

New

Second Hand

2 founts, Brevier	' 1 fount English
1 do. Pica on English Body	' 1 do. Paragon
1 do. Script	' 1 do. Double English
3 do. Black letter	' 1 do. French Cannon
1 do. 8 lines Pica	'

A number of card borders, checks, flowers, dash rules, &c. new and second-hand. About 100 reams super-royal printing paper.⁸⁴

The partnership was dissolved on December 31, 1804, and was succeeded by Vincent and Isaac Bonsal, who proposed to engage in the bookbinding, bookselling and stationery business.⁸⁵ Vincent Bonsal died at Natchez, Mississippi on July 29, 1811. His obituary declared simply that "he was an honest man."⁸⁶ Some doubt may be cast on this statement by a letter written by Niles on January 12, 1815 to William Darlington in which Niles mentions a debt of twenty-five thousand dollars left by the firm of Bonsal and Niles, which Niles afterwards paid. In this letter, Niles wrote, "Bonsal, peace to his soul! - was a bad man and I knew it too late."⁸⁷

Hezekiah Niles was the second son of Hezekiah Niles and his wife, the former Mary Way, and was born on October 10, 1777 at Jeffries Ford, East Bradford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. At the age

84 *Telegraphe*. December 13, 1800.

85 *Ibid.* December 14, 1804.

86 *Federal gazette*. September 11, 1811.

87 *Stone R.G.* op. cit. p. 38.