

the British at the Battle of North Point. It was only a short time after this battle when one of the editors, Thomas Dobbin, returned to the city to open the office.¹²³ The brother-in-law of Francis Scott Key, Judge Joseph Hopper Nicholson, came in with Key's manuscript of the Star-Spangled Banner, which was set in type, for the first time, as a broadside with the title of Bombardment at Fort McHenry¹²⁴ in the office of the American.

There is extant one personal description of Pechin, furnished by Colonel Nicholas Brewer of Baltimore:

He was about five feet five inches high, slight and well knit, had black hair and eyes, was a good liver, and a genial, pleasant gentleman.¹²⁵

Pechin's Baltimore residences were located on East Baltimore and North Calvert Streets; in addition he had a country residence, Pilgrim's Choice, on Liberty Road. He died in 1849, and was buried in the Lutheran burying ground at Ardmore, Pennsylvania. His only son, Edwin Anthony, died unmarried; five of his daughters married, and his descendants are now living in many scattered sections of the United States.¹²⁶

Alexander Martin; the First Two Years of the American

The American and Daily Advertiser commenced its long career on May 14, 1799. Alexander Martin, formerly Pechin's

123 Ingle, Edward. op. cit. p. 3-13.

124 Lyons, J.H. Stories of our American patriotic songs. p. 12.

125 Baltimore American. March 8, 1896.

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