Introduction: As noted in above, the first employee of Franklin and Meredith was evidently William Jones, who began working for the partners in 1729, and who borrowed 6.5. on 30 March 1730. On 20 Dec, Jones paid 1.10.0 for rent. The total of his account, including the rent, amounted to 2.14.0, which he paid "By Work in full." He must have been a journeyman printer working for BF and Meredith, and for BF alone after the partnership dissolved. Jones presumably was renting from BF when he and Deborah married, 1 September, and continued to lodge with them until the end of 1730. The partners hired Thomas Whitemarsh as a journeyman printer sometime before April (see 25 Aug). Early in 1730, BF and Meredith hired Joseph Rose, son of Aquila Rose, as an apprentice (see ante April). Stephen Potts, the former Samuel Keimer employee to whom BF taught bookbinding, was working for BF by 22 Aug and began renting a room in Nov (see 21 Dec). Later, he frequently worked for BF (e.g., 18 Feb 1731) at press work, which took less skill than setting type. BF has more accounts with Stephen Potts, a Junto member, than with any other person. Another bookbinder, William Davis, began charging items on 11 July.

BF and Meredith dissolved their partnership on 14 July. BF says in the Autobiography that he borrowed from his Junto friends William Coleman and Robert Grace to continue the business. It may be, however, that they merely guaranteed the bond for him to borrow the money (see 27 June 1733). Another Junto member, Joseph Breintnall, who provided Franklin with the most correct legal forms available, began credit purchases from BF in 1730 (19 Sept). So too did BF’s friend and patron, the lawyer Andrew Hamilton (9 July). When the rival printer David Harry left town for Barbados about 11 July, he gave BF a note of hand payable in full in six months. BF’s former Boston schoolteacher, George Brownell, the doggerel poet John Dommet,
and the almanac maker John Jerman are among those who charged with BF during the year.

The accounts contain little indication of the financial pressures that BF was under during 1730. The record, however, of his purchase of 46 reams of paper for £27.12.0 on 4 July discloses his shaky finances. He paid the merchant John Beard £14 when he bought the 46 reams. Four days later, he paid £6.12.0 more; the next day, 9 July, he came up with an additional £2 and gave Beard a promissory note for £4.10.0, besides agreeing to pay 10 shillings for Beard to Mr. Campion, "which will be in Full." On 24 July, he was able to pay off the £4.10.0 note, and on 5 Sept, he paid Campion the 10 shillings.

BF and Deborah Read Rogers married on Tuesday, 1 Sept, but BF presumably worked at least that morning, for several accounts are recorded under that date. Though no entries appear for the next two days, the Pennsylvania Gazette came out as usual on Thursday, 3 September. If BF took off any time after the unofficial ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, it was only the next day. Deborah was probably chagrined on her wedding day when her sister Frances Croker borrowed five shillings (1 Sept) from BF.

Imprints. After being elected to print the minutes for the Pennsylvania Assembly (30 Jan) and to print the acts or laws (14 Feb), BF and Meredith brought out the assembly’s Votes and Proceedings (18 March) and its Laws (April). Since they advertised them for sale, they printed extra copies and made a profit on the additional sales. When the Assembly paid the partners on 15 Aug, the amount was not recorded. They were evidently also elected printers for the Three Lower Counties (New Castle, Kent, and Sussex), where Andrew Hamilton was also the Speaker of the Assembly. Miller 82 records printing the Lower County (now Delaware) laws for the session ending 20 March 1733/4, and records that the partners printed the paper currency of 1729 (Miller 3). He did not notice that the partners charged Hamilton in 1730 (?; see year-end)
for printing “5 Sheets of Laws for New Castle at 25.0 per Sheet, 6.5.0.” If entered in Miller, this imprint would be Miller 18A. The partners sold six dozen Welsh ballads (Miller 17 or 22) in April to John Hill of Newcastle. Of course almanacs were best sellers at the beginning and end of the year. Both Godfrey’s (Miller 20) and Jerman’s (Miller 21) almanacks were offered by 23 Oct. Late in 1730, for the Presbyterian Synod, BF printed its agreement to adopt the Westminster Confession (Miller 32).

Job printing continued to be a mainstay. On 6 May, the partners printed 100 advertisements for Thomas Peters (Miller A22); on 7 June 500 hungary bills for John Spence (A27); on 8 June 200 deputations for Nicholas Scull (A24); on 4 July, 200 bail bonds for Scull (A25); on 9 July, 100 bonds of good behavior and 100 certificates for Andrew Hamilton (A19); and on 11 July, 500 administration bonds for Samuel Bushill (A16). After the cessation of the partnership, on 29 July BF printed sixteen quires of tobacco papers for John Spence (A28) and half a ream of tobacco papers for Lawrence Rice (A23); on 14 Sept, 600 blanks for Samuel Bushill (A17); on 19 Sept, 50 warrants of attorney (Miller A14 has “90 powers of attorney”) and 100 bonds for Joseph Breintnall (A15); on 9 Oct, for “printing his cures,” Dr. “Browa” was charged 15s (cf. Miller A13) and 200 advertisements for John Wilkinson (A29; cf. 15 Oct for what is probably the same charge); on 23 Oct, 1 quire of tobacco papers for Nathaniel Edgecomb (A18); on 9 Dec, 200 bail bonds for Nicholas Scull (A26); and on 21 Dec, 144 certificates for John Moore (A21). (The 100 Welsh Society tickets that BF printed for Dr. Evan Jones, Miller A20, should be dated 1 March 1730/1.) The accounts show that in 1730, BF and Meredith were still subsisting primarily on job printing.

