



Portion of the Farquhar Archive

(Farquhar Family Papers) Large Manuscript Archive of the Farquhar Family, Quakers of Union Bridge, Baltimore, Maryland and Richmond Indiana, 1827-1952

Large archive consisting of over 285 letters, approximately 685 pages, with over 200 related items, printed and manuscript ephemera, deeds, bills, invoices, receipts, manuscript petitions, legal and estate papers, poetry, photographs, et cetera.

The archive follows this Maryland Quaker family west to Richmond, Indiana, through pioneer conditions in Ohio and Indiana, the financial panic of 1837, the sectional crisis, the Civil War and reconstruction, as family members engage in business, politics and education in Indiana and Baltimore, Maryland.

The Farquhar Family

Allen Farquhar purchased a tract of land on Little Pipe Creek in what was then Frederick County, Maryland. In 1735 he gave this tract of land to his son William, who then moved from Pennsylvania, with his wife Ann, and he became one of the earliest settlers in what would become Union Bridge, Maryland. Many Quakers settled in this District before the Revolution and formed a "particular meeting." They held meetings for worship at the Farquhar residence by permission of the Fairfax Monthly Meeting. In 1768 William Farquhar petitioned Lord Baltimore for permission to have the land adjoining his estate, "Mount Pleasant", surveyed, in order to purchase it, as he wished to donate the land to the Society of Friends on which to erect a Meeting House. Thus, the Friends' Meeting House near Union

Bridge was built in 1772. During the Revolution and for some time afterwards the neighborhood was known as the "Pipe Creek Settlement."

William and Ann Farquhar had nine children. James William Poultney (1781-1831), Allen, Mary, George, Samuel, Elizabeth, Susanna and Moses.

William P. Farquhar was born September 5, 1781, and died December 26, 1831. He was the son of Moses Farquhar and Sarah Poultney. He was a prominent member of the community and took an active part in the affairs of Union Bridge. He was a member of the Maryland Legislature several times and was interested in all matters relating to his county, then Frederick County. He was a captain during the War of 1812, taking part in the battle of Bladensburg, and was at Camp Hampstead Hill, September 1814, and aided in the Defense of Baltimore. William P. Farquhar was deeply interested in getting the charter of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through the Maryland legislature. He also aided elderly soldiers of the Revolutionary War obtain their pensions.

William P. Farquhar married Mary Messler (1787-1842), and they had five children: George Augustine (1806-1876), Eleonora (1808-1891), Frederick A., (who died in infancy), William Langan (1816-1887), and John Hanson Thomas (1818-1873)

Farquhar built the house in Union Bridge known as "Mount Pleasant" circa 1815, it is still extant and on the National Historic Register. Shortly after building the house Farquhar sold it to the Clemson family.

The Farquhar's emigrated west and settled in the Quaker settlement of Richmond Indiana circa 1830, William P. Farquhar died in Indiana in 1831. George A. Farquhar tried to establish a mercantile business first in Ohio and then in Indiana, first selling goods as an itinerant peddler. He then entered into a partnership with a merchant named Adams. Farquhar maintained business connections with Baltimore merchants traveling east each year to purchase the goods that comprised his inventory. George Farquhar's business did not survive the Panic of 1837, and he returned to Baltimore where he established himself as a dry goods merchant. George Farquhar had previously had an appointment as a Committee Clerk in the Maryland House of Delegates in the 1820's, he later served as postmaster of Union Bridge.

Eleonora, William P. Farquhar's only daughter, married John Haines in the Friends' Meeting House in Union Bridge. The couple emigrated in the 1830's to Richmond Indiana where they ran a farm before establishing a boarding school on their property known as Greenmount College. Eleonora inherited a female slave from one of her grandmothers but true to her Quaker principles she emancipated the girl as soon as she came into her possession.

John Hanson Farquhar, William P. Farquhar's youngest son, was born in 1818 in Union Bridge, but emigrated with the family as a teenager to Richmond, Indiana. He helped his brothers in business at first but became assistant to the resident engineer in charge of constructing the Whitewater Canal working as a rodman on a survey crew after ground broke in 1836. In 1837 the Indiana legislature authorized a survey for a Richmond & Brookville canal John H. Farquhar obtained the post of assistant engineer after studying engineering and surveying on his own. The Richmond-Brookville canal was highly undercapitalized and did not survive the Panic of 1837.

John H. Farquhar thereafter moved from Richmond to Brookville where he began the study of law. He soon became involved in politics as a member of the Whig party. He was nominated for the position of assistant secretary of the Indiana senate and was elected by the senate to serve in this position from 1841-1843. Farquhar was elected as the principal clerk of the Indiana House in 1844. During the period

from the mid -1840's through 1850's Farquhar continued in his Brookville law practice. In 1844 he was a delegate to the national Whig convention that nominated Henry Clay for president.

Farquhar ran for Congress as a candidate of the 4th district as a Whig, his Democratic opponent James H. Lane won. Farquhar remained active in politics and was also a delegate to the Whig Convention of June 1852 that nominated Winfield Scott as its candidate.

On May 5, 1857 Farquhar married Frances Mary Turner (1832-1922) age 19 of Brookville. Their first child was born in 1858, in Brookville.

In 1860 he became a delegate to the Whig Convention at the "Wigwam" in Chicago. The convention supported Abraham Lincoln. He was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket of Lincoln and Hamlin in 1860.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Farquhar was commissioned as Captain serving as a recruiting and dispersing agent working under General John S. Simonson, stationed in Indianapolis. He was instrumental in recruiting two Indiana regiments the 19th and the 28th Indiana Colored Regiment.

In 1864 Farquhar ran for election to Congress again, he was elected as a Republican to the 39th Congress, defeating the incumbent Democrat. Farquhar was not a candidate for re-election and served only one term from 1865-1867.

In 1870 John Farquhar and his family moved to Indianapolis where he became president of the Meridian National Bank. Prior to that he was president of the Brookville National Bank in Brookville, Indiana. Farquhar was appointed secretary of state in 1872, he served two years from early 1872 to early 1873. Shortly after the end of his term he died October 2, 1873.

References:

Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress 1774-1927

Washington: GPO, 1928, p. 957

[Stonesifer, O. J.] **History of Union Bridge 1729-1937**

Union Bridge, Maryland: Pilot Publishing Company, 1937, pp., 16-22

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Farquhar-1285>

Sample Quotes:

Farquhar, William P., Union Bridge, Maryland, to his son, George A. Farquhar, Talbot's Hotel, Frederick, Maryland.

"Dear Son,

I arrived at home yesterday & found all well but your mother who is complaining – every place I stop'd at on the road there was a general objection to the nomination among the friends of the

administra [tion] some offering to but none would be elected others saying they would not support the Ticket &c - many of my friends were here last night who are much dissatisfied and quite out of sorts what course they will pursue I am unable to tell, but one thing is certain, if there is not some thing done to satisfy them the Jackson men will gain by the nomination..."

[Farquhar, William P.?] Union Bridge, Maryland, Jany 12th, 1828, to George A. Farquhar, Annapolis

"Dear George,

Sam & I had a gloomy time coming up the Bay in consequence of the fog – We staid two days in Baltimore – heard 72 discharges of cannon in commemoration of the victory at New Orleans – but did not go near – Went to Peals museum, the Theater & heard the greatest ventriloquist I ever heard, spent an evening with Tyson and Stricker – Stricker is as dry as ever We visited Cloud and Tom Webb – Went to the District court and heard the result of the Election of the Gov & Council – arrived safe at home night before last in Job Haines wagon & found all well – Found Israel Plummer at our house, yesterday him Frederick, Dr. Biggs & a whole clan went Fox Hunting - - They run one Fox in a hole and another to the south mountains – Frederick & Flonzell led the way – far a head of Washington Claburgh & others ...

I have seen some of the folks, who hang their heads very much – others much pleased at the result of the recent Elections - ..."

Farquhar, James P., Fort Ball, Seneca Co., Ohio, Sept. 12, 1829, to William Mering, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Respected Frd,

Having been detained here on account of wet weather, muddy roads and some other circumstances... But I guess I shall have to do as well as I can in the back woods. And back woods it is too, for there is more of that article here than almost any thing else, however as far as I know about it –

I am at this time stationed at "Fort Ball", the first time in my life that I've been obliged to remain at any military station, nor do I know how long I shall have to stay here. I was at Tiffin yesterday (across the river "Sandusky" in sight) and saw Naille and Sten. They expect Sten's goods on tomorrow or next day, and after they are fixed, which will be in a week or two, Naille expects to start homeward. There is a good deal of opposition between this place and Tiffin. The inhabitants of each place are anxious to have the seat of "Justice" of the county established at their own town, and each are striving to get the ascendancy. Business in some parts of this country is flourishing and in some parts very dull; I've not got into any business yet but have met with some encouragement to proceed next spring, but I've not yet made up mind with respect to that – I had, offered to me the other day a quarter section of land (160 acres) for a little more than \$ 2.75 per acre, under good fence and a good deal of it cleared. The quality of land is very good, but it is chiefly, or in fact all of it prairie land, the purchaser of which would labour under several disadvantages; want of water, rail timber, building timber &c which is a considerable object.

