

and the first German translation of that same work was the one printed in Frederick by Matthias Partgis in 1809.¹⁶

James Adams, father of Samuel and John, died on December 11, 1792.¹⁷ The sons found it necessary to devote additional time to the Wilmington office; and in January of 1794 gave up personal supervision of the Baltimore branch, as shown by this notice:

Samuel and John Adams return their unfeigned thanks to their friends and the public in general for the encouragement they have already experienced, and beg leave, while they respectfully solicit their further indulgence, to inform them, that their printing office is still continued at the north-west corner of Gay and Second-street, under the superintendence of Mr. Thomas E. Clayland, where all kinds of printing is executed with the utmost accuracy and dispatch. Advertisements, messages, assembly and advertising cards, circular letters, &c. are struck off at the shortest notice. They have always for sale, an assortment of blarks, viz. manifests, bills of lading, lawyers' blank declarations, bank checks, blank books, seamen's articles, apprentices' and servants' indentures, summonses, petitions, &c. &c.¹⁸

Clayland apparently conducted the firm's business through 1794 and into 1795, for the last books to bear the Adams' Baltimore imprint appear to be William Duke's Observations on the Present State of Religion in Maryland,¹⁹ and James Muir's Examination of the

16 Weems, M.L. op. cit. v. 1, p. 50-53.

17 McCulloch, William. Additions to Thomas's History of printing. p. 132.

18 Baltimore daily intelligencer. January 22, 1794.

19 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 228.