment of varied brands of Cigars, of his own manufacture; which added to the purchases of imported Cigars, renders his assortment, in this line, complete--which will be sold at wholsale or retail in defiance of competition.

GROCERIES AND QUEENSWARE.

His assortment of Groceries and Queensware is large as well as complete and will be sold at a small advance over cost.

F. J. CONRAD.
CORNER HIGH AND SHENANDOAH STS., ..."[104]

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104. Virginia Free Press, April 21, 1859, p. 2, c. 7. His fall ad, which appeared on October 20, 1859, p. 2, c. 7, read the same as the above except that "FALL AND WINTER GOODS" was substituted for "SPRING AND SUMMER."

DRY GOODS Ferry Lot, probably Lot No. 2 1861

Finally in March, 1861, just before the outbreak of the Civil War, the following notice appeared in the newspaper:

"STARTLING NEWS FROM THE SOUTH!!
FORT PICKINS TO BE ATTACKED!!
FORT SUMTER TO BE EVACUATED!!!
IMPORTANT TO EVERYBODY AT THE "FERRY"
FORT GLEASON, OPPOSITE THE "WAGER HOUSE", will be re-occupied on Saturday the 23rd instant, by the popluar Auctioneers Gleason & Futterer, with a large and entirely new STOCK OF GOODS, when the sales will be resumed at the usual hours, and be continued for ONLY A FEW DAYS."105

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105. Virginia Free Press, March 21, 1861, p. 3, c. 1; March 28, 1861, p. 3, c.1.

FISH MARKET Bldg. No. 43, Lot 47 1848

PURCHASERS WANTED
For
500,000 HERRING & SHAD
On Shenandoah Street, Opposite the Market House

"The undersigned would respectfully inform the Citizens of Jefferson, Loudoun, and the adjacent counties, that he is Agent for the sale of FRESH FISH. He will constantly have on hand, and be receiving, Fresh Fish, during the season, which he will be willing, and is determined to sell as cheap as they can be purchased elsewhere, and will at all times insure them sound and well cured. Therefore, come one, come all, and look at the Fish, and learn the prices before purchasing elsewhere. The boats will be arriving daily, as soon as the fishing season commences. F. J. CONRAD.
Agent for Joseph Dowling, of Georgetown, D. C. . . . ."[106]

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106. Virginia Free Press, March 18, 1848, p. 3, c. 1.

FISH MARKET Lot 48 1854-55 Isreal Russell

FISH! FISH!!

"200,000 SHAD AND HERRING JUST RECEIVED. The subscribers are receiving weekly and have made ample arrangements to supply all orders for Fresh and Salted

SHAD AND HERRING

at short notice. They have two canal boats which will make weekly trips to and from Georgetown and Alexandria, and will take all freight as usual on moderate terms. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

Orders left at the Storehouse of ISREAL RUSSELL, Harpers Ferry, will meet with prompt attention.

Terms for fish, in all cases, cash; or exchanged for country produce.

RUSSELL & CO."[107]

In May, 1856, under the heading "FISH MARKET", the editors of the newspaper commented:

"The streets of Harpers Ferry last week presented quite a commercial appearance. The fish trade was brisker than usual. Isreal Russell, Esq., who has been supplying the market, had a perfect rush upon him Thursday last. Although the people of this county are the most independent politicians anywhere to be found, they that day presented a decidely fishy aspect."[108]

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107. Virginia Free Press, April 26, 1855, p. 2, c 6. Russell acquired these two canal boats in 1853 from the estate of John A. Gibson, for whom Russell had previously acted as agent.

108. Virginia Free Press, May 1, 1856, p. 2, c. 2. also ads in July 17, 1856, p. 2, c. 6.

GROCERY STORE Lot L 12 (Southwest portion) 1842

"HENRY YOST,

Forever grateful to the public, for the very liberal patronage they have extended towards him and desirous of letting them know that he has associated himself with one whom he has known by experience for the last fifteen years to be an able Practitioner at the Bar of Economy. The business will in the future be conducted--not by proxy, but in person--under the firm of

YOST & WIFE,

who are determined to add no more tariff on their goods, than is necessary to meet the economical wants of their own government. Experience has taught us that small expenses require only a light tariff--we therefore pledge ourselves to direct our undivided attention to procuring articles of the best quality, and at the lowest prices, of which the following are in part:

Brown Sugars and Herrings,
Nails and Putty,
Bacon and Cigars,
Brooms and Loaf Sugars,
Rosin Soap and Molasses,
Mustard and Fish Oil,
Shad and Lump Sugars,
Matches and Teas,
Sperm Oil and Cinnamon,
Common Whiskey and Nutmegs,
Peas'Candy and Mackerel,
Cut-and-dry and Vinegar,
Wooden Buckets and Rice,
Shoe Blacking and Salt Sacks,
Ginger and Brushes,
Empty Barrels and Allspice,
Rum and Salts,
Tin Ware and Pepper,
Maderia Wind and Wrapping Paper,
Cayene Pepper and Camphor,
Holland Gin and Butter,
Old Whiskey and Pipes,
Tobacco and Lard,
Chocolate and Rappee Snuff,
Dipped Candles and Coffee,
Sweet Wine and Onions,
Raisins and Scotch Snuff,
Codfish and Mould Candles,
Brandies and Bedcords,
Cheese and Candlewick,
Picket Combs and Port Wine,
Window Glass and Gloves,
Percussion Caps and Hops,
Jamaica Spirits and Fancy Soap,
Indigo and Jugs,
Sperm Candles and Flour,
Shoe Bindings and Salaratius,
Ground Alum Salt and Starch,
Shoes and Tim Plate,
Twine and Shot,
Gule and Flasks,
Powder and Tubs,

Together with many other articles too tedious to enumerate.

In returning my sincere thanks to my old friends and customers, I would respectfully solicit a continuance of their patronage to the new firm."[109]

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109. Virginia Free Press, February 16, 1843, p. 3, c. 2.

GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE Lot 48 1857

TO FARMERS & OTHERS,
WHISKEYS, BRANDIES, WINES, &C.
THE LARGEST STOCK EVER OFFERED IN THE COUNTY.

"The undersigned having removed his Grocery and Liquor Store, from High Street to the store room on Shenandoah Street, formerly occupied by Isreal Russell, now offers his friends and customers various articles in the Grocery line, and one of the largest and most carefully selected stocks of Liquors, embracing every kind and variety, which will be sold at wholesale or retail, at the very smallest profit. All liquors quaranteed to be what they are recommended.

JAMES McGRAW."[110]

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110. Virginia Free Press, July 2, 1857, p. 3, c. 1.

GROCERY & LIQUOR Lot No. 48 1858

James McGraw

In 1858 he advertised:

"SALT AND COAL

"1000 sacks of Fine and Coarse SALT, and any number tons of COAL, on hand, and for sale at the lowest rates by the subscriber, who has in addition, a fine assortment of Liquors and Groceries."[111]

In addition to the above notice, Mr. McGraw ran the following advertisement in the newspaper in 1858 and 1859:

"BIG VEIN COAL
FROM GEORGE'S CREEK VALLEY
(Free from all objectional matter)
AT LOWEST MINE PRICE.
All orders promptly attended to."[112]

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111. Virginia Free Press, November 11, 1858, p. 3, c. 7.

112. Virginia Free Press, July 8, 1858, p. 1, c. 1; April 7, 1859, p. 4, c. 7.

In 1860 McGraw had for sale:

"PLASTERING, LATH, &C.

"The undersigned has on hand and will constantly keep, a supply of the following articles:

50,000 Plastering Laths; 3000 palings; a large quanity of fine and coarse salt; 40,000 prime Herring; 2000 Shad; 10 tons of plaster in the lump; Coal constantly on hand; a large supply of Whiskey and other Liquors; together with

GROCERIES, &c.

at his store on Shenandoah Street, Harpers Ferry. Call early."113

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113. Virginia Free Press, August 8, 1860, p. 1, c. 1.

HAT MAKERS SHOP Lot 15-subdivision 3 1833

LATE HAT
ESTABLISHMENT
GEO. W. GLASSGOW

"Respectfully informs the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and its vicinity, that he has commenced the Hat Manufacturing Business in all its various branches.

PRICES:
$8, $7, $6, $5, $4, $3, & $2.50

Persons in want of Hats will do well to give him a call, as he is determined to sell low for cash.
N. B. Customers' hats keep in order gratis."[114]

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114. Virginia Free Press, September 26, 1833, p. 2, c. 6.

HAT MAKERS SHOP Lot No. 12 (Joun Schlageter) 1842

NEW HAT
ESTABLISHMENT

"The subscriber respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has opened an Establishment of the above kind in Harpers-Ferry, Virginia, where he is prepared to manufacture, and intends keeping on hand, a general assortment of HATS, of every description, such as

BEAVER, NUTRA, BRUSH & CASTOR

Of all sizes and prices, from $2.50 up to $6--He is also prepared to manufacture CHAPEAUX, at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. He would earnestly invite all those who wish to purchase good and cheap Hats, to give him a call before they purchase elsewhere, as he warrants them to be good.--From his long experience, and a desire to give general satisfaction to all who may favor him with their custom, he hopes to receive a liberal share of the public patronage."[115]

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115. Virginia Free Press, February 17, 1842, p. 3, c. 7; October 13, 1842, P. 3, c. 4.

Major James Stephenson's Hotel (in Bldg, #45)

In April, 1830, Major James Stephenson announced:

"ENTERTAINMENT

The undersigned avails himself of this method of informing the public, that he has opened a HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT, at Harpers Ferry, a short distance from, but in sight of the Old Stand.

Having kept the Harpers-Ferry Hotel [which was located on Wager Lot No. 15-present site of Bldg. No. 10, 11, and 12] for several years, and received during that period (as well as previous) many evidences of public approbation, he hopes to be further encouraged in honorable efforts to breast the storms of life. Many will doubtless recollect the accommodations they received while that establishment was under his direction; and he assures the public, that the most assidious exertions will be made to merit a renewal and continuance of the confidence and kindness hitherto exhibited towards him.

The house which he now occupies, is commodious and comfortable, and the rooms neat and pleasant. Stabling, furnished with the best of provender, and attended by a good ostler, will also be provided."[116]

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116. Virginia Free Press, April 7, 1830, p. 3, c. 5. Stephenson ran the Harpers Ferry Hotel from 1824, to April 1830--see Snell, Charles W., "Historic Building Report, Part I, for Buildings No. 10 and 10-A, The John C. Unseld Buildings," dated May 28, 1958, p. 9.

HOTELS (Located in Bldg. No. 45) July 1834

In July, 1834, Fontaine Beckham, who was married to Mrs. Ann C. Stephenson's daughter, Ann A.,[117] advetised:

"HARPERS FERRY HOTEL AND MAIL OFFICE

The subscriber, in company with Mrs. Stephenson, has commenced business in the well-known Tavern Stand, on the corner at Harpers Ferry, where a portion of the public is respectfully solicited. *Several new rooms have been lately added,* which contributes very much to the comfort of the establishment.

The MAIL and ACCOMMODATION STAGES run daily to and from the house; and the facilities of travelling, by the Canal and Rail Road [The B. & O. Railraod reached a point opposite to Harpers Ferry on the Maryland side of the Potomac River on December 1, 1834], under an excursion from the sea-board to Harpers Ferry, one of great interest and please."[118]

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117. Virginia Free Press, Charles Town, Va., August 31, 1843, p. 3, c. 2; Fontaine Beckham also was the owner of the "Island Mills" on Tract No. 2, Island of Virginius, see Snell, Charles W., "History of the Island of Virginius, 1751-1870," dated December 4, 1958, pp. 20-24; 50-51. Fontaine Beckham was killed by the John Brown Raiders in 1859.

118. Ibid., July 24, 1834, p. 3, c. 3. Italics mine.

THE VIRGINIA HOUSE,
HARPERS-FERRY.

"The undersigned respectfully informs the public that he has taken that large, new, and commodious three-story brick building, situated on Potomac Street, a short distance from the bridges, and opposite the hotel of Mr. Samuel Gibson, [the National Hotel, which was located on Wager Lot No.5], in the most central and convenient part of Harpers-Ferry, and is prepared for the reception of travellers and other guests. From his acquaintance with the business, and his practical knowledge of the manner in which the best hotels are conducted, he feels confident that he shall be able to render satisfaction. His rooms are pleasant, well furnished, and every convenience about his establishment to enable him to entertain company in the best style and most comfortable manner. His table will always abound with the best that the market can afford. His bar will be constantly supplied with the most choice Liquors. His stabling is large, and will be amply supplied with the very best hay, oats, &c. &c., and attended by the most careful and attentive ostlers. His servants shall be numerous and accommodating, and every attention paid by all, to the comfort and enjoyment of those who may favor him with a call. As the subscriber will devote his personal attention exclusively to his establishment, and in person see to the comfort of his guests, he hopes to be able to merit and receive a liberal share of the public support and patronage. Families and others arriving by Rail-Road, or other conveyance, who may wish a pleasant retreat for a season at one of the most interesting places in the United States--(See Jefferson's Notes on Virginia, &c.) will, he flatters himself, find his house an agreeable home, Boarders will be taken by the week, month, or year.

Carriages, gigs, &c. can be had at any time by application at the Bar. Horses taken at Livery.

Each and every department of his establishment shall be complete, so as to afford entire satisfaction to visitors, travellers, and boarders, and his charges so regulated as to give no grounds for complaint. The public's humble servant, ELI H. CARRELL."[119]

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119. Virginia Free Press, April 26, 1838, p.3, c.4.

In July, 1838, Isabella Fitzsimmons advertised:

"FITZSIMMONS'S HOTEL

"Isabella Fitzsimmons respectfully announces to her friends and the public, that she has opened a

HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT

in the brick building recently erected by Mr. J. G. Wilson, immediately opposite the Arsenal, where every attention will be afforded to persons favoring her with their custom.

HENRY BROWN, Agent."[120]

In May, 1839, John G. Wilson announced:

"TO RENT

"The Hotel, recently occupied by Mrs. Fitzsimmons; on Shenandoah Street, opposite the Arsenal, at Harpers Ferry--is now for rent, to a good tenant.

"The capacity of this house, to accommodate the community, is very great--it has seventeen well finished rooms, exclusive of the basement story, which is also finished; and convenient to the works of internal improvement--now in progress, at and near Harpers-Ferry. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, will commence in a few weeks, the prosecution of their line of road, beginning at Harpers-Ferry, which will assemble at that place, a source of profit to a well kept hotel . . . ."[121]

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120. Virginia Free Press, July 12, 1838, p. 3, c. 5.

121 Harpers Ferry constitutionist, May 29, 1839, p. 3.

On September 26, 1839, James Foley announced:

UNITED STATES HOTEL
AT HARPER-FERRY, VIRGINIA

"The undersigned has opened for the reception of his friends and the travelling public, his NEW HOTEL NEAR THE RAIL-ROAD DEPOT, affording a fine view of the adjacent Mountains and Rivers, and convenient to the Public Works [the Armory]. The house is entirely new, and has been erected expressly for a Hotel of the best order. The rooms are neat and comfortable; and the Bar and Table will always be supplied with every thing of the best quality. The servants, attentive and obliging. The friends of the proprietor, and the travelling public, may rely upon finding every exertion made to render their sojourn at this Hotel agreeable and pleasant."122

Mr. Foley operated this hotel until late in 1841.

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122. Virginia Free Press, September 26, 1839, P. 3, c. 4. Also January 2, 1840, p. 3, c. 2.

UNITED STATES HOTEL
AT HARPERS-FERRY

"The undersigned having leased for a term of years the very large and commodious THREE STORY BRICK HOTEL, the property of Mr. James Foley, at Harpers-Ferry, Va., take pleasure in announcing to their numerous friends and the public generally, that they are now prepared to receive and accomodate Boarders, Travellers, and others, who may be pleased to favor them with a call, in a style which they have reason to believe will be entirely satisfactory.

"One of the firm having been for several years the keeper of the Shannondale House, and known to a large portion of the travelling public, he feels some degree of confidence in presenting himself as a HOST in his new location; and the proprietors pledge themselves to use every reasonable exertion to make their house as agreeable to visitors as any Hotel in the country; they, therefore, hope to receive a reasonalbe share of the patronage of a generous public.

"The house is situated very nearly in the junction of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Harpers-Ferry, and fronts on the latter on the Potomac River, rendering it altogether a desirable stopping place for travellers on either road. Baggage attended to without charge.

"The Dining Room is large and comfortable, and the TABLE shall at all times be furnished with the best fare the country can afford, as well as with the rich and delicous luxuries of the seaboard--served up in a superior style.

"In the BAR will always be found choice Wines and other Liquors.

"The STABLING--which is convenient to the house--shall be well provided with good Hays, Oats, and Corn, and attended by careful and competent Ostlers."[123]

This firm operated the U. S. Hotel until June of 1842.[124]

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123. Virginia Free Press, November 25, 1841, p. 3, c. 1.

124. The firm of T. A. Milton and Company was officially dissolved in March, 1843, Virginia Free Press, March 23, 1843, p. 3, c. 1.

HOTELS Lot 5 (former National Hotel of Samuel Gibson) 1842

VIRGINIA HOTEL
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The undersigned takes great pleasure in informing his friends and the public, that he has leased for a term of years that well known House at Harpers-Ferry, the VIRGINIA HOTEL, established and long kept by Mr. Samuel Gibson. He is giving the buildings, which are new and commodious, a thorough repair, by papering, painting, etc., and can safely say that his Chambers will be found in the best condition, and every department well furnished and complete.

