

from French Huguenot stock, on his mother's from German. According to the terms of his father's will, he was given a liberal education, and in common with his two brothers, "put to whatever trade or occupation they choose". William chose printing, was duly apprenticed and trained. In 1794, when the Federal authorities called upon the various states for troops to put down the insurrection in Western Pennsylvania, the young printer was found to be a member of a Philadelphia regiment of militia⁶⁵. He founded the Philadelphia Minerva on February 7, 1795, with Archibald Woodruff, and continued his connection with it through April, 1796.⁶⁶ On October 11, 1795, he married Catherine Anthony⁶⁷, and it was soon thereafter that he moved to Baltimore.

The new printing establishment was not long delayed. An advertisement appeared in the Federal Intelligencer:

New Printing-Office.

To the public. The subscribers take the liberty of informing the public, that they have established a printing-office, upon an extensive plan, in Gay-street, no. 27, opposite G. Presbury's, esquire, in this place, where the various demands in the line of their profession will be

65 Ingle, Edward op. cit. p. 13-14.

66 Brigham, C.S. Bibliography of American newspapers, 1690-1820. Part XIII. Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) p. 146.

67 Ingle, Edward. op. cit. p. 17.