

Table 9.2 Ten-Year Itinerary of Ventriloquists John Rannie (fl. 1801-after 1811) and James Rannie (1772-1812) in America, Canada, and the West Indies

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| Location | Name | Opening Date | Closing Date | Place | Partner | Notes | Image type |
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| Philadelphia | John | 6 May 1801 | | Harmony Court | Mr. Duff | From Edinburg, Glasgow, Aberdeen | |
| Philadelphia | John | 23 May 1801 | 28 May 1801 | Harmony Court | | From Scotland | |
| New York City | John | 4 Dec. 1801 | 28 Dec. 1801 | Lovett's Hotel, Broadway | | Lately from Europe | |
| Boston | James | 9 Dec. 1801 | | Concert Hall | | European | |
| Boston | James | 17 Dec. 1801 | 2 Jan. 1802 | Near Hay-Market Square | | Lately from Europe | |
| Boston | James and John | 1 Jan. 1802 | | | | "conjointly" | |
| Salem, Mass. | James? | 8 Jan. 1802 | | Concert Hall | | | |
| Salem, Mass. | James and John | 21 Jan. 1802 | | Washington Hall | Highland dancer | "conjointly" | |
| New York City | James | 2 Feb. 1802 | | | | Left Boston arrived in New York City; called "Elder bro." | |
| New York City | James | 20 Feb. 1802 | 25 Feb. 1802 | Little's large room | | James identified as John's older brother | |
| Baltimore | John | 10 Apr. 1802 | | Columbian Inn | | | |
| New York City | James | 16 Mar. 1802 | 29 Mar. 1802 | Tontine Assembly Room | | James identified as "Sr." | |
| Philadelphia | James | 14 Apr. 1802 | | | | Left New York City on way to Philadelphia; "R. Sen." | |
| Philadelphia | James and John | 29 Apr. 1802 | 6 May 1802 | Sicard's Ball Room | | "conjointly" | |
| Philadelphia | James | 21 May 1802 | 8 July 1802 | Sicard's Ball Room | | | |
| Newark, N.J. | James | 4 Oct. 1802 | 5 Oct. 1802 | | | | |
| Alexandria, Va. | John | 10 Oct. 1802 | 25 Oct. 1802 | Spread Eagle Ball Room | | | |
| Albany | James | 1 Nov. 1802 | 3 Nov. 1802 | Theater | Robertson | | |
| Hudson, N.Y. | James | 23 Nov. 1802 | | | Robertson | | |
| Annapolis, Md. | John | 25 Nov. 1802 | 26 Nov. 1802 | | | | |
| Fredericktown, Md. | John | 10 Dec. 1802 | 17 Dec. 1802 | Mr. Bier's Ball Room | | | |
| Charleston | James | 10 Dec. | 16 Dec. | Theater, Church | | | 1 |

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| | | 1802 | 1802 | Street | | | |
| Charleston | James | 6 Jan. 1803 | | Carolina Coffee House | | | |
| Richmond, Va. | John | 22 Jan. 1803 | 29 Jan. 1803 | Bell Tavern Ball Room | | | 1 |
| Charleston | James | 8 Feb. 1803 | 21 Feb. 1803 | Sollee's long room | | | |
| Savannah; Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk, Alexandria, Va. | James "Rannie, Senior" | 6 May 1803 | | | | | |
| Georgetown, Md. | John | 19 May 1803 | | Union Tavern | | | 1 |
| Easton, Md. | John | 31 May 1803 | | Lowe's large room | | | 1 |
| Elizabethtown, N.J. | Mr. Rannie | 17 Aug. 1803 | | | | | |
| Spanish Town, Jamaica | James | Nov. 1803 | | Mason's Lodge | | | |
| Philadelphia | "John R" | 7 Dec. 1803 | 15 Dec. 1803 | New Assembly Room at the New Theater | | | |
| Philadelphia | "John R" | 23 Dec. 1803 | 1 Jan. 1804 | New Assembly Room | Manfredi, Savoy | | |
| Philadelphia | John | 3 Jan. 1804 | | Theater Southwark | Manfredi, Durang | | |
| Centerville, Md. | John | 27 Feb. 1804 | | | | | |
| Easton, Md. | John | 28 Feb. 1804 | | | | | |
| Annapolis, Md. | John | 8 Mar. 1804 | 10 Mar. 1804 | Caton's long room | | | |
| New York City | James | 19 Mar. 1804 | | | | Arrived from Jamaica on <i>Echo</i> | |
| New York City | James | 1 Apr. 1804 | 24 May 1804 | Assembly Room, Broadway | | From West Indies; "Mr. R. the Elder" | 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 |
| Fredericktown, Md. | John | 20 Apr. 1804 | | Sign of Spread Eagle | | | |
| Providence | James | 23 June 1804 | | Aldrich's Assembly Room | | | 4 |
| Boston | James | 1 July 1804 | 12 Sept. 1804 | Concert Hall | | "elder" | 3, 4, 5 |
| Salem, Mass. | James | 25 Sept. 1804 | | Washington Hall | | | 3 |
| Newburyport, Mass. | James | 1 Oct. 1804 | 10 Oct. 1804 | Union Hall | | | 5 |
| Portsmouth, N.H. | James | 13 Oct. 1804 | 1 Nov. 1804 | Assembly Room | | | 4 |
| Portland, Maine | James | 20 May 1805 | | | | Has arrived in town | |
| Quebec | James | 1805 | | | | Cited Portsmouth, 1 Nov. 1804 | |
| Lexington, Ky. | John | 5 May 1805 | | Travellers' Hall | | | 8 (reversed) |
| Limestone, Ky. | John | | | | | | |
| Frankfurt, Ky. | John | 1 June 1805 | | Eagle Tavern long room | | | |
| Lexington, Ky. | John | | | | | | |
| Natchez, Miss. | John | 28 Jan. 1806 | 12 Feb. 1806 | City Tavern | | | 6 |