**The Shop.** In 1730, BF and Meredith added marble and post paper to their stock of common stationery and began selling various writing accessories: ink, inkhorns, standishes, and
quills. After Deborah and BF married, 1 September, she probably handled sales in the shop while BF worked upstairs printing. Advertisements in the Pennsylvania Gazette became a standard source of income. BF and Meredith also began to stock a variety of common schoolbooks from England, including grammars, psalters, and arithmetics, and the most common religious books. There was also the song book, Thomas D’Urfey’s Pills to Purge Melancholy, 4 v. (22 June), as well as [Richard Allestree’s] Whole Duty of Man (8 May) and Cocker’s Arithmetic (9 Dec). BF sold his former schoolteacher George Brownell 200 "Rules of Civility" at the start of the school year, 18 Sept. The first known sale of a picture (only 2 pence) was made to his future partner Thomas Whitemarsh on 9 Dec.

Interesting barters include Andrew Duché’s credit by "making some mettle" (1730); Jacob Duché’s by "1 Gross Gally Potts" (1730); Thomas Hart’s payment of "a Furnace" (1730); and instances of payment in trade: John Wilkinson, brushmaker, "For Brushes" (1730). Giving credit is a risky business, as BF’s 13 May entry for Jeremy Clements shows. Clements owed 13.0 for ads and 1.5.0 for 1000 hat bills, but the credit column noted that he was now "Dead." During the year, BF began in a very minor way to act as a banker, loaning small amounts of cash to Potts and other employees, and occasionally to friends and customers.

1730 Chronology [Calendar 5]:

In 1730, £152.03 Pa currency = £100 sterling; McCusker 184.

5 Jan, Monday. William Crossthwaite Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 182-83.

---. Joseph Growdon, Esq. Dr. For 1 Almanack, 0.6. Ledger A&B 180.

---. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For 4 Testaments; 4 Psalters; 1 Pair Indentures, 16.6; For 1 Testament, 2.6; ½ Pint Oyl. [Last two items probably between 5 Jan and 15 June.] Ledger A&B 182.
---. Daniel Pegg Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5; Dr. For 3 Almanacks, 1.3. Ledger A&B 182.

---. Nicholas Scull Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 172.

---. Rev. Mr. Weyman, Dr. For 2 Almanacks, 0.10. Ledger A&B 210.

20 Jan, Tuesday. Matthew Kinsey Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N62 [20 Jan], 3.0. Dr. For one Years News, 10.0. Ledger A&B 180.

---. Daniel Pegg. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N62 [20 Jan], 3.0. Ledger A&B 182.

1 Feb, Sunday. Nath. Edgecome Dr. For a Bond, 0.3. Ledger A&B 184.

3 Feb, Tuesday. Dr. [Evan] Jones, Paracelsus, Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette N64 [3 Feb], 3.0. Ledger A&B 194.

19 Feb, Thursday. Clement Plumstead, Dr. For an Alphabet, 1.0. Dr. For 1 Quire Bonds, 6.0. Ledger A&B 184.

---. Thomas Rees of Chester County, For an Advert. in Gazette, N66 [19 Feb], 3.0. Ledger A&B 180.

---. Nicholas Scull Dr. For a Bond, 0.4. Ledger A&B 172.


5 March, Thursday. White & Taylor Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N68 [5 March], 5.0. Ledger A&B 180.

18 March, Wednesday. Joseph Jackson, Bristol, Dr. For Votes [perhaps Miller 28, though it was supposedly not published until a week later; see 19 March in chronology], Etc., 2.6; Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 176.

---. John Ward, Dr. For Advertisement, 5.0. Ledger A&B 176.
Ante 25 March, Thursday [i.e., dated 1729/30]. Wm. Parks of Annapolis, Dr For ½ Doz Basils, 9.0. For 200 Sheet Almanacks, 2.0.0. Contra, Cr. By Cash, 1.10.0. Cr. By a Book of Laws, 1.0.0. Ledger A&B 184-85.

26 March, Thursday. John Philips, Maryland Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette N71 [26 March], 3.0. Ledger A&B 182.


9 April, Thursday. William Rawle, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N73 [9 April], 5.0. Ledger A&B 194. Cf. 4 Dec 1729.


16 April, Thursday. William Rawle, Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette N74 [16 April], A Grist Mill, 5.0. Ledger A&B 194. Cf. 4 Dec 1729.

20 April, Monday. Nath. Edgecome Dr. For a Bill of Sale, 0.3. Ledger A&B 184.

23 April, Thursday. John Baldwin of Kennet County, Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette N.75 [23 April], 3.0. Ledger A&B 192.

28 April, Tuesday. Cha. Read, Esq. Dr. For an Advertisement, 5.0. Dr. For 30 Summons, 2.6. Ledger A&B 178.

30 April, Thursday. John Everitt, Nottingham, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazett 76 [30 April], 3.0. Ledger A&B 186.

April. William Crossthwaite Dr. For an Account Book, 15.10. Ledger A&B 182.
---. Mr. Simon Edgell, Dr. For an Advt. 2 Servants, 10.0. Ledger A&B 170.


---. John Hill of New Castle, Dr. For 6 Doz. Ballads [perhaps one or both Welsh ballads that BF & Meredith printed; Miller 17 and 22], 6.0. Ledger A&B 186.

1 May, Friday. Cha. Read, Esq. Dr. For an Advertisement, 5.0. Ledger A&B 178.

3 May, Sunday. White & Taylor Dr. For 1 pair Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 180.

4 May, Monday. Joseph Jackson, Bristol, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette Tho. Crosdale, No. 78 [14 May], 3.0. Ledger A&B 176.

6 May, Wednesday. Evan Morgan, Shopkeeper, Dr. For Advertisements, N.120 [4 March 1730/1; ad not identified], 7.6; Dr. For an Advertisement in Gazette, N.61 [13 Jan], 3.0; Dr. For an Advertisement in Gazette, N.77 [7 May], Serv., 3.0; Dr. For 2 Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 174.