I don't want you to write me till I send word, but then you must not delay.

There is some places throughout this part of the world where you may ride for many miles right through the thickest of woods almost with [out] seeing either a human being or a place of residence for them even if there should happen to be anybody about; and all at once pop right out of the woods into

a little town situated in a clear space of about a mile in extent, you ride on through, and right into the woods again and so you may go on all day.

Sometimes when I would be riding along through this wilderness of country, I've thought of the saying very common in that neighborhood about "going out of the world into the bushes"; for it did seem like something of that sort I must say. I have seen a great many Indians in this place they have been passing through on their way home from council. Perhaps you did not know they had assembled in council in order to determine whether they should sell a parcel of land belonging to them called the "Seneca Reserve" They have concluded not to sell it but to hold it as theirs and turn it into farms for their own use. They are in general well civilized; some of them are still a little savage there have been some murders committed among them lately. They think they are as well civilized as any of us, and a great many of them can speak very good English, and some are very good English scholars having been taught at colleges of very high rank. ...

James P. Farquhar"

Farquhar, J A., Clinton County Indiana 29 Miles South of Logansport Sunday morning [1829 -1830?], to George A. Farquhar, Miamisburgh Montgomery County, Ohio

"Dear Sir,

I am now about to start to travel a few miles on Sunday I have retailed all that I have sold the merchants will not buy of a pedlar they all say they are not prepared to by they must buy where they can get a credit or else they will noy buy atal I have collected about ninety dollars be sides my expenses and they have been quite heavy I have to hire fellows to haul me sometimes for 8 or 10 miles they charge high I fear I shall stand a dull chance to get shot of all my goods shoes sell well and calico also. I will write soon again I will get to Logan in a few days yet keep a look out about my horse... I intend to try and get along the Massasinaway if I possibly can – the damndest roads you ever saw there is in this country ...J A Farquhar'

Johnson, William Cost, Washington Ap. 5th, 1834 to George A. Farquhar

"My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th March giving the proceedings of a meeting of the honest and ardent working men of your neighborhood was not received by me until to day. I have read the proceedings with interest and they speak the bold decision of high minded persons and the coldest temperament might well be roused at the ruinous measures of the present unwise Executive. But still it may be a question whether so bold and decided a measure as the one proposed by the working men would meet with sanction in other regions of the country; and whether in truth it would not strengthen the Executive (now too strong) by sounding the alarm of civil dissention.

You have given me the privilege of altering the resolutions. I will carefully examine them, and I would certainly present them to Congress had not the vote been taken on the Deposit question yesterday, and was decided against the restoration; I may notwithstanding present them. There is one thing I beg you to assure the working men of, that is, that I am decidedly opposed to the present consolidation of such vast powers in the hands of one executive officer – am in favor of a restoration of the deposits and of a bank of the U. States – and will as they desire use every exertion to promote the true interest of the country, and will never place myself in the hands of a party to be bound hand and foot so as to

obey the interest of a party at the sacrifice of the interest of the people, and especially the working people..."

Haines, John, Near Richmond, [Indiana] May 22, 1834 to George A. Farquhar, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Dear George,

Since I left Baltimore I have had quite a severe attack ... I was taken in stage on the mountains west of Cumberland and it continued to increase on me until I arrived at Wheeling where I applied for medical aid, the Physician gave me some medicine to take on board of the boat which afforded temporary relief... when I landed upon the soil of my adopted country the last flickering lamp of my nature was well nigh exhausted, and remained nailed to a sick bed (under care of Doct. Plummer) for 2 long weeks or more - ...

The times are Pregnant with awful forebodings, our once happy and prosperous institutions which were built up by the more than Caesars of their age I fear will be prostrated by the bloodhounds in office, one encroachment of executive misrule after another will finally drive our citizens to the Shedding of their Brother's blood and perhaps as has been foretold War Pestilence & famine will be spread over all the land - This state of things seem to be nearer at hand than ever I have known in my short life time before - A great many of the eastern people are seeking an asylum in the west, last first day there was an encampment of about 200 persons within sight of our house, of the sect called Mormanites who are enthusiastic professors indeed they Prophesy that before 2 years the moon will be bathed in blood - The earth shall be shaken to its centre &c &c and divers other miraculous events shall come to pass, after which the Millenium (about 4 years hence say they) shall take place - singular Believers -

I mentioned, I think when I was on to your country that our Legislature had passed an act to incorporate a state Bank with 9 Branches within the limits of the state - since my return the Books of subscription on the part of the People have been opened and the stock of the mother bank and 7 branches have been taken - I have taken 45 shares in the branch to be located in Richmond amounting to 2250\$ to be paid in 3 installments $\frac{2}{3}$ to be paid when the Bank goes into operation (which will be 1st September likely) the balance in two equal payments yearly - The money I brought out with me is (with the exception of my first installment) all loaned at 10 per cent in good lands I think this Bank is going to reduce this high rate of Interest I think such as 20 - 30 & indeed as high as 50 per cent has been taken. I know a man at this time here is drawing on a lot of money 30 per cent which is scandalous to give but more easy to receive I am of opinion that this Bank will reduce loans to about 10 - for there are a good many people say they would rather pay a farmer (who only demanded Int. once a year & the Principal 2,3, or 4 years) 10 per cent than Bank 6, for this reason that they were not found to renew their notes so often & no protests if not attended to at that precise time ... Jno. Haines"

Gantt, B. L., Annapolis, 29 January, 1835, to George A. Farquhar, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Dear George,

I received yours of the 27th last night and it came at a time or moment when I wanted something of the kind to keep me alive for I was very much below par although it was at that hour, when those who are going to the Citizens Ball should be preparing for it, for you must know it took place last night, and a more agreeable one I was never at. I went with the determination not to dance but could not resist it, so took two rounds, sat supper, drank rather too much wine, went home to my old room, at $\frac{1}{2}$ after 12, got to sleep quickly and was roused about 4 o'clock with a violent cramp in my legs, brought on by dancing, which I think will deter me hereafter from doing the like again.

We have "Dens" Theatre &c in abundance of the former I partake of very sparingly of the latter I have a belly full, you will see from the above that I occupy my old room and as you say receive the visits of our old friends, except Hallyhan I have not seen him since I reached this place and as the vulgar phrase has it "if I keep my eyesight I hope I never shall again", Mr. Breagle and Mr. Roberts were at the ball, Mr. B danced a good deal he is a very genteel man and I think take your Delegation altogether it is the best your county has sent to this House since I have been a member, as regards our committee clerks ... Bowles is very accommodating and does the best he can upon the whole they are not as good as we have had.

You are deceived when you say you was glad to hear that Magor Rainey had recd a salary tis not him but his son Tom who is Examiner General with a salary of \$ 800 per annum. The major has been dead for 5 or 6 months, I can say nothing about the new county as I hear very little about it because I believe the friends of that measure believe I am opposed to it. Mr. Henry Warfield is here and was at the ball, from what he told me I am inclined to think the subject will be referred to the people of that section, to ascertain the sense of a majority, of this I do not speak with certainty. I sincerely hope you will visit this place before we go home, your Brother was here about a week ago and was introduced to me by our old friend Mr. McKinty and he promised to call and see me but I did not see him afterwards, has he got home? We are going to have Fair today for the purpose of robbing the members, but if they get more than 25 cents out of me they are smarter than I think they are among other modes of "raising the wind" in the Fair they propose to have a Post office and letters will be written to A. B. C. D. the letters when taken out will be paid for if there should be any for me they shall go to the Gen Post Office, do let me hear from you again soon, or when you write suppose you do as Paddy did, bring the letter yourself ..."

Farquhar, F.[rederick] A., Lexington [Ohio] December 10, 1835, to his brother, George A. Farquhar, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Dear Brother,

... I am much in hopes I will succeed in procuring your deed some time in the fore part of next week. I was down at Moseses about two weeks ago but could not get Massey to go to Mansfield though I think I can succeed in procuring the deed according to law as you have stated in your last letter ... Adams is rather out of humor when ever I go away on business then he gets as queer as an ass he is as strange a man as ever I had anything to do with, he thinks he knows more about business than any body else though he knows nothing about it at all he is quite self conceited I shall not remain here long. I think I shall start to Indiana about New Year and do not know whether I shall return here to stay or not though I rather think not. I cannot sell goods with any satisfaction for a man that has so many oddities about them as he has from anything I have been used to his kind of dealing does not suit me I cannot cheat a man behind his back but he can though that is a thing he can and does doe and wants me to do the same though I will not do it for him or any man if I can do it face to face it is bad enough he will sell a man goods at one price and then charge more than he sells them for. I want to know how I could prove an account for him in such a case as that, I cannot do it nor will not do it for any man, that is prove a false acct, I am getting tolerable well acquainted with the western trade and could sell as I would want to sell if I only had them. I think when you come out in the spring you can fix matters so that may be considerable advantage to you and at the same time it may be the same to myself. I was cautioned by all of my friends to be aware of J Adams when I first came in the neighborhood I have watched him close as any man could he wants to charge me as much for what I get out of the store as any of his customers and that is damn rascally for any man...."

