

grew and prospered, and in 1790, Stewart Herbert set up a press there.

From the information on his tombstone in St. John's churchyard in Hagerstown, it may be recorded that Herbert was born on February 12, 1754. Where he was born is uncertain. He may have come from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for there was a Stewart Herbert operating a press on Queen Street in that city in 1774.<sup>6</sup>

Herbert's Lancaster origins are further corroborated by numerous references in the printed volumes of Pennsylvania Archives to the Revolutionary services of Stewart Herbert of Lancaster County. The fact that Stewart Herbert, the Hagerstown printer, served in the Revolution is attested by his obituary notice:

His memory shall be saved from the obliterating ravages of time, because it will be ever gratefully remembered, that Capt. Herbert was among the number who fought and bled for American liberty.<sup>7</sup>

However, these citations in the Pennsylvania Archives cannot with any certainty be attributed to Hagerstown's first printer, for the Pension Records in the National Archives in Washington prove that there was another Stewart Herbert, a man who lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, at least during his

6 Thomas, Isaiah. A history of printing in America. v. 2, p. 87.

7 Washington spy. March 10, 1795.