---. Cha. Read, Esq., Dr. For Advertisements, 7.6. Ledger A&B 178.

7 May, Thursday. Thomas Dunning Dr. For 3 Bonds, 1.0. Dr. For an Advertisement, 5.0. Dr. For an Almanack, 0.5. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N77 [7 May], 3.0. Ledger A&B 180.

13 May, Wednesday. Jeremy Clements Dr. For Advertisements, 10.0; Dr. For Advertisements in Gazette N78 [14 May]. 3.0; Dr. For 1000 Hat bills, 1.5.0. [Jeremiah Clement, Hatter, advertised for a runaway servant in PG #78, 14 May]. Contra, Cr. Dead. Ledger A&B 186-87.

---. Thomas Peters Dr. For Advertisements, 5.0; Dr. For Advertisements 100, 7.6. [Miller A22, listing the amount as 1.6]; Dr. For Advertisements in Gazette N78 [14 May]. 3.0. Dr. For Advertisements in Gazette N85 [2 July]. 3.0. Dr. For ½ Doz Almanacks, 1.9. Total 1.0.3.
Contra Cr. By sundry Goods in full, 1.0.3. Ledger A&B 186-87.

14 May, Thursday. White & Taylor Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N78 [14 May], a Serv., 5.0. Ledger A&B 180.

18 May, Monday. Wm. Jones, Dr. For [Richard Allestree?], Whole Duty of Man, 15.0. Ledger A&B 178.

21 May, Thursday. Joseph Jackson, Bristol, Dr. For Advertisement in Gazette of a Horse in the Pound in No. 79 [21 May], 3.0. Ledger A&B 176.

28 May, Thursday. John Hood, Shoemaker, Dr. For printing an Adv. No. 80 [28 May; ad not identified], 5.0., Paid. Ledger A&B 9. Cf. 2 Jan 1731.

---. John Ward, Dr. For 2 Advt. in Gaz. N. 80 [28 May], 6.0. Ledger A&B 176.

May. Ralph Asheton, Dr. For 90 Licences, 10.0. Ledger A&B 188.

1 June, Monday. Nicholas Scull Dr. For 1 Doz Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 172.

3 June, Wednesday. Wm. Jones, Dr. For 1 Bott. Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 178.

4 June, Thursday. Mr. Simon Edgell, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette No. 81 [4 June], 4 Servants. Ledger A&B 170.

---. Andrew Duche, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, N81, 3.0. Ledger A&B 194.

6 June, Saturday. Isaac Norris, Junior, Dr. For Pasting a Job, 0.6. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette No. 66 [19 Feb; ad not identified], 3.0. Ledger A&B 188.

7 June, Sunday. John Spence. For 500 Hungary Bills. 1.0.0. Ledger A&B l88; Miller A27.


13 June, Saturday. Robert Nevett, Dr. For Sundries, 2.18.0. Ledger A&B 188.
---. Dr. Shaw, Burlington, Dr. For 2 Account Books, 18.0. Ledger A&B 190.

15 June, Monday. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For 1 Quire Paper, 0.6. Dr. For 1 Laws [Miller 24] 2.6. Ledger A&B 182.

---. William Morgan, Dr. For ½ Quire Paper, 0.9; Dr. For ½ Quire Paper, 0.9; Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 190.

---. Nicholas Scull, Dr. For 10 Bail Bonds, 0.10 [Perhaps Know all Men by these Presents (Philadelphia: Franklin and Meredith, 1730); Miller 30]; Dr. For an Advertisement of the Servt. in Gaz. 57 [16 Dec 1729], 3.0; Dr. For a Book of Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 172.


---. Robert Nevett, Dr. For Sundries, 1.1.8. Ledger A&B 188.

---. Cha. Read, Esq., Dr. For 1 Quire Post Paper, 2.0; Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette, N66 [19 Feb], 3.0; Dr. For an Ad. in Ga. N117 [9 Feb 1730/1], 5.0; Dr. For an Ad. in Ga. N126 [15 April 1731], 3.0. Ledger A&B 178.

17 June, Wednesday. Cha. Read, Esq., Dr. Contra, Cr. For 10 Ream Paper at 15/ per, 7.10. Ledger A&B 179.

22 June, Monday. Robert Nevett Dr. For Sundries, 16.6. Ledger A&B 188.

---. Major Gandouit, Salem, Dr. For 4 Vol. [Thomas D’Urfey], Pills to purge Mel., 16.0. Ledger A&B 190.

23 June, Tuesday. John Dexter Dr. For an Advert. in Gazette, N84, 3.0. Ledger A&B 196.

24 June, Wednesday. Nath. Edgecome Dr. For ½ Quire Paper, 0.9. Ledger A&B 184.

---. Robert Nevett, Dr. For an Account Book, 11.0; Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette No. 84 [23 June]. 3.0. Ledger A&B 188.
1 July, Wednesday. Mr. Simon Edgell, Dr. For Advt. 6.0; Dr. For Advt. in Gazette No. 161 [28 Dec 1731], 5.0. Ledger A&B 170.

4 July, Saturday. Bought of Mr. [John] Beard, 46 Ream of Paper a 12s per Ream amounting to £27.12.0 of which I have paid him in Part £14.0.0. Ledger A&B 1.

---. Robert Nevett of Mercon Dr To an Account Book 11s. Ledger A&B 1.

---. Nicholas Scull Dr to 200 Bail Bonds. 16.8. Ledger A&B 1, 172; Miller A25.


9 July, Thursday. Paid Mr. [John] Beard more £2.0.0. and have given him a Note of Hand for £4.10.0 and am to pay 10s to Campion which will be in Full. Ledger A&B 1.

---. Andrew Hamilton Esq. Dr. To 100 Bonds of good Behaviour and 100 Certificates. L1.10.0. Ledger A&B 1; Miller A19. Same as year-end undated account with Hamilton cited below (V66:16).