"The Hotel is within FIFTY YARDS of the RAILROAD DEPOT where the two roads unite, and is eligibly situated in all respects. Its proximity to Balitmore affords many advantages, and the proprietor means to avail himeslf of these to provide the delicacies of the season. His TABLE shall be supplied with the best the markets can afford, and his Bar always stocked with superior wines and liquors. The Stable, well provided, will be attended by a faithful ostler--and all possible attention given.

WILLIAM Gorrell, Jan. 6, 1842.' 125

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125. Virginia Free Press, January 6, 1842, p. 3, c. 2.

In June, 1842, Mr. William Gorrell announced the new arrangement just made by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company with the Harpers Ferry Hotels:

HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO TRAVELLERS!

"The undersinged is gratified at being able to inform travellers, that the existing arrangement of the Cars on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, afford to those so disposed, an opportunity of avoiding night travel on that road in going East.

The Passenger Cars at present leave Hancock every evening about 7 o'clock, arrive at Harper's Ferry about 9 o'clock, when the passengers take supper, and thence pass on to Baltimore.

Another train of Cars leaves Harpers-Ferry every morning about half-past 8 o'clock for the East--and thus persons going east in the night train can remain all night at Harpers-Ferry, avoid the annoyances of night travel, and take the morning train for Balitmore, arriving there about 2 o'clock P. M.

Those who may adopt this suggestion, will gain much by exchanging the dreariness of a ride at night, for the comforts and luxuries of that large and commodious WHITE HOUSE, known as the VIRGINIA HOTEL, kept by the public's most obedient servant, WILLIAM GORRELL. Bear in mind that this is the regular supping place, and that the cars stop here for that purpose."[126]

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126. Virginia Free Press, June 16, 1842, p. 3, c. 3., See also c. 1.

HOTELS Lots 6 and 7-8 and 9 1842

On June 16, 1842, Mr. Eli H. Carrell announced:

VIRGINIA HOSUE
AND
UNITED STATES HOTEL

"Travellers and others are respectfully informed that the undersigned have resumed business at his old stand, the VIRGINIA HOUSE [located on Wager Lot 9], at Harpers-Ferry, and has rented in addition the United States Hotel [on Wager Lots 7 and part of 8], adjoining. By this combination, he has secured one of the most commodious and comfortable Hotels in the Valley, with parlors and chambers neat and airy, and very pleasantly situated.

"The arrangement of the travel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad makes this point an important one to travellers. From the West, a train leaves Hancock in the morning at 6 o'clock and in the evening at 7. So that passengers can breakfast and sup here on their way down; and those who come in the evening at half past 8, and wish to avoid night travel, can remain here all night, have time the next morning to view the magnificent works of Nature and Art to be found here, and reach Baltimore at half past 2 P.M.

"From the East, the first train arrives at half past 12, noon, and the second at 8 1/2 P. M., remaining long enough to give passengers time to sup.

"With this arrangement, the undersigned may safely call attention to the accommodations of THE LARGE BRICK HOUSE, immediately on the line of the Road, as in no respects to be surpassed; and he can pledge himself to make very proper effect to minister to the comfort of his guest.
N. B. There are two large stables connected with this Hotel, well supplied and attended by careful Ostlers."[127]

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127. Virginia Free Press, June 16, 1842, p. 3, c. 3. Also June 30, 1842, p. 3, c. 5. September 22, 1842, p. 3, c. 5.

"THOMPSON'S HOTEL
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

The undersigned takes pleasure in informing his friends and the public, that he has taken that commodious and eligible

BRICK HOUSE
ON SHENANDOAH STREET,

Opposite the Arsenal Yard, and in an excellent and pleasant location, where he is prepared to accommodate Travellers and others in a very comfortable style.

Persons travelling on the Rail Road, and disposed to remain over night to view the curiosities of the neighborhood, will find this Hotel a very agreeable resting place; and the experience of the proprietor, in several prominent establishment, enables him to assure his customers generally, that every reasonable provision will be made for their comfort.

WILLIAM M. THOMPSON."128

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128. Virginia Free Press, June 30, 1842, p. 3, c. 6.

HOTELS Lots 6 and 7, 9 1843 Visitor

In the fall of 1843, a "Rambler" visited the U. S. Hotel at Harpers Ferry, and wrote the following account of his visit:

"Messrs. Editors:

Travelling the other day to Harpers-Ferry, whilst the waters were yet in the cellars and premises of many of the citizens, I dropped in, amid amusing bustly among the passengers, the landlords, and the bar-keepers, to see what could be had to "comfort the inward man" at Carrell's Hotel. I found the house had undergone some judicious and pleasant alterations, making access to it from the Rail-Road very convenient. The porticos are enlarged, so as to afford a fine view of the scenery to the North and East, and of the Cars meeting on the magnificent Bridge. The dining room will accommodate near a hundred guests at once; and I was agreeably disappointed to find that, amidst all the inconveniences, and the necessity of cooking (during the high water) in neighboring houses every thing was abuntant and well prepared, and the attendants prompt and exceedingly obliging. In addition to the efforts of the host himself, the "head electioner" is a "whole Team;" and, although the eystem of obtaining business is sometimes annoying to the traveller, yet the grace and good humor with which the CLARKE bows you in, and bows you out when well fed, at once reconciles you to the custom, and you leave with pleasant remembrances. . . ."[129]

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129. Virginia Free Press, September 28, 1843, p. 2, c. 8.

In 1845, Mr. Joseph F. Abell announced:

UNITED STATES HOTEL
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The undersigned most respectfully informs the public that he has leased the Hotel at Harpers-Ferry, known as the UNITED STATES HOTEL. He has been flattered by the kind testimonials he has received of the satisfaction and approval of his conduct as a landlord in Charlestown, and bringing to his residence the experience of some years, he believes he will be able to maintain his character among his friends, and to acquire new tributes of approbation from the travelling public. He is determined to keep a good house, and one which will recommend itself.

"He asks the travellers by the Rail Road as well as all other to give him one call, and if there by any reasonable cause of complaint of the fare or manner of its service, a second visit will not be expected. He will endeavor to be polite and courteous, and all in his employ, connected with the Hotel, will be required to practice the same deportment. Preparations have been made for the accommodation of visitors singly or in families, and the best the markets afford will be at the service of his patrons. His bar will be furnished with good WINES and LIQUORS, and his Stable will be attended by one of the best ostlers the State can produce."130

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130. Virginis Free Press, April 10, 1845, p. 2, c. 7.

Food served:

A few months later, the editor of the Virginia Free Press, visited the U. S. Hotel and reported:

A FIRST RATE HOTEL

"The praise of Abell's Hotel at Harpers-Ferry is in the mouth of every traveller and well may this be so, for he puts many delicious morsels into their mouths. We took occasion the other day to lay down our knife and fork long enough to take a glance at the abundance and variety before us, and an epicure may judge from the list below, whether there were not enough of the "creature comforts" on the board, to make him feel complacent and happy the balance of the day. Here are the items:

MEATS.

Ham, Roast Beef, Mutton, boiled and roasted, Roast Duck, Fried Chicken, Roast Veal and Veal Cutletts.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, new and old, Beets, Cabbages, Asparagus, Peas, Beans, and Cimblins.

DESSERT.

Apple Pie, Raspberry Pie, Lemon Pie, Cherry Pie, Raspberries, and Cream.

Liquors, old and mellow, and every thing cooked in the best style, and table furniture pure and bright, what is to hinder Capt. Abell from making his way to the hearts of the travelling multitude? Well, indeed, does he deserve the overflowing patronage bestowed upon him."131

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131. Virginia Free Press, June 26, 1845, p. 2, c. 1.

CARRELL'S WESTERN EXCHANGE
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

"For the accommodation of Passengers in the Cars, I have determined to have OYSTERS and other Delicacies of the season, where Ladies' and Gentlemen will only have to pay for what they get. I am prepared to dine fifty persons daily. My situation is the most eligible and convenient on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road. I hope to receive a share of the public patronage. E. H. CARRELL.

P. S. The public generally are invited to give me a call."[132]

Of the renting of the hotel in 1848, the newspaper remarked: "The highly increased value of property at Harpers-Ferry may be learned from the fact that the building in the occupancy of Mr. E. H. Carrell, as the Western Exchange, was again rented by him on Sat. last, for $1,050 . . . ."[133]

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132. Virginia Free Press, January 22, 1846, p. 1, c. 1.

133. Virginia Free Press, March 18, 1848, p. 2, c. 6.

In April, 1848, the new leasee, James Bate Wager, announced:

UNITED STATES HOTEL
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The undersigned would respectfully inform the public that he has leased the Hotel at Harpers-Ferry (late in the occupancy of Capt. Joseph F. Abell) known as the UNITED STATES, and is now prepared to accommodate passengers by the Rail Road, or travellers in the most comfortable manner. Those travelling in the Cars will find this a most agreeable Dining Place, where every fruit of the season, and luxury that can be had will be served up in the most choice style . . . .

"To the people of this and the neighboring Counties he would say, that his House shall always be open for their reception and accommodation, as he is determined to make their calls agreeable. His Bar shall contain the choicest Liquors--his Table the best the market affords--his Chambers well furnished--and his Stabling which is commodious, shall contain the best provender and attended by attentive hostlers.

"Give the House a call, and judge of its merits for yourselves."[134]

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134. Virginia Free Press, April 8, 1848, p. 3, c. 1. also May 10, 1849, p. 4, c. 4. February 14, 1850, p. 4, c. 7.

Thus in 1850, Mr. Carrell, who had been operating the "Western Exchange Hotel" that was located on Wager Lot No. 9, also secured the lease to the United States Hotel and operated both hotels jointly. In May of that year he announced his grand combination:

CARRELL'S DINING HOUSE,
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.
The Regular Dining Place, where Passengers Have ample time to Dine, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

"Occupying a large Hotel, capable of Dining 300 Passengers, I will have daily for Dinner, Roast Beef, Mutton, Veal and Fowl; Boiled Ham, Corned Beef and Chickens; Soup and Fish in season, with a plentiful supply of Vegetables and Pastry, Fruit, &c. In fact, every thing that the markets will afford, will always be found at his table.
ICE CREAM served up during the season at short notice.

"Ladies and Gentlemen wishing to remain at Harpers-Ferry, will find this House newly fitted and furnished, the Parlor and Chambers well arranged, to make their stay at this romantic spot agreeable.

"I return my thanks to the many thousands who have patronized me, and will always endeavor to merit their support.

"To my country friends and strangers visiting this place in carriages or on horseback, I will say that my Stabling is large and well supplied with the best of Provender, attended by a careful Ostler. And my Bar with choice liquors, ale, &c. My charges to suit the times."135

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135. Virginia Free Press, May 17, 1850, p. 3, c. 3.

U. S. HOTEL
HARPERS FERRY, VIRGINIA
MRS. ELI H. CARRELL

"Respectfully announces to her friends and the travelling public generally, that DINNER is daily in readiness at 2 1/2 o'clock, expressly for the passengers on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in the down train going East, and for the special accommodation of Passengers on the Winchester trains.

BREAKFAST AT 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

which is in time to afford an hour to remain before the departure of the Baltimore 9 o'clock train.

SUPPER AT 9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

which gives time sufficient to stop two hours before the Winchester train leaves on its return.

OYSTERS at all hours for those who prefer them.

Mrs. E. H. Carrell avails herself of this occasion to offer her grateful acknowledgements to those who have so liberally patronized the U. S. Hotel, and assures them and all others that she is determined to make the house, in all respects, the stranger's home."[136]

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136. Virginia Free Press, February 3, 1853, p. 3, c. 1, also p. 2, c. 1. Evidence that Mrs. Carrell also held the lease to the Hotel on Wager Lot No. 9 will be found in Virginia Free Press, March 10, 1853, p. 3, c. 1. March 2, 1854, p. 3, c. 3; April 24, 1856, p. 3, c. 2. July 10, 1856, p. 3, c. 3. October 9, 1856, p. 3, c. 4.

In June, 1853, the editor of the Virginia Free Press again commented on Mrs. Carrell and her hotel:

U. S. HOTEL, HARPERS FERRY

"This necessary resort for the travelling public, immediately at the junction of the Winchester with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and at which all the passengers by the former and the Western train of the latter, have opportunity of Dining, is still under the management of Mrs. CARRELL, assisted by Mr. Young, of long experience and most thorough acquaintance with everything that is necessary to a first-rate hotel. Mrs. Carrell is a lady of the most indomitable energy and perserverance, and eminently deserving for her many generous traits, the liberal patronage of the travelling public. And as the season of the year is not just at hand, when the Cities send forth their countless multitudes in pursuit of health or pleasure, we know of no point at which a day or two could be more profitably and agreeably spent, than in taking a bird's eye view of the numberous attractions in and around Harper's Ferry, and particularly of the hospitality and kind attentions which the U. S. Hotel will afford. It has just been thoroughly overhauled, the parlors decorated with new and handsome furniture, every portion of the house papered or whitewashed, new carpeting put down, and through the taste and good will of Mr. Tacy, almost the whole interior handsomely and most tastefully painted . . . ."137

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137. Virginia Free Press, June 30, 1853, p. 2, c. 1. For advertisements of Hotel, see issues for November 16, 1854, p. 4, c. 2; September 6, 1855, p. 3, c. 2; January 3, 1856, p. 4, c. 1.

WAGER HOUSE
J. P. A. Entler Prop.
Harpers-Ferry, Va.

"This Hotel is situated on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and having undergone thorough repair recently, may now be considered one of the most pleasant houses in the country. The proprietor is determined to spare neither expense nor labor in endeavoring to do away with the prejudice that may prevail in the minds of the public in reference to accommodation at this place. His table will be furnished with the best the neighboring and Baltimore Markets will afford. His chambers will be clean and comfortable. In short, everything will be done to make it a pleasant sojourn for persons wishing to view the magnificent scenery and visit the work shops of the National Armory located at this place."[138]

The editor of the newspaper also commented on this change in management:

WAGER HOUSE

"Mr. J. P. A. Entler has become the proprietor of the old U. S. Hotel, Harpers Ferry, situated on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and having renovated the whole concern, it may well be classed as one of the best eating houses on the road, as evidenced by the universal expression of the passengers on the cars. Much prejudice had heretofore existed against the Hotel, but from the improvements made in the whole interior of the house, together with the indefatigable exertions of the host and his assistants, the "Wager House" will gain a reputation equal to any of the best Railroad Eating Houses. Mr. Entler gives his entire attention to the wants and comforts of his guests."[139]

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138. Virginia Free Press, June 2, 1857, p. 2, c. 7.

139. Virginia Free Press, July 2, 1857, p. 2, c. 3. Other advertisements, July 1, 1858, p. 4, c. 7. July 15, 1858, p. 4, c. 7.

THE WAGER HOUSE
In the romantic Village of Harpers-Ferry

"Sole proprietor of this large and commodious Hotel, I announce to the public that it is being newly fitted up and prepared for their accommodation. The public is deeply interested in the maintenance of a GOOD HOTEL at this point. Having taken an assignment, form the leasee, of the unexpired term, and purchased the furniture thereof, besides making large additions of handsome and valuable furniture thereto, it shall be my aim to sustain the reputation of the House, so well established under the late proprietor, MR. J. P. A. ENTLER. The patrons of the House whether visiting our village on business or seeking pleasure, may rest assured no effort will be spared to render satisfaction and promote their comfort.
ISAAC FOUKE PROPRIETOR, APRIL 21, 1859."[140]

In May, 1859, the editor again commented on this development:

WAGER HOUSE HOTEL

"We have heretofore omitted to mention that the Wager House, Harpers Ferry, has gone into the hands of ISAAC FOUKE, ESG. Mr. Fouke will keep a good hotel, and will accommodate comfortably those stopping at his house. He is abundantly able to do so, not withstanding the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company have withdrawn from there as an eating house [because the Bar had apparently become the main attraction at the Wager House, the Railroad Company moved their business to the Hotel on Wager Lot 9, which they also apparently owned, see below].

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140. Virginia Free Press, December 8, 1859, p. 1, c. 3.

"Although Harpers Ferry is one of the most important points on the road, there is not room for the accommodation of female passengers; and the hotel is imposed upon by many who do not spend a cent with the landlord. Such things should not be; but, perhaps, when the Company's attention is directed to it, a remedy will be made.

"Mr. Fouke makes no objection, however, and is willing that all who may see proper to await the arrival of the cars at his hotel can do so."141

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141. Virginia Free Press, May 5, 1859, p. 2, c. 4.

POTOMAC RESTAURANT, HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The undersigned has opened a RESTAURANT, in the house formerly occupied by the late E. H. Carrell [located on Wager Lot 9], immediately on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, adjoining the Wager House [The old United States Hotel, located on Wagers 6, 7 and Part of 8], where visitors can be accommodated with all the Luxuries of a well-kept Restaurant at moderate rates.

Passengers intending to take the Cars will find every accommodation.

J. B. BROWN, Agent, May 10, 1859."[142]

The newspaper editor also noted this development, in commenting on the "Wager House" or United States Hotel, writing: "He [the new proprietor of the Wager House] is abundantly able to do so [accomodate visitors], notwithstanding the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Company have withdrawn from there as an eating house . . . ."[143]

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142. Virginia Free Press, May 19, 1859, p. 3, c. 2; June 2, 1859, p. 3, c. 2.

