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The Diary of Roger Brooke Farquhar

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Part VI

Here we have another installment of the Diary of Roger Brooke Farquhar. The days now recorded are within the memory of "our" Roger Brooke Farquhar, son of the Diarist and editor of the Diary.

The Diarist and his wife, now in their forties, have a new baby. Life for them has become more or less routine. Yet the business of farming, and activities incident to membership in the Society of Friends do not absorb too much time for the Diarist to run for County Commissioner, to take an active part in the Sandy Spring Bank, the Grange, the Agricultural Society and various social clubs; to improve the public roads, to set up a new local Public School; and to go to Cape May or Rock Enon when all the local attractions such as parties, Fairs and the like need to be supplemented. Young people who wonder how life could have been endurable without automobiles, television and movies may from this Diary get a glimpse of how pleasant and rewarding life could be, and in this case was, in the "good old days".

Let the Diary speak for itself.

The Diary of Roger Brooke Farquhar, 1883 -

Jan. 18 - Men threshing rye in barn.<sup>2</sup>

March 5 - Carrie had a quilting party.

1883 - con'd

- April 26 - Went up Sugar Loaf Mountain.
- June 6 - Took family to Olney to celebrate mother's 50th wedding anniversary. Had photos of us all taken. Mother in her 78th year, very active, sprightly and pretty.
- June 29 - Took Carrie and girls to Rockville to hear George speak at closing exercises at Rockville Academy; George was one of four who won medals.
- Aug. 1 - I went to Rock Enon Springs. Carrie there and looked better than she has been looking.
- Aug. 2 - Hired a buggy and went to Capon River by mistake and missed our dinner. Had a masquerade party in evening which was amusing.
- Aug. 3 - Had Theatricals in evening; very entertaining.
- Aug. 4 - Left Springs at 7 A.M.; arrived home.
- Aug. 25 - Threshed wheat; 1066 bushels in all; about 25 bushels to the acre.
- Aug. 28 - Men hauling wheat to B. and O. Depot in Rockville; got 650 bushels in a car.
- Sept. 25 - Took Carrie, George to Alloway to celebrate Mother Miller's 81st birthday.
- Nov. 1 - Attended meeting of Agricultural Board (Rockville Fair). Reported receipts of \$2700.00; expenditures \$2,500.00.
- Dec. 29 - Mother Farquhar, Eliza and Charles here to spend the day. Charles now at Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania.

1884

- Jan. 1 - I took corn to Brooke Grove for hominy.
- Feb. 2 - Went to Washington on early train. Dr. Burnett<sup>3</sup> took a speck of iron out of my eye, which got in a week ago.
- Feb. 4 - We put salt on "Poplar Hill" to melt ice in order to get team up it.
- Feb. 11 - I went to Rockville. Trying to get a Bill passed by the Legislature for stopping traction engines on highways.<sup>4</sup> Had post cards printed.
- Feb. 20 - Attended meeting of Agricultural Society - I elected President. Ten or twelve friends dined with us on their way home from meeting.
- Feb. 26 - Took a petition with more than 50 names on it to have the County Commissioners have the stones broken which I have hauled out on the Norbeck-Rockville Road; they agreed.
- March 13 - Went to Annual Meeting of Savings Institution of Sandy Spring. Bought a copy of Uncle William Farquhar's History of Sandy Spring (Vol. I of Annals of Sandy Spring)
- April 1 - Took Carrie to Horticultural at Robert M. Stabler's;<sup>5</sup> large meeting.