Farquhar, John H.[anson], Richmond [Indiana] 14 March 1836, to his brother, George A. Farquhar, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Dear Brother,

... I wrote to you a few weeks ago the mails are getting so uncertain that there is no use to put any dependence in them. I received a letter from Frederick a week ago I think he says he has received no letter from you since he left here. I was at John Haines a few days week they was a getting well Eleonora has been sick but is able to be about Mother and the children are all getting better. Mother was at Centerville this day a week ago, and got that business all fixed and sent it on to you I expect... I have been tending Court all last week on a trial of a man for attempting to pass a counterfeit order on us his trial come on today he was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years he has a family, a wife and three small children. I want you to write soon and tell me when you are coming out and where to. ... John H. Farquhar"

Farquhar, John H., Brookville, Indiana April 15th, 1837, to his brother, George A. Farquhar, Miamisburgh, Ohio

"Dear Brother,

I received yours of 29th March to day and am very glad to hear from you but very sorry to learn of the state of your affairs and very sorry that I had not heard from you sooner. I am now employed on the Canal as Rodman and situated so that it would be impossible for me to leave on account of the frequent applications that I made to Mr. Webb last winter for the situation. I am getting good wages thirty two dollars a month and board myself board is about two dollars week which makes about twenty four dollars clear. I should of liked to of went into the Merchandizing for you in the manner in which you proposed very much if I had only of known of it in time, however you must not get out of heart – try and do something and do not stay there any longer than you can avoid if business is so poor – you spoke of pedling you might get Lingan to attend the store while you try it if Frederick is not willing to do anything. ... you speak something of going to Kentucky to do business if you think that you can do better by going write to me and let me know what you are a going to do, tell Frederick & Lingan where I am and what I am a doing ... John H. Farquhar

P.S. I am about to et a surveying to go to learning Engineering Mr Nall the gentleman I am with is willing to instruct me..."

"Farquhar, John H., Brookville, Indiana, Oct. 29, 1843, to his brother George A. Farquhar, Union Bridge, Maryland

"Dear Brother,

Your favour of date "Union Bridge Oct. 11, 1843" I was pleased to find in the Office at this place on my return here from Richmond on Friday the 20th Inst where I had been making some stay of which more hereafter. I am pleased to learn of the safe arrival and good health of yourself and the children; also from our friends in general; but regret that you find the prospect for business so dull. I am also not a little surprised to learn of the great stagnation of business so near and within the influence of the great Atlantic depots. Is it possible, the numerous accounts we receive of an improved money market, are all

false? Or is it the case, that the capital of the country, is monopolized in the hands of the wealthy, and withheld from circulation, for want of confidence in the stability of Legislation? Or is it rather a lack of direction, for investment? It is certainly to be attributed to one of the two latter causes in my opinion, for the money is certainly here somewhere: and should I conclude from the evidence we have here, I would perhaps say the latter. Mr. Holland who has just returned from Lafayette on the Wabash Canal, informs me that since the opening of that communication with the Atlantic, a new impulse has been given to all kinds of business; particularly the mercantile, and the country every where within its vicinity is being flooded with goods, which are disposed of on credit, and a fair prospect offers, for a recommittal of all the extravagance, that so fatally followed in the track of the inflated currency system; but enough of this for the time, as I have other subjects of perhaps more immediate interest to speak of amongst which is that of Mr. Clay's speeches. You say that now is the time to attend to this matter and also ask why I do not attend to the same in person? That this is an important and favourable period for their disposal, I most certainly concur with you; but as regards my personal attendance to the subject at this time, I will candidly state the facts. I have not yet application for License to practice Law but am desirous of doing so, either this winter to the inferior courts: or in the spring to the Supreme court, and consequently I am busy reading – I read so much of your letter as relates to this subject to Mr. Holland, and his conclusion was, that I should say to you to give it a trial at one dollar & fifty cents (1.50) per copy: and for obtaining subscribers & delivering, or for every copy disposed of, you should receive fifty (50) cents. If anything can be done at this price, it will certainly afford some profit at 50 cents for selling & delivering. Should you determine to give it a trial and meet with success I will go in and meet with you in the spring and aid in its circulation: there are now about 1000 copies of the speeches in Maryland, the principal part in Baltimore not bound, which could be ready for distribution on short notice. I am going to Indianapolis at the opening of the session, and should there be any prospects of success shall be a candidate for secretary: the Senate is a tie and some Whigs rather doubtful: Sloan tells me Hoover will vote for me... If elected which I consider (very doubtful) it would be impossible for me to leave for Md until after the Wayne Court, as that trial is not yet over with, that would enable me to attend the Convention which I am desirous of doing ... I forward in mail with this a prospectus that that you make a trial if you see proper – I will now conclude this subject by requesting that you write me soon as to what you can do &c... John”

Haines, John, Richmond [Indiana] March 19th, 1844 to George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

“Esteemed Brother,

... and the fact that thee had engaged in a clerkship situation with Warner & Fisher of Baltimore, which I am pleased to find will perhaps employ thy mind and prepare it for business when a more auspicious period arrives when thee more safely embark in business for thyself, as to the proposition made in regard to our entering into business together in Baltimore, I have given it much attention and serious consideration but from the scattered condition of my affairs even if I were entirely convinced that now was the proper time for such arrangements to take place my affairs would not admit of it, but something may take place in the Future when such an arrangement might so entered into safely, and in the meantime thee can be looking out and acquiring all the experience necessary to a safe and successful operation there. ... we are still doing business in the same way as when thee was with us we have enlarged gradually as our little capital expanded we have as yet added no additional capital, have talked of it this spring, are operating rather more largely in iron now than anything else made a pretty good turn in that article last winter, made a contract for \$ 600 worth paid \$ 300 down since which time iron has been steadily and firmly advancing our sales during the fall and winter were good for our little stock I suppose they must have averaged \$ 10 – pr day – this spring it has been more dull. ...

I think business in general is slowly reviving money is a little more plenty since the farmers sold off their last year's produce and if the people only act prudently hereafter I think we will all get into a better condition, if people are careful to buy nothing but what they can pay for, not plunge into debt, and wild and uncertain speculations and apply what they can to the payment of their old debts the country will soon get right again with the right kind of policy on the part of the general government – but should banking facilities be improperly augmented so as to increase the circulating medium beyond the capacity of redemption... It seems to me that eastern merchants are doing wrong when they hold out to western dealers strong inducements to buy on credit, many men no doubt will pay without coercion, but a large number will eventually not, and to expect collections under the existing laws of most of the western states is folly, payment cannot be enforced, public opinion however I think will eventually petition the legislature of Ind to repeal those objectionable laws and fix some time in the future when the veil may be removed and people again be compelled to comply with their agreements, but no change was made, it was the only petition there upon that subject – the idea however prevails that something will be done at the next session ... Jno Haines

.... The political atmosphere in this quarter is growing quite warm – I was present at the opening of the whig campaign in this place in 1840 as well as 1844 and with a fair comparison I may say that the latter was marked with as much and perhaps more enthusiasm than the former. The whigs of this county are now having a warm canvass for the nomination of their county ticket, which is to be made by ballot at their April election political aspirants are active and the result I fear may be disorganization at the August polls – but in November all will be right for Henry Clay – Foulk & Holloway are both candidates for nomination to the Senate. Holloway will be successful we have begun to organize generally throughout Indiana & you may put her down as safe for Clay... Jno. H. Farquhar

John Talbott and family his mother in Law Anna Wright and his brother in law Henry Justice have removed to Cinncin. To make lard oil I fear it will be a “Bursting” operation... business among mechanics is still here and in the neighbouring towns and when they do anything trade is offered in pay scarcely any cash is found among mechanics, it is too prevalent among people here to push off trade even when they have cash.