143. Ibid., May 5, 1859, p. 2, c. 4.

JEWELRY STORE Bldg. No. 45 1835

The other store on the first floor of Bldg. No. 45 was apparently rented in 1834, by a Mr. Calame, a Silversmith, as is revealed by the following notice of J. P. Mylius in January, 1835:[12]

"NEW ESTABLISHMENT

The subscriber, WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER, SILVERSMITH, AND JEWELLER, begs leave to inform the public that he has commenced business at Harpers-Ferry, in the room heretofore occupied as a Silversmith shop, one door west of the Apothecary shop of Stephenson & Co. [This latter firm was located in a stone building on Wager Lot No. 48, the two intervening lots, Wager Lots No. 46 and 47, were then vacant--see 1835 map].

Having bought out the stock of Mr. Calame, and procured a SUPPLY from below, the subscriber is prepared to furnish those who may wish to purchase articles in his line. The public are respectfully invited to give him a call."[144]

J. P. Mylius & Co. who advertised "Gold and Silver Watches, Silver Spoons, Combs and Buckles" for sale.[145]

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144. Virginia Free Press, January 15, 1835, p. 3, c. 3; see also Snell, Charles W., "Historic Building Site Survey Report for Bldgs, No. 41 and 42, The James McGraw Lot or Wager Lot No. 48," dated July 28, 1958, pp. 9-10 for location of Stephenson & Co. in 1831-1837 period.

145. Virginia Free Press, November 19, 1835, p. 3, c. 3.

JEWELRY STORE Lot 48 1840

W. Illims CROCKER
CLOCK, WATCH-MAKER, AND JEWELER,

"Having located himself on Shenandoah Street, opposite the Pay-Office, respectfully informs the citizens of Harpers Ferry and vicinity, that he repairs all kinds of CLOCKS, WATCHES, MUSICAL BOXES, JEWELERY, &c. &c . . . .[146]

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146. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, January 8, 1840, p. 4.

NEW JEWELRY STORE

"The subscriber having taken the Store in Mr. Stephen's building, opposite Mrs. Carrell's Hotel, would respectfully call the attention of the public to his large and elegant assortment of

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, &C.

Which he is prepared to sell at the lowest cash prices. Gold and Silver Hunting Cased Watches; ditto Horizontal Escapement Watches; Detached Levers, Verticals, Horizontal, Verge and Duplex Watches, from the most Celebrated manufacturers in Europe. Also Gold Lockets, Ladies' Gold Scroll, Cluster, Box and Mourning Pins; Gold Finger Rings, of every description; Cuff Pins, Ear-Hoops and Drops, Gold Pencils, Gold Guard and Belt Chains, Chatalaine Pins, &c., Gents' Gold Guard, Vest and Fob-Chains, Keys and Seals, Loket and Signet Rings, Bosom Pins, Gold Studs, Collar and Sleeve Buttons, and every description of Goods usually found in a store of this description.

CLOCKS

The largest assortment of Clocks to be found in the county, prices from $1.75 to $12.00, warrented good time-keepers.

SILVER SPOONS,

Silver Spoons, made from pure coin and manufactured expressly for my own retail trade, which will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

WATCH REPAIRING,

All descriptions of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c. repaired in a workmanlike manner. Having had extensive practice in some of the best shops in the country, the subscriber feels confident of giving perfect satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronnage. J. M. SKIFF."[147]

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147. Virginia Free Press, February 19, 1852, p. 3, c. 2. Also May 13, 1852, p. 3, c. 2.

JEWELRY STORE Brick Bldg. on Lot No. 2 1859

W. L. Wagner, proprietor announced on Sept. 1, 1859:

"NEW JEWELRY
ESTABLISHMENT

"The undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Harpers Ferry and surrounding country that he has opened an establishment opposite the "Wager House" [which was located on Lots 6 and 7], where every variety of JEWELRY and FANCY ARTICLES may be found. His supply of

CLOCKS AND WATCHES,

will be complete, whilst a general assortment in his lines will always be found, at prices which will command a sale.

He is also prepared to Repair Watches, Clocks, and everything in the line of Silver Smithwork.--All he asks is an examination of his stock, and a test of his skill to ensure patronage.

Having has experience in establishments in New York, and also of Canfield Fr. & Co., Baltimore, he feels himself fully competent to execute all work in his line of business, in the best manner.

Having been for 2 years in Winchester with Mr. Merrideth it will be seen that he is not a stranger to Virginia."[148]

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148. Virginia Free Press, September 1, 1859, p. 2, c. 5; September 15, 1859, p. 3, c. 2; December 1, 1859, p. 4, c. 5.

1835 - Lawyer's Office: In 1835, Jno, J. Brown, Attorney at Law announced:

"His office is in the house at present occupied by Mrs. Ann Stephenson--formerly kept as a tavern by Maj. Jas. Stephenson, dec'd--next door east of Mr. R. Levering's store . . . ."[149]

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149. Virginia Free Press, Dec. 31, 1835, p. 1.

ISAAC FOUKE
ATTORNEY AT LAW

"Will in the future devote his undivided attention to the duties of his profession--and may say (though perhaps it is needless for him now to do so) that all business entrusted to his charge will be faithfully executed.

He will practice in the Superior and Inferior Courts of Jefferson and Clarke Counties.
OFFICE OVER STEPENSON & LEVERING' DRUG STORE."150

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150. Virginia Free Press, August 17, 1837, p. 3, c. 2.

WM. T. DAUGHERTY
ATTORNEY AT LAW

"Has removed to Harpers-Ferry, Virginia. He renews the offer of his professional services to the public generally.

Office one door west of Abell's Hotel [which was located on Wager Lot No. 7]"151

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151. Virginia Free Press, February 12, 1848, p. 3, c. 2.

LUMBER YARD Lot 10 (Stone House?) John & William Walsh 1858

In 1858 they announced:

LUMBER FOR SALE

"We have for sale SEASONED WHITE PINE LUMBER, assorted. Parties can be furnished with it in large or small lots of every quality and dimensions.

Large bills will be shipped direct from the Steam Saw Mill in Cumberland and furnished at the Mill prices. Purchases will save money by applying to us. The Lumber is separate from our Dry Goods and Grocery business, and will be sold for CASH only."[152]

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152. Virginia Free Press, July 1, 1858, p. 4, c. 2. See also October 14, 1858, p. 2, c. 7.

MILLINERY SHOP Bldg. 45 1836

On June 30, 1836, Mrs. Charles A. Staley informed "the Ladies of Harpers Ferry . . . that she has opened a MILLINERY AND FANCY STORE, in the room recently occupied by Mr. Mylius, as a Jeweller's shop."[153] Mrs. Staley remained in business at this location until September 1, 1836, when she and her husband opened a new store in present Bldg. No. 40.[154]

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153. Virginia Free Press, June 30, 1835, p. 3, c. 4.

154. Snell, Charles W., "Historic Building Report for Bldg. No. 40, Part I, The William Richards Bldg.," dated June 9, 1958, pp. 8-9.

MILLINERY SHOP Lot No. 11 1839

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY & MANTUA-MAKING
MISS ELIZABETH A. PAYNE,

"Just arrived from Winchester, is now prepared to carry on the various branches of her business in the rooms immediately over the Store House occupied by Mr. R. Doran, where she will be pleased to execute all order in her line with promptness and dispatch. She hopes, by strict attention to business, and a desire to please, to merit a share of public patronage, and respectfully solicits the same.

"She will be regularly supplied with the Latest Fashions, &c."[155]

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155. Virginia Free Press, November 23, 1837, p. 3, c. 5; Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, May 1, 1839, p. 3.

SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER SHOP Lot 48 1836

ADAM WHIP
SADDLE & HARNESS MAKER

"Respectfully informs his friends, customers, and the public generally, that he has removed his shop on the Main Street, over Doct. Stephenson and Levering's Apothecary Shop, Harpers Ferry . . . ."[156]

In September, 1836, Mr. Whip called for a settlement of the debts due him as he intended to move West in the Spring.[157] And in April, 1837, moved as far "West" as Martinsburg, Va.[158]

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156. Virginia Free Press, April 14, 1836, p. 3, c. 2.

157. Virginia Free Press, September 22, 1836, p. 3, c. 5. January 5, 1837, p. 3, 5.

158. Virginia Free Press, April 20, 1837, p. 3, c. 3.

In March, 1834, it was announced that "Peoples Line of Stages" would run three times a week between Winchester and Fredericktown. "Leaving Winchester at noon on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays, and arrive at Fredericktown next morning in time to take the 9 o'clock cars [of the B. & O. Railroad, which did not reach Harpers Ferry until December 1, 1834] for Baltimore; and will return to Winchester in time to connect with all Western Stages." Passengers bound for Washington were dropped off at Harpers-Ferry, where they caught the Packet Boat on the C. & O. Canal for that city.159

159. Virginia Free Press, March 20, 1834, p. 3, c. 2; February 20, 1834, p. 2.

STAGE LINES (Stage Tickets sold in Bldg. 45) 1834

By June, 1834, the peak in stage coach activities was reach when two competing lines were in operation. The schedule of the Baltimore and Winchester Mail Stages was as follows:

"The Postmaster General has directed the following schedule, viz:

The Mail Stages for Baltimore via Boonsborough, Charlestown, Harpers Ferry, &c. to Fredericktown and Point of Rocks, will from and after the 1st of April 1834, depart and arrive as follows:

"Leave Winchester for Baltimore via Boonsborough, Charlestown, Harpers Ferry, Point of Rocks, &c. on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, after the arrival of the Staunton Stage, say 1 o'clock P. M., and arrive in Boonsborough and Harpers Ferry same night, and in Frederick and Point of Rocks next morning in time to take Cars for Baltimore.

Returning, Leave Frederick and Point of Rocks every Wednesday, Friday and Monday, after the arrival of the cars from Frederick and Point of Rocks, lodge in Shepardstown and Harpers Ferry, and arrive in Winchester on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 12 o'clock, M, in time to take the Staunton line . . . .

The water is expected to be turned into the canal [C.&O.] on Wednesday . . . next, at which time the boat will commence running, and travellers can have the choice (at Harpers-Ferry) either to take the stage for the depot at Fredericktown, or the boat for the Point of Rocks.

"Good and comfortable coaches, first-rate horses, and experienced dirivers, are on the route, and every attention will be paid to the comfort of passengers.

For seats apply at . . . Stephenson's hotel, Harpers Ferry [Bldg. No. 45] . . . .

A. HUMRICKHOUSE & CO.

	FARE
To Frederick-Town, on either line,	$3.00
To Boonsborough,	2.00
To Harpers-Ferry,	1.50."[160]

160. Virginia Free Press, April 3, 1834, p. 2, c. 6; April 10, 1834, p. 2, c. 2; May 1, 1834, p. 4, c. 3.

In June, 1834, the other line announced:

"THE PEOPLE'S LINE OF TROY COACHES
FARE REDUCED

This splendid line of Coaches, recently established, is now in full operation, affording extraordinary expedition of enabling travellers to leave WINCHESTER in the morning and arrive at BALTIMORE the same evening, and at a rate of fare on the whole line greatly reduced from former prices . . . .

A Coach leaves Winchester on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 12 o'clock, M., immediately after the arrival of the Staunton stage, and reaches Harpers-Ferry at 5 o'clock, P.M. Passengers will lodge at Harpers-Ferry [at Bldg. No. 45], and take the morning boat to the Point of Rocks, which place they will reach in time to take the 9 o'clock cars for the city of Baltimore.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, a Coach leaves Winchester at 4 o'clock in the morning. Passengers taking this coach arrive in Baltimore the same evening.

The undersigned feel every confidence in recommending this line to passengers--knowing as they do, that their drivers, coaches, and horses, are not surpassed by any in the country; and the unusual expedition, as well as the perfect safety with which the route is travelled, must make it popular . . . .

All Baggage at the risk of the owners.

C. W. McKINSTRY & CO."[161]

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161. Virginia Free Press, June 5, 1834, p. 3, c. 6; October 30, 1834, p. 3, c. 1.

1834 - Harpers Ferry Hotel and Mail Stage Office:

"The subscriber, in company with Mrs. Stephenson'shas commenced business in the well-known Tavern Stand, on the corner at Harpers Ferry . . . . Several new room have been lately added [Building No. 12A???], which contributes very much to the comfort of the establishment.

"The MAIL and ACCOMMODATION STAGES run daily to and from the house; and the facilities of travelling, by the Canal and Rail Road, under an excursion from the seaboard to Harpers Ferry, is one of great interest and pleasure. F. Beckham."162

162. Virginia Free Press, July 24, 1834, p. 3.

SHEET METAL SHOP Bldg. 45 1836

On September 8, 1836, the first floor store room in Bldg. 45 was rented by Benjamin M. Snook, who advertised:

"BENJAMIN M. SNOOKE,
COPPERSMITH, TIN, PLATE, AND SHEET IRON
MANUFACTURER,

Respectfully informs the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the public generally that he has taken the shop formerly occupied by Mylius and Houke as a silversmith shop, where can be found at all times a general assortment of all articles in the line of Copper, Tin, and Sheet Iron Ware. He is also prepared to execute all orders in the line of Eave Spouting and Roofing, repairing Stills and their apparatus, and all kinds of Tin Ware. His work shall be well done and at the shortest notice on reasonable terms . . . ."[163]

Mr. Snooke or Snook, apparently remained in business at this location until May, 1843.[164]

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163. Virginia Free Press, September 8, 1836, p. 3, c. 5.

164. Ibid., May 11, 1843, p. 3, c. 1.

TIN, COPPER, & SHEET IRON
ESTABLISHMENT,
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"Benjamin M. Snook would inform the public that he has removed his establishment to the frame building next door to R. D. Dorna's store [which was located on Wager Lot No. 11], where he will be glad to receive and execute, all orders in the Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron line, at the lowest rates.

Zinc, Tin, and Sheet Iron Roofing, done to order. Also House Spouting. He keeps constantly on hand and for sale, at wholesale and retail, a large variety of all those articles which belong to his line of business. Call and see me."[165]

Mr. Snook, aged about 30, died in April, 1845.[166]

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165. Virginia Free Press, May 11, 1843, p. 3, c. 1.

166. Virginia Free Press, April 17, 1845, p. 3, c. 2.

SHOE MAKER SHOP Lot 10 1830

SMITH & ANDERS,
BOOT
AND
SHOE MAKERS,

"Respectfully inform the citizens of Harpers Ferry and the public in general, that they carry on the above business in all its various branches, on Potomac Street, in the room adjoining Mr. N. O. Allison's tailor shop [which was located on Lot No. 10], a few doors west of Mr. Springer's apothecary shop [which was located on Wager Lot No. 9], where all business entrusted to their care will be thankfully received and carefully attended to and executed at the very shortest notice. They have on hand a general assortment of Boots and Shoes for gentlemen and ladies. Prunella Shoes of all colours. All of which will be sold at very low prices for cash."167

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167. Virginia Free Press, February 17, 1830, p. 3, c. 5.

SHOEMAKER SHOP Lot No. 11 1834

In July, 1834, Thomas W. Keyes announced:

NEW BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY

"The undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Harpers-Ferry . . . that he has engaged Mr. John B. Shope, an experienced and faithful workman, to carry on the above business for him, in a room adjoining the Post Office.

Mr. Shope will attend to orders promptly and satisfactorily, and as none but best materials will be used, and the most skillful workmen employed, the customers of the concern will find themselves supplied in the most agreeable manner."168

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168. Virginia Free Press, July 31, 1834, p. 3, c. 3.

The other room was apparently rented in May, 1837, by Jacob Wright, who advertised on the occasion:

"NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE.

The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the public generally, that he has opened a new BOOT AND SHOE STORE in the room nearly opposite the Store of John G. Wilson [Wilson was then located in House No. 4 on Lot No. 1, Block C, Shenandoah Street] where he has on hand, and intends constantly keeping, a supply of Boots and Shoes of every description and of the very best materials. He continues to manufacture work, and will fill promptly any orders left at his establishment. The ladies are respectfully invited to give him a call, as his supply is well adapted to their tastes—in short, he can suit the wishes of the most fastidious. Try him."169

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169. Virginia Free Press, May 25, 1837, p. 3, c. 4. For location of John G. Wilson, see Snell, C. W., "History of Block C, Shenandoah Street," pp. 19.

SHOE MAKER SHOP Bldg. No. 37, Lot No. 52 1840

Alfred and H. Y. Andrews

"REMOVAL. A. & H. Y. Andrews respectfully inform their customers and the public generally that they have removed their

BOOT AND SHOE-MAKING ESTABLISHMENT, TO NO. 4, HIGH STREET."170

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170. Harpers Ferry Constitutionalist, January 8, 1840, p. 3.

SHOEMAKER SHOP Bldg, No. 37, Lot No. 52 1854

"NEW BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTORY,

"The subscribers would respectfully inform the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and Bolivar, that they have commenced the above business in Harpers-Ferry, on High Street a few doors above Shenandoah, where they will manufacture in the very best manner, and out of the best material, all kinds of BOOTS AND SHOES. All work will be warranted to be of the best quality and workmanship. REPAIRING will also be neatly and substantially done, and on the shortest notice.

"All work quaranteed to equal in style, beauty, finish and material, any that is manufactured in the County."[171]

In February of 1854, they advertised:

"DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

"The Co-partnership heretofore existing between JOHN T. RIELEY and A. G. McDANIEL was dissolved on the 6th instant by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by John T. Rieley.

JOHN T. RIELEY
A. G. McDANIEL

"THE BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS, in all its various branches, will be continued at the OLD STAND by the undersigned, where he will be glad to see all their old customers with as many new ones as may be pleased to call.

JOHN T. RIELEY."[172]

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171. Virginia Free Press, January 20, 1853, p. 3, c. 1; also May 12, 1853, p. 3, c. 3.