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| New Orleans | John | 19 Mar. 1806 | 26 Mar. 1806 | Moore's Building | | | |
| New Orleans | John | May 1806 | | Tessier's large room | | | |
| Raleigh, N.C. | John | 18 Aug. 1806 | | | | | |
| North Carolina | John | 1806 | | | | "Other towns" | |
| Charleston | John | 23 Feb. 1807 | | Sollee's Theater | | | |
| Charleston | John | 28 Feb. 1807 | 3 Mar. 1807 | Johnny Grot's House | | | |
| Charleston | John | 27 July 1807 | 28 July 1807 | Vauxhall Garden | Mr. Sully, Miss Sully, Mr. Hatton | | 6 |
| Savannah | John | Jan. 1808 | | The Theater | | | |
| Boston | James | 1 Jan. 1808 | | Concert Hall | | | 4 |
| Norwich, Conn. | James | 13 Apr. 1808 | | Mr. Kinney's Hall | | | 5 |
| Newburyport, Mass. | James | 29 Apr. 1808 | 10 May 1808 | Mason's Hall | | | |
| Salem, Mass. | James | 5 May 1808 | | Washington Hall | | | |
| Philadelphia | Mr. Rannie | 24 May 1808 | 8 June 1808 | Old Theater, South Street | Victorian | Rope dancing | |
| Boston | Mr. Rannie | 18 Apr. 1809 | 31 Aug. 1809 | Exchange Hotel or Coffee House | | | |
| Baltimore | Mr. Rannie | 23 Nov. 1809 | 12 Dec. 1809 | Coffee House, South Street | | | |
| New York City | Mr. Rannie | 3 Mar. 1810 | 30 Mar. 1810 | City Assembly Room | | | |
| Philadelphia | Mr. Rannie | April 1810 | May 1810 | City Hotel Assembly Room | | | |
| Philadelphia | Mr. Rannie | May 1810 | | Mr. Whale, Bank Street | | | |
| Newburyport, Mass. | Mr. Rannie | 19 June 1810 | | Caldwell's Hotel | | | |
| Portsmouth, N.H. | Mr. Rannie | 21 June 1810 | | Assembly Room | | | |
| Rutland, Vt. | Mr. Rannie | July 1810 | 1 Aug. 1810 | | | | |
| Salem, Mass. | Mr. Rannie | 12 Oct. 1810 | | Washington Hall | 4 domestics | | |
| Boston | Mr. Rannie | 24 Oct. 1810 | 17 Jan. 1811 | Exchange Coffee House | 4 domestics | | |
| Portsmouth, N.H. | James | 12 Feb. 1811 | | Mason Lodge | S. Whidden | 8 page "Exhibition" | |
| Newport, R.I. | James | 18 Feb. 1811 | | Theater | | | |
| Providence | James | 11 Mar. 1811 | | Theater | | | |
| New Bedford, Mass. | James | 1 Apr. 1811 | | New Bedford Hotel | | | 2, 6, 7 |
| Boston | James | 17 Apr. 1811 | 22 Apr. 1811 | Concert Hall | | Sheds "Light" on 26 years | |
| Puerto Rico | James | | | | | Death announced in March 1813 | |

Sources: “Early American Newspapers”; Wright, *Revels in Jamaica*, 310–11; Pecor, *Ten Year Tour*; Hodgson, “An Other Voice”; John A. Hodgson, personal communication; Dickerson, “Diary,” 15 May 1802.

Key to images:

- 1 = John R. Stage tree and Tommy, Richmond, Va., and Georgetown, Md., 1803 (**fig. 6.21**)
- 2 = James R. Stage tree and Tommy, New York City, 1804 (**fig. 6.22**)
- 3 = Philosophical fish playing with cards, New York City, 1804 (**fig. 19.3**)
- 4 = Philosophical fish signing “Washington,” New York City, 1804 (**fig. 19.4**)
- 5 = James R. holding small Tommy on finger, New York City, 1804 (**fig. 6.23**)
- 6 = John R. playing tambourine, Natchez, 1806, and Charleston, 1807 (**fig. 6.24**)
- 7 = James R. on slack wire, Tommy upside down, New York City, 1804 (**fig. 6.20**)
- 8 = James R. discharging gun balancing plate, New York City, 1804 (**fig. 6.25**)