

A Table of Eighteenth-Century American Magazines

Title	First Issue	Last Issue	City / State	Founding Publisher / Editor	Notes	Months in Publication	Years in Publication	Frequency	Format
1) American Magazine, or Monthly View	1741	1741	Philadelphia	PA A. Bradford / J. Webbe	Focus on politics and economics	3.00	0.25	M	8vo
2) General Magazine and Historical Chronicle	1741	1741	Philadelphia	PA B. Franklin	Included broad range of contents	6.00	0.50	M	12mo
3) Boston Weekly Magazine	1743	1743	Boston	MA Rogers & Fowle	Predecessor of <i>American Magazine</i> (1743) below. First weekly. 8pp	0.69	0.06	W	8vo
4) Christian History	1743	1745	Boston	MA T. Prince Jr / T. Prince Sr.	Chronicle of Great Awakening revival movement	24.00	2.00	W	8vo
5) American Magazine and Historical Chronicle	1743	1746	Boston	MA Rogers & Fowle / J. Gridley	World politics a focus. Drew largely from British sources	39.00	3.25	M	8vo
6) Independent Reflector	1752	1753	New York	NY Parker / Livingston	Single essay per issue, 4 pp. Antiestablishment, esp. re church and state	12.00	1.00	W	4to
7) Occasional Reverberator	1753	1753	New York	NY Parker / Wm. Smith Jr.	To rebut critics of <i>Independent Reflector</i> above. 4 pp.	0.92	0.08	W	Fo
8) John Englishman	1755	1755	New York	NY Parker & Weyman	Opposed anti-Anglican views in <i>NY Mercury</i> . 2 pp broadside	2.31	0.19	W	Fo
9) Instructor	1755	1755	New York	NY Parker & Weyman	Supported British claims in French & Indian War. 4 pp.	2.31	0.19	W	4to
10) American Magazine, or Monthly Chronicle for the British Colonies	1756	1758	Philadelphia	PA Wm. Bradford / Wm. Smith	Most original contents to date: essays and poetry. Strong contributors.	13.00	1.08	M	8vo
11) New American Magazine	1756	1760	Woodbridge	NJ Parker / Nevill	Focus on politics and law. "History of America"	15.00	1.25	M	8vo
12) New-England Magazine of Knowledge and Pleasure	1758	1759	Boston	MA B. Mecom	"Instructive" family-oriented content "Gift book" 60pp. 3 issues	8.00	0.67	M	12mo
13) Ein Geistliches Magazin	1764	1775	Germantown	PA C. Sauer, Jr.	Not published between 1765 and 1770. Religious. First free magazine.	36.00	3.00	Varied	8vo
14) North-Carolina Magazine	1764	1765	New Bern	NC J. Davis	Often classified as a newspaper. Continued by <i>North-Carolina Gazette</i>	24.00	2.00	W	4to
15) Constitutional Courant	1765	1765	Woodbridge	NJ Parker / Goddard	Printed privately in opposition to Stamp Act. One issue only.	1.00	0.08	-	-
16) American Magazine, or General Repository	1769	1769	Philadelphia	PA Wm. & T. Bradford / L. Nicola	Included Transactions of Am Philosophical Soc. 1st scientific focus	9.00	0.75	M	8vo
17) Penny Post	1769	1769	New York	NY B. Mecom	Apparently only 9 issues published. Contents mostly news. Small size	0.69	0.06	3x/W	4to
18) Royal Spiritual Magazine	1771	1771	Philadelphia	PA MacGibbons / "Divines"	Only 2 issues known to be published. Allegorical religious dialogue.	2.00	0.17	-	8vo
19) Censor	1771	1772	Boston	MA E. Russell / A. Oliver	Single serial essay per 4-pp.issue. Loyalist.	5.54	0.46	W	Fo
20) Royal American Magazine	1774	1775	Boston	MA I. Thomas, later J. Greenleaf	Thomas's 1st magazine. Sold to Greenleaf 8/74. Revere engravings. 40 pp	15.00	1.25	M	8vo
21) Pennsylvania Magazine	1775	1776	Philadelphia	PA R. Aitken / T. Paine	Paine became editor with 2nd issue. Decl'n of Independence in last issue	19.00	1.58	M	8vo