172. Virginia Free Press, February 9, 1854, p. 2, c. 7.

SHOEMAKER SHOP Bldg. No. 37, Lot No. 52 1857

In 1857 Mr. Rieley again announced:

"JOHN T. RIELEY
FASHIONABLE BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER
3rd Door From Shenandoah Street, on High St.,

"Keeps constantly on hand, or manufactured to order at the shortest notice, every description of Ladies, Gentlemen and Children's

BOOTS, GAITERS AND SHOES,

Also a large assortment of Leather and Shoe Findings for Sale."[173]

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173. Virginia Free Press, May 14, 1857, p. 3, c. 1.

STONE CUTTERS YARD Ferry Lot, Probably Lot 10 1846

VALLEY MARBLE YARD
HARPERS FERRY

"John Fagan has commenced the manufacture of Marble, at his shop near the two principal hotels [which were located on Wager Lots No. 6, 7 and Part of 8 and on Lot no. 9], where he intends to keep on hand, and manufacture to order TOMBS & MONUMENTS, ALSO MARBLE MANTELS. Also, HOUSE WORK-Door Steps and Sills, Windown Sills and Lintels."[174]

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174. Virginia Free Press, May 7, 1846, p. 3, c. 5.

MERCHANT TAILOR AND READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 8 1845

"GENTLEMEN, LOOK HERE!
New and Fashionable
Merchant Tailoring Establishment !!!!

T. J. Sullivan & J. R. White,

Having just returned from the east with a large and fine selection of

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

Would beg leave most respectfully, to inform the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and the public in general, that they have taken the store room situated between Mr. Abell's Hotel [for the United States Hotel, located on Wager Lot No. 7] and Mr. Samuel Gibson's store [located on Wager Lot No. 9], directly opposite Mr. Walling's Hotel [the Virginia House located on Lot No. 5], and lately occupied by Robert Russell, Esq., where they are prepared to dress their sex at the shortest notice, in the neatest style, and upon the most accommodating terms.

"Their stock consists in part of the following:

CLOTHS:

Extra super French Black
Extra super blk English wool-dyed
2nd quality do do
Super Beaver do do
Pilot cloths
Super indigo blue
Super London brown
do do green
do invisible green
2nd quality do do
Super olive, various qualities
Canada cloth, &c.
Mackinaw blankets.

CASSIMERES.

Super wool-dyed blk
do do blue-blk
do French-ribbed do
Super fancy French
do do English
suitable to all tastes

Together with well assorted specimens of the beauty and durability of the styles in market.

VESTINGS

Extra super cut velvets
Do do plain do
Do embroidered satin
Super buff Cashmere
Extra super plaid
Fine plaid valencias

Extra striped satin 2nd quality valencias
Do plain do super shalleys, &c.
A complete variety of SATTINETS, of all colors, stripes and qualities, in connection with plain and striped Kentucky Jeans, winter tweeds: Also for pants and sack coats.

We have also a stock of

FALL & WINTER
READY-MADE CLOTHING

Consisting of Sacks, Overcoats, Cloaks, Pantaloons, Vests, &c. Together with a handsome assortment of Gentleman's Gloves, Cravats, Suspenders, Stocks, Hdkfs, Merino Shirts, and Drawers.

As the most fair, simple, and advantageous method to test the matter would be to call, we solicit it--as we have the latest Fashions, capacity suitable for a business of the kind, and a well assorted stock, we flatter ourselves that that call alone will be necessary with those who wish any thing in our way.

Gentlemen purchasing goods elsewhere are assured that they can have them made up by us at the shortest notice, best manner, and upon terms corresponding with the uniform standard.

We will also sell by the yard, piece or pattern (very low) so that those may be suited who wish to have them made elsewhere.

N. B. Though we are disposed to accommodate in every particular, we must say that we are not prepared to give a lenghty credit, to the most punctual."[175]

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175. Virginia Free Press, October 9, 1843, p. 3, c. 4.

MERCHANT TAILOR AND READY-MADE CLOTHING STORE Lot 4 April 1847

GENTLEMEN'S WEAR!
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES & VESTINGS,
J. R. WHITE,
MERCHANT TAILOR
Opposite Abell's Hotel
[the U. S. Hotel on Lots 6 and 7]
Harpers Ferry, Va.
Successor to T. J. W. Sullivan
[who had been located on Lot 8 from 1845 to 1847]

"Has just received a handsome assortment of fine and superfine French and English Cloths:

Fancy colored single milled Cassimeres, and black French Doe Skins; Plain black, Fancy English and French Satin and Silk, Fancy Merion, White

Figured and Embroidered Marseilles VESTINGS.
Silk and linen Cambricks Pocket Hdkfs;
Black and fancy Silk, and Jaconeti Cravats;
Suspenders, Hosiery, &c., together with some beautiful pieces of Black and Fancy Colors;
Sashmerett's and Drap d'ete, for Spring and Summer Coats, and Pants.

ALSO READY-MADE CLOTHING,

A general assortment, which will be sold very low. To all of which, he invites the attention of his friends and the public generally."[176]

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176. Virginia Free Press, April 15, 1847, p. 3, c. 4.

TAILOR SHOP Lot 4 1830

JOHN W. BENNER
TAILOR
Late from Washington City,

"Respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he has commenced the Tailoring Business in all its various branches, and on the most reasonable terms, in the shop formerly occupied by Mr. Allison [in May, 1831, Allison was located on Wager Lot No. 10], where he expects to meet with a share of the public patronage, as his work will be done with neatness and dispatch.

N. B. The subscriber has contracted to receive the fashions regularly from the Cities of New York, Philadelphia, and Washington."177

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177. Virginia Free Press, February 24, 1830, p. 4, c. 3.

TAILOR SHOP Lot 4 1831

In September, 1831, George W. Entler announced:

TAILORING.

"The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced the above business at Harpers-Ferry, in the shop formerly occupied by Alexander Gibson, opposite to Messrs. Russell's and Fitzsimmons' store [their new building, 1831, was located on Wager Lot No. 12; Wager Lot No. 5 was vacant until 1834], where he is prepared to execute work in his line of business, in the neatest and most fashionable manner. Ladies' habits also made in the neatest manner, with or without braid. He hopes, by strict attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage.

The Philadelphia fashions will be received by him regularly."[178]

178. Virginia Free Press, September 8, 1831, p. 3.

TAILOR SHOP Lot 11 1833

"TASTE AND FASHION!
WILLIAM M. ROLLINGTON,
FASHIONABLE TAILOR & HABIT MAKER,
Respectfully informs the public that he has taken a shop, immediately over the Post-Office, and directly opposite Joseph L. Russell's Store [which was located on Wager Lot No. 12], at Harpers-Ferry, Va., where he is fully prepared to execute every description of work connected with the Tailoring business. Having in his employ none but first rate workmen, and intending to keep none but such, customers may rely upon having their work done in the best possible manner, and on the shortest notice. Having also made arrangements to receive the Philadelphia Fashions regularly, his style of cutting will not be inferior to any in the State.

TO TAILORS

The subscriber having been appointed Agent for Jefferson county, to teach ALLEN WARD'S PROTRACTOR SYSTEM OF CUTTING, Tailors will be taught the Rule on the terms prescribed by the patentee . . .

N. B. Three or four JOURNEYMEN TAILORS Wanted--to whom the highest wages and constant employment will be given."[179]

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179. Virginia Free Press, November 29, 1832, p. 3. Also August 15, 1833, p. 3.

TAILOR SHOP Lot 10 1834

In June, 1834, Pharis Ferral announced:

NEW ESTABLISHMENT

"The subscriber announces to his friends and the public that he has commenced the TAILORING BUSINESS in all its various branches, at the old stand formerly occupied by Mr. N. O. Allison, Market-Square, Harpers-Ferry, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and a desire to please, to merit a share of the public patronage. He will receive the Philadelphia and New York Fashions quarterly, as he will employ none but good workmen, gentlemen may depend on having their garments made with neatness and dispatch, and in the most durable and fashionable style."[180]

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180. Virginia Free Press, June 4, 1834, p. 3, c. 5.

A month later the following advertisement appeared:

TASTE AND FASHION.
LOUIS COSSON TAILOR,

"Respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has commenced the above business at Harpers Ferry, adjoining the Post Office, where he hopse, from strict attention, and well known experience in the business, to gain a share of the public patronage. He further assures his friends and the public, that he will always have the LATEST FASHIONS from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore; and that CLOTHING of every description will be made in the best and most fashionable manner. He feels confident in saying, that he will be able to give general satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage."181

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181. Virginia Free Press, August 7, 1834, p. 3, c. 3.

TAILORING
TASTE AND FASHION

"George W. Cutshaw most respectfully begs leave to return his grateful acknowledgements to the citizens of Harpers-Ferry and vicinity, for the very liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and requests a continuation of their favours, as he flatters himself that an earnest desire to please, and an unremitting attention to business, will enable him to give the utmost satisfaction to all who may patronize his shop. His friends, acquaintances, and the public generally, are earnestly invited to call on him for the manufacture of all articles in his line, satisfied that his knowledge of the business is sufficient to please even the most fastidious.
Bridge St., Opposite the National Hotel [which was located on Wager Lot No. 5].
N. B. Three or four Journeyman-Tailors, of steady and industrious habits, can find employment by immediate application to G. W. C."[182]

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182. Virginia Free Press, November 24, 1836, p. 3, c. 5.

TAILOR SHOP Lot No. 13 1841

HERE WELCOME AGAIN!
TAILORING
N. O. ALLISON

Respectfully informs his old friends and the people at large, that he has returned from the West, and has again commenced business at Harpers-Ferry, in the second floor room of John G. Wilson's three story building, directly opposite the public arsenal, where he will be happy to receive the orders of his friends in the Tailoring Line. His work shall be done in the neatest and best manner, and on short notice. Give us a call, and look at the Fashions, &c."[183]

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183. Virginia Free Press, September 2, 1841, p. 3, c. 4.

In December, 1840, a second business occupied the building:

"OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

"The subscriber will be happy to furnish persons from the country with oysters, Fresh from Baltimore every day, in any quantitiy they may desire either in Cans, or by the bushel. Having made arrangements to be regularly supplied the Winter, persons visiting Harpers-Ferry will please call, upstairs, in Wilson's new Building, opposite the Arsenal, where they can have them cooked in all the different varieties of the Eastern Cities--with neatness, comfort, and good order, to enjoy them. The public's obedient servant, WILLIAM CLARKE."[184]

Mr. Clarke apparently rented the building from December, 1840 through 1841 as a tavern at an annual rent of $600 a year.

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184. Virginia Free Press, December 10, 1840, p. 3. c. 6.

TAVERN. Lot South of the W. & P. R. R. Track

1849

In 1849, Brittain & Hartshorn announced:

"GAULT HOUSE."

"The undersigned having taken possession of the "Gault House," near the Rail Road Depot and renovated the same, are prepared to give their friends and the public generally, a cordial welcome. They have fitted up their Oyster Room in the most comfortable manner, and are ready to serve OYSTERS in any manner suited to the tastes of the customers. Their BAR is supplied with the choice brands of LIQUORS, so that the most fastidious be catered to, either in eating or drinking. They respectfully ask a call from the thirsty or hungry . . . ."[185]

In 1851 Brown and Chambers advertised:

"GAULT HOUSE,
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The establishment has been recently renovated, and is supplied with the choicest brands of Liquors. They will keep constantly on hand every article of eating, in season, such as Pickled Oysters, Sardeens, Crabs, &c., &c. As they intend conducting the House in the most quiet and peacable manner, they expect the patronage of those requiring any thing in their line. Passengers on the Rail Road can be waited on with promptitude.--They invite a call from the public generally."[186]

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185. Virginia Free Press, January 25, 1849, p. 3, c. 2.

186. Ibid., July 10, 1851, p. 4, c. 2.

TAVERNS 1857
Lot South of the W. & P. R. R. Track

In May, 1857, the Gault House was leased from Thompson by George W. Chambers, who operated the saloon until 1862. Mr. Chambers advertised in 1857:

"MINERAL WATERS.

"From all the celebrated Springs, Mineral Water in Fountains can be obtained at Chamber's Mineral Water Establishment at the juncture of the Winchester & Potomac and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads at Harpers Ferry. The undersigned would respectfully inform the public generally that his saloon has been elegantly refitted. Will furnish gentlemen at the counter with Mineral Water & Pure Sarsaparilla Mead, with other extensive variety of cooling Summer Drinks for which this establishment is justly celebrated."[187]

The newspaper editor wrote of this new development: "A FOUNTAIN. The Soda Fountain of Mr. George W. Chambers, at the Railroad, Harper's Ferry, proves very satisfactory to the traveling community. The various syrups, &c., add greatly to the pleasantness of the beverage.--Those who doubt can be convinced by a call at the Fountain."[188]

In March of 1859, his advertisement read:

"GEO. W. CHAMBERS,
dealer in
BRANDIES, GIN, SCOTCH WHISKEY,
WINES, &c.
Junction Balt. & O. and Win. & P. Railroads
HARPERS-FERRY, VIRGINIA

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187. Virginia Free Press, May 14, 1857

188. Ibid., June 18, 1857, p. 2, c. 3.

The following BRANDIES, &c. always on hand

"Hennessy"	Pale	A. Signette
"Martell"	and	Barton & Huriyirt
"Otand Dupuy & Co.	Dark	J. J. Depuy & Co.

Weesp and Shiedam Gin,
Scotch Whiskey, Paisiy, Istev, and Cambelltown
Pure Rye and BURBON WHISKEY
Scotch Ale & Condon Porter in Bottles, Cigars, &c."[189]

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189. Virginia Free Press, March 31, 1859, p. 2, c. 7.

TAVERN Gault House 1859
Lot South of the W. & P. R. R. Track

"McDONNELL'S CATAWBA
GINGER WINE

"still continues to win Golden Opinions. Its immense Popularity increases day by day. In many instances violent attacks of Diarrhoea were instantly cured, while in hundreds of cases the premonitory symptoms were immediately checked, and much suffering prevented. It is so everywhere. Individuals, communities and the Press are loud in its praise. Few articles have ever acquired such unbounded and deserved popularity in so short a time.

If there be any of our citizens (which is very unlikely) who have not yet tried this Wine, we say do so at once. It is for sale by

GEO. W. CHAMBERS."[190]

Finally, in December, 1859, Mr. Chambers announced:

"PURE BRANDY
FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

A few dozen bottles of pure COGNAC BRANDY, pinet, Castillion & Co., old Vintage, just received by

G. W. CHAMBERS.

BRANDIES.

Apple, Peach,
Ginger, Blackberry,
Raspberry and Cherry Brandy,
G. W. CHAMBERS,

SWINTON BITTERS
In bottles or by the gallon, for sale by

G. W. CHAMBERS."[191]

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190. Virginia Free Press, September 22, 1859, p. 4, c. 6.

191. Ibid., December 8, 1859, p. 1, c. 2.

TOBACCO SHOP Lot 5 April 1845

REMOVAL
JOS. W. L. CARTY

"Takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally that he has removed his stand (formerly kept next door to P. O. Littlejohn's) [Carty had been located in Store No. 2 of Bldg. No. 38] to the room lately finished between Mr. Wm. J. Stephens' Tailoring Establishment and Mr. James Walling's Virginia Hotel, and opposite the United States Hotel, where he will at all times be ready and willing to accommodate those who may favor him with a call. Having added a large lot of Regalia, Canne, La Vuetta, Tobacco, and Improved Principe Cigars, to his former stock, he feels assured he can please those who may desire a good cigar.

"We will also constantly receive superior articles of CHEWING TOBACCO, such as he had been selling since he commenced business. All of which he will sell at reduced prices, wholesale and retail.
N. B. All orders addressed to him will be punctually attended to."[192]

By June, 1845, he was advertising: "SIGN OF THE INDIAN, Next door to the Virginia and Opposite the U. S. Hotel."[193]

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192. Virginia Free Press, April 10, 1845, p. 2, c. 7.

193. Ibid., July 3, 1845, p. 3, c. 5.

TOBACCO SHOP Lot No. 4 1855

In 1855 Mr. Yantis' advertisement read:

S. V. YANTIS,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer,
in manufactured
TOBACCO, SEGARS, & SNUFF
(Sign of the Indian Girl)
Opposite the United States Hotel
(located on Lots No. 6 and 7)"[194]

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194. Virginia Free Press, November 29, 1855, p. 3, c. 1.

PART II

A SELECTION OF INDUSTRIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

OF THE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

ON THE ISLAND OF VIRGINIUS

NEAR HARPERS FERRY

1830-1860

Note: Island of Virginius claimed in 1816. Island water power developed in 1823-24.

BLACK SMITH SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1835

William Richards

In May, 1835, William Richards, who later became the owner of buildings in the Monument now known as No. 40 and No. 44, announced:

"A CARD.

The undersigned begs leave to inform his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the Smiths Shop lately occupied by Lewis Wernwag, on the Island of Virginius, where he will be happy to serve those who may favor him with their work, which shall be done on the shortest notice, and in the best and neatest manner; and he hopes, by strict attention to business, to share a part of the public patronage.
N. B. Mill Irons made to order at the shorest notice."[195]

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195. Virginia Free Press, May 7, 1835, p. 3, c. 6.

CHOPPING MILL (for rye and corn) Island of Virginius, Tract 1, 1840

"CHOPPING MILL.
ON THE ISLAND OF VIRGINIUS.

Hugh Gilleece respectfully informs the public that he has completed his CHOPPING MILL, on the Island of Virginius, near the Foundry, where he is prepared to chop Rye and Corn, for those who may think proper to favour him with a call.

