

printing business, namely: John Hayes and James Hayes, Jr., Thomas and George Dobbin, and George and Henry S. Keatinge; and then of course there are always the famous printers of colonial Boston, James and Benjamin Franklin.

5. George Gerrish, as has been seen, had Harford County connections.

It is probable that Robert Saunders was apprenticed and employed in Philadelphia and Baltimore before commencing the Chestertown newspaper. In the Apollo of April 5, 1793, Saunders gave a prominent place to the death notice of David Hall, eldest son of William Hall, Philadelphia printer. It hardly seems likely that the young man's death (for newspapers did not record obituary notices then with the thoroughness with which they do it now) would have attracted any attention in the Eastern Shore village of Chestertown unless he had been known to someone there - the printer, quite likely. Furthermore, the marriage of "Robert Saunders, printer of Baltimore" (presumably it is this Robert Saunders) to Elizabeth Fancker is recorded in the Philadelphia Minerva of March 4, 1793¹³ - there again a possible Philadelphia connection. From his designation, "printer of Baltimore" it may be assumed that Saunders was

¹³ Brigham, C.S. Notes on printers.