22) United States Magazine (first)	1779	1779	Philadelphia	PA H. Bailey / H. Brackenridge	Contributors included Freneau, Witherspoon, Livingston.	12.00	1.00	M	8vo
23) Boston Magazine	1783	1786	Boston	MA Norman & White / Advisors	Advisory board directed contents. Norman's engravings worth noting.	39.00	3.25	M	8vo
24) Gentlemen and Lady's Town and Country Magazine (first)	1784	1784	Boston	MA Weedon & Barrett	First American magazine to target women as primary readers. 40-48pp	8.00	0.67	M	8vo
25) American Monitor	1785	1785	Boston	MA E. Russell	Only one issue printed. 1st magazine with commercial focus. 16pp	1.00	0.08	M	8vo
26) American Musical Magazine	1786	1786	New Haven	CT A. Doolittle / D. Reid	Sheet music exclusively. 12 issues printed. "A music book in parts"	17.00	1.42	M	4to
27) New Haven Gazette, and the Connecticut Magazine	1786	1789	New Haven	CT Meigs & Dana	Hybrid magazine-newspaper in 8pp. Much original material	35.00	2.92	W	8vo
28) Worcester Magazine	1786	1788	Worcester	MA I. Thomas	Called magazine to avoid newspaper ad tax; <i>Spz</i> in disguise	24.00	2.00	W	8vo
29) The New-Jersey Magazine	1786	1787	New Brunswick	NJ F. Quequelle & J. Prange	Contents mostly reprints.	3.00	0.25	M	8vo
30) Columbian Magazine (later, Universal Asylum)	1786	1792	Philadelphia	PA Trenchard, Carey, et al.	Developed a focus on history. Mott: "handsomest of 18th century"	76.00	6.33	M	12mo
31) American Museum	1787	1792	Philadelphia	PA M. Carey	Achieved circulation over 1,000. Varied, quality content, much of it borrowed	60.00	5.00	M	8vo
32) American Magazine	1787	1788	New York	NY Loudon / N. Webster	Followed publication of Webster's speller. Federalist.	12.00	1.00	M	12mo
33) Medical Examiner	1788	1788	Philadelphia	PA J. B. Biddle	No listing in LOC	12.00	1.00	M	8vo
34) Arminian Magazine	1789	1790	Philadelphia	PA Prichard & Hall/Coke & Asbury	First Methodist magazine; instrumental in publishing Wesley in America	24.00	2.00	M	8vo
35) Children's Magazine	1789	1789	Hartford	CT B. Hudson & G. Goodwin	First American children's magazine	4.00	0.33	M	12mo
36) Massachusetts Magazine	1789	1796	Boston	MA I. Thomas	Thomas's third magazine. Highly varied content, including music, engravings	84.00	7.00	M	8vo
37) Gentlemen and Lady's Town and Country Magazine (second)	1789	1790	Boston	MA Covertly	Continuation of earlier (1784) title.	19.00	1.58	M	8vo
38) Courier de Boston. Affiches, Annonces, et Avis	1789	1789	Boston	MA S. Hall / J. Nancrede	Dedicated to promoting good relations between U.S. and France.	5.75	0.48	W	4to
39) Christian's, Scholar's, and Farmer's Magazine	1789	1791	Elizabethtown	NJ Kollock / D. Austin, et al	Encyclopedic and nondenominational. 128 pp	24.00	2.00	BiM	8vo
40) New-York Magazine	1790	1797	New York	NY Swords	64 pp. Specialized in theater reviews	96.00	8.00	M	8vo
41) American Apollo	1792	1792	Boston	MA Belknap & Young et al.	Supplemented by MA Historical Soc. Proceedings. Cont'd as a newspaper	8.50	0.71	W	8vo
42) Musical Magazine	1792	1801 ?	Cheshire	CT A. Law	Featured instrumental music	120.00	10.00	Irreg	-
43) Lady's Magazine	1792	1793	Philadelphia	PA Gibbons/"Literary Society"	Covered fashion	17.00	1.42	M	8vo
44) Columbian Museum	1793	1793	Philadelphia	PA Parker	A continuation of <i>Columbian Magazine</i> . One issue only. 68pp	1.00	0.08	-	8vo
45) New-Hampshire Journal, or Farmer's Weekly Museum	1793	1810	Walpole	NH Thomas & Carlisle / Dennie	A literary newspaper. Dennie's second magazine	211.00	17.58	W	-