CHOPPED CORN and RYE, will be kept constantly for sale on accommodating terms . . . ."[196]

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196. Virginia Free Press, June 11, 1840, p. 3, c. 3.

COOPER SHOPS Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1834

COOPERS WANTED.

"The subscriber wishes to employ four Journeymen Coopers, of steady and industrious habits, to whom 12 cents per barrel from the smooth and 17 from the rough will be given. Wages will be paid every Saturday night. Virginius, near Harpers Ferry."197

197. Virginis Free Press, September 25, 1834, p. 3, c. 5.

COTTON MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1847

"HARPERS-FERRY WATER POWER.

That splendid water power at Harpers-Ferry, the best probably in this country, next to Niagara Falls is beginning to be brought into use. A large cotton factory, one hundred by forty five feet in the clear, by four stories in height, is being put up under the superintendence of Mr. Giddings, for a company with a capital of forty thousand dollars. The machinery is being built by Danforth, of Patterson, N. J. Sooner or later that splendid water power must come into use for general manufacturing. It has long been waiting only for some bold spirits to make a beginning."[198]

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198. Virginia Free Press, January 7, 1847, p. 3, c. 2.

COTTON MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 July 1849

"VALLEY COTTON FACTORY,
HARPERS-FERRY.

We paid a flying visit to this establishment on Friday last, which has just commenced operations under the charge of Messrs. STANBROUGH & JOHNSON. This factory is capable of manufacturing 400 lbs. of Cotton yarn, 1100 lbs of Batting, and 50 lbs. of Candle wick per day. The building is of brick, 4 stories high—57 by 48 feet in the clear. The Machinery consists of seven Carders, four Spinning frames (called the Danforth Cap Frame,) two Reels, and Warning Mill, &c. This establishment employs some of the best and most experienced hands now in this country—some of them from establishments in Manchester, England.

It is to be hoped that these enterprising gentlemen will find ready sale for their yarn, &c., as we believe, from inspection, their articles will compare advantageously with those of any other in this country.--Let Merchants and others of the Valley, give them a trial, and we doubt not they will be fully compensated . . . ."199

The new firm itself advertised:

"NOTICE
VALLEY MILLS, HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

The subscribers are happy in being able to inform the people residing in the Valley of Virginia and surrounding country, that they have in full operation their COTTON MILL, and are now manufacturing all Nos. of Cotton Yarns used by the wollen manufacturers and planters, warped and sized in the manner used by them.

Our machinery is new and of the most improved kind; made by Charles Duffield, of Patterson, New Jersey. We have spared no pains or expense in having it fitted up in the best manner, and feel justified in saying that we can manufacture as good an article aforesaid as any Mill in the Country, having the most experienced men and operatives.

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199. Virginia Free Press, P. 2, c. 3. August 2, 1849

We hope the citizens of the Valley and surrounding country will give us their patronage to promote the spirit of enterprise begun in this part of Virginia, that has so long remained dormant with such facilities in her power. Merchants before going east will find it to their advantage to give us a call and examine our stock, as we manufacture Cotton yarn, Warp, Batting, Candle wicking, &c. STANBROUGH & JOHNSON."[200]

Cornelius Johnson and Ira Stanbrough continued to operate the Valley Factory through 1850.[201]

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200. Virginia Free Press, August 2, 1849, p. 3, c. 2.

201. Deeds of Trust in Deed Book 31, January 4, 1850, p. 4; January 5, 1850, pp. 4-5; January 10, 1850, p. 6; January 11, 1850, p. 7.

At this meeting it was apparently decided to sell the property, for on April 8, 1852, Secretary A. H. Herr Advertised:

"FOR SALE: EXTENSIVE REAL ESTATE, WATER POWER AND FACTORY AT HARPERS FERRY.
On May 18, 1852.

" . . . The Improvements consist in part, of two large Brick Factory Buildings, designated No. 1 and No. 2, of the most permanent character, No. 1 is 104 by 48 feet, and No. 2 60 by 49 feet, both Four Stories and Tin Roofs. . . . [We quote here only the section about the second factory as this information is omitted from the advertisement that follows and which is quoted in full]"

"FACTORY NO. 2"

" . . . Two stories, leased and occupied for the manufacture of Cotton yarns, etc.

. . . The aggregate annual rent now receiving is $1,920."[202]

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202. Virginia Free Press, April 8, 1852, p. 3, c. 2.

COTTON MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1852

"SALE OF VALUABLE WATER-POWER
AND
FACTORY PROPERTY,
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.
UNDER DECREE OF COURT.

By virture of a Decree of the County Court of Jefferson, rendered at the November term, 1852, in the chancery cause therin depending between A. B. Davidson & Harris, plaintiffs, and the Harpers-Ferry and Shenandoah Manufacturing Company, the undersigned, as Special Commissioners appointed in said decree, will proceed to sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the 22nd day of January next, 1853,

ALL THE PROPERTY,
REAL AND PERSONAL,

on the Island of Virginius, belonging to or in the possession of said Manufacturing Company, embracing as to the real estate about six acres of land, &c., situated on said island, adjoining Harpers-Ferry, with its appurtenant Water-Power.

THIS WATER POWER, if properly developed, is capable of driving almost an unlimited amount of machinery.

The improvements consist in part, of a large BRICK FACTORY BUILDING, of the most permanent character, 104 by 48 feet, four stories high, with tin roof.

The Factory is filled with the most approved machinery; built by Charles Danforth, of New Jersey, in 1848, to wit:

CARDING DEPARTMENT

One Pattent (sic) Cotton Opener and Cleaner, new; 2 Pickers for double operation; 18 thirty-six inch Carding Engines, with railway and heads attached; 3 Patent Drawing Frames, very superior; 6 Double Roller Beam Speeders.

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

18 Frames, each 132 Spindles--2,376.

DRESSING DEPARTMENT

4 Dressing Frames, with copper Steam Heaters; 6 Cradle Warpers, new, best class.

WEAVING DEPARTMENT

97 Looms, 87 of which are now in operation, for 4-4 Sheetings, driven by two new iron Turbine Wheels, 5 feet 10 inches in diameter each, from the Establishment of E. C. Kilburn & Co., Fall River, Massachusetts.

Iron Shafting, Gearing and Pullies of the most approved finish, with Composition Boxes.

One Cloth Press: 1 Scraper and Brush Machine, Banding Machines; Lathe and Tools for Roller covering, &c.

REPAIR SHOP

One new 12 foot iron Turning Engine Lathe, with Screw apparatus attached. One dito dito Hand Lathe.

The Factory is heated by steam with pipes, on the most approved plan.

There is an Office, Store Room and Waste House attached to the Factory.[203]

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203. Virginia Free Press, December 9, 1852, p. 3, c. 3.

COTTON MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1856

In 1856 Brown cottons were being manufactured on the Island of Virginius by Cramer & Hawks at the Cotton Factory.[204]

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204. Virginia Free Press, December 11, 1856, p. 3, c. 6.

THE FLOODS OF 1843

Before proceeding to the General Summary and consideration of the 1844 map, we present here data on the three floods that struck the Island of Virginius in 1843. On April 20, 1843, the newspaper reported:

"GREAT FRESHET

The water of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers were higher on Saturday evening last, at Harpers-Ferry, then they have been since the memorable flood of 1810, and great damage has been done in the flooding of the cellars and lower apartments of the houses, and in the carrying away of lumber from every accessible point.--Mr. Lewis Wernway, whose enterprise and usefulness are proverbial, was a loser to the amount of several hundreds of dollars, and the Public Lumber Yard [Armory] was almost literally stripped of timber, plank and wood--much of which might have been saved, if workmen had been directed to make the effort on Saturday morning.

The water was over the streets of the village, and all the little garden spots were inundated, and the early labors of the occupants completely destroyed. The great Rail Road bridge over the Potomac was in imminent danger, the stream being within 18 inches of the timbers, and the drift-wood in many instances broke off the plank which lined the frame work.

Immense damage has been done to the embankments of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, as far as heard from, East and West--and we fear that, in the present deranged condition of the finances of the Company, the means of repairing this damage will not be easily commanded.

The flood was produced by the continued rains of the last week, and the melting of the mountain snows which for months had been gathering in the fastnesses . . . ."[205]

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205. Virginia Free Press, April 20, 1843, p. 2, c. 3.

Two floods struck in September, 1843; the newspaper reported of the first flood:

"DESTRUCTIVE RAIN AND FLOOD.

"The rain, which commenced falling on Wednesday night the 6th about 9 o'clock, was awfully heavy, and disastrous beyond calculation. It seems as if the Heavens had been opened, as in the deluge of old, and in a few hours the town [Charles Town] run was swollen into an angry and terrible river, carrying destruction in its train throughout its whole length, from its source to the Shenandoah River [it poured for four hours, and after a long description of damage in and near Charles Town, the editor continued]

The damage has been great in various directions. The Winchester and Potomac Rail Road, from Cameron's to Harpers Ferry, was a good deal damaged. The loss will be several thousand dollars. The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, from Sleepy Creek to Harpers Ferry, was also materially injured, but the travel has been resumed . . . . Every hour brings us report of damage, and we may expect an endless detail of disasters from this memorable storm. We fear its consequences will be further felt, in the way of sickness, unless great care be taken to clean out and purify the cellars . . . ."[206]

The second flood followed immediately on the first, and the paper reported:

"ANOTHER DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD

The rains of the last week, beginning on Monday, and with intervals continuing until Friday have resulted in a tremendous flood in the Potomac and Shenandoah, and their tributaries, and great destruction to crops, fencing, and timber, has ensued. The wind on Thursday night, from the South East, was very violent, and the corn throughout its range has been prostrated in the fields, which are saturated to overflowing. The small streams did not rise as sudden as on the last occasion but the large streams have surpassed in volume any thing remembered by the "oldest inhabitant" . . . .

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206. Virginia Free Press, September 14, 1843, p. 2, c. 1.

At Harpers-Ferry, however, the flood has been the most disasterous. Both Rivers were up on Saturday morning three feet above the highest point of the flood last April, and more than a foot over the memorable flood of 1810. On Shenandoah street, boats were used, and the water was in the first story of almost every house. The street between Carrell's [located on Wager Lot No. 6, 7, part of 8 and 9, in the Ferry Lot] and Walling's [located on Wager Lot No. 5 in the Ferry Lot] Hotels was several feet deep, and the premises of both so filled that their cooking for hundreds of . . . . [travellers was impossible?]. The water was touching the Rail Road Bridge, and the rise of another foot must have swept that costly work away. The Rail Roads, we believe, have suffered no injury, but the Canal has been seriously damaged. The lift lock at Harpers-Ferry has been swept out, and the banks in many places are entirely gone . . . .

But to recur to Harpers-Ferry. The damage to the premises of the workmen, on Shenandoah street especially, is a most serious matter. Their little gardens, upon which many of them depend for winter supplies, have been entirely ruined, and their losses in various ways have been quite heavy. Those residing on the Potomac, between the River and the Armory Canal, were also much incommoded; and the loss of all, in addition to their want of regular employment the last year, will prove a serious drawback upon them. Indeed, if ever the government were called upon to exercise a paternal guardianship over the affairs of their workmen, the present is the time. Means should at once be applied to restore the injured premises to their former state, if possible, in order to prevent sickness, which is now so justly apprehended.

The Island premises (Virginius) were also overflowed, and the lumber, &c. of the Wernwag family had scarcely a dry spot to rest upon--The water filled the gardens and cellars, and in some instances was upon the first floors of the dwellings. Indeed, it is impossible to give the reader, who has not seen the ravages, any idea of the amount of damage and derangement occasioned by this unprecedented flood. Half the injury is probably unknown to us, but we hear that effect of the storm have been felt thro'out the whole of this and the neighboring counties. The amount

of loss is incalcuable, and the two freshets of September will be matters for remembrance for the present generation, more eventful than any to which their predecessors can refer them."[207]

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207. Virginia Free Press, September 21, 1843, p. 2, c. 2.

FLOODS AT HARPERS-FERRY, 1845-1852

Before considering the 1848-1851 map, we shall first present the evidence available on floods that struck the Island of Virginius and Harpers Ferry during the period 1845 to 1852. Two minor and one major flood struck this area in that period.

On November 5, 1846, the newspaper reported:

"HEAVY RAINS--HIGH WATERS

The fall of rain on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last was constant and at times heavy. The sun has been obscured entirely since Friday, with the exception of a ray or two that darted through some misty clouds on Monday afternoon. We have great fear that the heavy fall of water will be productive of an immense deal of damage along the various water courses. The Potomac and Shenandoah rivers were rising rapidly on Tuesday afternoon, and a gentleman who has lived all his life near the Potomac, states that it was within two feet of the highest water mark, when he left, and was then rapidly rising, at the rate of a foot an hour.

P. S. The water of the Shenandoah and Potomac are doing a great deal of injury at Harpers Ferry. Families have been driven from their homes, which were almost completely inundated.

The water is knee deep in a portion of Shenandoah street, and some five or six feet in the kitchen of Capt. Abell, of the U. S. Hotel [which was located on Lots No. 6, 7 and part of 8 in the Wager Ferry Lot].

We left Harpers-Ferry at nine o'clock on Tuesday night; the water was within a foot of the Rail Road Bridge, and still slowly rising--about two inches an hour. Great fears are entertained for its safety.

We learn from passengers in the Cumberland train, that the small water courses further up the Potomac are higher than ever before known, and when we take into consideration that this water is yet to pass down, it may well strengthen

the fears for the safety of the Rail Road Bridge at Harpers Ferry.

We have not heard of any loss of life."[208]

The railroad bridge, however, was not destroyed. The second minor flood occured in November, 1847. The newspapers reported of this event:

"HIGH WATER AGAIN!

The heavy rains of last week caused the Shenandoah River to rise higher than during the memorable freshet of October last. Its effect at Harpers-Ferry, however, was not half as disastrous as during the great rise of the Potomac in October. The last named river was quite high, but fortunately not in proportion to that of the Shenandoah. In some of the shops connected with the Armory business was suspended for a short time, in consequence of the inundation, and many of the cellars of houses were filled, particularly on Shenandoah street, where many families were compelled to leave their dwellings and seek shelter elsewhere.

We would suggest to the authorities at Harpers-Ferry, whether it would not be right and proper to make an abatement in the rent of those [Armory dwellings] houses on Shenandoah Street, owned by the Government, in view of the great losses the occupants are constantly subjected to, the disadvantages they labor under, and inconvenience experienced in removing so frequently from their homes; besides, the expense and labor attendant upon a proper cleansing and ventilation of the several premises. Certainly, such a reduction could not be viewed in any other light than most commendable and praise worthy."[209]

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208. Virginia Free Press, Novermber 5, 1846, p. 2, c. 1.

209. Ibid., December 7, 1847, p. 2, c. 6.

Rents on the Government Dwelling Houses located on Shenandoah Street were remitted by the Armory to their employees on this occasion for one-quarter of the year.[210]

The major flood of this period struck Harpers Ferry on April 18, 1852; the newspaper described it as follows:

"GREAT FRESHET AT HARPERS-FERRY.

Our county has been visited by an awful calamity.--The oldest inhabitants never before witnesses such a rise in the waters of the Potomac and Shenandoah river.--The inundation came upon us like an avalanche--sudden, unexpected and overwhelming.

It commenced raining about 4 o'clock P. M. on Saturday last, and continued without intermission, until Tuesday at noon. It fell, however, so gently that no one anticipated more than an ordinary swelling of the streams. On Monday, fereful forbodings began to be entertained by the now sorely stricken inhabitants residing near the junction of the two rivers, but still there was no dread that the "high water marks," known for a century--would become submerged--that the ever memorable freshet of 1847, would be a purling stream, compared with the angry, terrible and devastating torrent that was quickly to rush upon the, drive them from their firesides and leave their habitations look afar, like islands dotted over the sea. There was no thought or expectation like this, and consequently no extraordinary effort made to remove their hosehold effect, even their food and garments, out of reach of the destructive element.

By Tuesday morning the streets of Harpers Ferry, had become channels for mighty rivers, and the second and third stories and house-tops, resting placed for its distressed inhabitants.

Boats, gondolas and rafts were brought into requisition to remove many families from their cherised homes to the

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210. Snell, Charles W., "Historic Building Report, Part I and II, for Bldg., No. 48,--an Armorer's Dwelling House, October31, 1858, p. 105 and also remitted in 1852.

neighboring hills, where they could behold, with frightful minds and sore hearts, their every earthly comfort become a prey to the "unbridled flood." Who, unless his heart were made of stone, could witness scenes like these and not shed tears of blood?

. . . persons were borne into eternity upon the troubled bosom of this inland ocean. Two families were heard at midnight, amid the din of this war of elements crying for help, but before morning's dawn, their habitations were no more to be seen--having been carried away by the resistless current.

If there ever was a time when it should become the citizens of Jefferson--the acknowledged garden spot of this good old Commonwealth--to give substantial evidence of their charity, of their philanthropy, of their humanity, in a word, of the possession of those noble traits of character which should adorn the character of human being formed after the image of their Maker, THAT TIME HAS COME. Then will He, whose afflictive disponsation brought on these woes, reward them ten fold.

P. S.--The destruction of property is beyond all description. Every house on Shenandoah and Potomac streets was almost entirely submerged--the water being six feet higher than at any other period within the recollection of man. All the bridges save one, on the Winchester Rail Road from Shenandoah City to the Ferry, together with the trestle work, and a portion of the road is gone--also the bridge leading the Herr's Mill [the bridge to the Island of Virginius from the mainland]. Great damage has also been done to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Although the water was up to the Potomac Bridge, yet it withstood the tide, and is safe."

