

publications. As a striking example of the practical application of "Republican principles", as well as an inducement for swelling the subscription lists; persons who had children and could not ordinarily subscribe, would be permitted to do so at one half price.¹⁶ No copy of this periodical has come to light, and it must be concluded, for want of proof to the contrary, that the subscribers did not materialize in sufficient numbers and the project was abandoned.

Bartgis continued printing in Frederick until 1820, when he was forced to retire from his business because of the competition of younger men. He moved his apparatus to his paper mill at Pleasant Dale, a beautiful glen in the Catoctin mountains about five miles north-west of Frederick, where he continued to print to a small extent at least, probably manufacturing the paper, setting the type, printing and binding his publications himself. One book is known to have been issued from his press at Pleasant Dale, a hymn book which he sold in the villages and country near his home.¹⁷

Bartgis died in 1825.¹⁸ His two sons, Matthias

¹⁶ Ibid. February 12, 1800.

¹⁷ Lutheran observer. Lutheran hymnology.

¹⁸ Frederick county, Md. Wills. Liber H.S. no. 3, folio 362.