1884 - con'd

- April 24 - Spent the night in Washington.
- April 25 - At fish market at 5 A.M. Bought fish and shad as usual.
- April 28 - Henry C. Hallowell, Philip D. Laird and I went to Washington to obtain "orators" for two meetings of the Agricultural Society. Had an interesting time at the Capitol. With the assistance of Hon. Arthur P. Gorman (Senator from Maryland), Charles Abert, Mr. Hoblitzell and others, got conditional promise from S.S. Cox for the June meeting and a promise from Randolph Tucker for September meeting. All very courteous.
- May 15, 16, 17 - Planting corn all day. Two men laying off rows, two covering up and George, Anna, Sarah and I dropping. Planted 17 acres. Next day the same thing. Finished the third day about 3 P.M., approximately 43 acres. Then all hands took a rest which I for one sorely needed.
- June 4 - Rockville Fair. Had exhibition of machinery, flowers and three races. Also a plowing contest and trial of road scrapers. Good crowd. Hon. John F. Follett delivered a very good address. Receipts \$450.00; expenses \$330.00.
- June 7 - Blaine and Logan nominated for President of United States.
- June 10 - Went to City and bargained with Fred. L. Moore of Georgetown for a Champion self-binder; \$150.00 cash and an old machine.
- July 4 - Nellie Glasgow (nee Miller) and her husband from St. Louis here; she not entirely recovered from her recent fall of 35 feet from a third story window.
- July 13 - Henry Hallowell Farquhar born today.
- July 25 - Allan Farquhar surveyed wheat field southeast of house, 28½ acres from which we threshed 1162 bushels machine measure, by weight; equals 46 bushels per acre.<sup>6</sup>
- Aug. 8 - Roger and I went to Town on cars; took Roger to National Museum.<sup>7</sup>
- Oct. 4 - My 47th birthday; no celebration.
- Oct. 12 - Carrie and I went to see Dr. Stonestreet who has been very ill with typhoid fever; now improving slightly.
- Oct. 21 - Went to Richmond, Va.; left Washington at 9:45 A.M. Went to J. E. Moore's.
- Oct. 22 - I went out to the Fair; did not see anyone I had ever seen before. The exhibition not so good as usual - some fine shorthorn and Jersey cattle.
- Oct. 24 - Went over Warner Moore's mill; a very large one, grinds corn, bark, sumac and plaster.
- Oct. 25 - I came home; found all well.
- Nov. 4 - Acted as Judge of Elections at Olney; very quiet. Blaine 420 votes; Cleveland 207; McComas 429; Nelson 207.

1884 - con'd

- Nov. 7 - Got a new gun for George; \$25.00 double barrel.
- Nov. 28 - Went gunning with George. I shot two partridges with one shot. George shot both barrels of his new gun but killed no quail.<sup>8</sup>

1885

- Jan. 11 - Went to Plainfield for a cook; have had no cook for three months.
- Jan. 22 - Came to Washington with Carrie and Belle Miller, to Women's Rights Convention.
- Feb. 18 - Went to Agricultural Society Annual Meeting. I re-elected President. By unanimous vote agreed to borrow on mortgage on Society's grounds.
- Feb. 23 - Telegram from Carrie stating that Mother Miller passed away at 4 P.M. She was a most lovely character, devoted mother of 11 children and had 45 grandchildren to call her blessed.
- Feb. 26 - Left Alexandria at 8 o'clock with Carrie, children and Rockland family. Never so glad to get Carrie home after five week's absence.
- March 4 - Eliza and I went to Cleveland's Inauguration. Trains packed and immense crowds in City. Avenue thronged from one end to other. Parade lasted several hours. Saw fireworks, after which we came home. Arrived at 1 A.M.
- March 27 - Went to Washington and bought a grey mare "Linda"; also bought a "rockaway" for \$25.00.
- March 31 - This has been an unusually cold month. Only two mild days. Ground frozen. Can barely see any green in the wheat field.
- April 27 - Went to Depot for Willie Allison, Warner Moore, Preston Carson and Mr. Bissell, all of Richmond, Va. with ten others to attend the reception at Norwood of Thomas L. Moore and Dora Allison of Richmond. Large gathering, very pleasant.
- April 29 - All the Richmond people with a good many more here to dinner.
- May 19 - Baby Harry very sick. Sent for Dr. Stonestreet but he had gone to Virginia. Sent for Dr. Magruder who came and said baby had pneumonia. I met Dr. Stonestreet at depot and he came to see Harry too.
- May 20 - Doctor said baby getting better.
- June 3 - Had the Spring Meeting of the Agricultural Society at Rockville. Had a delightful day and good attendance. General Bradley T. Johnson of the Rebel Army delivered an address.<sup>9</sup> Provided dinner for guests in old school house.
- June 6 - John cut rye straw to tie fodder with.<sup>10</sup>
- June 7 - Children and I went to Quarterly Meeting. Large attendance - had three sermons. The one by Darlington Hoopes was very long.

