

was dissolved on September 24, 1806.¹¹⁴

Today, it is as a printer and typefounder that Sower is remembered. He entered into the typefounding business with William Gwynn, later editor of the Federal Gazette, Gwynn apparently furnishing much of the capital and assigning the entire management of the business to Sower.¹¹⁵ In 1806 he purchased the foundry worked by Justus Fox, thereby obtaining some of his father's former possessions.¹¹⁶ In 1808 he was engaged in casting the smallest type yet used in the world.¹¹⁷ Perhaps it was with this diamond type that Samuel Sower's famous Fible was printed, with John Hagerty as publisher and Brooke Watson Sower, son of Christopher Sower III, as printer.¹¹⁸

In 1813 Samuel Sower was called to the ministry by the Dunkard congregation,¹¹⁹ to which he, as his father before him, belonged. Sower was married three times, to Sarah Landes (1767-1791), Hannah Schlosser and Elizabeth Lamotte (d. 1862)¹²⁰. His only child, Maria (1796-1875) was married to Richard Spalding, a Roman Catholic, which marriage caused Sower much grief because of his strong personal religious beliefs.¹²¹

114 Federal gazette, September 24, 1806.

115 Seidensticker, O. op. cit. p. 16.

116 McCulloch, William. op. cit. p. 162.

117 Seidensticker, O. op. cit. p. 16.

118 Ibid. p. 16.

119 Ibid. p. 16.

120 Sower, C.G. op. cit.

121 Seidensticker, O. op. cit. p. 16.