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## *Jonas Green, his Family and his Associates*

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infancy. The three sons who reached manhood continued in Maryland and passed on to another generation of their family the typographical tradition which they had inherited from their New England forefathers.

### THE DATE OF GREEN'S COMING TO MARYLAND

That the young journeyman from the north began his labors in Maryland sometime in the year 1738 seems to be true in spite of the fact that no Annapolis imprints of that year have been recorded. As early as May 1738 a bill was introduced into the Lower House providing for the repeal of the several laws which stood on the books in favor of William Parks, and five days later, on May 9th, another bill was brought in for the encouragement of Jonas Green. The Assembly was prorogued in this year, as it was also in the following year, before any of its bills became laws, and it was not until the session of July 1740 that an act for the encouragement of the new printer found place on the statute books. When Green died in 1767 his obituary affirmed that he had been for twenty-eight years printer to the Province, a term of service which, if exactly stated, would have had its beginning in the year 1739, but on the other hand in a printed petition which he issued in 1762,<sup>1</sup> Green himself spoke of having served the Province as public printer for twenty-four years, while additional evidence that he began his printing operations in Maryland in the year 1738 is found in an act of Assembly of ten years later<sup>2</sup> in which provision was made for the payment of salaries owing him for his services in that year. Finally, there is to be considered the fact that in October 1738, the first-born child of Jonas and Anne Catharine Green was baptized in St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, an occurrence which indicates that the Greens were at that time residents of the Maryland capital. In the face of these several evidences of his association with Maryland in the year 1738, it seems curious that the earliest recorded

vember 1753, died October 2; Jonas b. 29 August 1755, died of smallpox 26 December 1756; Samuel b. 27 April 1757; Augusta, b. 4 April 1760.

For the foregoing facts relating to the ancestry and early life of Jonas Green, see "Flint Genealogy" by J. L. Bass; "Brief Memories and Notices of Prince's Subscribers," by Ashbel Woodward, the first in 14: 60 of *New England Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, the second in 16: 14 and 15 of the same magazine; Isaiah Thomas, both editions.

See also "Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths," St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis, copy in Maryland Historical Society, and "Marriages in Christ Church, Philadelphia," vol. 1, in *Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810*, being vol. 8, *Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series. See also notice in *Maryland Gazette* for October 27, 1763, where is announced the death early in the month of Jonas Green's brother Timothy, who had given up his partnership with Kneeland of Boston and returned to New London at the time of his father's death in 1757.

<sup>1</sup> See bibliographical appendix.

<sup>2</sup> Acts, 1748. Printed copy in Maryland Historical Society. In an appendix to this narrative will be found references to all acts of Assembly concerning Green and Parks, and a concise statement of Green's financial relations with the Province.