1885 - con'd

- June 11 - Went to meeting of Savings Institution of Sandy Spring; had a stormy discussion over subject of doing business out of bank hours.
- July 23 - Carrie, baby Harry and I left home for Cape May, N.J. with nurse Rose on Baltimore and Potomac R. R. at 11 A.M. from Washington. Arrived Cape May. Mrs. Corwin unable to take us in. Found us a room elsewhere.
- July 24 - Took baths in Ocean. Very greatly enjoyed. Mosquitoes very troublesome.
- July 25 - Dr. Frank Thomas of Sandy Spring and wife and son came. He and I took surf baths together.
- July 26 - Baby Harry had to be taken out of pavilion because of having had chicken pox.
- July 28 - Carrie and I and Harry took baths, but all suffering greatly from mosquito bites day and night.
- July 30 - Paid hotel bill; left the Point at 8:34 A.M. and arrived home 6:30 P.M. Glad to be at home again and away from mosquitoes!
- Aug. 7 - Took Carrie to Stanmore to see George B. Miller who has come home from St. Louis with paralysis of one leg. Can't move it.<sup>11</sup>
- Sept. 12 - Sent George to depot to get a grand piano bought in Baltimore for \$225.00. Coming down steep hill just beyond Rock Creek bridge on way home the carryall tongue broke and wagon ran down on horses. George had a narrow escape.<sup>12</sup>
- Dec. 21 - Four horses ran away with wagon loaded with fodder. Everyone excited about the disappearance of Mr. Haviland, miller at Muncaster's Mill. He thought to have been murdered on his way back from Washington on the 17th.<sup>13</sup>
- Dec. 26 - I joined a searching party for Mr. Haviland; no results.

1886

- Jan. 2 - Sent my wagon over to Mr. Muncaster's for a load of Mrs. Haviland's furniture to be hauled to Washington. Nothing has been heard of her husband, Philip H. Haviland, who disappeared on road from Washington on Dec. 17th last.
- Jan. 7 - Went to Farmers Convention at Sandy Spring. Ex-Governor Hamilton (1880-1884) talked at considerable length, but very well.
- Jan. 13 - Temperature 4 degrees below zero. Water pipes frozen some places. I went to Baltimore to serve on a convention of Farmers. Large meeting.
- Jan. 14 - Attended Convention again, then home at 3 P.M.
- Feb. 5 - Thermometer 4 below zero. I took Anna and Sarah to Rockland for their music lessons.
- Feb. 7 - Had an early dinner and all of us went in sleigh to Mt. Olney, Olney, Fair Hill, Rockland and Stanmore. Sleighing fine.

1886 - con'd

- March 26 - Another meeting of Grand Jury. Found indictment against two collectors, made a report and were discharged.
- April 8 - Planted 12 hemlock trees I obtained from Charles Iddings.
- April 10 - Went with Carrie, Anna and Sarah to Lyceum to hear Eliza N. Bentley read history of neighborhood. (Sandy Spring Annals)
- April 20 - I went to Washington to see panorama of Second Battle Bull Run. Very wonderful. Also saw Joseph Jefferson in "Cricket on the Hearth".
- May 11 - Took Anna, Sarah, Roger and Alice to Barnums Circus in Washington.
- June 4 - I got spectacles, my eyes having given out two weeks ago.
- June 15 - I was working in the shop, making a cart for Roger's little oxen.<sup>14</sup>
- June 20 - George and I went to Meeting House to hear a lecture by Dr. Edward Magill, President of Swarthmore College, on "Higher Education".
- July 2 - Elisha, Gertrude and Julian Miller of Alexandria came to board.
- Aug. 12 - Made a body for Roger's ox cart.
- Aug. 18 - Took Carrie and Mary C. Brooke to Meeting to hear John J. Cornell who preached a strong sermon.<sup>15</sup>
- Sept. 16 - Anna and I went to Dr. Burnett to have eyes examined. Got glasses.
- Sept. 27 - Horse "Charlie" and a colt ran away with mowing machine and broke it so I had to get several pieces in Town to repair it.
- Oct. 14 - Dogs after the sheep last night, far side of place, next to Hutton's. Six hurt so badly we had to kill them, and 5 or 6 more badly wounded.
- Nov. 11 - Went to James G. Cashell's and got 3 of my sheep which had been lost since September 1st.
- Dec. 9 - Much interested in Rebecca Russell who will be 100 years old on 24th of this month. Certainly well preserved old lady. Does not show her great age, nor any mental infirmity.
- Dec. 15 - Eliza H. Miller came from Rockville in the stage.<sup>16</sup>
- Dec. 25 - Christmas - a bright pretty day. Children had toys, presents and had the usual lively time. Carrie and I went over to Avon. Willie and Mary picking turkeys, they having bought 1000 live turkeys a week ago.<sup>17</sup>

1887

- Jan. 19 - Thermometer 2 degrees above zero. Hauled in hickory tree to smoke meat with.

