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Female Ancestor Number: 042

Name: Rind, Clementina

Dates: (c 1740 - 25 Sep 1774)

Colonial Society: VA

Date added to ROA: 2021

Service: Publisher, Virginia Gazette [Rind], 1773-1774; Public Printer, appointed by the General Assembly in May 1774 [Women of Distinction].

Authority: William Clayton Torrence, Virginia State Library: A Trial Bibliography of Colonial Virginia (Richmond, VA, Davis Bottom, 1908), 117. "Clementina Rind Printer," Virginia Historical Society, 2016, www.vahistorical.org

Biography:

Little is known about Clementina's early life. It is thought that she was born around 1740, possibly in Maryland. Sometime between 1762 and 1765, she married William Rind (1733-1773), a printer in Maryland who worked with Annapolis printer Jonas Green on the *Maryland Gazette*. William and Jonas worked on publication of *The Maryland Gazette* until October 1765 when they stopped as a protest to the Stamp Act of 1765.

The Rinds moved to Williamsburg at an invitation to start *The Virginia Gazette*. On May 16, 1766, the first issue of William Rind's *The Virginia Gazette* was printed, with the motto, "Open to ALL PARTIES, but Influenced by NONE." Clementina and William worked together in their print shop which became very successful. *The Virginia Gazette* became "the" newspaper of Williamsburg and their lives flourished. By 1767, they were living on the Duke of Gloucester Street, in a brick building that served as both a work space and a family residence, now the Ludwell-Paradise House in Colonial Williamsburg. Clementina and William had five children (one daughter and four sons) together.

William died in August of 1773 after which Clementina edited and published *The Virginia Gazette* on her own until 1774. She continued to manage the print shop and won appointment as THE public printer for the Virginia House of Burgesses, publishing all of the government's official documents. She also printed submissions from female readers, giving the newspaper a strong female point of view. Her most famous print was for Thomas Jefferson for his *A Summary View of the Rights of British America* in 1774.

Rind became ill in August 1774 and died the following month in Williamsburg. She was honored as part of the first class of Virginia Women in History in 2000.