46) New Hampshire Magazine	1793	1793	Concord	NH Ruter / E. Russell	Publisher Russell launched <i>New Star</i> (1797). See below.	6.00	0.50	M	8vo
47) Free Universal Magazine	1793	1794	Baltimore	MD L. Jones / A. Sarjent	First Universalist magazine and first magazine from Baltimore.	12.00	1.00	Qtly	-
48) Monthly Miscellany and Vermont Magazine	1794	1794	Bennington	VT Haswell	Publisher one of a handful indicted under Alien & Sedition Acts	6.00	0.50	M	-
49) United States Magazine (second)	1794	1794	Newark	NJ J. Woods / -	A miscellany. 64pp per issue.	5.00	0.42	M	8vo
50) American Monthly Review or Literary Chronicle	1795	1795	Philadelphia	PA S.H. Smith	Variety of literary subjects	12.00	1.00	M	8vo
51) Rural Magazine, or Vermont Repository	1795	1796	Rutland	VT J. Kirkaldie / S. Williams	Vermont history a special focus	24.00	2.00	M	8vo
52) Philadelphia Minerva	1795	1798	Philadelphia	PA Woodruff & Turner / Palmer	Primarily news, also fiction.	41.00	3.42	W	4to
53) Tablet	1795	1795	Boston	MA Wm. Spotswood / J. Dennie	Dennie's first magazine. Essay paper, 4pp per issue.	3.00	0.25	W	4to
54) New-York Weekly Magazine (later, Sentimental and Literary)	1795	1797	New York	NY Bull, et al.	Published first American serial novel (<i>SL Herbert</i>) in 1797	25.75	2.15	W	4to
55) Literary Miscellany	1795	1796	Philadelphia	PA T. Stephens	Largely reprints, many from well-known authors	8.00	0.67	BiW	12mo
56) Theological Magazine	1795	1799	New York	NY T&J Swords / C. Davis	Nondenominational, but primarily Congregational and Presbyterian	43.00	3.58	BiM	8vo
57) New Star (first)	1796	1796	Hartford	CT Kinsley	One issue only. Publisher was a noted inventor.	0.25	0.02	W	-
58) Prospect from the Congress Gallery (later Political Censor)	1796	1797	Philadelphia	PA Wm. Cobbett	Federalist in the extreme. Discontinued in favor of <i>Porcupine's Gazette</i>	13.00	1.08	M	8vo
59) Experienced Christian's Magazine	1796	1797	New York	NY Bull / W. Phoebus	Methodist	12.00	1.00	M	-
60) Nightingale	1796	1796	Boston	MA Russel / Lathrop (Lothrop?)	American literature a focus	4.00	0.33	Triweekly	12mo
61) Long Island Magazine	1796	1796	Sagg Harbor	NY Frothingham	One issue only	1.00	0.08	-	-
62) Lady and Gentleman's Pocket Magazine	1796	1796	New York	NY Fellows & Lyon / Tiebout	Contents were mostly reprinted from European sources	4.00	0.33	M	16mo
63) Monthly Military Repository	1796	1797	New York	NY W.A. Smith / C. Smith	Included folded maps. Two vols, 651 pp: date of first issue uncertain	22.00	1.83	M	8vo
64) United States Christian Magazine	1796	1796	New York	NY T&J Swords	Three undated issues only	3.00	0.25	M	8vo
65) Literary Museum or Monthly Magazine	1797	1797	West Chester	PA Derrick & Sharples	Six issues	6.00	0.50	M	8vo
66) Methodist Magazine	1797	1798	Philadelphia	PA H. Tuckniss / J. Dickens	Dickens a founder of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mostly sermons.	24.00	2.00	M	8vo
67) South Carolina Weekly Museum	1797	1798	Charleston	SC Harrison & Co. / Bowen	First true magazine published in the South.	19.00	1.58	W	8vo
68) Weekly Museum	1797	1797	Baltimore	MD J. Smith & C. Jackson	A "Sunday miscellany"	4.00	0.33	W	-
69) Remembrancer	1797	1797	Exeter	NH H. Ranlet / Rev. J. Brown	Each issue contained good essay on "the Being of God"	2.00	0.17	W	8vo