The loss of property belonging to the U. S. Armory, as well as to private citizens, cannot at present be estimated, but is very great. We will endeavor next week to give particulars.

We trust our Representative in Congress will make an effort to procure an appropriation for the relief of the artizans of Harpers-Ferry. They are part and parcel of the government; and they should not be permitted to sustain the heavy losses without remuneration."[211]

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211. Virginia Free Press, April 22, 1852, p. 2, c. 1.

FLOODS, 1853 to 1861

Harpers Ferry experienced three more floods during this period. The first came in September, 1859, and the newspaper reported of the event:

"RAINS.

The heavy rains of Friday and Saturday last, caused all the streams to be very high. The Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers were much swollen, though not as much so as on many former occasions. The basements of the houses on Shenandoah Street, Harpers Ferry, were of course filled.

The Charlestown Run was also very high, but no damage was done.

On all the streams, however, the fencing adjacent suffered. Many trees were also prostrated."[212]

In November, 1860, a second flood struck Harpers Ferry; the newspaper described it as follows:

"GREAT FLOOD.

We learn that during Friday and Friday night, the Alleghanies, particularly on their Eastern slopes, in western Maryland and Virginia, were visited by rains of extraordinary steadiness and volume. All the streams forming the sources of the Potomac, as well as those emptying into it, near Cumberland and Piedmont rose to a great height on Saturday.

Much damage has been done the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal--it being reported that the grand Bank at Dam No. 3, is entirely washed away.

The Shenandoah River was also very high, and our Harper's Ferry citizens will be much injured by the mud, &c., in their houses."[213]

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212. Virginia Free Press, September 22, 1859, p. 2, c. 2.

213. Ibid., November 8, 1860, p. 2, c. 1.

The final flood to hit Harpers Ferry before the outbreak of the Civil War occurred in April, 1861. Again the newspaper reported:

"GREAT RAIN FRESHET

The heavy rains have swollen the Potomac, Shenandoah and other streams to a very great height. Nothing like it has been seen since 1852.

The Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road has been submerged between Martinsburg and Cumberland--though the tonnage [freight] trains passed by Saturday Night."

At Harpers Ferry the water was within four feet of the R. R. Bridge--the streets and Armory yards were completely inundated."[214]

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214. Virginia Free Press, April 18, 1861, p. 2, c. 2.

FLOODS AT HARPERS FERRY AND THE ISLAND OF VIRGINIUS 1870

On September 30 and October 1, 1870, Harpers Ferry was struck by a great flood. We here quote from Letter of Mrs. John C. Child, who was living on the Island of Virginius, to Mrs. Sallie B. Child and Miss Lucy Child of East Thetford, Vt.:

Letter from Emily E. Child (Mrs. J. C. Child) to
Mrs. Sallie B. Child
Miss Lucy Child
East Thetford, Vt.

Envelope Heading
Return to Child, McCreight & Co.
Manfacturers of Flour
Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

Harpers Ferry, Oct. 7th, 1870

"Dear Mother & Sister:

I snatch a few minutes to give you a few particulars of the disaster that has happened to us here. The valuable property belonging to the firm of which John is a member is a mass of ruins and we have barely escaped with our lives. We have no idea of the danger until it was too late to escape from the Island. Last Friday towards evening the water commenced rising rapidly. Before two hours every way of escape and all hope of rescue was cut off from us. So we were compelled to stay within the crumbling walls which sheltered us from the terrible water which seethed and dashed around us. There were two bridges connecting the Island with the mainland, one wooden one near our house and the railroad bridge. So violent was the water that these were torn to fragments and carried away.

As soon as we saw there was danger of the water coming into the house we commenced to tear up carpets and moving furniture upstairs but so hurried were we that we were compelled to leave some and some was overlooked so though we saved the bulk of our furniture, still we lost many indispensible and some valuable articles. But our hearts are overflowing with gratitude that God has spared our lives, that our loss though heavy, is, we hope, not impossible.

Twelve buildings on the Island (some of them heavy stone and brick walls) are leveled to the ground. Our house is considered the strongest residence on the Island and yet everyone thinks if it had not been for the walls of the old mill [Bldg. No. 2 on 1859 historical base map] which stands west of us, it would have been swept away like chaff before the wind as was our stable and a brick house standing in our yard. Our back kitchen and all our outhouses and many trees are entirely gone so completely that we can scarcely realize they stood there. Across the track from us stands a row of twelve brick houses [Bldgs. 21-33, 34, 35, 19, 18, 17], all occupied by tenants with the exception of one family (our minister, Dr. Dutton). All put their goods upstairs and left their houses before dark. Three families took refuge with us, the others went onto Camp Hill north of us. None of those houses are entirely destroyed, but the kitchens and all of the outhouses are carried away. Doors and blinds are wrenched from their hinges, partition walls torn down, staircases shattered and floors torn up. In two of them the entire front walls fell out.

Sunday, Oct. 9th

The foundry [Bldg. No. 1], sawmill [Bldg. No. 3], carriage shop [Rohr's] and machine shop [Bldg. No. 4] were carried entirely away. The office to the mill was also destroyed and Mr. McCreight lost all his private papers.

The one bright spot in the picture, next to the saving of our lives, is the Mill [Bldg. No. 6] which is comparatively uninjured. They lost several hundred barrels, some feed and one of their scales but if it were not for the destruction of the race, could go to grinding in a few days, but the race is the greatest calamity of all. The head gates are gone, walls are torn down and the race filled with sand. It will cost several thousand dollars to repair it. They have already commenced work on it if the weather is favorable, hope to get it in shape before winter sets in. Mr. Hathaway, one of the partners who moved here from Pa. last year is going to move back this week. Mrs. McCreight and children are going to start for Springfield (Ohio) this week to spend the winter with Mrs. McCreight's sister so I shall be left here all alone in this desolate place. Their houses were more injured than ours and

very damp (as ours also is) and they were afraid to stay in them for fear of sickness. I suppose we are assuming some risk in staying here but our things are here in confusion, our doors are off the hinges and down the river, so that we could not shut up the house and though we were invited to stay at the Yantis' who live on the hill until the house was dry, I decided to stay and do what I could to save such things as were injured. I cannot say that I feel very cheerful with the prospect.

To make matters worse our woman has not come back since the day after the flood. She keeps saying she is coming but has broken her word so far. Until last Friday we had Mr. Taylor's family consisting of eight. She was brought here in the bed clothes not being able to sit up. We have had to do all our cooking by a fireplace upstairs until yesterday and have now to cook down and eat upstairs as it is too damp to eat downstairs.

Anna has worked like a beaver and Emily has done all she could. Anna is one of the noblest and sweetest girls I ever saw and is the admiration of everyone that knows her. We have all worked very hard since we have been here in order to save what we could until business got started and had just begun to breathe easier when this disaster came. I have done all our sewing, dressmaking and millinery with Anna's help since we have been here and felt that my eyes and strength were fast giving out, but instead will take a new start and work on until I can see a resting place.

We want to keep George in school if possible and had hoped to send him away after Christmas but all prospect of that is over now. I feel more anxious about the children's education than any other earthly thing and there are no suitable advantages for them here.

Well, I think you must be tired of this long chapter of unpleasant facts and I hope I shall be able to write a more cheerful letter next time.

Our school house was swept away and all the children's books with it. They seem, Anna especially, to mourn over them

more than anything else. I have written in haste and don't know as you can read it. I must close now and hope to hear from you soon--do write often for we shall be very lonely. With love from us all, I am,

Ever your affectionate daughter
and sister,

E. E. Child"

Joseph Barry's account of the 1870 flood will be found on pages 175 to 196 of his Strange Story of Harper's Ferry.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Virginius Island, Tract 2 1830

In July 1830 Fountaine Beckham ran the following advertisement in the newspaper:

"NOTICE: THE ISLAND MILL, at Virginius Near Harpers Ferry, is now undergoing a thorough repair, and will in a few days be ready for the reception of grain . . . . N. B. The mill being situated immediately below the Shenandoah Locks . . . ."[215]

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215. Virginia Free Press, July 28, 1830, p. 3, c. 4.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1831

In 1831 the "Island Mill" was operated by Daniel Snyder and Fontaine Beckham. The notice of their newly formed partnership reads as follows:

TO FARMERS

"DANIEL SNYDER, having taken an interest with Fontaine Beckham in the Island Mill, near Harpers Ferry, will remark to the customers of said mill, and to farmers generally, that every exertion will be used to promote the interest of those disposed to do their business at this mill. The undersigned hope, from a determination to have nothing undone on their part, to receive a reasonable share of the business. The mill is in good order, and ready to receive all kinds of grain, which will be strictly attended to by Mr. Stephens, the former miller. For the advantage of customers we will take upon ourselves all the trouble of delivering their flour, (subject to their order) in market, effecting sales, etc., if they wish it. If on the contrary, they procure their own boatmen, we will deliver their flour at a short notice. And to those who wish to sell their Wheat, we only ask a call, believing as we do, that we can at all times give as near the fair market price for Wheat as any other millers. It is not necessary for us here to point out the advantages pertaining in and to this mill, as farmers generally consult their own interest. We will however, remark, that the fine road from Charles Town to Harpers Ferry [this was the Harpers Ferry-Smithfield Turnpike Co. Road, which had been started in 1830-(7)], passing directly by this mill, is now very nearly completed, by which many of the farmers, particularly those quite near thereto, will be enabled for several months in the year to carry from 100 to 125 bushels of wheat at a single load-this to many will be a great advantage. To the farmers of Loudoun [County, Va.] we say,

we will exchange Flour for Wheat at any time, and grind their country work, as well as that of our customers, at the shortest notice.

Daniel Snyder
Fontaine Beckham."[216]

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216. Virginia Free Press, August 18, 1831, p. 3. also September 1, 1831, p. 4 c. 3.

In September of the same year, 1831, Fontaine Beckham announced:

" . . . The undersigned informs the farmers of Jefferson and Loudoun, that not having disposed of any interest in his mill at Virginius, near Harpers-Ferry, he will continue the business, as usual, on his own account. Mr. Thomas H. Stephens, a miller of capacity and experience, has charge of the mill, and will be able to give the utmost satisfaction. The usual quantity of Flour will be given for merchantable Wheat, and the inspection warranted in Baltimore or the Cities of the District. In cases where customers prefer it, the barrels will be given instead of the offal. Country work done at the shortest notice; and the highest market price in cash given for Wheat delivered in the mill . . . .

Mr. Stephens, the miller, added to this notice, the statement: "I will pay the road toll [for use of the new Turnpike] upon all wagons hauling Wheat to the above named mill."[217]

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217. Virginia Free Press, September 29, 1831, p. 3, c. 6.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1832

In 1832 Fontaine Beckham offered his Island Mill property for sale, thus affording us a fine description of the plant at that date. Mr. Beckham advertised:

VALUABLE MILL FOR SALE,
AT HARPERS-FERRY.

"One of the most valuable Milling establishments in Virginia, is now for sale, It is situated at Harpers Ferry about one-fourth of a mile above the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. It is supplied with an inexhaustible fund of water from the Shenandoah, and may be enlarged to any extent with great advantage. The building, a substantial one of stone is 60 feet by 40; it has two water wheels, two pair of burrs, and room for another pair. There is also an excellent pair of country stones. It is now undergoing repaires, and will be in complete order in a few days.

The situation of this establishment is peculiarly advantageous. It is in an abundant wheat neighborhood, with a turnpike running within 60 yards of it. It is below the Shenandoah locks, and boats can be loaded almost at the mill door. The Winchester and Potomac Rail Road must pass along the island upon which it stands [the Railroad was then in the planning stage and reached the island of Virginius and Harpers Ferry in 1835 and 1836].

The water power is not surpassed by any situation in the country, and a sufficiency may be obtained for almost any eligible purpose.

The advantages of this concern, will so completely strike any intelligent observer, that it is needless to enlarge upon them. A man of enterprise cannot fail to turn them to good account.

Connected with this property, are four dwelling houses and a cooper shop.

For terms &c. which will be reasonable application may be made to Mr. George Hagely, who has the mill rented, or to the subscriber in Charlestown. F. Beckham."[218]

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218. Virginia Free Press, August 16, 1832, p. 3.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1833

In 1833 John H. King had apparently formed an association with Beckham, for King advertised:

RYE WANTED

"The subscriber wished to purchase 2 or 300 BUSHELS OF RYE, for which a liberal price in cash will be given, if delivered at Beckham's Mill, Harpers-Ferry. Apply at Capt. Hall's Rifle Factory, to JOHN H. KING."[219]

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219. Virginia Free Press, March 14, 1833, p. 3.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1834

In 1834 Jacob Staub rented Beckham's Mill, announcing on the occasion:

ISLAND MILL,
NEAR HARPERS-FERRY.

"Having rented the above mill from F. Beckham, Esq. for a term of years [to 1836, see next chapter] and having put the same in excellent condition, the undersigned is now ready to receive

GRAIN,

And to grind in a superior style. He will give one barrel of Flour for every 300 pounds of merchantable Wheat, and will stand the inspection in any market to which it may be sent. From his experience as a miiler [sic] and the excellent order of the mill at present, he feels great confidence in being able to produce first-rate Flour.

He will buy Wheat for cash, at the market price; and those who wish to get rid of the trouble of sending their Flour to market, can be accommodated by him at the lowest possible rate.

The advantage of this mill consists in its being at the point where Canal navagation commences, and therefore footage before it reaches that point is saved.

The subscriber's brand has always obtained the highest price in the market, as can be established by reference to boatman on the river, or to the flour dealers below.

During the Plaster season, he will always be ready to grind that article, and will generally keep a supply on hand for the accommodation of his customers. JACOB STAUB."220

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220. Virginia Free Press, July 10, 1834, p. 3, c. 6.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1836

"MILLING FIRM.

Having located ourselves in the Milling Business, at Harpers Ferry, one of the best situations in Virginia, (having the advantages of both Rail-road and Canal at the spot, and unlimited water power, and the Mills undergoing a general repair, to make 200 barrels of flour per day, if required) we can say to farmers, with confidence, that we can afford to give more for Wheat delivered in our Mills, than any other Mills west of the Blue-Ridge. Having information every day from both markets, enables us to take choice, by Rail-road to Balitmore, or the Canal to the District [the B. & O. R. R. did not have a direct line from Harpers Ferry to Washington, D. C., until after 1865]. Those disposed to favor us, either in grinding or selling their wheat, will find it to their advantage.

Wheat can be delivered to us at the different depots from Harpers Ferry to Winchester, as well as by wagons to the Mills, and also conveyed down the Shenandoah and Potomac. We will also buy Rye and Corn, pay cash, and make reasonable advances, if required.

Ground Plaster will be kept at the Mills for sale, and delivered at the different depots and at our Warehouse in Winchester.

ROWLAND, HEPLEBOWER & CO."[221]

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221. Virginia Free Press, June 23, 1836, p. 3, c. 4.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING, Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1838-39

In October, 1838, the new owners advertised:

"NOTICE, FARMERS & OTHERS!
GRAIN WANTED.

The undersigned, milling under the firm of Rowland, Heflebower & Co. will give the highest market prices for any quantity of grain of all kinds. Our Mills are now completed and under full operation, and are able to make 150 barrels of flour per day. We will grind for toll, and give the usual facilities . . . ."[222]

In February, 1839, disastor struck the mill; the newspaper reported of this event:

"FIRE--We regret to learn that the large and valuable flour mill, owned by and in the occupancy of Messrs. Rowland, Heflebower & Co., on the Island of Virginius, near Harpers Ferry, was entirely consumed by fire on Monday night last, together with twenty thousand bushels of wheat. The mill had lately undergone a thorough repair at a heavy expense, and was adjudged to be worth twenty thousand dollars. The entire loss, therefore, is about fifty thousand dollars--only seven or eight thousand of which, we learn, is secured by insurance. We have not heard how the fire originated. This is the second calamity of the kind which has befallen these gentlemen within the last two years. [Their mill near Winchester had apparently burned]."[223]

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222. Virginia Free Press, October 25, 1838, p. 3, c. 5.

223. Ibid., February 7, 1839, p. 2, c. 1.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1843

"WHEAT WANTED.

The undersigned having leased the ISLAND MILLS, would respectfully inform the farmers of Jefferson and the adjoining Counties, that he is desirous of purchasing

A LARGE QUANTITY OF WHEAT.

for which he will at all times pay the highest prices in Cash. Those who wish to exchange their Wheat for Flour can be accommodated, in the usual way, at the shortest notice.

He trusts that by punctuality in engagements, he shall secure the favor of his friends and merit a share of the public patronage.

PHILIP COONS."[224]

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224. Virginia Free Press, August 31, 1843, p. 1, c. 3.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING & PLASTER, Island of Virginius, Tract 2
Abraham Herr & Brother 1844

"THE ISLAND MILL,
HARPERS-FERRY.

The undersigned have purchased that well-known and extensive Merchant Mill, on the Island of Virginius, at Harpers' Ferry, known as the ISLAND MILL, and are now ready to grind Wheat for the neighborhood, and to purchase at the highest market rate, for cash.

An extra price will be given for White Wheat.
Reference--Andrew Hunter and F. Beckham, Esqs. HERR & BROTHER."[225]

In October, 1844, Herr & Brother also announced:

"PLASTER & SALT
FOR SALE

375 TONS Plaster, fresh ground $6.25 per ton;
355 sacks Salt, ground alum $1.75 and fine $2 per sack,
warranted large factory filled sacks.
The highest cash price will be given for Wheat."[226]

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225. Virginia Free Press, July 18, 1844, p. 3, c. 1.

