

business. He was a shrewd business man - apparently few printers left an estate of over eleven thousand dollars. He was benevolent - took active parts and held offices in the Maryland Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery⁴⁵ and the Society of St. George;⁴⁶ his name occasionally appeared in the newspapers among contributors for charitable causes.⁴⁷ He believed in the future of Baltimore as a commercial city, otherwise he would not have invested heavily in turnpike stocks.

He operated a printing business in Baltimore from 1783 through 1801, with the possible exception of the period from February 1792 through February 1794. After William Goddard's retirement from the Baltimore publishing field in 1792, Hayes may be called the city's senior printer. Although his career contains nothing of the spectacular, the excellency of his work, the newspaper which he published for nearly nine years, and the wide variety of books, pamphlets and broadsides which he contributed to Baltimore imprints, make him worthy to be ranked among the more important of Maryland's early printers.

45 Maryland journal. January 27, 1796.

46 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 539.
(manuscript notes in NN copy)

47 e.g. Federal gazette. October 14, 1800.