probably left Baltimore, since he disappears from the city directory after this date. Martin's movements are obscured from this point. He died in New York in October of 1810, aged thirty-three. 153

The American, for many years "the leading mercantile journal of a hustling commercial city", 154 continued as a daily for 129 years under a succession of publishers among whom are numbered William Pechin. George Dobbin, Thomas Murphy, William Bose, Robert A. Dobbin. Felix Angus and Frank A. Munsey. 155 Like other newspapers, its title was altered from time to time; but neither often nor radically. At the death of Frank Munsey, the Baltimore American was sold to William R. Hearst; 156 it is now (1943) published as the Sunday edition of the Baltimore News-Post, and its volume numbering, which was begun by Alexander Martin in 1799 has reached CCLXXX.

American. October 13, 1810. 153

<sup>154</sup> 

Mott, F.L. op. cit. p. 188. Penniman, T.D. op. cit. p. 276-277. 155

<sup>156</sup> Ibid. p. 277.