

erick journals⁶².

He died on December 30, 1831, at his residence in Frederick County. His obituary states that he was:

formerly editor and one of the proprietors of the Baltimore Gazette, which he conducted for 12 years with much ability and success. He has been distinguished, throughout his life, for the perfect correctness of his deportment, his gentlemanly manners and his enterprising spirit. After mingling for many years in the strife of those political parties which formerly agitated the country, he has been for a long time withdrawn from the public eye, and, in the bosom of his family, and a happy and peaceful retirement, closed a life which furnished many an incident and example for praise and imitation.⁶³

Like his partner, he owned a private library; he is said to have possessed one of the best in Baltimore at the time, and to have been liberal in allowing others to use it.⁶⁴

William Pechin and Baltimore's First Republican (Democratic) Newspaper. - William Pechin, who was destined to become an important figure in Baltimore newspaper publishing, arrived from Philadelphia about October 1795, and set up a printing establishment at No. 27, Gay Street.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1773, the fifth child of Christopher Pechin (1737-1779) and Christiana Bright Pechin; on his father's side he was descended

62 Scharf, J. T. History of Western Maryland. v. 1, p. 535.

63 Baltimore republican and commercial advertiser. January 10, 1832.

64 Federal gazette. October 13, 1802.