I expect you will have a glorious time at the May convention the whig spirit seems to be extending itself in every direction throughout the length and breadth of the land, we have great times here. Ben Davis & Job Boston have become quite celebrated rhymers almost every week they turn out a new coon [sic] song and the “glee club” as they call themselves sing it to the great amusement of the whigs and the annoyance of the “Lokies”

Farquhar, John H., Richmond [Indiana] Jany 12th, 1847, to Geroqe Farquhar, Merchant, Baltimore

“Esteemed Bro.,

I have this day collected some money for thee, and tried to procure a check on Baltimore or Phila. For the amount but our Bank has no funds immediately thee may draw on me at sight for four hundred and seventy five dollars, it being the amount now ready for thee. ... I have not heard from thee since I forwarded the box and bale, marked to thee as directed, it was sent the forepart of Nov. last, and I have felt uneasy for fear they have not arrived. I wrote thee about the time, stating what was sent and the balance of such things as we supposed was most perishable. I tried to sell but could not, without too much sacrifice. I accordingly have them on hand yet – On the 1st day of the year we had the most terrific

flood that this country has ever experienced, sweeping away Bridges, house, barns, mills &c this country, along the several branches of Whitewater, Miami & Scioto valleys, has sustained incalculable damage a day that will long be remembered here by many... Has thee settled our affair with Warner & Fisher? If not try to settle it on the best terms thee can before I come on in spring, my prospect is to start here by about 1st of March, come on to Balt. and maybe thee will have business at Phila and will then go on with me – our business has been rather dull this fall & winter, how is thee flourishing, making a fortune? We have had a rumour here that thee had taken unto thyself a wife, but I have contradicted it, until Thomas Banks came out here and confirmed the report he stopt here for winter quarters, intending in the spring to start further west, said she is a connection of his, so longlife to thee and good fortune attend you, write us and tell us all about it & whether thee intends locating permanently in Balt. &c &c - ... Our market in relation to the pork business opened quite low but is now selling in Cin at 4 to 4 ½ a great advance. I think it likely there will be some fingers burnt in it again this year, other produce is low ... We have several hundred dolls standing out that I want to collect before I come on to buy goods. I have been calculating on buying goods very low this spring, will I be mistaken? I hope not. There is such a din and racket in the store this evening I cannot write with any sense... J.H.”

Farquhar, John H., Brookville [Indiana] August 24, 1851, to his brother George A. Farquhar

“Dear Brother,

... I expect to be at Richmond within a week. John [Haines] I learned has dissolved his connexion in the mercantile business and has his college building up, and I suppose will be ready to commence operations with it in the spring. It has occurred to me a very suitable place to put Mary and let her take a through course of English education – think of it and let me know your opinion. John & family will probably remove out next spring and will have a beautiful residence in the country, but I fear it will impose duties too onerous upon Elenora for her feeble constitution to bear... Our business has been gradually increasing until it has become public opinion that we have the best business stand in the town – it is at least at the head of the principal part of the trade & we have a fair chance to get a proportion situated as we are, the uppermost house on the principal street, down which ⅝ of the whole produce is hauled, we have determined to turn our attention more extensively toward the produce business – buying wheat and corn. With a view to affect this object we purchased a vacant lot lying immediately west of us and adjoining the property extending to the Canal, upon which we are now building a ware house. Having tried the practice of the law and the mercantile business, jointly, for the past three years, it has clearly demonstrated to me the fact that one of the other must be suspended for two reasons – too much business to do justice to and the probability of becoming but a mere “worker” at either. The law is a jealous mistress, and admits of no rivals, whilst the mercantile business, properly conducted demands the undivided attention of the merchant. I would much rather be a successful merchant than a mere “pettifogger”, which must necessarily follow to him who divides his attention between the law and produce business. We have just closed our August term of Court and Matson my law partner who some year & a half ago moved to Cincinnati Ohio is about returning to our state to locate at Greencastle in Putnam County. ...

You intimate a wish to have found my name amongst those returned from Indiana to Congress. It would certainly have gratified me very much to have met with you in that capacity, but circumstances prevented my making chase, although some of my friends whigs and Democrats are free to say that had I been the whig candidate in this District the result would have been different. As you probably will learn with as much interest perhaps as any one, the state of political parties in this district and our future prospects, I will state that the whigs and free soilers probably have a majority when united – that in view of this fact and some expressions from free soilers favourable to my taking the field, it was resolved by our whig friends here that if possible I should get the track as an independent candidate. We took

some pains to have a good understanding throughout the district, I rode principally over it at one time and effected an arrangement with the several whig aspirants to submit our respective merits as available candidates to a committee of friends to be selected by us, each, each one, they met but the friends of Col Watts apprised that I would be the 2d choice of all the rest of the several aspirants ... 4 or 5 ... candidates – men that had never been named in good faith as candidates before and thereby secured the choice for him by a close vote even after their unblushing trick – to all of which we good humoredly submitted and gave the old Col our warm decided and active support, and came within between 50 & 100 votes of electing him. It is possible that I can get to run the next canvas if I desire it - yet it is fully my opinion that my best interest is to keep out of politics as much as possible. We have almost effected a revolution in this County – at the late election our independent ticket succeeded & a whig & independent democrat were returned for the Legislature – the first whig elected to office in 11 years so much for the policy of working kindly with the Germans.

I am decidedly for Scott and hope he will be our candidate – with him we can succeed, without him we are beaten – mark that – I regret his native audience letter.

We spoke when last I saw you of applying for a clerkship at Washington City for you. I think that something can now be done in this way in the Treasury Department. If you will get your old friends in Baltimore Richd Johnson, McMahon & others to recommend you and enlist Pierce & Pratt in your behalf with such influence as I think I can bring to bear on Corwin you may very probably succeed ... Jno H. Farquhar..."

Haines, Eleonora, Green Mount [Richmond, Indiana] 8th Mo. 29th, 1852, to her brother George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Brother,

... I suppose thee is aware of our situation now we have started a boarding school it is small this is the first session only 26 scholars next session will we expect be much larger I will send you one of our next circulars which will be printed before long that will give you a full account of the building and all how we would love to have your children here I have thought so much about them since we have been engaged here in this business. I do think you had better let Mary come I would love to have her and the others too William I expect thee could not spare but John and Mary I think you might our girls are from 13 to 17 except one 9 years old she is my Mary's companion Mary has been trying to write to her cousin but she makes poor out of it she has not been writing long. John and Charles and Mary are in school William is the farmer has worked very hard this summer.

Lingan and family are all well have but the two children he is now in William Lynd and George Barnes store clerking Grocery.

I suppose thee has heard John is a candidate for Congress he was nominated and now is very much engaged in electioneering I suppose I might say many of his friends think he will be elected but I have my doubts about it. Sol Meredith was here a few days since & he says there is no doubt at all about it he thinks but he is a very warm friend of John's. ...

I do not know that I shall ever cross the mountains again but if I live until our rail road is all finished through I think I shall try for it but if thee were here and would see the cares I have on my shoulders thee would wonder how I could think of such a thing I have 2 Coloured girls in the kitchen one to tend dining room and one to wash and iron and one white girl for chamber maid thee may suppose girls are more plenty but they are just as hard to be had in private families we have to give 1,50 a week The Orthodox school has dwindled down to so small a number that they have dismissed the school they

say they will commence in the fall with boys only and also say they will have to make some new arrangements they were too strict the scholars were very much dissatisfied so strict in dress and every thing indeed there had to be a chalk line drawn many of their scholars would come here if their parents would let them ... Eleonora Haines"

Farquhar, William P., Baltimore, August 26, 1852, to his cousin John Messler, Carroll County, Maryland

"Dear Cousin John,

I send you a life of Gen Scott which you must read and be sure to vote for him as he is the greatest man of the two candidates and I think he is going to be elected this book tells you all about his warfares from the beginning to the ending you folks must all do your best to elect him next November ... there is a poll on every corner almost and the greater part of them are democrat to as you know this is the greatest state for them is this State but you will see the state coming up for Scott... Wm P Farquhar" –

Farquhar, William L., Richmond [Indiana] Sep. 25th, 1852, to George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

Dear Brother,

After a long time I have got the money for the guns. I sold the target gun for sixteen last spring but concluded I would not send it until I got the other, the other I sold to Elias Edwards for fifteen dols he got possession of it and I did not get the money about two weeks since and have forwarded the amt \$ 31 by T. W. Hart who resides here and drives Horses to your city you will find him at the 3 Ton Tavern he left here on Tuesday 21st and expected to be in Baltimore in three weeks no bad luck, you will find him a very cleaver fellow and can tell you all about the folks here... I suppose you are aware that John is a candidate for Congress and his friends are very sanguine of his success they say he is bound to be elected. Politics do not run so high here as at most other parts of the state. We expect the Rail Road to be completed here late this winter or early in the spring. We will have two Roads completed about the same time one called the Central the other the Richmond & Miami, the central via Dayton to Cinti the other via Eaton & Hamilton. John Haines has commenced his school with I think very Flattering prospects, he had some 26 scholars. I do not know exactly what his prospects are for the next session but I think they are good. ... Richmond is improving considerable, they are putting up some fine store rooms on the old Morrison corner as you can find in any country (most splendid). I am keeping books for Lynde Barns ... & Lynde & Hanes the last firm an Rail Road contractors. I am very much confined but like the business tolerably well, but I think I shall change my business tolerably well but I think I shall change my business in the Spring. I want to get some kind of berth on the Rail Road ... the orthodox yearly meeting commences here next week, the Hixites hold theirs at Waynesville this year, our town is improving in regard to Churches, the Methodist and Presbyterian are each building new churches and rather fine ones... W. L. Farquhar"

Farquhar, William L., Richmond [Indiana] July 20th, 1854, to his brother, George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Brother,

... I saw Judge Perry this morning and he requested me to say to you that he made out the necessary papers and forwarded them to Neals attorney with notice of taking depositions in June ... he has the case put off until next court in October so you can make your arrangements accordingly. ... We have nothing new here business very dull, they say the know nothings are here but I do not know such to be the fact. There is quite an excitement here about the Nebraska swindle. Dave Holloway is nominated for Congress in this district and will be elected. John Farquhar thinks he could be elected in his district but will not except [sic] the nomination ..."

