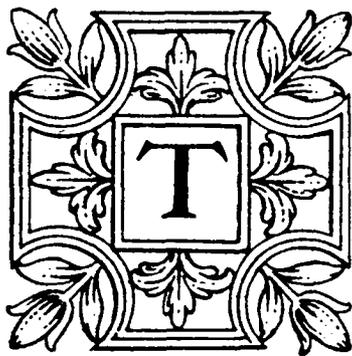




CHAPTER EIGHT

*Frederick Green, Printer to the State, Clerk of the State Senate,
Postmaster of Annapolis and Printer of the Maryland
Gazette with Samuel Green*



THE Green Press was established in Maryland by Jonas Green, the great grandson of Samuel Green who was the successor of the first printers in English America. He served as an apprentice under his father at New London and went to Boston where, after working under his brother for several years, he established himself independently. Shortly after printing a Hebrew grammar, he went to Philadelphia and was employed by Franklin and Bradford. In 1738 he married Anne Catherine Hoof and evidently in the same year moved to Annapolis. From that date until his death in 1767, he was the only printer in the colony, with the exception of Nicholas Hasselbach in Baltimore after 1765. He maintained a high standard of typographical excellence and his chief publishing monuments, the *Maryland Gazette* and Bacon's *Laws of Maryland*, rank with the finest Colonial printing.

The *Maryland Gazette*, named after the newspaper first printed by William Parks in September 1727, was published by the Green family for a ninety-four year period with only the one break in its continuity. This was from 1777 to 1779. Isaiah Thomas wrote: "The typographical features of this Gazette were equal to those of any paper then printed on the continent."¹

After the death of her husband in 1767, Anne Catherine Green took over the printing business and, with the help of her children, continued it during the eight remaining years of her life. From 1772 until her death in 1775, the *Maryland Gazette* was printed by Anne Catherine Green & Son. The son mentioned here was Frederick Green, who had been born January 20, 1750, and who, when he came to maturity, controlled the Green Press until his death in 1811.

¹ Isaiah Thomas, *op. cit.*, II. p. 156.