1887 - con'd

- Feb. 17 - Got to The Cedars just after Uncle William Henry Farquhar had breathed his last. Had been sick two years and his mind seriously impaired. He would have been 74 next June.<sup>18</sup>
- March 16 - I went to Rockville on Agricultural Society business. I was appointed on hay market business.
- April 8 - Went to Washington on hay market problem. Saw Mr. Curriden. Called at Mr. Bailey's.
- April 29 - Samuel W. Curriden, Charles E. Coffin and I met in Rockville and heard statements with regard to hay market abuses in Washington.
- May 3 - Went to Washington and acted on Hay Commission from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Had a great deal of testimony.
- May 5 - Laying off corn ground, three rows at a time with new marker.<sup>19</sup>
- May 6 - Sarah and I went to Town. I met with the Hay Market Committee. Got home at 1 o'clock at night.
- May 16 - I went to Washington to finish up report on Hay Market problems.
- June 9 - Took Carrie to Grange. I introduced the question of selling hay in Washington without employing Lafferty.<sup>20</sup>
- Sept. 10 - Went to Uriah Griffith's in Laytonsville and bought 30 sheep @ \$3.50. Roger and I drove them home; very dusty.
- Sept. 21 - Went to Baltimore and took 9 A.M. boat from Baltimore for Talbot County Fair. Party of seven men. Steam boat arrived at Easton at 2 P.M.
- Sept. 22 - Walked from landing about a mile to a hotel, but it was so crowded could not get accommodated there. Went to Fair. The display of cattle large and good. Very fine sheep; some of them estimated to weigh 400 lbs. each. Splendid display of grain. Ladies department fine. Number of trotting races, very fast horses. Crowd estimated at between 6000 and 10,000. Four of us went to Robert Dixon's. Others started for home.
- Sept. 23 - Robert Dixon took us riding to see the country. Went to his Father's place, a beautiful one on Tred Avon River. Nearby is the old Friends Meeting House "Third Haven" more than 200 years old.<sup>21</sup> Fine level country, no stones small or large. Heavy crops of wheat and corn. Took boat for Baltimore at 3:30 P.M.
- Oct. 5 - George went to depot and brought Miss Carrie Chamberlain back. She is to act as governess, teaching the younger children here at home.
- Nov. 9 - I a candidate for County Commissioner. Election returns show I got a good vote, being third on the ticket, but all Democrats were elected by 300 to 700 majority.
- Dec. 13 - Carrie and I went to Baltimore on morning train. Attended two sessions of the State Grange.

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- Dec. 14 - Stayed at Barnum's Hotel last night. Arrangements for patrons to use rooms at rate of \$1.50 per day. Attended three meetings of Grange. 24 members from Montgomery County present and 28 Granges represented out of 167 on rolls. Most of old officers re-elected - 5 of them from Montgomery County.
- Dec. 15 - Attended two sessions of the Grange. I spoke in defence of Washington Agency.

