

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY STORY ABSTRACTS

**Current Issue: 53-1 Spring 2010 (double issue)**

***Sugarland's Story*, by Gwen Reese and Suzanne Johnson**

Recounts the history of Sugarland, an African American community established in 1871 near Poolesville. Discusses founding of the community church and school, as well the history of individual residents, families, and events.

***Rest in Peace*, by B.J. Diggs and R. Fletchall**

Discusses historic cemeteries and funeral homes in the county, as well as the changing mores of burial practices through time.

### RECENT ISSUES:

- 50-1 Winter 2007:** “*Montgomery County Story In Our 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Publication*” Topical Summaries and Index, 1957-2006. A brief summary of the main topics of each issue, with author’s name and topical indices for those doing research on Montgomery County history and the county’s residents. A short history of The Montgomery County Story is included.
- 50-2 May 2007:** “The Diaries of Caroline Miller Farquhar 18-59-1864,” by Joanna B. Church. Caroline, wife of Roger, B. Farquhar, began her diary in 1859 at age 17. It details her social life, courtship, family life and travels. (Diary continues in Vol.51 #3, August 2008.)
- 50-3 August 2007:** “Growing Up in the Town of Somerset, Montgomery County during World War II” by John Gibson. Describes the town and Gibson’s everyday life as a young teenage: air raid drills, rations stamps, victory gardens.
- 50-4 November 2007:** “Walter Rupert Tuckerman, Father of Bethesda” by William Offutt. Provides biography of Tuckerman, banker and land developer. Beginning with his Edgemoor subdivision in Bethesda, he went on to create the Bethesda business district.
- 51-1 February 2008:** “One Story and Artifact at a Time: The Civil War Camps at Muddy Branch and the Blockhouse and Outpost Camp at Blockhouse Point” by Don Housley. Military orders, regimental histories and soldier’s personal letters detail the encampment at Muddy Branch which lasted from 1861-1865. An archaeological project explores the extent of the encampment.
- 51-2 May 2008:** “The Teacher’s Strike of 1968” by William Offutt. At issue was whether teachers would be represented by the Montgomery County Educations Assoc./NEA or the American Federation of Teachers Union. Other issues included are class size, salary and working conditions.
- 51-3 August 2008:** “The Diaries of Caroline Miller Farquhar 1866-1867” by Joanna Church. Caroline’s diary continues. (See Vol 50 #2, May 2007) She describes family life and her courtship with Roger B. Farquhar.
- 51-4 November 2008:** “The Peter Family of Montgomery County” by Jane Sween. An account of three generations of the Peter family along with their place in county history and stories of their experiences.
- 52-1 February 2009:** “Members of the Ridgely Brown Camp for Confederate Veterans” by J. Tyler Masterman, a high school intern, who read through the

Charles and Marion Jacobs manuscript collection on Confederate Veterans in Montgomery County, and picked the stories of six men: Lt. Col. Ridgely Brown, Benjamin Canby Duvall, Spencer Cone Jones, William Henry Laird, Edward James Chiswell, and Augustus Warfield Dorsey, to tell the story of Confederate Veterans lives in Montgomery County following the war.

**52-2 May 2009:** “Yea Leland!” by William Offutt. For a half century Leland Junior High School in Bethesda was a premier middle school widely known for academic and athletic achievement and for scholastic and organizational innovation. This article describes the two buildings and reminisces about the personnel, educational policies, activities and social trends through WWII and the Cold War until its closure in 1985.

**52-3 Winter 2009 (double issue):**

*Shad, Fried Chicken and Apple Butter: The Foodways of Historic Montgomery County 1600-1900*, by Michael W. Twitty

Extensively traces changing patterns of agriculture and food consumption from the Native American palette of local, seasonal foods through the introduction of European and African crops requiring accommodation to land and climate, fishing and dairying, the family farm and kitchen garden, growth of plantations, the marketplace, food preparation and recipes, celebratory and communal meals.

*Magruder's Folly*, by Michael Dwyer

Major Samuel Magruder's mill at Cabin John Creek acquired by son Patrick. Much litigation ensued, excerpts from testimony of ownership disputes and liability for the death of slaves hired to work the site. Lilly Moore Stone, a descendant, developed the site to become Stoneyhurst Quarry, bringing quarrying to the county, and founded MCHS.