70) American Universal Magazine	1797	1798	Philadelphia	PA S.H. Smith / R. Lee	Noteworthy for engraved portraits, abolitionist sentiments.	15.00	1.25	BiW	8vo

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71) Time Piece; and Literary Companion (later, Time-Piece)	1797	1798	New York	NY Menut et al. / P. Freneau	<i>Freneau's last journal. Many characteristics of newspaper, including frequency</i>	17.50	1.46	3x/Wk	Fo
72) New Star (second)	1797	1797	Concord	NH Russell & Davis	<i>Two different versions, one political, one literary. Cont'd by <u>Mirror</u> newspaper</i>	6.00	0.50	W	
73) Medical Repository	1797	1824	New York	NY Swords / Mitchill, Miller, Smith	<i>First American scientific journal. Some gaps, but longest lifespan of period</i>	324.00	27.00	Qtly	8vo
74) New Hampshire and Vermont Magazine	1797	1797	Haverhill	NH J.M. Dunham /	<i>Oriented to government and politics</i>	4.00	0.33	M	
75) American Moral and Sentimental Magazine	1797	1798	New York	NY T. Kirk	<i>To oppose "torrent of infidelity."</i>	11.00	0.92	M	8vo
76) Philadelphia Monthly Magazine	1798	1798	Philadelphia	PA T. Condie	<i>Obtained 900 subscribers before closing.</i>	12.00	1.00	M	8vo
77) Thespian Oracle	1798	1798	Philadelphia	PA J. B. Freeman	<i>First theatrical review. One issue only.</i>	1.00	0.08	M	8vo
78) Key	1798	1798	Fredericktown	MD J. D. Cary	<i>First MD magazine outside Baltimore</i>	6.00	0.50	W	
79) Weekly Magazine	1798	1799	Philadelphia	PA Watters, then Forman	<i>Six month gap between publishers. Serialized Brown's <u>Arthur Mervyn</u>.</i>	15.00	1.25	W	8vo
80) The Vigil	1798	1798	Charleston	SC W.P. Young / R. Beresford	<i>Single essay per issue.</i>	1.25	0.10	W	
81) Rural Magazine (second)	1798	1799	Newark	NJ J. H. Williams / Halsey & Co.	<i>Weekly miscellany</i>	12.00	1.00	W	
82) Religious Monitor	1798	1798	Danbury	CT Douglas & Nichols	<i>Variety of religious content including hymns</i>	5.00	0.42	BiW	
83) Humming Bird	1798	1798	Newfield	CT L. Beach	<i>Poetry, fiction, etc.</i>	2.00	0.17	BiW	
84) General Magazine and Impartial Review	1798	1798	Baltimore	MD A. Hanna & H. Greene	<i>Literary miscellany</i>	3.00	0.25	M	8vo
85) Rural Casket	1798	1798	Poughkeepsie	NY Power & Southwick	<i>Self-improvement a theme</i>	3.00	0.25	W	
86) Dessert to the True American	1798	1799	Philadelphia	PA Woodruff & Turner	<i>Continuation of Philadelphia <u>Minerva</u> (1795). Targeted women readers.</i>	13.00	1.08	W	
87) Scourge of the Aristocracy	1798	1798	Fairhaven	VT J. Lyon	<i>Vehemently Republican. Publisher's father jailed under Sedition Acts</i>	2.50	0.21	2x/M	
88) Christian's Monitor	1798	1799	Portland	ME Rand & Burdick	<i>Maine's first magazine</i>	6.00	0.50	BiW	8vo
89) Philadelphisches Magazin	1798	1798	Philadelphia	PA H. R. Kimmerer	<i>America's 2nd German magazine. Tales of adventure, etc. One issue only</i>	1.00	0.08	-	
90) Philadelphia Magazine and Review	1799	1799	Philadelphia	PA B. Davies	<i>Heavy reliance on British reprints</i>	6.00	0.50	M	8vo
91) Monthly Magazine and American Review	1799	1800	New York	NY Swords / C.Brockden Brown	<i>First of Brown's publications. Continued by several successors.</i>	30.00	2.50	M	8vo
92) National Magazine	1799	1800	Richmond	VA J. Lyon	<i>Republican</i>	29.00	2.42	W	
93) American Museum	1799	1799	Philadelphia	PA W. & R. Dickson / Carey	<i>Attempted revival (cf. 1787). One issue only</i>	1.00	0.08	1x/Yr	
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