1888

- Jan. 13 - Carrie and I went to Baltimore and saw Edwin Booth act Shylock in "Merchant of Venice". Stayed at Barnum's Hotel.
- Feb. 4 - All but little children went to funeral of Francis Miller. Large gathering. The District of Columbia Bar Association attended in a body.
- March 8 - Took Carrie to Stanmore. I went to Bank meeting. Same officers re-elected. Raised salaries to \$360.00 and \$180.00.
- March 11 - Raining fast until 4 P.M. when it began blowing and snowing. A wild night. Read MacBeth.
- March 13 - A regular blizzard. Wind high, snowing some and temperature 12 to 18 degrees. George and I went to Grange, but only seven present. Coming home found road drifted, so had to go out in the fields.
- March 14 - Cold and windy. Snowing in morning, but milder in afternoon. Took men out to our front gate to shovel snow, but such a big job had to give up.
- March 15 - Had four men opening road to Robert Abert's.
- March 16 - Had two men in morning and four in afternoon shovelling snow in public road near our gate - 11 hands there altogether. Drifts 3 to 4 feet deep and all across the road.
- April 19 - Roger went to Town and back by himself.<sup>22</sup>
- June 14 - Picked peas and other vegetables. Sent Roger to Rockville with them but did not sell many.<sup>23</sup>
- June 27 - Carrie, George and Edith Thomas went to wedding of Edward Peter and Miss Vinson in Rockville.
- July 5 - Mrs. Hess and children came to board.
- July 6 - Elisha Miller and son Julian came to board.
- Aug. 7 - Went with carriage and wagon to depot to bring General J. Irvin Gregg, wife and two boys here to board.<sup>24</sup>
- Aug. 23 - Took Gen. Gregg to Rockville, Republican Convention. Mr. Louis E. McComas renominated for Congress. Heard some good speeches.

1888 - con'd

- Aug. 26 - Mother Farquhar died. All her children present. Her age 19 days less than 83 years. Had been sick 15 weeks. One of the most devoted and self-sacrificing mothers who ever lived.
- Sept. 14 - Went to Olney and helped Samuel Bond and Joe Hutton appraise Mother's effects.
- Sept. 29 - Went to Town, to U.S. Treasury to get money for car load of wheat. Went to Buffalo Bill's Show, much interested in the riding.
- Oct. 24 - Uncle George Brooke here to dinner. Took him to Rockville to hear a joint discussion between L. E. McComas and H. Kid Douglas, both candidates for Congress.
- Nov. 6 - Went to General Gregg's. All of us on streets until midnight. Election news indecisive.
- Nov. 7 - Morning papers report Harrison elected.

1889

- March 4 - Inauguration Day. Went to Washington in carriage taking Anna, Sarah and Rog. Reached town at 10 o'clock. Went to E. P. Barnum's on the Avenue where we obtained seats on a balcony at 11:30 A.M. The two Presidents (Harrison coming in, Cleveland going out) with escorts came by on way to Capitol. We remained where we were until 2:15 P.M. Pavements on each side of Pennsylvania Avenue were lined with people. Harrison and Cleveland were in an open carriage under an umbrella, as were most of the spectators as it rained almost continually. We kept our seats until 5 o'clock, watching parade, waiting for procession to end. Left town at 6:30, reached home at 9:30.
- May 31 - Raining much of the time. Rock Creek out all over our meadow.
- June 1 - Papers today tell of very severe floods in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and several other towns. Eight or ten thousand persons reported drowned. Harpers Ferry and other towns in Maryland flooded. C. and O. Canal washed to pieces. Row boats on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington. Rock Creek out of banks for 20 hours.
- June 26 - Sold in Washington the United States Bonds of Mother's estate. Face value of \$2,650; brought \$3,392.00.
- July 3 - I went to Rockville and to Jim Barnesley, junior's to act as Trustee for new school to be built near Sam Barnesley's at Avery.
- July 20 - Uncle Elisha Miller and son Julian came.<sup>25</sup>
- Aug. 29 - Dr. Roger Brooke came to see Roger who has a sore throat. Said he had diphtheria. We very much alarmed, although the doctor says it is a mild case.
- Aug. 30 and 31 - Roger getting along very well; now much better.
- Sept. 5 - Heard of the death of John Coffin, lost in Johnstown Flood.

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- Sept. 15 - Jim went to town with apples. Sold them for \$1.25 per barrel. Went to town with Anna to have her eyes examined. Got glasses for \$3.50.
- Oct. 21 - Three of my men and I went to Walter Brooke's to dig his potatoes. He ill in bed with typhoid fever.
- Nov. 5 - All our men went to vote. A very quiet election day. I dined at Fair Hill and then went to sit up with Walter Brooke.
- Nov. 6 - Sat up all night with Walter Brooke. Came home after 6 A.M. Took long nap in afternoon.<sup>26</sup>
- Nov. 20 - 22nd anniversary of our marriage, though it seems but half that.
- Dec. 28 - All the family went to Stanmore to wedding of Margaret Miller and Samuel Janney.<sup>27</sup>
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Notes

