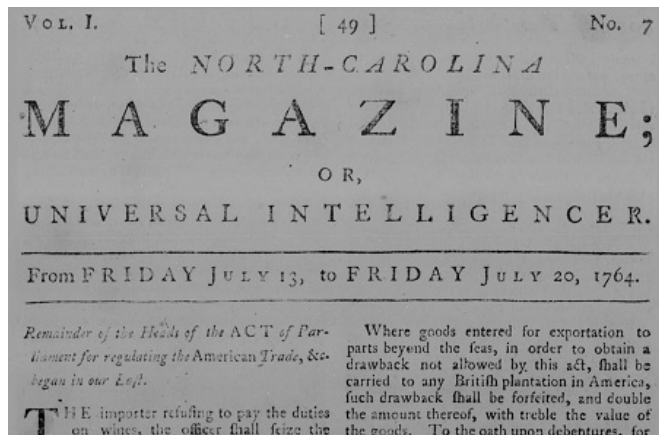


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^[2]The *North-Carolina Magazine; or, Universal Intelligencer*, was the first magazine in North Carolina. It was published by printer ^[3]James Davis ^[4] in New Bern during a period when his *North-Carolina Gazette* ^[5], the state's first newspaper ^[6], was suspended. The first issue, dated 1-8 June 1764, was eight pages, printed without column rules and two columns to the page. The magazine was meant to be bound annually; pages were numbered consecutively from the first issue until the last, four years later.

The lack of regular mail ^[7] greatly limited the amount of news in the *North-Carolina Magazine*. Instead, it was filled with long extracts from the works of religious writers and historians or selections from British magazines. In the fifth issue, dated 6-13 July 1764, a long history of the Roman Empire was begun and continued through several succeeding installments. A page and a half was given to advertisements, including several offering rewards for the return of freedom-seeking enslaved people and one from Davis presenting for sale a "Collection of All the Acts of Assembly of the Province of North Carolina." A notice to the freeholders of Christ-Church Parish of an election to be held for new vestrymen advised: "There is a fine of Twenty Shillings on every Freeholder in the Parish who fails to attend, and give his vote."

Initially, the price for the magazine was four pence; with the issue of 28 Dec. 1764, the size was reduced to four pages without any change in price. On 27 May 1768 the *North-Carolina Magazine* was succeeded by another version of the *North-Carolina Gazette*, James Davis's original imprint.

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