11 July, Saturday. Samuel Bustill, Esq. [Burlington, N.J.] To an Advt [in] No. 60 [6 Jan]; 5.0. To printing 500 Administration Bonds at 1d per; £2.1.8. [Miller A16 has “Bushill.”] To 10 Quires & 10 Sheets Paper at 4d per Quire; 11.6. Total £2.18.2. Ledger A&B 1, 204 (as “sundries”).

---. William Davis Dr. To 4 Quire Paper at 14d per; 4.8. Ledger A&B 1.

---. Receiv’d of David Harry a Note of his Hand payable in Six Months, being in Full of what he owed me. [Note: amount not recorded.] Ledger A&B 1.

13 July, Monday. Ralph Asheton Esq. Dr To 38 Licenses 5.0. Ledger A&B 1, 188.

---. William Mogridge Dr. to a Testament 2.6. Ledger A&B 1, 182.


---. Widow Read [Sarah=Mrs. Charles], Dr. For 1 Quire Paper Dr. 1.2. Ledger A&B 2, 204.


18 July, Saturday. Owen Humphries, Dr. For 1 Bott Ink, 1.0.; For ½ a Years Gazette, 5.0. Ledger A&B 2 (former charge only), 200.

---. John Jones, Barber, 1 Bot Ink 1.0. Ledger A&B 2.


---. Sarah Flower, 1 Doz Primers, 5.0, Ledger A&B 2.

22 July, Wednesday. William Morgan, ½ Quire Paper 0.7; 2 Pamphlets 0.6. Ledger A&B 2, 190.

---. Nicholas Scull Dr. ½ Doz Bonds 1.6. Ledger A&B 2, 172.

23 July, Thursday. Thomas Lawrence Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N88 [23 July], 3.0. Dr. For a Advt. of the Constantine [a ship, 23 July], 5.0. Ledger A&B 198, 366.


---. Then adjusted Accounts with William Davis and I am Dr to Ballance 3.3.3. Dr to a Ream Paper 16.0; to another Ream Ditto 16.0. Ledger A&B 2, 204 (latter two entries only).

---. Mr. [John] Pigot of Nottingham Dr. To sundries 2.17.6, which he is to pay in March next. Ledger A&B 2, 206.


29 July, Wednesday. William Davis Dr to Cash 10.0. Ledger A&B 2, 204.

---. John Jerman, 1 Bot Ink 1.0. Ledger A&B 2, 206.

---. [Lawrence] Rice, Tobacconist, Dr To printing ½ Ream Tobacco Paper 5.0. [Miller A23]; Cr. by Cash 5.0. Ledger A&B 2.

---. John Spence Dr to printing 16 Quires Tobacco Paper 8.0. Ledger A&B 2, 188; Miller A28.

Post 29 July; ante 8 May 1732. John Spence Dr. For Tobacco Papers, 3.0. Ledger A&B 188, 366.


---. Peter Lloyd, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N89 [30 July], 5.0. Ledger A&B 198.

5 Aug, Wednesday. William Davis, Dr. For Cash, 1.6. Dr. For 1 Ream Paper & 2 Inkhorns, 17.6. Ledger A&B 204.

6 Aug, Thursday. Robert Grace, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazett N90 [6 Aug], 3.0. Ledger A&B 198.

---. Samuel Powel, Junior, Dr. For Advertisements in Gazet, N90 &c [6 Aug], 12.0. Ledger A&B 198.

10 Aug, Monday. Evan Morgan, Shopkeeper Dr. 1/2 Doz Bonds 1.6; 1/2 Doz Bonds & Judgments 2.6. Dr. For Sundries, 4.0. Ledger A&B 2, 174.

---. Samuel Smith Dr to Cash 2.10.0. Ledger A&B 2.

11 Aug, Tuesday. John Jerman Dr to 1 bottle Ink, l.0; to 1 Quire paper, l.2; to 1 Pamphlet on the Sabbath [Miller 7], 0.2. Contra, Cr. For 1 Doz. Almks. for the Year 1730, 3.0. Ledger A&B 3, 206-7.
---. James Lipscomb. Dr To 7 Quire paper, 8.2. Ledger A&B 3, 190 (date only 1730).

---. Wm. Morgan, Dr to 1/2 Quire paper. 0.8. Ledger A&B 3, 190.


---. David Cowpland, Dr. for Advts., 5.0. Ledger A&B 366.

---. Joshua Cowpland, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N91 [13 Aug], 3.0. Ledger A&B 198.

---. John Moore, Esq., Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, N91 [13 Aug], 3.0. Ledger A&B 198.

15 Aug, Saturday John Dexter, Dr for an Adv. single, 5.0. Ledger A&B 3, 196.

---. Jonathan Fisher Dr to a power of Attorney, 0.3. Ledger A&B 3, 184.

---. Wm. Morgan Dr to 1 Quire paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 3. Same as 20 Aug.

---. [Pennsylvania Assembly paid for the past year, but did not record the amount paid to the printers.] Votes 2036.


---. William Morgan Dr. For 1 Quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 190. Same as 15 Aug.

22 Aug, Saturday. Cr Mr. Thomas Dunning on Mr. Whitemarsh’s Account 5.7 & 1/2. and 7.3 & 1/2. Total 13.5. Ledger A&B 3 (first item only), 181.

---. Wm. Mogridge, 2 Bills Lading, 0.2. Ledger A&B 3, 182.


