The Infamous Anne Royall: Jacksonian Gossip, Scribbler, and Scold . 8 Dec 2015 . Journalist Anne Newport (June 11, 1769-October 1, 1854) was born and raised on the Pennsylvania James. Bessie R. Anne Royall s U.S.A. by B.R. James

Anne Royall (June 11, 1769 – October 1, 1854) was a travel writer, newspaper editor, and, by some accounts, the first professional woman journalist in the United States. Anne Royall was a travel writer, newspaper editor, and, by some accounts, the first professional woman journalist in the United States. She was a Freemason and fought ceaselessly for the separation of church and state. Anne Royall is remembered as America's first nationally recognized gossip. Her many volumes of travel writings, including Sketches of History, Life and Manners in the United States, and Letters from Alabama on Various Subjects in 1830, Royall s Sketches of 1829 and 1830, and Anne Royall's U.S.A. by Bessie Rowland James, provide a window into the social and political landscape of the United States during the Jacksonian era. Royall's writings were characterized by their forthright manner and her willingness to criticize those in power. She was a strong supporter of the American Revolution and an advocate for women's rights. Royall's life spanned from George the Third to the political rise of Thomas Jefferson, and her work continues to be studied and celebrated today.