
The Printers of the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Advertiser

We therefore flatter ourselves, that this intimation of the languishing state of so interesting a manufacture will be sufficient to prevail upon all careful Housekeepers to save their Rags and send them for sale to John Dunlap."

John Hayes entered partnership with Jacob A. Killen on October 31, 1783, under the name of J. Hayes and J. A. Killen. The partnership was dissolved on April 9, 1784, and on the following year Killen established himself as printer in Wilmington, Delaware where he remained until 1787. *The Maryland Gazette* was a weekly paper until May 24, 1785, when it was made into a semi-weekly. The circulation did not justify the change; on May 23, 1786 it became a weekly again. On February 27, 1787 it again became a semi-weekly and so continued until December 30, 1791, the date of the last issue which has been located.¹¹ From 1792 to 1793 Hayes printed nothing of which copies still remain in existence or of which notice is made in the bibliographies. From 1794 to 1800 he seems to have printed sporadically, but not on the same scale as in the earlier period when he was issuing *The Maryland Gazette*. No record of his birth or death, his private life or personal character remains to us. Even Isaiah Thomas in his *History of Printing in America* makes only a passing reference to Hayes in the almanac war of 1786-7.

¹¹ This information was gathered from the invaluable notes in Brigham's *Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, which has been referred to constantly for information on the Maryland newspapers.