25 Aug, Tuesday. John Pigot (Nottingham), Dr. For 1 Doz. Books, 1.0.0; For 1 Doz. Bibles, 3.0.0.; For 1 Ream Paper, 17.0.; For 1 Doz. Almanacks, 3.6.; For 1 Doz. Primmers, 4.0.; For 4 Hornbooks & 1 Doz. Rules of Civ., 2.0.; For 1 Years News, 10.0.; Total 8.14.0.; less 7.8.5.; 1.5.7. Ledger A&B 3 (first item only), 206.
---. Francis Sherard [Sherrard], Dr. For 1 Qu. [quire] Paper, 1.2.; For a pair Indrs. & 1/2 pint Ink, 1.2. Ledger A&B 3 (first entry only), 206.
---. Jn. Tyler Dr to Cash lent, 1.15.0. Ledger A&B 3.
---. Paid Mr. Whitemarsh since we reckoned in April past, 8.15 & 1 & 1/2. Ledger A&B 3.
27 Aug, Thursday. Israel Porter, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N.93 [27 Aug], 5.0, Ledger A&B 200.

1 Sept, Tuesday. Wm Bickley Dr to 1 oz Wafers, 0.5. Ledger A&B 3.
---. Frances Croker Dr to Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 3.
---. Wm. Crosswaite, Dr 1 Quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 3. Same as 4 Sept?
---. Frederick Smith, Hatter, Dr Bond, 0.1. Ledger A&B 3.
4 Sept, Friday. William Crossthwaite Dr. For a quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 182. Same as 1 Sept?
5 Sept, Saturday. John Beard Dr to Cash paid Campion l0.0. Debtor to cash paid Nath. Griffiths by his Order, 0.5.0. Ledger A&B 3.
---. Wm Davis Dr to Cash, 1.6. Dr 1 Ream Paper, 1.6. Dr 2 Inkhorns, 1.6. Ledger A&B 3.
---. Tho Godfrey, Dr Cash, 2.6. Ledger A&B 3.
7 Sept, Monday. John Lee Dr. For an Advertisement, No. 200, 12.0. Ledger A&B 186.
10 Sept, Thursday. John Lee Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N94 [3 Sept; ad appears in #95, 10 Sept], 5.0. Ledger A&B 186.
---. James Lewis Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette N95 [10 Sept], M. Flower, 3.0. Ledger A&B 188.
14 Sept, Monday. Dr Samuel Bustill, Esq. Burlington to printing 600 blanks @ 1d each, 2.10.0 [Miller A17 has “Bushill”]; to Paper 1 Ream and 1/3 of a Ream at 16s per Ream for the Blanks, 1.1.4; to 1 Ream paper white, 16.0. Ledger A&B 4. Same as 15 Sept?

---. Dr Wm Davis, 5 Quire Paper. 5.0; ditto 6 Sheets of Marble Paper, l.6. Ledger A&B 4, 204.


---. Dr John Hart & Tho Lindley, Advt, l.0.0. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Dr John Lee, Advertisement, 10.0. Ledger A&B 4. Same as 15 Sept.

---. Dr Mogridge & Cassel l Bottle Ink, l.0. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Dr Widow Read, 1 Bottle Ink, l.0. Ledger A&B 4, 204.

---. Dr Reddish & Paxton 500 Bills paid, l5.0. Ledger A&B 4.

15 Sept, Tuesday. Samuel Bustil, Esq., Dr. For Sundries, 4.7.4. Ledger A&B 204. Same as 14 Sept?

---. John Lee, Dr. For Advertisements, 10.0. Ledger A&B 186. Same as 14 Sept.

16 Sept, Wednesday. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For 1 Bot. Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 182.

17 Sept, Thursday. John Moore, Esq., Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, N96 [17 Sept], 3.0. Ledger A&B 198.


---. Dr. Cha. Read, 1 Bottle ink, l.0. Ledger A&B 4, 178.

---. Dr Nicholas Scull, 1 pair Servant Indentures, and 2 Bonds, l.2. Ledger A&B 4, 172.

19 Sept, Saturday. Joseph Brientnal Dr to 50 Blank Indentures Mortgages 8.4; 50 Warrants of Attorney [Miller A14 has “90 powers of attorney”], 4.2; 100 Bonds, 8.4 [Miller A15]; 3 Quire of Paper at 13d, 3.9, total 1.14.7. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Wm Coleman Dr to a small gilt Bible, 8.0. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Mrs. Godfrey Dr to a small gilt Bible, 8.0. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Credit Mr. John Thomson by Cash, 1.0.0; by an Order on Geo. Brownel, 1.0.0; remains due
to me 2.7.6. Ledger A&B 4.

---. Dr Whitemarsh to cash, l0.0. Ledger A&B 4.

27 Sept, Sunday. Dr William Crawley, Storekeeper near Timber Creek in the Jerseys: 1 small Gilt Bible, 8.0; 1 large ditto, 7.0; 6 Common Bibles, l10.0; 6 Testaments, 10.0; 6 Psalters, 9.0; 2 Doz. Pamphlets, 4.0; 1 Ream Paper, 18.0. Total 4.6.0. Ledger A&B 5, 206.

---. William Davis, 1 Quire Paper, 0.10; 1 Quire paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 5. Dr. For Sundries, 2.0. Ledger A&B 204.

---. Evan Price, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N.97 [24 Sept], 3.0; Dr. For an Advt., 5.0. Ledger A&B 5 (latter only), 202. BF added, 5 March 1757, “This is Evan Price now living near Reading.”


5 Oct, Monday. Wm. Davis, Dr to 4 sheets Marble Paper, 1.0. Ledger A&B 5, 204.

---. Whitemarsh Dr to Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 5.

9 Oct, Friday. Dr Doctor Browa to [or “Browato”] printing his Casee, 15.0; credit by cash, l5.0. Ledger A&B 5. Miller A13 imposed sense upon it: “5 Oct, Monday, Dr. Brewster. Printing his cures.”


---. Dr Mr. Fretwell for ditto 5.0. Ledger A&B 5.

