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## Typographical Beginnings in Baltimore

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in Philadelphia, bore the imprint of John Dunlap. He is said to have retired from business in 1795 possessed not only of a handsome fortune, but of a reputation unique in journalism, "that whilst he conducted a newspaper, he never inserted a paragraph which wounded the feelings of an individual."<sup>1</sup> He died in Philadelphia in the year 1812.

Not satisfied with the extent of his Philadelphia printing and newspaper business, John Dunlap began the publication in Baltimore on May 2, 1775, of *Dunlap's Maryland Gazette; or the Baltimore General Advertiser*, the imprint of which read, "Baltimore: Printed by John Dunlap, at his Printing-Office in Market-Street, where Subscriptions at Ten Shillings per Annum, Advertisements &c. are received for this paper, and all manner of Printing Work done with the utmost expedition." For more than three years Dunlap continued the proprietorship of this, the second Baltimore newspaper. It was excellently edited, well printed and distinctly literary in its tone. It is probable that in giving it up in 1778, Dunlap yielded to the pressure of work which his position as printer to Congress entailed upon him.

### JAMES HAYES, JR., TAKES OVER DUNLAP'S ESTABLISHMENT

Dunlap's office in Baltimore was conducted by James Hayes, Jr., who, becoming ambitious, bought the property from its founder in the year 1778. On September 8th of that year Hayes announced that he was about to remove his printing establishment to a house four doors above Mr. Grant's tavern on Market Street, where "having engaged the office of Mr. Dunlap, the original Proprietor," for whom, as he asserted, he had carried on the business "upwards of three years past," he now proposed to continue "in his own Name" the printing trade in all its branches. In the following week the newspaper appeared with the changed title, *The Maryland Gazette, and Baltimore General Advertiser*, volume 4, number 177, with Dunlap's name removed from the title and displaced in the imprint by that of James Hayes, Junior. It ceased publication in this form on January 5, 1779, and its proprietor went to Annapolis to enter a field which the temporary cessation of Green's *Maryland Gazette* had left open a year or more earlier. There, in April 1779, he began the publication of the *Maryland Gazette, and Annapolis Advertiser*,<sup>2</sup> a newspaper whereof even the memory would have disappeared had it not been for the preservation in the Library of Congress of

<sup>1</sup> Isaiah Thomas records this and the other foregoing facts in regard to Dunlap. He seems to have been unaware, however, of Dunlap's Maryland connection.

<sup>2</sup> See Brigham, C. S., *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*. (Part III), in *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, April 1915. The author's indebtedness to Mr. Brigham is such as must be acknowledged by all investigators of American literary history.