226. Virginia Free Press, October 24, 1844, p. 3, c. 2.

MERCHANT FLOUR MILLING Island of Virginius, Tract 2 1860

The operations of the "Island Mills" merchant flour mills in 1859-60 is revealed by the following notice:

"DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The firm of WELCH, LEGG & CO., was this day dissolved by mutual consent, by the withdrawal of Mr. Geo. W. Legg. The business of the firm will be settled by Messrs. Herr & Welch.

JAS. S. WELCH.
GEO. W. LEGG.
A. H. HERR.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned having this day formed a Co-partnership under the style of HERR & WELCH, will continue the Milling Business, and will be the sole manufactures of James S. Welch's best Family Flour.

A. H. Herr.
Jas. S. Welch."[227]

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227. Virginia Free Press, July 19, 1860, p. 2, c. 7.

IRON FOUNDRY Island of Virginius, Tract 1 1835

"IRON FOUNDRY
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The subscribers wish to inform the public generally that their Iron Foundry, on the island at Harpers-Ferry, will be in operation the 20th of this month, and will cast Machinery of every description, such as

Machine Castings, Mill Gearing,
And Branding Irons.

They will also keep on hand Mould boards of McCormick's patterns, from No. 6 to No. 12, right and left handed. Also,

The Loudoun Mould boards, right and left.

They have also on hand, Wagon Boxes of all sizes, and Andirons of various patterns.

They have and will keep constantly a first rate Pattern Maker. So that they will be able to make patterns, of every description, at the shortest notice. All orders thankfully received and promptly attended to.

HUGH GILLEECE & CO.

N. B. Old Iron taken in exchange for any of the above named Castings."[228]

In April, 1835, the Company again advertised:

" . . . their Foundry is now in active operation, and that they are prepared to execute every varity of

CASTINGS.

They have on hand several of the most approved Threshing Machine Patterns, one of which is Richardson's Mammoth Machine, on an improved plan, warranted superior to any here-to fore in use; and also, among a variety of other patterns, the McCormick Mouldboards, of all numbers, right and left, do. Loudoun do; Hillside Plough, right and left, cast together. Also, Plaster-Breakers, Corn-Shellers, Apple-Nuts, Wagon and Dearborn Boxes of all sizes. We have also a first-rate pattern

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228. Virginia Free Press, November, 1835, p. 3, c. 4.

Maker and a Turning-Lather. Gudgoon Patterns, of all sizes, on hand.

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail-Road, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and the Rail-road to Winchester, all afford great facilities for forwarding any articles in our line to those who may favor us with calls through either of those channels . . . . "[229]

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229. Virginia Free Press, April 14, 1835, p. 3, c. 3.

Mr. Gilleece's main line of business, however, continued to be the iron foundry. In September, 1842, the newspaper editor commented:

"Few persons are aware of the extent and capacity of the Foundry of Mr. Hugh Gilleece at Harper-Ferry. An Iron Shaft, for the public works [U. S. Armory at Harpers Ferry], was lately cast by Mr. G., weighing about 3600 pounds, and Castings of almost every variety are daily prepared at his establichment."[230]

In December 1842, Mr. Gilleece himself advertised:

"GRATES! GRATES!

Persons in want of Stone-Coal GRATES, are requested to call at Harpers-Ferry Iron Foundry, and they can be accommodated on reasonable terms.

Orders received by mail for Grates, of CASTINGS of any kind, will be promptly attended to."[231]

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230. Virginia Free Press, September 29, 1842, p. 2, c. 1.

231. Ibid., December 29, 1842, p. 4, c. 3.

IRON FOUNDRY Island of Virginius, Tract 1, 1843

In July, 1843, Mr. Gilleece provided us with the following description of his products:

"HARPERS-FERRY
IRON FOUNDRY.

The following is a statement of the kinds of Castings that can be had at the Harpers-Ferry Foundry.

"MILL GEARING

Of every description, and the patterns for Saws made to order; Thrashing Machines of various kinds.
Among which are three different sizes of large patterns, Also, patterns suitable for Brooking's Machine, Corn Shellers, Straw Cutters and Windmill Irons. Turning Lathes of different patterns,
McCormick's and Loudoun Mouldborads, which we are prepared to furnish low to merchants or plough makers by the quantity,
Wagon Boxes from 5 1/2 inches down to the smaller size that is required.
Andirons, a new style, of various patterns and sizes.
Flat Irons by hundreds, which can be retailed by the single pair at 6 1/2 cents pound, and to merchants, by the quantity, for less,
Ground and complete Cast Iron Railing, suitable for churches, porches, portices, &c. Also, for enclosures in grave yards, which is much neater for that purpose than the kind of fences that have been heretofore used, which is of but little more cost then the old. Persons who wish to have lots enclosed for family burying places, will please give the proper dimensions of the lot, and the order will be filled promptness, and I will, if desire, deliver it.

COAL STOVES, GRATES, &C.

I have got a sample of the small sizes on hand at this time, and in the course of a few weeks I will have some splendid patterns from the North, suitable for parlors. As there is a pattern-maker constantly employed, I am enabled to furnish patterns for Mill Gearing or Machinery at short notice.

I have made arrangements with Mr. John Wernway, whose extensive machine shop is convenient to the Foundry [located on Tract No. 4 of the Island], for the turning and fitting up of every description of Castings--His name as a Machinist, is a sufficient guarantee for the manner in which the work shall be done. Mill Spindles made and repaired.

The above name work and Castings, shall be done on accommodating terms. Letters directed to the subscriber shall be met with prompt attention."232

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232. Virginia Free Press, July 27, 1843, p. 3, c. 1.

A month later Mr. Gilleece announced:

"GREAT WESTERN COOK STOVE.

The subscriber would respectfully inform the public generally that he has secured the right of making and vending the above name STOVE in several counties. A model of the Stove can be seen at the Harpers-Ferry Iron Foundry [The advertisement also contains a fine drawing of the stove], and in the course of a few weeks I shall have a number of the Stoves on hand.--I deem it unnecessary to say much concerning this Stove in my advertisement, as I have no fears but it will recommend itself to every person that will examine it. I will merely state that it is adapted either for the burning of coal or wood, and that it is so constructed that in case the cooking is required to be done very soon, a portion only need be heated--that is when the family is not very large. The price of the large Stove is $33, the small one $22, complete. Persons who may want a Cooking Stove are requested to give me a call, and after trying the Stove if they are not pleased with it, I will take it back."[233]

In October, 1843, the newspaper editor remarked of Gilleece's work:

"SUPERIOR CASTINGS.

Persons disposed to encourage Home Industry, (and who in this quarter is not?) will do well to examine the Castings which are daily turned out from the Foundry of Mr. Hugh Gilleece, on the Island of Virginius, near Harpers-Ferry. Mr. Gilleece has on hand some very superior specimens of Railing for Porticoes, Gardens, Grave-yards, &c; and his Coal Grates are equal to anything we have seen of the kind from any quarter. Some of the latter specimens are now at the store of Mr. John P. Brown, Charlestown; and those who desire to provide themselves with comfort for the winter will do well to look at them in good time."[234]

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233. Virginia Free Press, August 10, 1843, p. 3, c. 2.

234. Ibid., October 12, 1843, p. 2, c. 4.

IRON FOUNDRY Island of Virginius, Tract 1 1845

"COAL STOVES

The attention of those in want of COAL STOVES is invited to the improved king that is now being manufactured at the Harpers-Ferry Foundry, which consist of five different sizes, suitable for Offices, Shops, Stores, Churches, &c. Also on hand, Hot-Air Cooking Stoves, which will be delivered and set up in any section of the country they may be wanted.

WANTED--A large quantity of Old Copper and Brass, and old Cast and Wrought Iron, which will be taken in exchange, at the highest price,for anything in my line."[235]

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235. Virginia Free Press, November 13, 1845, p. 2, c. 7; also Januray 7, 1847, p. 1, c. 1; October 21, 1852, p. 3, c. 2.

IRON FOUNDRY Island of Virginius, Tract 1 1854

"IRON FOUNDRY

The undersigned have leased the well known IRON FOUNDRY, at Harpers-Ferry, in the County of Jefferson, Va., lately occupied and worked by Hugh Gilleece. The facilities of the lessees of procuring the best stock, and at all times, afford a guarantee to their customers of prompt and workmanlike castings. They have engaged the very best workemen and solicit the patronage of the public.

They are prepared to furnish all kinds of Castings, either from their own, or patterns upplied by their customers--and the prices as low as can be afforded any where in the neighborhood."[236]

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236. Virginia Free Press, October 5, 1854, p. 3, c. 2; also May 31, 1855, p. 4, c. 2.

MACHINE SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract 4, 1830

In February 1830 Charels H. Mills advertised:

TURNING,
IN WOOD, IRON, BRASS, &C.

"The undersigned is now prepared, at Mr. Wernway's saw mill, adjoining Harpers-Ferry to excute all kinds of TURNING, in wood, iron, brass, &c. He will also make or repair any kind of Machinery which may be wanted, strictly according to direction, turning lathes, &c. &c. He will be thankful for any orders in his line of business and hopes to render himself useful to the public in that way."[237]

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237. Virginia Free Press, February 17, 1830, p. 3.

MACHINE SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1833

"TURNING.

The public are respectfully informed that all kinds of TURNING, in Wood, Brass, Iron, and Steel,--also, Turning Lathes, Screw Plates, Stocks, Taps and Dies, Bench Screws of wood or iron, Mill Screws, &c. &c., can be done in the best manner, and at the shortest notice, at the establishment on the Island of Virginius, near Harpers-Ferry."[238]

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238. Virginia Free Press, May 2, 1833, p. 3, c. 2.

MACHINE SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract 4, 1837

In 1837 Lewis Wernwag advertised:

"PATENT CUTTING BOX

The subscriber has for sale, at his manufacturing establishment on the Island of Virginius, near Harpers-Ferry, the above valuable article, patented by himself. It is well adapted for cutting provender of every description for stock; and is considered by good judges to have decided advantages over any other article of the kind ever offered to the public. It may be seen at the Tin Shop of Thomas Rawlins & Son, Charlestown, or on the Island of Virginius."239

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239. Virginia Free Press, May 11, 1837, p. 3, c. 4.

MACHINE SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1850

John Wernwag apparently leased the machine shop from the Company for in August, 1850, he advertised for sale "WINDOW SASH FASTENERS, manufactured by Wernway of Harpers Ferry."240

240. Virginia Free Press, August 9, 1850, p. 1, c. 1.

MACHINE SHOP Island of Virginius, Tract No. 4 1852

SALE OF VALUABLE WATER-POWER
AND
FACTORY PROPERTY
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"The further improvement are a STONE MACHINE SHOP, 50 by 30 feet, 3 stories high, leased and occupied. . . .[241]

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241. Virginia Free Press, December 9, 1852, p. 3, c. 3.

PLASTER MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 1 1839

In January, 1839, Hugh Gilleece & Co. advertised:

"A VALUABLE TAN-YARD: &C.
FOR RENT,
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

This TAN-YARD with all its appendages, is offered for rent. It is supposed to be one of the best locations in Virginia for carrying on the Tanning Business on an extensive scale, as there is ample room. A number of Vats are under cover. It has every necessary building. The yard is furnished with water, and the bark ground by water power. . . . Immediate possession can be given. . . ."[242]

In March, 1839, the Company announced:

"TO FARMERS.

The subscribers wish to inform the Farmers that may be wanting PLASTER, that their Mill will be in operation in a week or so, at which time they will be able to furnish all those in need of GROUND PLASTER."[243]

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242. Virginia Free Press, January 10, 1839, p. 3, c. 3.

243. Ibid., March 14, 1839, p. 3, c. 2.

PLASTER MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 1 1841-42

In the Spring of 1841 Gilleece advertised:

"PLASTER! PLASTER!

The subscriber takes this method to inform those persons who may wish to have Plaster GROUND, that he is prepared to do so, at the shortest possible notice and on reasonable terms, as he intends keeping his mill grinding during the ensuing Spring. Gentlemen who may want a quantity ground, residing near the Rail-road can have it done promptly, and delivered to the agent of the Company, to be sent to their nearest point. . . ."[244]

Again in the Spring of 1842, he announced:

"PLASTER, PLASTER, PLASTER!

H. Gilleece would respectfully inform the Farmers that his Plaster Mill is in active operation, and it is desirable that those who want PLASTER should send in their orders in time. The Farmers will bear in mind that they will be at no expense of hauling until the Plaster is ground. . . ."[245]

244. Virginia Free Press, February 11, 1841, p. 3, c. 5

245. Ibid., February 17, 1842, p. 3, c. 5.

SAW MILL-LUMBER Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1832

"NEW CONCERN:

"The undersinged, having disposed of half his interest in the most valuable property, THE SAW MILL, &C. on the Island near Harpers Ferry, (called Virginius) to Messrs, Joseph L. SMITH and JAMES HOOK, takes great pleasure in informing the public, that the business in future will be conducted under the name and firm of

JOSEPH L. SMITH & CO.

The advantages of this association need only be alluded to: persons having business with the concern, will find that a new spirit and enterprise will be given to the operations of the establishment; and that it confidently believed, that the whole community will be materially benefitted by the arrangement. LEWIS WERNWAG."[246]

Evidence of the "new spirit" of the concern is perhaps to be found in their advertisment that also appeared in the newspaper the same day:

"TIMBER! TIMBER!

"Wanted, immediately a large quntity of the following kinds of Timber, in logs:

Yellow and White Pine,
All kinds of oak,
Poplar, Bird-eye, Curled and Sugar Maple.
Wild Cherry, Walnut, Ash
Hickory and Locust. . . .

Scantling, &c. can be furnished to bill, at the shortest notice.

JOSEPH L. SMITH & CO."[247]

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246. Virginia Free Press, July 6, 1832, p. 3; October 4, 1832, p.3.

247. Ibid., p. 3; March 21, 1833, p. 4, c. 1.

SAW MILL-LUMBER Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1833

On July 10, 1833, the firm of Joseph L. Smith & Co. announced:

"DISSOLUTION.

The Co-Partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, in the Lumber business, under the firm of Joseph L. Smith & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the concern, are requested to make payment to JAMES HOOK: and those having claims, to present them for payment.

JOSEPH L. SMITH,
JAMES HOOK
LEWIS WERNWAG."

"TIMBER AND LUMBER

The subscriber having purchased the entire interest of Messrs. Lewis Wernwag and James Hook, in the timber and lumber on hand, and rented the saw-mill, is prepared to fill bills at a short notice, for cash or approved paper, Having on hand a good supply of seasoned

PLANK AND SCANTLING

of various kinds, invites those wishing a supply, to call and examine it.

Cash paid for timber of the following sorts: Yellow and White Pine, all kinds of Oak, Poplar, Birds-eye, Curled and Sugar Maple, Wild Cherry, Walnut, Ash, Hickory, and Locust, if delivered at Harpers Ferry.

JOSEPH L. SMITH."[248]

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248. Virginia Free Press, July 18, 1833, p. 3, c. 3; January 2, 1834, p. 3, c. 6.

SAW MILL-LUMBER Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1839

In March, 1839, Jesse Schofield and George Mausy announced:

"NOTICE.

The subscribers have rented the Saw Mill, situated on the Island of Virginius, lately in the occupancy of Lewis Wernwag. They have also made arrangements to get a large quantity of Timber down the Shenandoah river, and will be able to fill bills at short notice.--They will also continue to Saw country logs upon the shares, or otherwise, to suit customers; and will be prepared to furnish Plastering Laths of any description. From their known disposition to please, they hope for a reasonable share of public patronage."[249]

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249. Virginia Free Press, March 28, 1839, p. 1, c. 1.

SAW MILL-LUMBER Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1845

On February 20, 1845, the firm of "Wernwag & Schofield" announced:

"SAW MILL NOTICE.

The subscribers feeling grateful for past favors would return their thanks for the liberal patronage extended them, and would respectfully solicit a continuance. They are prepared to saw at the following prices: 40 cents per 100 ft. board measure; 20 cents per 100 feet running, for shingling lathing and paling; or we will saw for the third log. . . ."[250]

In May, 1845, they announced that the firm of Wernwag and Schofield had been dissolved and "the subscribers having rented the [Saw Mill], will continue the business under the firm of Schofield & Wernwag. . . ."[251]

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250. Virginia Free Press, February 20, 1845, p. 3, c. 2.

251. Ibid., May 15, 1845, p. 3, c. 1.

SAW MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1846

"FOR SALE

The subscribers have for sale a stationary Engine and Boiler, of eight horse power, which may readily be run up to ten or twelve. The boiler is 24 feet long and 30 inches in diameter in the clear. Also, a double Saw Mill, of Crosbey's Patent, together with two carriages, Straps, and all the Irons belonging to said Mills, and two Circular Saws, of about 24 inches in diameter, and all the Straps belonging thereto. Also one of Mr. John Wernwag's make of Stavecutter and Jointers--the whole of which will be sold low for cash or good paper."[252]

252. Virginia Free Press, September 3, 1846, p. 3, c. 4.

SAW MILL-LUMBER Island of Virginius, Tract No. 4 1850

In April, 1850, A. S. Ruddock advertised:

"TO THE PUBLIC
LUMBER FOR SALE.

The subscriber has rented the Saw-Mill on the Island at Harpers-Ferry, called the Wernwag Mills, and has on hand 40 to 50,000 feet of Pine Plank for sale, from Naked Creek, Page County. Said Lumber is fit for use, the greater share of it being Kiln-dried, and is of first-rate quality. Also, on hand, a large quantity of Timber unsawed, to fit bills of most any dimension, from one foot up to two in thick and from twenty to sixty feet in length. Persons wishing bills of lumber, will have them attended to at short notice. Farmers wishing sawing done for their own use, will be accomodated as soon as they will bring their logs to the mill. . . .