Farquhar, William P., Baltimore, Oct. 6th, 1854, to his father, George A. Farquhar, Richmond, Indiana

"Dear Father,

You must excuse me for not writing to you sooner as we have been very busy at the store ... I thought I would write any how and let you know something about the candidates for mayor and &c Samuel J. Hinks is candidate for Mayor and is going to be elected there is plenty of men betting on 5,000 majority and some offer to bet on 7,000 he seems to please every body and can't say anything against him Jno A Thompson is candidate for city council in the twelfth ward and Wm C Welsh for the second branch you ought to be hear there is going to be great times here on next Wensday Election day on last Tuesday night the democrats had a mass meeting on the Lexington Market Space it was attended principally by boys and commended raining and then they left mighty fast the next night they had one in the eighteenth ward and as they marched up Baltimore Street by Fremont a Party of men were standing there hallowing for Hinks and some one of the crowd throwed a Brick and then they had it for about five minutes right hard but the Police interfered and they stopped ...

Hickson says you ought to be home by the Election but thinks ther is no hopes of it he sends his best respects to you Nace has not gone he is going to stay until after the Election ... Wm. P. Farquhar"

Farquhar, Mary, Green Mount College [Richmond, Indiana] Dec. 1, 1855, to her father George A Farquhar, Baltimore

My dear Father,

... We are all well at this time with the exception of uncle John Haines... The school is pretty large, more boys than girls, few here that were here when you were here. ... I suppose you have heard before that Uncle Lingam has moved to Brookville. We are looking for Uncle John Farquhar he has not been here for some time ... We are to have an examination at the end of this term we have three in one year. I have to have a paper, then as I was elected Editor. I would have been very glad to have gotten out of it for I have not commenced it yet, and it has to be read just the week before Christmas... Mary Farquhar"

Farquhar, Mary E., Green Mount [Richmond, Indiana] Sept. 17th 1856(?), to her father George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear

... I thought as school has commenced I would write and tell you little about it, we have a great many more scholars than we had last session There are 27 girls and 28 boys and there are more a coming... It will soon be time to have compositions I would rather do anything else for every fourth day evening we have to have them and read them before all of the boys and girls it seems if I could only write them and would not have to read them I would not care. I think that I am getting to understand Grammar a great deal better – I can parse some, when I first came I could not parse any, I did not know what it was to parse. We have three Teachers Jesse Wilson, Martha Ingrims and Susan Jarrett. I suppose you know that Lizzie Snowden left she was the old teacher. ... Mary Farquhar

Farquhar, Mary E., Monrovia [Maryland] May [1857?] to her father, George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Father,

...I received a letter from the "West" Aunt Eleanora, and all the children have gone to "Green Mount" at the time they broke the school was not very large, yet they expected quite a full school. Mary

says it seems nothing like home like it used to, Aunt E expressed a great desire for me to be there, says she still looks to the time when I will be with them as of old. Uncle John H. boards at Mrs. Tabott's in Cin. Goes up to the school every few weeks to see them.

They think uncle John Farquhar will be married this spring, he has bought a very nice house in Brookville is now about furnishing it. I have not heard from him for some time, he owes me a letter, but if the above is the fact, he is quite excusable, as I suppose he is very much taken up in making preparation... When you wrote you wished to know the name of this place, I believe it goes by the name of "Bennetts Creek", Uncle Norm's House is on a very high hill, and now that the trees are decked with their foliage, it is about the prettiest place ... Mary"

Farquhar, William Lingan, Richmond [IN] Nov 5/57 to George A Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Brother,

... we have returned to Richmond after an absence of two years. Margaret did not like Brookville, got here last week in our old House fortunately did not sell it. Richmond has got to be quite a Town since you were here. I intend opening an Auction house next week and my old friends flatter me that a good business can be done although there is another here... under the pressing times could you not get me a lot of Dry goods to sell as times have changed how goods can be sold now – to a very good advantage. I am offered clothing in Cincinnati and books and shall go down next week times are very hard in the city. Nothing doing and we see nothing in the country but Cincinnati..."

Farquhar, John H., Brookville [Indiana] Oct. 10, 1858, to his nephew, John C. Farquhar, Baltimore

"My dear Nephew,

... You must on reflection be nearing your majority, and it is well to be looking out with the view of making if not a mark in the world, a niche in which to snugly make yourself comfortable. It is a very grave question whether Baltimore is the place for you. You will remember that from the highest law giver to man for his rule of action, we are taught, that "a Prophet is not without honour save in his own Country", which serves often to result in practice to the ordinary occupations of life. It is nevertheless true that there are exceptions to all general rules, and to this of course, as we occasionally see men by determination of purpose and force of character succeed eminently amongst those with whom they are reared and associated. There is a wide field open in the west for young men of character. I mean upright moral, trustworthy, persevering, energetic, industrious young men. This however, is a bad time to venture until a place is first secured. The west is almost crushed under the effects of the commercial crisis that depict so vividly as paralyzing the energies and dwarfing your own beautiful city. There is scarcely a business house in City, Town or Country but has been for the last 8 months, and still is contracting its operations, and reducing its number of employees. The grocery business fortunately is one that by necessity has to be patronized, and the chances may be better in that line, than any other. I will when next in Cincinnati make enquiry among my acquaintances in that trade, as to the probable chance for a situation. In our little town two thirds of the clerks employed a year ago have been dispensed with & but little prospect of their places to fill soon again. I am very sorry to learn that William is and has been so long out of business, and hope that he has not been idle all the time. It is not a high mark of a business man, that will fold his arms and do nothing, because the particular branch of business he is most familiar with, fails to furnish him employment. The great beauty of our government and the principles of the Republican party is that labor is honorable ... Let it not then be said of us "why stand you here idle?" but if one branch of employment fails us, let us turn to another remembering that "labour is honourable" and "idleness the parent of Sin." I had a slight intimation from Aunt Eleonora &

cousin Mary Haines, that Mary E F might possibly become a bride. If it should prove true, she has my cordial prayer that it may prove congenial and advantageous...

We are on the eve of important elections in the west and in much excitement . I have tried to keep out of it, have made a few speeches, but taken little part ... Jno H. Farquhar"

Chambers, R. B., Saint Louis, March 20, 1859, to John [c. Farquhar]

"Dear John,

I take this opportunity sending a line to let you know how I am getting along which is first rate with exception of a sprained rist ... this is a great country out here Sunday aint eny more than a week days they have balls on Sunday night the People just injoy themselves most every bar room is a hoar house plenty of focking out here you have to Pay very dear for it you can't get it good for less than five & ten dollars a jump you may know that a fellow will make a dam good jump at that Price I got some about a week ago ... give my love to all the Boys and tell them I hope some of them will come out tell cap to come out right away for He can get plenty of work to do if intends to come out tell him to go to the corner of Fells St & Broadway and by a emigrant ticket For he can get a through ticket for \$ 12.00 dollars other wise he will have to pay \$ 22.00 dollar ... there is lots of Baltimore Boys out here ... R. B. Chambers ..."

Farquhar, Mary E., Hyattstown, [Maryland] Jan. 19, 1860, to her father, George A. Farquhar

"Dear Father,

... it seems strange to me to think that I have gotten back so soon, as I did not expect, when I last saw you that I would leave Georgetown until I left for the West – but Dr. H.[ershey] my friend, that you have long heard of, hearing of this would not consent to it, and came after me, and as it was his wish that I should come here, and remain until the necessary arrangements for our being married could be made, I have done so. He does not know exactly what he will do, whether he will remain here, or leave, I expect it will be much better if he finds some other place, as a great number of persons here are opposed to his marrying me, the lady with whom he boards is so much against it that, that when she heard it was to be, (he informed her himself) she told him she could board him no longer, had it not been for these things we would have been married before this – I hope you will be satisfied that all is right, for I have reasons for having the greatest confidence in Dr. and do not fear so trust him M.E.F."

