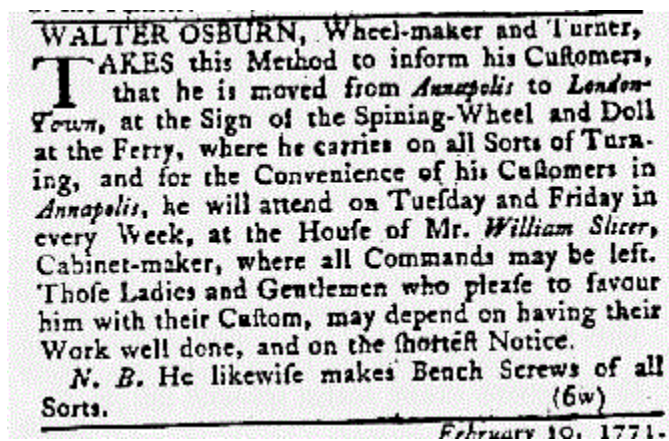


Walter Osburn

*People of London Town, Maryland**

Walter Osburn was a wheel-maker and turner who was active in London Town during the late 1700s. In 1769, Osburn took on Thomas Barber, an eleven year old orphan, as an apprentice.[†] Osburn also appears in the February 28, 1771 issue of the *Maryland Gazette* announcing that he would be moving from Annapolis to London Town, but would continue his carpentry business. Osburn announced in the notice that in addition to his work as a wheel-maker and turner “He likewise makes Bench Screws of all Sorts.”[‡] The advertisement tells us that Osburn was operating “at the Sign of the Spining-Wheel and Doll at the Ferry,” referring to the end of Scott Street beside the South River, and just across from the William Brown House.



Maryland Gazette, 28 February 1771

Court documents reveal that three separate cases were brought against Osburn in March of 1772 and although the nature of the cases is not revealed in these documents, they likely involved uncompleted or unsatisfactory carpentry work. There are no known references to Osburn after 1772.[§]

* As the research into colonial London Town’s inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.

[†] Cofield, Rod, ed. Anne Arundel County Orphans Court Records.

[‡] *Maryland Gazette*, 28 February 1771, p. 3.

[§] Anne Arundel County Court (Judgment Record), 1771, Mar. - 1772, Aug., EBY., MdHR 891. March 1772, p. 32