---. Dr John Jones & J. Flower to printing Advertisements, 10.0; in the News, 6.0. Ledger A&B 5.
---. Dr John Moore, Esq to printing blank Lists, 1.15.0. Ledger A&B 5.

---. Stephen Potts Dr to Cash, 10.0. Ledger A&B 5.


---. Dr Widow Read to cash, 4.15. Ledger A&B 5.

---. Dr Jacob Vanbebbener Sr. of St. George’s to an Account book 13.4. Ledger A&B 5, 178.

---. Whitemarsh Dr to Cash, 5.0. Dr to Cash. 10.0. Ledger A&B 5.

---. Dr Wilkinson, Brushmaker, to Advts. 200 8.0; Credit by Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 5. Dr. for 200 Advert. 8.0. Ledger A&B 200; Miller A29. Same as 15 Oct.

12 Oct, Monday. Thomas Hart Dr. For Advts with W. Davis, 3.9. Dr. For Advts. in Gazette, 2.3. Ledger A&B 196.


---. John Wilkinson, [Brushmaker] Dr. For Advert. in Gaz. N104 [12 Nov], 3.0.; For 200 Advert., 8.0.; For Advts. 7/6 & in Gazette 3, 10.6.; “Since” (i.e., post 15 Oct) For 7/6 paid Postlethwaite, 7.6.; Ledger A&B 200.

20 Oct, Tuesday. Widow Read, Dr. For Cash, 4.13.0.; For Cash, 10.0.; For Books &c, 4.7.11; For Cash pd. Loan Office, 15.3.0.; For sundries, 1.9.; For a Testamt. 2.3.; For sundries, 1.7.1.; Total 26.9.2. Ledger A&B 204.

23 Oct, Friday. William Davis Dr to 1 Ream Paper, 18.0. Dr 3 Psalters, 4.6. Dr to Cash lent, 2.0. Ledger A&B 6, 204.
---. N. Edgecomb, 1 Quire Tobacco paper, 1.0. Ledger A&B 6, 184; Miller A18.

---. Joseph Norris, Dr. For Cash Lent, 5.0.; For Cash at other Times, 3.0. Carried to Leidger E, fol 7. Ledger A&B 6 (first entry only), 208.

---. Evan Price Dr to 1 Doz Jerman’s Almanacks [Miller 21], 3.6. Ledger A&B 6, 200.

---. Jacob Shoemaker Dr to 1 Doz Jerman’s Almanacks [Miller 21], 3.6; to 1 doz Godfrey’s [Miller 20], ditto, 4.0. Ledger A&B 6, 208.

---. Stow a Newspaper, 0.4. Ledger A&B 6.

26 Oct, Monday. Thomas Whitemarsh, Contra, Cr. For Ballance of last Acct., 25.0.0. Ledger A&B 211.


5 Nov, Thursday. Joseph Burleigh, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N103 [5 Nov], 5.0. Ledger A&B 198.

6 Nov, Friday. Dommett Dr to Cash 3.0; per his wife 2.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Credit Mr. Dunning on Mr. Whitemarch. Ledger A&B 6.

---. John Orr Dr to part Pay for an advt. 3.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Samuel Par Dr to 12 Bills Lading, 1.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Stephen Potts Dr to Cash for Pastboard, 10.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. John Tyler Credit by Cash, 1.15.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Adjusted Account with Mr. Whitemarch to the 26th Day of Oct past, and I am Dr to Ballance, 25.0.0. Ledger A&B 6.

12 Nov, Thursday. Israel Porter, Dr. For Advt. in Gaz. N104 [12 Nov], 5.0. Ledger A&B 200.

---. Adjusted Accounts with Mr. Domet, & he is Dr to Ballance, 2.11.3. Dr to Cash, 1.3. Ledger A&B 6.

---. White & Taylor, 1 Sheet Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 6. Same as 20 Nov.

20 Nov, Friday. White & Taylor Dr. For 1 Sheet Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 180. Same as 19 Nov.

21 Nov, Saturday. Adams, Pedlar, Dr 1 Watts [Miller 2], 2.3. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Dommet Dr for a Jobb, 5.0. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Mr. Thompson Credit by Cash, 2.7.6. Ledger A&B 6.

---. Mr. Whitemarsh Dr to Cash, 10.0. Ledger A&B 6, 210.


---. Rowland Ellis of Burlington Dr to: 3 Doz Blank common bonds 9.0; 3 Doz ditto with Judgment 16.0; 1 Doz Counter Bonds 2.6; 1 Doz Arbitration Ditto, 2.6; 1 Doz Counter Ditto to save Bail 4.0; 1 Doz Bills of Sale 2.6; 2 Doz Powers of Attorney 5.0; 2 Doz Apprentices & Servants Indentures 5.0; 2 Quire Paper 3.0, Total 2.8.6. Ledger A&B 7, 210 (as “sundries,” same total). Contra, Cr. For Cash & returns, 2.8.6. Ledger A&B 211.

---. Mr. Hyndshaw Dr to 2 Doz Penal Bills, 1.6, paid. Ledger A&B 7.


Nov. Samuel Parr, Dr. For 12 Bills Lading, 1.0. Ledger A&B 210.

1 Dec, Tuesday. Cassel and Mogridge, 2 Quire Paper, 1.6. Ledger A&B 7, 182 (under Wm Mogridge only).

---. Young Joiner Dr to 1 Derham, 8.0. paid. Ledger A&B 7.
---. Isaac Low for 5 News Papers, 0.10. Ledger A&B 7, 210.


---. Robert Nevit [Nevett], Credit by Cash, 2.0.0. Ledger A&B 7, 189.


3 Dec, Thursday. Anthony Lamb, New York Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, N107 [3 Dec], 3.0. Ledger A&B 196.

---. Israel Porter, Dr. For Advt. in Gaz. N107 [3 Dec], 5.0, Ledger A&B 200.