N. B. The subscriber will always be found at this office on the Island to attend to calls."[253]

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253. Virginia Free Press, April 25, 1850, p. 3, c. 1.

SAW MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1851

In April, 1851, President James Giddings advertised:

"NOTICE.
FOR RENT, THE LARGE SAW MILL, AT
HARPERS-FERRY, VA.

"This Mill has a Circular and set of Lathe Saws attached. The Mill will cut lumber 50 to 60 feet long and is in good working order.

Also, two LARGE ROOMS, 45 by 60 feet, and 11 feet between stories, with water power for any kind of machiners. This location is well adapted for a Woollen Mill, or Cotton and Woollen mixed. . . ."[254]

254. Virginia Free Press, April 4, 1851, p. 3, c. 3.

SAW MILL Island of Virginius, Tract 4 1852

SALE OF VALUABLE WATER-POWER
AND
FACTORY PROPERTY
AT HARPERS FERRY, VA. (CONTINUED)
(for first section, description Cotton Mill, see Cotton mill, Dec. 9, 1852)

The further improvements are a STONE MACHINE SHOP, 50 by 30 feet, 3 stories high, leased and occupied [FACTORY NO. 2 is ommitted in this account].

A SAW MILL, 100 by 36 feet, weather boarded, with iron Water-Wheel and occupied by the Company.

A two story BRICK BUILDING, occupied by the Company, as a Store. Four large DWELLING HOUSES, two stories, stone and rough cast; Five BRICK TENEMENTS, two stories; and five WOODEN COTTAGES, one and a half stories.

A more detailed description of said property is deemed unnecessary, as those who may desire to purchase will doubtless carefully examine the property for themselves--it is believed however that such an opportunity for profitable investment in manufacturing property has rarely if ever been offered in the United States. A. H. Herr, Esq., residing on the island, will show the premises to any one desiring to purchase.

The Winchester and Potomac Railroad runs through the premises, and within 100 yards of the Factory--thus offering every facility for transportation.

Terms of Sale, by direction of said decree, are as follows, to wit: One-fourth of the purchase money cash on the day of the sale, and the residue in three equal annual payments, each deferred to bear interest from the date of sale, and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, and a deed of trust upon the premises, so drawn as to secure the payment of each instalment(sic) as they respectively become due.

Sale to take place on the premises at about 12 o'clock, N., of the day above mentioned. ANDREW HUNTER.
Special Commissioner."[255]

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255. Virginia Free Press, December 9, 1852, p. 3, c. 3.

TANNERY Virginius Island, Tract 1 1833

A VALUABLE TANNERY
AT HARPERS-FERRY FOR SALE

"The very valuable and eligible real property belonging to the estate of Townsend Beckham, decd., situated on the upper part of the Island of Virginius, at Harpers Ferry, is now on the market at private sale.

The premises consist of a TANNING ESTABLISHMENT, with water works to grind bark, a large number of vats, Shops, Bark Houses, and every other appurtenance to carry on the business on a most extensive scale.

AN EXCELLENT OIL MILL
TWO COMMODIOUS
DWELLING HOUSES

The yards and gardens of one of them highly improved . . . together with several out-buildings of different kinds.

A further description of said property is deemed inexpedient, as the purchaser will of course view it for himself. It is confidently believed, however, that the various unusual advantages arising from its proximity to the two great works of internal improvement [C. & O. Canal and Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road] the abundant supply of country hides from the Harpers-Ferry maket, the water power, &c. combine to render it the most eligible property of the kind, for a person or company with good capital, to be found in the county.

The property, being unsuited to the occupation and management of a widow and young children, will be disposed of on very reasonable terms, both as to price and extension of credits."[256]

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256. Virginia Free Press, November 7, 1833, p. 3, c. 2; also January 2, 1834, p. 1.

"TO CAPITALISTS.
A SPLENDID TANNERY, &C
AT HARPERS-FERRY, VA.
FOR SALE.

The very valuable and eligible real property, belonging to the estate of Townsend Beckham, deceased, situate on the Island of Virginius, at Harpers-Ferry, is now in the market at private sale. To those acquainted with the premises a detailed description would be altogether unnecessary.--As the property, however, is well worthy the attention of distant capitalists, desirous of making a profitable investment in such property, their attention is respectfully called to the following facts, combining to render the establishment here offered unusually eligible.

It consists of an extense TANNERY AND MACHINERY, supplied with abundant water to grind bark, a large number vats, with ample room for almost any additional number, many of them under roof, Shops, Bark Houses, and, in a word, every other appurtenance required to carry on the business on the most extensive scale. It is situated nearly at the mouth of the Shenandoah river, by which it connects with the Cheasapeake and Ohio Canal, distant only a few hundred yards. The Winchester and Potomac Rail Raod, connecting at Harpers-Ferry with the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, and now finished, passed within a few rods. The transportation consequently to and from Baltimore, and the District of Columbia, is reduced to the low rate of about 25 cents for hundred. It being the only Tanning establishment at the place, or for many miles around, the abundant supply of slaughtered hides afforded by Harpers-Ferry, and the vicinity, amounting to 1000 or upwards annually, is entirely open, with but little competition; the price has heretofore been and still continues at 5 cents per lb. The same causes, together with the large quantity required by the U. S. Armory, afford as ample and advantageous market for the sale of the tanned leather.

An extensive range of mountains in the vicinty affords also an abundant supply of excellent bark; the price has been about $5 per cord for chesnut oak, the kind principally furnished, and $3 per cord for black oak. Attached to the

property are two commodious Dwelling Houses, the yards and garden of one of them highly improved, with all necessary out-buildings, an ice House, Slaughter House, with several other buildings of different kinds.

Also, an excellent OIL MILL, supplied by an abundant water power, which, in consequence of the scarcity of flaxseed, has not, for several years, been in operation. The machinery and fixtures, however, can easily be adapted to other purposes requiring water power. . . .

This property being left in the occupancy, and under the management of a widow and young children it will be disposed of on very reasonable terms, both as to price and extension of credits.

For further information apply either to JAMES P. BAYLESS, tanner and currier, No. 1, Cheapside, Baltimore; JNO. FRAME, at Harpers-Ferry; or ANDREW HUNTER, Esq. at Charlestown, Va."[257]

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257. Virginia Free Press, March 3, 1835, p. 3, c. 5.

WAGON MAKING, BLACKSMITHING Island of Virginius, Near Tract 2
1857

In 1857 John W. Rohr and George Rohr opened a new industry in a new building on the Island of Virginius, advertising:

"WAGON MAKING
AND
BLACKSMITHING.

The undersigned having formed a co-partnership under the firm and style of

ROHR & BROTHER.

for the purpose of carrying on the business of WAGON MAKING AND BLACKSMITHING respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

Plows and all kinds of farming implements on hand, or made to order.

All kinds of repairing, Threshing Machinery, &c &c., done at the shortest notice, and in the best manner. Also, Mill Irons made and repaired. New brick shop, Island Virginius, near Herr's Mill, Harpers-Ferry."[258]

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258. Virginia Free Press, June 25, 1857; July 8, 1858, p. 1, c. 2; December 8, 1859, p. 4, c. 6.

WAGON AND CARRIAGE MAKING Island of Virginius, Near Tract 2
1860

"ROHR & BROTHER,
MANUFACTURERES OF
CARRIAGES, WAGONS, &C.

Would inform the public that they have on hand, and are now finishing an assortment of

CARRIAGES,
ROCKAWAYS
AND
BUGGIES,

Which they will sell on reasonable terms. Their Carriages, &c. are made of the best materials, and finished in the best possible style, and warranted for twelve months.

WAGONS of all sizes, from Six Horse down to the light Express Wagon, on hand or made to order, which they will insure for twelve months.

The above named articles manufactured by then, shall and they warrant them to compare with any in the country.

All kinds of REPAIRING in the above line will be done at the shortest notice. All orders will be promptly attended to."[259]

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259. Virginia Free Press, July 26, 1860, p. 3, c. 5.

APPENDIX I

EXTRACTS FROM THE 1851 BY-LAWS & ORDNANCES

OF THE

CORPORATION OF HARPERS-FERRY

from the

Virginia Free Press, August 7, 1851,

p. 3, c. 1, 2, and 3

"ORDINANCE 4

Sec. 1. Whenever it is determined by ordinance to pave or grade any street, land or alley, build any bridge or make any common sewer, the Mayor shall lay down the proper grade or pitch for the same, make contracts for all the necessary materials and work therefor, and superintend the execution of the work. He shall likewise when any street, lane or alley is directed to be paved, as soon as practicable, make an estimate to be subsequently corrected if necessary of the probable cost per square yard including the curb stones for doing the same, to be used by the Council in laying the necessary tax on the property fronting on said street, lane or alley, and as soon as said tax is imposed the Secretary shall make out for the use of the Sergeant the amount with which each lot or tenement is properly chargeable at the cost ascertained as above, measuring to the middle of said street, lane or alley, from each side. The tax shall be forthwith collected by the Sergeant and paid to the Treasurer, and be subject to the order of the Mayor for the purpose for which it was levied.

Sec. 2. The Mayor shall cause the streets, lanes or alleys, gutters, bridges and common sewers to be repaired when he may deem it necessary, and draw upon the Treasurer for the cost of the same.

Sec. 3. When Footways are by ordinance directed to be made, the curb stones always to be included, the Mayor shall lay down and establish the proper grade according to which, the several owners of property on the street, lane or alley, where said footways are ordered, shall have the same made in front of their respective lots or tenements within a certain reasonable time, to be named by the Mayor, and of which written notice shall be given to the owners or occupiers of said property, and if any owner or owners of property shall fail to have his, her or their footway so made within the time specified, which expense from the time it is incurred shall become a debt in favor of the corporation against the owner or owners thus failing and before whose property the footway has been made.

ORDINANCE 5

Sec. 1. It is hereby declared to be a nuisance and unlawful for any person to make any open gutter for conveying water across any footway, more than four inches deep or more than twelve inches wide; any person herein offending, shall forfeit any pay a fine not less than $1 nor more than $5.

Sec. 2. When footways situated on any street, lane or alley, which has been paved or graded, require filling up, cutting down or in any manner bringing to the proper grade, the Mayor shall have notice given in writing to the owners of the property (or their agents) thereon to do what may be required with a certain reasonable time to be mentioned in the notice; and if any of said owners, shall not, in conformity with such notice, do what is required as to his, her or their footway, the Mayor shall have the same done at the cost of the corporation, and said cost is hereby declared to be a debt and claim in favor of the corporation against said owner.

Sec. 3. When any footway or line of curb stones requires repairs, the Mayor shall notify the owner or occupier of the lot or tenement, before which such repairs are necessary, to have the same made within a certain reasonable time, to be named by the mayor, and if they are not made within the said time, then he shall have the same made at the expense of the corporation, which expense shall become a claim in favor of the corporation against said owner.

Sec. 4. It is hereby declared to be a nuisance and unlawful, for any owner or owners of property, fronting on any of the streets, lanes or alleys of Harper-Ferry, to have cause to be paved any footway in front of said property, until he, she, or they, shall have first applied to the mayor; and he shall have marked out and laid down the proper grade, by which the same shall be made, any person herein offending shall be subject to a fine of five dollars.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the mayor to cause the pavement of any footway, laid or lying differently from the general grade of the street, lane or alley wherein such footway is situated, forthwith to be taken up and laid down according to the true and proper grade; the expense of the same shall be a claim in favor of the corporation against the owner or owners.

Sec. 6. All curb stones shall be at least three inches in thickness, and eighteen inches in depth, the ends thereof straight and the upper edges straight and level to the pitch of the footway, and it is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to get a curb stone, contrary to the provisions of this ordnance for which he or she shall pay a fine of five dollars, recoverable as other fines.

ORDINANCE 6

Sec. 1. It is hereby declared to be a nuisance for any house, wall or fence or for the foundation thereof, or any part thereof to encroach upon the true limits of the street, lane or alley, upon which the same is situated; and for such nuisance, the owner or owners thereof shall pay a fine of five dollars for every day the same shall continue; and said fine shall be no bar to proceedings on the part of the corporation, for the statement of said nuisance.

Sec. 2. If any three inhabitants of Harpers-Ferry shall at any time report inwriting to the town council, that a nuisance exists in Harpers-Ferry, which will endanger the health thereof, they shall immediately cause the same to be examined and to be removed. . . ."

APPENDIX II

ORDNANCE 10 OF THE BY-LAWS AND ORDNANCES OF THE CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY, 1851

Virginia Free Press, August 7, 1851

p. 3, c. 1, 2, 3

"Sec. 1. The board of Common Council shall annually appoint a market master to superintend the Harpers-Ferry market, who, as a condition precedent to his being invested with his office, shall give bond in the penalty of twenty-five dollars conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as market master.

Sec. 2. Market shall be held every week on Wednesday and Saturady. The market master, every market morning as soon as it is light enough to distinguish and count money, shall open the market, and it shall not be considered as terminated before 8 o'clock the same morning, from March to November; and it shall be opened at 4 o'clock in the morning and terminate at 6 1/4 o'clock from November to March inclusive. And no person, before the opening of the market, shall buy, sell, engage, negotiate, or bargain for any thing, except the meats exposed by the butchers.

Sec. 3. The market master shall take, and during his continuance in office shall keep in his possession, care and charge, the market house of Harpers-Ferry; he shall at least twice in the week on days proceding the market, cause to be clean swept the market house, and all dirt, snow, filth or rubbish to be removed therefrom.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the market master to attend market during market hours, to enforce the rules and regulations thereof, unless prevented by sickness or other necessity, when he may appoint a deputy. No person shall sell or expose for sale any blown, stuffed, unsound, or unwholesome meat or meats, or articles of provision, or measly pork. No person within the corporation shall at market, except in a butcher's stall, and as the owner of such stall or his agent, sell meat in smaller quantities than by the quarter.

Sec. 5. No person shall bring into the market house, any beast, wagon, cart of carriage of any kind, except wheelbarrows upon which all persons may carry meat and articles brought to market, provided the same be unloaded as soon as convenient, and removed from the limits of the market. No person shall kill or slaughter any beast, or perform any act of butchering within the limits of the market, or lay or place any dirt, filth or offal therein.

Sec. 6. No vagrant or other idle or disorderly person shall lounge about or sleep within the market house.

Sec. 7. All articles brought to market for sale, and all tubs, baskets, and other things used by the sellers, shall be so placed by the person or persons using the same, as not to interrupt the free passing and repassing of purchasers and other persons.

Sec. 8. The market master shall weight all butter, lard, and other articles sold at a given weight to see that the same are of due weight for which they are offered for sale; and the same, when of false weight, he shall seize and dispose of to the highest bidder, for the use of the corporation; and if any person shall come to the market with butter for sale, after the market master has been around to the different stands to weigh the articles brought to market, such person shall take the same to the market master to be by him weighed.

Sec. 9. The market master shall have power, at the request of either party, to decide any dispute arising at market, touching the weight or measure of any article bought or sold.

Sec. 10. No person shall but in market, or within the limits of the corporation, with intent to sell in market, or for exportation, any kind of vegetables, meat, poultry, butter, cheese, tallow, eggs or fish. No person shall, in market, during market hours, but with intent to sell again, any fruit or provision of any kind. No person, before market hours have expired of market morning, shall buy . . . corporation, except in market.

Sec. 11. The mayor at the expense of the corporation, shall furnish such and so many steel-yards, scales, weights, and measures, as in his opinion are necessary for the use of the market master, to be under his keeping and control."

APPENDIX III

FREE SCHOOL SYSTEM OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, VA.

1852

The following extracts from the annual fiscal report of the School Commissioners of Jefferson County for the year 1852 give an excellent idea of the courses taught, the text books used, and the length of the school term:

"9 teachers at a salary of $300 each, is $2,700.00
18 teachers at $275 each, is 4,050.00. . .

There are, at the least, twelve hundred children in regular attendance on the schools. . . ."

The branches taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and grammar, in some instance, the higher sciences are taught, but most generally the ordinary branches of an English education constitute the course.

. . . The books used are, McGuffy's Spelling book and series of readers; Mitchell's and Morse's geography; Comley's spelling book; Walker's dictionary; Parke's, Pike's and Ray's arithmetic; Murrary's and Smith's grammar.

The price paid for tuition is 50 cents per quarter

The sessions of the schools are from January 2d to June 25th, and from July 10th to December 24th of each year--the intermediate periods are vacation. . . ."[260]

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW FREE SCHOOL HOUSE IN BOLIVAR, 1850

"It [the Bolivar "Model Schoolhouse"] is thirty-eight by twenty-four feet, and has been completed one year. It occupies a conspicuous site and has a convenient play-ground and appurtenances.

It has two doors, one for each department--eight suitable windows, and excellent Black-Board and Bilwell's Maps.

The room is furnished with Desks and Benches, made after the most approved style used in the Northern Academies. . . .

The brick-work was done by Mr. John Lambaugh in his workmanlike and tasty manner. The carpenter's work was done by Mr. J. A. Curry.

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260. Virginia Free Press, April 1, 1852, p. 3, c. 2.

District No. 21 claims the honor of having the Model School House, furnished in northern style, and taught upon the northern system, by a northern man. The wise Commissioner at Zion's Church has been at considerable trouble and expense, to arrange his School-room, after the manner of ours"[261]

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261. Virginia Free Press, December 27, 1850, p. 1, c. 6.