Farquhar, John C., Sams Creek Carroll Co. Md, Sunday May 5th, 1861, to his father George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Father,

... There was to have been a mass meeting at Union town yesterday but the bad weather caused a slim attendance and it was postponed until next Wednesday they passed some of the best resolutions ever I heard of pledging themselves to stand by the administration at all hazard and censuring that contemptible Legislature for their illegal proceedings they say further they intend to remain in the Union if they have to call on Pennsylvania to protect them, that they want no convention under no circumstances whatever. The folks here consider Swann the best man in the state, and I believe if he was nominated for Governor he would sweep everything, they all say if he had been mayor that there

would have been no mob in Baltimore. I seen E Stouffer is here he says there is nothing doing in city at all he looks as fat as a pig and intend to stay until July. ... Willi says if you don't hang them Seseshenners he will not let you come to see him as he wants nothing to do with anyone that wouldn't... Jno C. Farquhar"

Farquhar, William Ligan, Near Sandy Hook [Maryland] Aug 10/61 to his brother George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Bro,

I received yours in due time but have neglected writing sooner. We moved on yesterday about 3 miles above Sandy Hook in the valley east of Md Heights. I wish you could come up and see us... I think we are not more than 12 miles from Frederick. I have a good horse but the Q. M. is using him at present when he gets one and you come up you can travel around and see the different camps. ... I do not know how long I shall remain here, as I have no appointment there being a misunderstanding regard to this department the Q. M. & commissary are both included in the Q. M. consequently I am acting as clerk and do not know any thing about wages &c but I shall remain until the Q. M. gets a Horse as he is using mine and I expect him to pay me for his services. Enclosed find 5\$ Pittsburgh funds. I want you to get me some of Hicksons best whiskey and send me by express pack in box in qt bottles say one gallon and 1 \$ worth of the best cavendish tobacco ... direct as before 16 reg as assistant..."

Haines, Mary E., Green Mount [Richmond, Indiana] Sept. 1st 1861, to her uncle, George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"My dear Uncle,

... we have felt uneasy about you, indeed all of our friends there, but remember if you are in any danger there that the ark of safety is Green Mount. I often feel as though I would love to see you all, but feel safer in our good old "Hoosier State" than I would there at present. I never dreamed of living to see this great and glorious union in such a state of affairs as it now is – I hope and pray our glorious union may be preserved without so much bloodshed and the "Stars and Stripes" may still wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave, it is sad to think of so many happy homes now rendered almost desolate – I have a great many friends in the army several in the 16th regiment, it was hard to bid them adieu for I felt that some I would never see again yet I feel my friends have so good a right to go as others, we are certainly not worthy free homes, and a star spangled banner if when the emergency comes we cannot see our friends act in the defensive – my best wishes are with them wherever they go or whatever their lots may be. The 16th are now encamped one mile north of Washington. I had a letter from one of them they do not fare as well as when here they all had some friends here, we used to take them a great deal, poor fellows were glad to get it. I am sorry you did not see Uncle Ligan he was anxious to see you, probably you can see him yet. Uncle John has a recruiting station in Brookville, but gets few men it is hard to get them for the regular army. I was down there on a visit a few weeks ago... It is hard to see Uncles going, but we may soon have to give up Fathers & brothers and many who are dear to us – It is dreadful to think that we are plunged into all the horrors of a civil war, when will it all end? Not for months and I fear years will roll around before our country is again at peace – Everyone here is crying hard times, and of course you feel it more there than we here – in Cincinnati hundreds have been thrown out of employment and what are they to do? It seems so hard so many poor that have nothing, and can get nothing to do, it seems so hard Father never worked harder than he does now. Will has moved into town leaving us the care of the whole farm Father has discharged his hands, has the little boys to help him we feel that we must do with as little as possible

now for with us it is all outgo, nothing coming in, the product of the farm brings very little – We are anxious to get this house off our hands, but cannot sell at any price now.

You are all out of business, it seems too bad, I expect things are very dull there, and I guess are everywhere.

Mother says if you can leave there and feel in any danger to come here our house is large enough to accommodate several of you... We have a young man here from Va who had to go into the southern army or leave right away – some of our friends had to wade the river at night – Ind is full of refugees, there are several here who left at an hour's warning – it seems hard they should thus be driven from their homes. I might say with nothing but what they wore on their backs. I remember when I was quite small of reading of war, and thinking it so terrible, never thought I'd live to see anything of the kind. You saw Sol Meredith, he is rather a fine looking officer. The papers speak highly of him & his regiment he had a fine set of men – his son is 1st Lieut in the regular army is here recruiting, is nearly as tall as Sol but is dissipated. You also saw John Winslow he has changed since he was here is a pretty hard case but will I guess make a good soldier. We think all our "Hoosiers" will, they have done well so far have got their names up. It is amusing to hear some of the three months men talk that have returned, they think they did wonders ...

We are preparing for Yearly Meeting you had better come out I wish you could ... I don't suppose it will be as largely attended as it usually is – we are not very good Quakers here seldom attend meeting except Mother. Will has been disowned on account of Odd Fellowship expect they will have me out next... I had a letter from Ellis Coale's daughter she ought to be hung, she is a hot secessionist – I would not answer it, I wonder if her Father is. A secessionist can't dwell here long, he is notified to depart, or take the sad alternative of being hung, there are few of that set here ... Mary E. Haines"

Farquhar, William Lingan, Camp near Daines town Md Novr 8/61, to brother, George A Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Brother,

You must pardon me for not writing sooner. I have had so much work to do that I had not time. I have been doing the writing for Qr Master & Commissary department which is two mens work but will shortly be relieved of one branch. I have just heard the glorious majority you give for the Union at your recent election. We have been marching all over Montgomery County since we left Hyattstown, and have just got back to the same neighborhood after our first march from Hyattstown. We cannot form any idea of our destination or winter quarters I think there will be a grand move made before long but cannot tell, it is getting pretty cold up here but we are comfortably fixed having a stove and keep comfortable, one of our men was shot today by the accidental discharge of a gun, he died instantly. Recruiting officers started to Indiana to day to Recruit our regiment to 1000... I heard that John Farquhar had been appointed Lt Col of a Regt in Indiana, tell me where Jno C. Farquhar is ... "

Farquhar, John C., Baltimore, July 18th, 1862, to his father, George A. Farquhar

"My dear Father,

... The times are as dull as ever, change is still scarce gold was selling at 18 cents and silver 12 yesterday. It is thought that gold will go up to 25 but I don't believe it.

The war news are not as encouraging this week as I would like to hear it. This morning paper states that there is anticipated an attack on Winchester again and that the Federals have moved all

their store back to Harpers Ferry... Mary says she heard that Uncle John Farquhar was appointed a captain in the Regular Army... “

Farquhar, William L., In camp 8 miles South East Kingston N.C. Sunday March 12th, 1865, to his brother George A. Farquhar

“Dear Brother,

I received your letter on board Steam Ship New York whilst laying at Alexandria. We had I suppose what seafaring men would call a pleasant trip from Alexandria to Fort Fisher but I could not see it. I was very sick after we got into ocean ... was taken ashore on Tues and got aboard cars and arrived at New Bern about midnight in the rain next day layed there 4 days got some fine shad and some poor oysters, started on march on foot (my horse not arrived) march 9 miles for two days through the Carolina swamps mud and water ... nearly all the way – Halted 2 days and my horse came up & marched to this point, we have had a hard little fight here but we drove them in there holes at Kingston all has been quiet here yesterday and today. They outnumbered us very much. One division of Mississippians come up the last day of the fight, who fought us at Franklin Tenn. They undertook to flank our left, we took 917 of them prisoner – our Regiment lost Heavily about 70 killed and wounded mostly wounded – but the Jonny’s suffered very much as they undertook to charge us on several occasions and we always repulsed them with heavy loss to them we are informed that they are very strongly fortified... we will have hard work before we get thru but we are going ... Schofield is here and we expect our 2nd & 3d Divisions up every moment, we had but few troops here. I think the rebs must of outnumbered us at least 50 per cent but we whaled them at that. The country here is as level as a prairie and thick set with pine so that we could use artillery to poor advantage ... W. L. Farquhar ...”

Farquhar, William L., Charlotte, N.C., June 1/65, to his brother George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

“Dear Brother,

I received your kind favor on yesterday... This is the meanest rebel hole we have ever been in. I have been to Guilford county and passed within 3 miles of Beards Hatt shop the old man is still living. We were within 10 miles of Dobson’s cross Roads, saw several persons that had sons and son in Laws in Indiana, it is a better country than I expected to see. We passed within 3 miles of Deep River settlement of Friends. Charlotte is a very pretty place some very handsome Residences and yards, but they are worse used up here than any place we have been, (I mean financially) they have no money, at Raleigh they had plenty of Gold.... W. L. Farquhar”

Leavitt, C. M., Aberdeen, Harford Co., [Maryland] July 28, 1865, to George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

“Friend G. Farquhar,

Circumstances and hints given out, gives me some apprehension of a probability of riotous proceedings about the time of registration day, I have had an idea of suggesting to Major General Hancock Military Commander to lend us, (that is, our neighborhood) a squad of about a dozen veteran Cavalry well mounted good Horses (Infantry would be of no use) not stationed exactly right here that would create suspicion, but at H De Grace 5 miles off their duties to dash up and down the roads every two or 3 days, say through Aberdeen X Roads to Bel Air and back again ... to H De Grace and to be always ready for any call – I am not a faint man you ought to know that, I have disregarded loud

talking for over four years – but this time it is not loud talking – a few veteran men would save all trouble they would be as quiet as mice, I know them well, that is the the troublesome men – would you show this Letter to Genl Hancock or please inform me soon how to direct a Letter to him, where his head quarters are ...”