1. Roger Brooke Farquhar, the editor, is the author of Historic Montgomery County, Maryland; Old Homes and History (Silver Spring, Md. 1952). This has just been revised and re-issued as Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland. In these volumes the reader will find much additional information about the people and places mentioned in the Diary.  
The reader should also refer to the five previous installments of the Diary: Montgomery County Story Vol. II, #1; Vol. II, #2; Vol. II, #4; Vol. III, #4 and Vol. IV, #3.
2. Men threshing by flails - to save from breaking up the straw, which would have happened if put through a threshing machine. Rye straw was very valuable for thatching roofs, etc.
3. Dr. Burnett, oculist, was the husband of Frances Hodgson Burnett, author of the immortal "Little Lord Fauntleroy". Their house on north side of EYE St., N.W., between 12th and 13th Street has on its front a bronze plaque by Oliver Wendell Holmes - "To the little man, not made to die like the children of flesh and blood."
4. This was a Bill proposed by the Diarist, which would make it compulsory for men operating "traction engines" along the highway of the County to send a man ahead of the engine, day or night, to warn approaching drivers of horse-drawn vehicles. These engines, used extensively in harvest times, caused horses to become terrified and to attempt to run away, thus causing vehicles to upset. After the appearance of automobiles, horses were at first equally terrified and it was often remarked that the Diarist's Bill should apply to automobiles also.
5. Robert Stabler's was about 14 miles from Rock Spring, a tedious drive in all weathers, usually returning in darkness. The loyalty of the Diarist and of his patient wife is commendable when it is understood that if going from the Old House at Rock Spring, three, or often four, gates had to be

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opened each way. However, all gates at Rock Spring were so hung that they could be opened from horseback without dismounting.

6. This yield of 46 bushels per acre (acreage certified by Allen Farquhar, surveyor) was at that time considered the greatest yield per acre of any farm in Montgomery County.
7. This visit to the National Museum is well recalled by the editor. We were refused admittance by the doorman because the little boy, 8 years old, "was barefooted"! My Father was furious! He threatened to go to his Congressman or Maryland Senator to see that we were admitted. Finally, after consultation with someone inside, we were reluctantly admitted.
8. The editor remembers this well. I could go today to within ten feet of where the quails fell. Father's gun was a single barrel muzzle-loader - a Civil War musket. He shot at the EXACT spot where the flights of the two quails crossed. George, with his new double barrel gun, shot at two Exact spots where there were no quails!
9. General Bradley T. Johnson, Confederate General in 1864, with his Cavalry 2000 strong, raided Montgomery County and took all the horses they could lay their hands on. One of the General's officers met Benjamin Hallowell near Olney and was ordered by a superior to "Take that horse!" When Hallowell refused to dismount, the officer pulled him off and rode off, leading his prize into the dust raised by the departing Cavalry.

The fact that General Bradley was welcome as a speaker in Montgomery County in 1885 is a striking demonstration that the old enmities of the War were being swept away. Since the Diarist was President of the Agricultural Society he may well be given credit for this state of affairs.
10. Bands of rye straw were used to tie fodder bundles, in place of twine. The straw was long and tough as well as economical.
11. George B. Miller, one of the Stanmore boys, was a Yale graduate - a star athlete, very handsome and attractive. After a hard tennis match when over-heated, he lay down, going to sleep in a draught. When he waked up he was paralyzed.
12. The piano arrived unscathed!
13. The "Haviland Mystery" puzzled the County for many years. After a couple of decades the alleged solution (never verified) was that a couple of highwaymen climbed into the rear of his wagon for the purpose of robbery, striking him over the head, knocking him out cold. The highwaymen became terrified, took his body and sank it in Rock Creek. It is alleged that one of the guilty men made this confession.
14. Roger's little oxen were two yearling calves which he broke to the yoke, hitched them to the small cart (painted red) and hauled many things about the farm, such as walnuts, apples, corn, pumpkins, etc. Exhibited at the Rockville Fair, he took First Premium worth \$10.00. To win this prize he paraded them around the race track in the "Cavalcade", having great difficulty making them behave before the cheering crowds.

