

Tully, had fallen heir to the family estates, according to the Virginia laws in force at that time.⁴⁵

At the beginning of its fourth year of existence, the Republican Star was

Presented... in size equal to any paper on the continent... the advance in size is not accompanied by an advance in the price of the paper [$\$2.50$].⁴⁶

The newspaper prospered for many years; Smith built a handsome residence, presided over by his sister, Ann Smith, on Washington Street, nearly opposite Goldsborough Street.⁴⁷

There is a record of only three of Smith's activities, aside from his position as editor: for a time he was a director of the Eastern Branch Bank at Easton;⁴⁸ he is reported to have been a volunteer in the company of his brother, Captain George Wishart Smith, at the time of the alarm created by the attack upon Fort Michael by the British in 1813;⁴⁹ and on June 27, 1801, he was appointed postmaster, to succeed James Cowan; he held the office until October 30, 1825.⁵⁰

In appearance, Smith was of medium height and weight, with large features and ruddy complexion; his

45 Easton star. March 6, 1877.

46 Republican star. September 7, 1802.

47 Harrison, S.A. op. cit. Biographical annals.

48 Ibid. Biographical annals.

49 Ibid. Biographical annals.

50 Information from the Post-office department.