Norwood, Randolph, Fort Sedgwick, C. [olorado] T. Nov. 27th, 1866, to George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

“Dear friend,

Your letter written previous to the elections I received and regret your fond anticipations were not realized. I wrote to Sumner that I heard the news the morning following.

I watched every indication thought the commissioners would be successful, but like many things that look brightest before its close, so my eager fancies dwelt until night closed around and shut out my last fond hope for success.

I hope some giant mind may spring up amidst the ruins of state and fire the pure and patriotic people who dwell among so much hypocrisy. No Davis to charge like well disciplined Cavalry and scatter the horde into confusion, none in power to console the drooping spirits of those who have passed through fire and come out undefiled.

Those tender hearted men who have been duped into conservatism will feel the rod ere many months roll around and may if fall doubly severe on them for their treachery.

Sweet Maryland thy groves were green and sparkling were thy rills, but its verdure will fade and its streams become overgrown and lose their cultivated beauty, prosperity will pass her and like her sisters South grow beautifully less until she become redeemed from the foul blot upon her escutcheons.

The National Congress will remedy many evils that may depress those who should be of good spirit, the result in Maryland the good thinking people north will correct all things by their Representation. So bide your time.

I am thankful for your generous offer to assist me in obtaining promotion I leave it entirely in your hands. I assure you I shall never forget your constant manifestations solidly in behalf of myself and those of my friends who are in favor of freedom & equal rights in opposition to Rebels. I may be able to return for it substantially during life.

Thanksgiving day has passed we had no kind hand to administer to our appetites, our tables did not groan under the weight of eatables and hearts that should have been directed to God were engaged in preparing shelter for men and animals. So differently from what you folks enjoyed and for which the necessary thanks were given.

Our weather so far has been very pleasant We have had several storms ... but old travellers along this route ... say with civilizations increase the rains. So in a few years we may have these immense plains covered with growing crops instead of short grass on which subsist alone the buffalo, but they have disappeared, and gone where the white man seldom visits south of the darker Republican & cover the bottoms along the Arkansas.

At present writing a heavy black cloud is rising in the west I judge it is going to give us a touch of a severe blow. I have not seen any of the severe ones on the Platte they were strong at Dodge for

hundred of miles north south east & west nothing to disturb its revels when the storm king rages. ...
R Norwood"

Norwood, Randolph, Fort Laramie D. T., March 17, 1867, to George A Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Friend,

Your letter I got this morning as the mail starts tomorrow I am officer of the day, Saturday & no drill, excused from school recitations of tactics, I thought I had better steal a few moments and answer your interesting letter ...

I will use every care to continue in health & preserve my self from the knife of the Red skins, & feel assured I will try to continue to perform my duties to merit the esteem of my superiors. You mention my having a leave of absence I do not expect it until this campaign is over & then it must come through a member of Congress. I think Sumner may be ably assisted by friends to procure it.

I regret to learn business is so flat in Balto & trust something may revive it when spring opens, much suffering exists among the poorer classes, I was glad to learn John obtained a situation in Washington. ... Sumner wrote me you had employment under Smith I assure you I felt happy to know your faithful services in former positions is rewarded again. I notice the political muddle is fast working itself into extremes I hope Congress may appoint a military governor who will rule with an iron hand until light shall be brought into the darkness that covers our old state. I regret to hear your brother's term has expired, I suppose it must be a great relief to him. I am in comparative exile, we or I do not get my Balt. papers, must be stolen from the mail.

Our expedition starts during next month it looks very much to me like it was a fizzle ..."

Farquhar, John C., Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office, April 14, 1867, to his father George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"My dear Father,

... I take these few spare moments to write you these few lines to ask if it is worth my while to come up on next Wednesday to vote there is several strong Radicals here and they say we will defeat these Copperheads if we all vote. I would like to come but I can't afford to pay my way up so if you can get me a free pass I wish you would send it so that I can get it by next Tuesday... I saw Taylor yesterday and he was pretty well up, he smelt quite strong of the ardent, he says he was up last week and tried to see you but failed he says the Radicals are all right."

Farquhar, John C. (son of George A.) Washington, D.C., April 15th, 1867 to his wife, Baltimore

"My dear wife,

... I don't think I will be any bother to you much longer, for the way I feel now I don't intend to bother you, as you have treated me most scandalously in the last three months and more especially when I was up last week, for you hardly took any notice of me whatever, the more I think of it the worse I feel. I have always tried to fulfill the promises I made when we were married and if in my feeble efforts I have deviated from that promise I hope you will forgive me, for Mandy we are all weak mortals and are liable to make ... mistakes but it seems to me the more I try to conciliate more harsh you are to me, as I have tried to mend my ways while here & to be ridiculed by one who should encourage me in

my feeble efforts towards piety, I think rather hard. When I was up you never talked to me unless I would ask some questions and then it was not with that freedom of conduct that characterizes a true and noble wife but with that bitter spirit that marks the world with hatred. Your mother says you are not the same since she went up to nurse Mr. Mahoney as you claim that I treated you badly then, now Mandy if I did I can't bring to mind any harsh words. I might perhaps went out at night but I never went out unless I had to, now I honestly say that if there is not a change for the better I will leave you, for I don't intend to worry my life out in such a turmoil if you think that you can't forgive me and act otherwise than you have done I want you to say so honestly and openly for Mandy this way of living is not only injurious to us but it has a bad influence on our beloved little daughter, who is just the age to pick up the bad qualities of the parents... I often think perhaps it would be better if she were taken from us now in her tender years for I don't think we are capable of raising such a sweet & tender flower. I want you to think and reason with yourself calmly, don't answer this letter in a moment of passion but when you are quiet ... Jno"

Norwood, Randolph, Fort Sedgwick C.T. Sept. 10th, 1867, to George A Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Friend,

Yours dated Aug. 1st I have made several attempts to answer it, have been so situated that it was impossible until the present. I assure you that your letters give me a great deal of pleasure, I get a better and more perfect history of affairs in our cursed state.

I am beginning to think that even handed justice is a pretty thing for innocent people to speak about but am certain no such thing exist in the affairs of our state and country, to me the political horizon looks lowering, all from the tardy working of our last Congress, that Judas Benedict Arnold or whatever you may please to term him should have been impeached and rid the executive mansion of his presence.

When we get rid of Heinz this Congress ought to do something for Maryland. I think we are cursed with an infernal set of fools or people that do not understand the true decrees. Old Thaddeus Stevens comprehends and if those timid creatures would strike as boldly as he, we would soon put the copperheads level & allies to plight and to a political extermination, may god soon send it Californias distresses our voting is indicative of what some of the other states will do unless Congress acts speedily on impeachment. ... R. Norwood"

Farquhar, John C., Washington, D.C., Oct. 6th, 1867, to father, George A. Farquhar

"My dear Father,

... every body appears to have quieted down since the election and most every one appears ready to go with the strongest side and the general impression is that the impeachment question will wind up in smoke for to tell the truth I believe the Republican Party is on its last pins for from the reports coming in from all parts of the country they are afraid of A J and he is now cock of the walk, they certainly deserve their fate especially in Maryland for when we had the power they had not the courage to pass an act giving suffrage to colored men and now they are depending upon Congress to

do what they should have done. Maryland lost her all when our beloved statesman Davis died for he always worked himself and did not depend on anyone for help but believed in doing everything right, that the world might see that he was sincere in all things. I don't think Congress will do anything for I don't see any in the new Constitution that is not republican and its all moonshine to talk about and the only way for us is to go to work and in the course of time we will have strength to upset Swann and traitors. ..."