---. Messrs White & Taylor Dr to 1 Bond & Judgment, 0.6. Ledger A&B 7, 180.

9 Dec, Wednesday. Mr. [John] Beard, 3 Bills Lading, 0.3. Ledger A&B 8.


---. William Davis Dr To 4 Quire Paper, 4.8. Dr to 2 Bibles, 10.0. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Isaac Decow, Burlington Dr 1 Doz Bonds, 3.0. Ledger A&B 7.

---. Dunning a Pair Indentures, 0.6. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Mary Glentworth Dr To 1 Quire Paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Robert Grace, 1 Sheet Bills Lading, 0.6. Ledger A&B 8. Same as 15 Dec.

---. David Griffin Dr 1 Bottle Ink and Ink horn. 1.8. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Edward Horne Dr to 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 8. Same as Dec.

---. John Jones, Shoemkr., Dr. For 1 quire Paper, 1.4. Ledger A&B 200.

---. Joseph Jones Almanack, 1.9, paid. Ledger A&B 8.

---. William Jones a Bond Dr, 0.4. Ledger A&B 8. Same as 20 Dec


---. Mogridge & Casel, 1 Cocker, 2.6; 1 Almanack, 0.5; ditto to Philo Leeds [Leeds’s almanac?].
Ledger A&B 7.


---. Province of Pennsylvania Dr To 2 Quire in Marble Paper, 4.0; To 1 Ditto 1 Quire, 2.0; To Quill 3 Doz and 1/2, 0.7. Ledger A&B 8. Same as 15 Dec.

---. Nicholas Scull Dr to 200 Bail Bonds [Miller A26], 16.8. 1 Account Book, 15.0. Dr. For 4 Bonds, 1.4. Ledger A&B 7-8 (excluding last entry), 172.

---. Shoemaker 1 Quire paper, 1.2. Ledger A&B 7.

---. Whitemarsh Dr to Cash at twice, 10.0. Whitemarsh by Lee Taylor, 2 Quire Paper, 2.4. A Picture, 0.2. Ledger A&B 7-8, 210 (first item only). Same as 15 Dec.

10 Dec, Thursday. Wm. Mogridge Dr. For Sundries by Philo. Leeds, 2.11. Ledger A&B 182.

12 Dec, Saturday. William Davis, Dr. For 4 Quire Paper, 4.8.; For 2 Bibles, 10.0. Ledger A&B 204.

15 Dec, Tuesday. Robert Grace, Dr. For 1 Sheet Bills Lading, 0.6. Ledger A&B 198. Same as 9 Dec?


---. Province of Pennsylvania, Dr. For 2 Paper Books and Quills per Clerk, 6.7. Ledger A&B 208. Same as 9 Dec.


18 Dec, Friday. John Lee Dr. For 1 Ream Paper, 18.0. Dr. For 2 Doz Almanack, 7.0. Ledger A&B 186.
20 Dec, Sunday. Wm. Jones, Dr. For a Bond, 0.4 [same as 9 Dec?]. Dr. For Rent, 1.10.0; Total 2.14.0. Ledger A&B 178; Contra. Cr. By Work in full, 2.14.0. Ledger A&B 179. William Jones evidently worked as a journeyman printer for BF and rented from the Franklins.

21 Dec, Monday. Dav. Evans at the Crown, a Gazette, 0.3. Ledger A&B 8, 196

---. Joseph Growdon an Almanack, 0.5. Ledger A&B 8, 180.

---. Heath Shallop Man. Dr to an Act Book, 1 Quire, 10.6; To a Standish, 1.6; 1 & 1/2 doz Almanacks; 14 Ballads, 1.2. Total 18.5. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Mr. John Moore, Esq. Coll Dr To 144 Certificates a 1d each, 12.0 [Miller A21]; To Paper 3 Quire at 1/2, 3.6. Ledger A&B 8. Dr. For sundries, 15.6, Dr. For blank Lists done in Oct Last, 1.15.0. Total of account 2.16.6. Ledger A&B 198.

---. Benjamin Paschal Dr 1 Quire Paper, 1.2, paid. Ledger A&B 8.

---. Then adjusted Accounts with Stephen Potts and he is Dr to Ballance, 21.18.1 1/2. Memo: the Rent was settled to the beginning of Nov. Ledger A&B 8.

26 Dec, Saturday. Jacob Duche, Dr. For a Grammr. 2.6.; For 1 quire Post Paper, 2.0.; For 1 quire Paper, 1.6.; For 1/2 quire Paper, 0.9. Cr. [no date] For 2 large Potts, 15. 0; Cr for 1 Gross Gally Potts, 9.0.; for a Funnel, 0.4. Ledger A&B 9 (first item only), 212-13. BF noted, p. 213, “I am dr. to his Father for the Galley potts, etc.”

---. Mogridge & Cassel, 3 Almanacks, 1.9. Ledger A&B 9, 182 (for Wm Mogridge only; amount 1.3.).

---. Thomas Whitemarsh, Dr. For Cash, 6.0. Contra Cr. For a Gramr., 2.6. Contra Cr. For Cash, 6.0. Ledger A&B 9, 210-11.

Dec. David Giffing, Dr. For sundries, 1.8.; For 1 Years News, 10.0. Ledger A&B 200.

Dec. Edward Horne, Dr. For 1 Bottle Ink, 1.0. Ledger A&B 194. Same as 9 Dec.
Late 1730. [Printed for the Presbyterian Synod of Philadelphia, its agreement to adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith. He was paid £1.13.4. for doing so on 7 Jan 1730/1.]

Miller 32.

**Accounts dated 1730:**

Evan Bevan, P. Fred. Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Contra, Cr. For a Return, 2.6. Ledger A&B 186-87.

Joseph Burleigh, Contra, Cr. By Cash, 5.0. Ledger A&B 199.