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15. John J. Cornell was one of the most noted and eloquent preachers of Quakerism during the eighties; a very polished speaker.
16. "The Stage", which was a two horse coach, carrying passengers, mail and packages ran daily for many years between Brookeville and Rockville. It brought our mail to the Rock Spring gate every evening. This conveyance was replaced by an automobile-bus later, and finally abandoned.
17. Willie and Mary Brooke had these live turkeys shipped to Rockville and drove them to Avon over the roadway. They were dressed and sold in Washington and elsewhere. Hundreds of turkeys roosting in the big oak trees at Avon made a novel sight.
18. William Henry Farquhar was a son of Amos who came to Olney in 1815. He wrote the first volume of the Sandy Spring History, Vol. I of the Annals of Sandy Spring. (1863). He was a surveyor and leader, father of four remarkable men of genius - Arthur, Henry, Edward, and Allen.
19. Corn was planted in this period of farming by dropping grains in rows, run off by single shovel plows. But in order that it might be "checked" (that is, cultivated both ways), marks were made for rows run in the opposite direction. This "check mark" was made much faster by a frame of three small "shoes", making three marks at once.
20. Lafferty was a man who had injected himself between the farmers and the many users of hay for horses, taking a toll of 50¢ or \$1.00 for telling the farmer where he could take his load of loose hay to unload. The Diarist carried on a campaign for years to dispense with the necessity of paying this toll to Lafferty.
21. This old Friends Meeting House near Easton, Talbot County, was standing when George Fox spent many months in America in 1673-74. It is still standing, well preserved in its unique simplicity. Here Fox, founder of Quakerism, preached to Indian Chiefs, representatives of Lord Baltimore and other dignitaries of that far-off day.
22. This first trip to town is fresh in my memory after 72 years. I was then less than 12 years old. I took the B. and O. train from Rockville. When I arrived at the old B. and O. station at 2nd and C Sts., N.W. I felt at ease, and got on the old horse car (one horse) which ran along C Street and turned west on Pennsylvania Avenue. Then it dawned on me that I had forgotten the number of the office of Dr. Samuel I. Scott, somewhere on Pennsylvania Ave. I became panicky, but remembered that there was a white curtain in his office on the second floor of an old two-story brick building, on the north side of the street, between 11th and 12th streets. So, mildly terrified, I sat watching for that white curtain on the second floor. As the old horse trotted along at a good gait, suddenly I saw that curtain! I was then in the middle of the block, but I jumped up, rushed to the rear entrance of the car and jumped out while the car was in full speed, hitting the street and rolling over several times in the dust. Getting up, I brushed off my clean suit and, unhurt, made tracks for the doctor's office, quite near the place where I landed. Well, I did not get LOST, any how!

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23. This trip to "huckster" vegetables in Rockville was made in the old family carriage drawn by the old gray mare "Belle". Business was not good. One grouchy housewife tasted my radishes and rejected everything I had to sell because, in her words, "Them radishes is pethey". I had better luck at the door of revered old Judge Vinson's home back of the Court House. The grand old man came to the door himself, and, I recall to my everlasting joy, made a few small purchases.
24. Gen. John Irvin Gregg was one of the heroic generals supporting General Meade at Gettysburg. He brought along such army gear as camp tent, chests and cooking utensils. He helped the boys (about my age) set up a tent in the woods above the sheep-house, where we spent much time, occasionally sleeping over night in the tent.
25. Uncle Elisha Miller of South Washington St., Alexandria, Va. was the successor of his father and brothers in the glassware business on King Street, near St. Asaph St. Julian was his son and the two spent many weeks as boarders at Rock Spring, during hot weather. Julian graduated in medicine at the University of Virginia and was surgeon in the U. S. Navy. Uncle Elisha died at Rock Spring in the summer of 1895.
26. This task of "sitting up with" a sick friend or relative was a common practice in those days in the Sandy Spring Community. No charge was made for such a service, which was very valuable since trained nurses were not available.
27. This wedding united a local girl, a graduate of Wellesley, with a Wall Street broker. A romantic touch at the wedding was the "touching of the limbs" of the elm trees which stood each side of the front gate. It seems these trees had been planted when the bride was born, and it was then predicted that they would touch at the top "in a sort of wedding arch" the day Margaret was married. However, they fell short of touching by a few feet, so some of the bride's cousins climbed up to the tops of the trees and tied them together!