Farquhar, John C., Hyattstown, Maryland, Oct. 6, 1868, to his father, George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"My dear father,

... I got yesterday's American it made me feel overjoyed at the terrible onslaught upon the democracy they are woefully begone here and have given up the ghost. Tom Smith was perfectly wild, had his flag stretched across the road. The Rads say that they will elect Weisel to Congress. I have talked to one or two democrats and they say now they wont vote as Grant will be elected and they don't care for the country will be ruined ...John"

Norwood, Randolph, Fort Sanders, W.[yoming] T.[erritory], Oct. 7th, 1868, to George A Farquhar, Baltimore

"Dear Friend,

Yours reached me sometime ago, I would have replied sooner if I had the time, I have been on the go ever since I reported for duty at this distant & elevated post. In pursuit of Indians and thieving white men. I went after some of these mountain robbers that stole the government herd from the corral at night the citizen watchman was an accomplice, it was about 5 in the morning was not reported to the Comdg officer until Reveille (6 o'clock) rode some 30 miles overtook them, had a skirmish ... the thieves wounded 2 of my horses but rather sad for them they got it more seriously. ...

I would like very much to be east to look how you folks are working the campaign I sincerely wish with you Grant may be elected... This post is located on the western slope of the ranges of the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 7000 feet, beyond this range we the summit range about 75 miles west, its peaks are perpetually covered with snow. I was sent here to command Co. "R" 2d C.S.C. has been neglected by inexperienced officers, I am getting it in good condition. This life is at times extremely rough but so full of changes that it is altogether very pleasant. ... R. Norwood"

Norwood, Randolph, Fort Sedgwick C.T. March 17th, 1869, to George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"Esteemed Friend,

I promised to write you on my return I would have done so before this if not for the constant agitation of the bill for the reduction of the Army in our little circles. Tomorrow will settle our minds the army & navy journal will give us the bill and how the absorption is to be brought about.

The reduction is from 215 regiments of Infantry to 25 and up to the present we have had nothing to indicate what is to be done with the surplus officers.

Some are of the opinion the cavalry and artillery will have to take others in, our organizations, when vacancies occur, heretofore we promoted by corps. The law expressly prohibits any new commission being issued or promotions so unless we have some information in our journal tomorrow we will be in suspense another week.

I hope Congress is done with Army matters for the next century, just look at their course at the close of the war our army was increased to its present strength 10 regiment of cavalry 5 of artillery and 215 of Infantry. The cavalry and artillery remain untouched – The strength at the close of the war 30 regiments as follows, 6 regiments of cavalry 5 of artillery and 19 of Infantry, enough for all purposes, but some fools I suppose wanted to provide some bumming political friends and made 8 of the 3 battalions regiments 27 regiments as perfectly useless a thing as stupidity and ignorance ever did in reference to Army matters... The reduction will make promotion so slow that those not captains, rather than serve a life time in subaltern grades as 1st & 2d Lieutenants will leave the profession for something in civil life, either to starve or fight the combinations for a livelihood.

We are almost tempted to do as Job was, not to curse our maker, but our ungrateful country and die. So many that left civil life after the close of war that were in business or preparing to do something that will leave to start fresh, after the best years of their lives have been devoted to their country.

It is useless for me to comment we are the tools of politicians and he is happiest that spurns the politician as if they were dogs. I am going it blind I will reserve my spleen for the future I will understand better and then better determine what I among the many will do.

I suppose the wild hunt for office has commenced more patriotism on the market than ever known before. Some men from afar are heroes now, when the smoke and shock of battle is over.

To be brave is not only those that were and did expose themselves to the dangers of battle, trues less danger existed away from it, but you and the little band of loyal hearts that believed in God and trusted in the right, your smiles and tears of sympathy recorded in the hearts of the bold men of war and their lasting gratitude in response did show you that the men that rallied to their country's standard were grateful even if our present rulers are ungrateful.

I said bravery does not only exist with those that face an enemy in battle, such sprits as you and others that withstood the taunts abuse and threats against your life by that element now in possession of our state government murdered our President I repeat it you were brave it required courage to defend your country's cause. ...

I hope your past efforts will not be overlooked and if the political elements that have nearly legislated me and others out. I trust yours will be appreciated and rewarded with an easy position ...
Ran Norwood"

Farquhar, John C., Washington, D.C., April 19, 1870, to his father, George A. Farquhar, Baltimore

"My dear Father,

... The new citizens had a magnificent turn out last Friday in honor of the 15 Amendment, the finest and most orderly I ever saw and it made me feel proud to see them turn out and there is but one thing more for to be done for them and that is give them the same privilege the whites have on R. R. Public houses and places of worship, amusement and then you can call this a free Republic in the true sense of the word and until that time it's all foolish to cry out our great Free Republic, don't think this a new

idea of mine for you know I always thought they should have the same privilege whites enjoy ... Jno C. Farquhar”

Hershey, Mary E. Farquhar, Hyattstown, Montgomery Co. [Maryland] to her brother, John C. Farquhar, [Washington, D.C.]

“My Dear Brother,

... I must acknowledge I am a little blue, and here let me mention (as you wished I would) the Doctor has drank nothing stronger than cider, but I see this is growing stronger in him and I fear, it may get to be something more serious, for this is the way he did before, in fact the cider today has acted just like whiskey, but perhaps this is only meeting trouble half way, so I will try to hope for better times do not say a word about it when you write, for it would only make him angry, he is considerably worried about getting a house, for it is now very uncertain whether we can get more than the two rooms we have and you know this is too much cramped for any length of time, although we seem to get along very well now, for I think I could get along with Mrs L – or most any one else for if there is contention you know I usually give up if I even think I'm right for I have learned by experience that there is no particular credit deserved from so doing ...”

Collection Inventory

The collection can be divided into the following sections:

1. Correspondence

- A. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1820's, 8 letters, 13 pages
- B. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1830's, 23 letters, 45 pages
- C. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1840's 25 letters, 45 pages
- D. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1850's, 49 letters, 95 pages
- E. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1860's, 42 letters, 92 pages
- F. Letters to George A, Farquhar- 1870's 16 letters, 39 pages
- G. Letters by George A, Farquhar- 1835-1871, 9 letters, 23 pages
- H. Letter to William Poultney Farquhar, 1826, 1 letter, 3 pages
- I. Letter by James P. Farquhar, to William Mering, 1829, 1 letter, 3 pages
- J. Letter by William P. Farquhar (brother of George A. Farquhar) to cousin, 1852, 1 letter, 1 page
- K. Manuscript Petition of Thomas Cross to Maryland General Assembly for financial relief, Cross was a veteran of the Fort George Expedition and defended Baltimore in 1814, in a unit commanded by William P. Farquhar, signed by W. P. Farquhar, 1829, 3 pages
- L. Manuscript Petition in support of the Candidacy of Genl. McCarty in the 5th Congressional District of Indiana, signed by George A. Farquhar, among others, 1841, 4 pages
- M. Letters to Melinda Farquhar (Mrs. George A. Farquhar), 1853-1869, 4 letters, 14 pages
- N. Farquhar, Legal Papers, Deeds, Estate Papers, Wills, et cetera, 34 items
- O. Farquhar, miscellaneous correspondence, 1834-1872, 10 letters, 26 pages
- P. Two Curious Manuscript items, one signed “Aerial Bird”, the other concerns Baron Munchhausen's adventures, set in Ohio., two items 4 pages
- Q. 20th century Correspondence of the Farquhar Family, mainly Sadie Farquhar, 1891-1952, 30 letters, 89 pages

R. Farquhar, George A., Printed Circular Letter, 1827, seeking support for his appointment as Committee Clerk, House of Delegates, Annapolis

1.2

- A. Letters to John C. Farquhar (son of George A. Farquhar), 1850's, 10 letters, 35 pages
- B. Letters to John C. Farquhar, 1860's – 11 letters, 29 pages
- C. Letters to John C. Farquhar, 1870's – 42 Letters, 118 pages
- D. Letters to John C. Farquhar, 1880s – 4 letters, 14 pages

2. Ephemeral Material

- A. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, et cetera, 1830's – 18 items
- B. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, et cetera, 1840's – 4 items
- C. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, Trade Cards, et cetera, 1850's – 26 items
- D. Bills, Deeds, Receipts, Invoices, et cetera, 1860s – 15 items
- E. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, et cetera, 1870s – 33 items
- F. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, et cetera, 1880s – 6 items
- G. Bills, Deeds, Invoices, Receipts, et cetera, 1890s -10 items
- H. Miscellaneous Manuscript Poetry, et cetera, circa 1830s-1860's, 10 items
- I. Three Small Manuscript Account Books, 184-1877, 16mo-octavo, 34 pp., 44 pp., 15 pp., plus blanks
- J. Manuscript Genealogical Notes and Historical Materials compiled by Sadie Farquhar, 1 folder
- K. Single issues of various newspapers primarily from Maryland and Indiana, 1850's -1937, 47 items
- L. Miscellaneous examples of obsolete currency, one folder, (Many examples in poor condition).

3. Photographs

12 small format cased images of various Farquhar family members, tintypes and ambrotypes, several of the images and cases are in rough condition.

12mo photograph album with 23 carte-de-visite and tintype photographs, three tintypes laid in, unidentified Farquhar family members.

6 cabinet card photographs, portraits of Farquhar family members, and unidentified outdoor views

The Archive: \$ 7,500.00