Mr. [Thomas] Campbel, Dr. For a Set of Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 196.

George Dandison, Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Dr. For News one Year, 10.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash at sundry times, 12.6. Ledger A&B 196-97.

Myrick Davis, Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 184.

William Davis, Contra, Cr. For Ballance of last Acct. 3.3.3. Ledger A&B 205.

Andrew Duche, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, single, 5.0. Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, at 2d Time, 3.0. Contra, Cr. For making some Mettle. Ledger A&B 194-95.

Jacob Duche, Contra, Cr. For 2 large Potts, 15.0.; For 1 Gross Gally Potts, 9.0.; For a Funnel, 0.2; Total 1.4.0. Ledger A&B 213.

John the Dutchman at N. Scull, Dr. For an Advt. in Gazette, 3.0. Dr. For an Advt. Single, 5.0. Ledger A&B 192.

David Evans at the Crown, Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Ledger A&B 196.

Thomas Hart, Dr. For Advertisements, 1.0.0. Contra, Cr. For a Furnace (no amount listed). Ledger A&B 196-97.

Thomas Hatton, Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6. Dr. For a Years News, 10.0. Contra, Cr. For

William Heurtin, Dr. For 12 Doz. Almanks, at 3/6, 2.2.0; For 6 Gazettes 1 Year, 3.0.0. Contra, Cr. For Cash in full, 5.2.0. Ledger A&B 222-23.

Evan Hugh of Eastown, Dr. For Laws [Miller 24], 2.6; For Bonds 6 at 1.6. Ledger A&B 178.

Joseph Jackson, Bristol, Contra, Cr. For Cash paid for one Advt., 3.0. Contra, For Cash in full, 5.11. Ledger A&B 177.

Anthony Lamb, New York, Contra, Cr. For Cash in Full, 3.0. Ledger A&B 197.

Thomas Lawrence Dr. For an Acct. Book, 12.0. Dr. For 1 Bot. Ink, 1.0. Dr. Capt Franklin’s Advt., 5.0. Dr. For a Testament, 2.6. Dr. For mending an Acct. Book, 1.6. Ledger A&B 198. Last entry same as 15 Jan 1733.

James Lewis Dr. For 2 Years News, 1.0.0. Dr. For an Advertisement of a Maid, 3.0. Ledger A&B 188. Contra, Cr. For Cash 1.3.0. Ledger A&B 189.

James Lipscomb, Dr. For 7 Quire Paper, 8.2. Ledger A&B 190. Same as 11 Aug.

Peter Lloyd, Dr. For an Advt. of Skins, 6.0. Dr. For an Advt. of a Horse, 3.0. Ledger A&B 198.

Mordecai Loyd, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N115 [26 Jan 1730/1], 3.0.; For an Advt. in N120 [4 March 1730/1], 3.0. Ledger A&B 202.

Mordecai Loyd, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 6.0. Ledger A&B 203.

Isaac Norris, Junior, Contra, Cr. For Cash 1.3.0. Ledger A&B 189.

Joseph Norris, Dr. Carried to Ledger E, Fol.7. Ledger A&B 208.

John Orr of Schuylkil, Dr. For Advt., 11.0. Ledger A&B 196. Contra, Cr. For Cash, 6.0. Ledger A&B 197.

Samuel Parr, Contra, Cr. By Clothes &c. in full. Ledger A&B 211.

John Pigot (Nottingham), Contra, Cr. For Cash, 2.10.0.; For a Note on Peter Lloyd paid, 4.18.5.;
Total 7.8.5; By Cash in full 1.11.1. Ledger A&B 207.

Israel Porter, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N.93 [27 Aug], 5.0.; For Advt. in Gaz. N104 [12 Nov], 5.0.; For Advt. in Gaz. N107 [3 Dec], 5.0. Total 15.0. Ledger A&B 200.

Samuel Powel, Junior, Dr. For left unpaid of 2 Bottles of Ink, 0.4. Dr. For a Sermon, 1.6. For advertisements of James Trents Land, 5.0. Ledger A&B 198.

Evan Price, Contra, Cr. For Sundries, 1.17.2. This is Evan Price now living near Reading, March 5, 1757. Ledger A&B 201.


John Spence, Dr. Total 1.8. Ledger A&B 188.

Christopher Tuthil, Dr. For an Advt. in Gaz. N112 [5 Jan 1730/1], 3.0.; For 1 Years News, 10.0. Ledger A&B 202.

John Wilkinson, Contra, Cr. For Cash, 5.0.; For Brushes, 13.2., Total 18.2. Carried to Ledger E, 11.0. Ball. due 7.2.; For a Brush 4.3; For his Acct of Brushes, 4.10.2. Ledger A&B 201.

No date, but evidently 1730:

Andrew Hamilton, Esq, Dr. To some common Blanks, 6.6; To 5 Sheets of Laws for New Castle at 25.0 per Sheet, 6.5.0; To 100 ½ Sheet Advertisements on New Castle Currency, 0.10.0; For 200 Bonds, 2.10.0; To 100 Certificates, 10.0; [following entry, same as 9 July:] To 100 Bonds of good Behaviour and 100 Certificates, 1.10.0, [Sub-total] 11.11.6; [following entry, same as 15 July] ½ Doz Powers of Attorney, 8.1.3; 1 Years News, 0.10; An Advt. for the Trustees, 0.5, [Sub-total] 1.18, [Total] 13.9.6, 12.7.9. V66:16. Dated 1730 partly because “100 ½ Sheet Advertisements on New Castle Currency” probably
refers to a broadside advertisement similar to the long one in the 2 and 9 April 1730 editions of the *PG* signed by Andrew Hamilton and others attesting to their willingness to accept New Castle currency; and partly because two of the above are the same as the 9 and 15 July entries under Hamilton.