

Ann Rawlings on March 28, 1793,²⁵ and a daughter, Henrietta Maria, was born on October 2, 1794.²⁶

All these circumstances must have caused him, when he had a chance to become the proprietor of the old and established Maryland Journal, to take advantage of the opportunity. He secured the name, and doubtless the subscription list and good will of the Maryland Journal. He merged his original newspaper with it and on January 1, 1795, began the publication of a daily newspaper, with the imposing title of the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Universal Daily Advertiser, under the imprint of Philip Edwards and Company.

Philip Edwards, John W. Allen, and W. C. Smythe, New Editors of the Maryland Journal. - Who the "company" who sponsored Edwards' new undertaking were, is uncertain, but Francis Brumfield may have retained an interest in the newspaper. This seems possible in view of the wording of the editorial in the first issue after the change of publisher: "The editors of this paper having apprized their numerous subscribers of their intended junction, come forward with their congratulations on the prospect of another year."²⁷ The "company", too, may have included

25 U. S. Veterans administration, Pension records. Ann Edwards, widow of Philip Edwards.

26 Baltimore. St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church. Register. v. 1, p. 298.

27 Maryland journal. January 1, 1795.