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When CFG&HS member Tom Keeseey attended a Fergus family reunion in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, this past July 4th, his cousin presented him with a diary written in 1875 by his great great aunt, Ezemiah MAUGHLIN. The diary gives a daily account of events in the small farming community of Airville, York County, in southern Pennsylvania 116 years ago. From other sources, Tom found photographs of many of the people mentioned in the diary and an 1876 Atlas of York County that shows the location of Ezemiah's house and her neighbors. A visit to Airville showed that the house is still standing and located Ezemiah's grave marker.

Tom transcribed the diary onto a computer disc and is preparing to reproduce it for his family members and the Historical Society of York County library. The first thirty one days of the diary are shown below.

## THE DIARY OF EZEMIAH MAUGHLIN 1875

Ezemiah was born in 1835, so she was 40 years old when she wrote her 1875 diary. She never married. She lived with her father, John Maughlin, and unmarried sister, Elizabeth, whom she calls Lizzie throughout the diary. They lived in Airville, Pennsylvania, a town of about 18 houses, a store, church, and post office in Lower Chanceford Township, York County, about 15 miles north of the Maryland line and 20 miles south of the city of York, the county seat.

The diary was handed down from Lula ANDERSON, my mother's sister, to her daughter, Lois ANDERSON, my first cousin. Lois offered it to me because my mother, Ezemiah Elizabeth (Grove) KEESEY was named for Ezemiah MAUGHLIN.

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### Ezemiah Maughlin's Diary for 1875

Friday, January 1, 1875

Another year has been numbered with the past with all its joys and sorrows and this is the first day of another year. Rev. A.S. Aiken came on today to take charge of L. Chanceford congregation. John Campbell here spending the evening. Mrs. Grove called. Prayer meting at W. McDowels. This is a quiet New Year. Weather real cold. Sleetng and snowng tonight.

Saturday, January 2, 1875

Wrote Home Magazine today. Snowed some last night. Turned soft this morning and melted a good deal of the snow away. Blowed up cold in the evening again. James over this evening for a while.

Sunday, January 3, 1875

Attended Church at Airville. Rev. Aiken preached from 1st Thessalonians, 5 Ch., 25th verse "Brethren, pray for us." Attended



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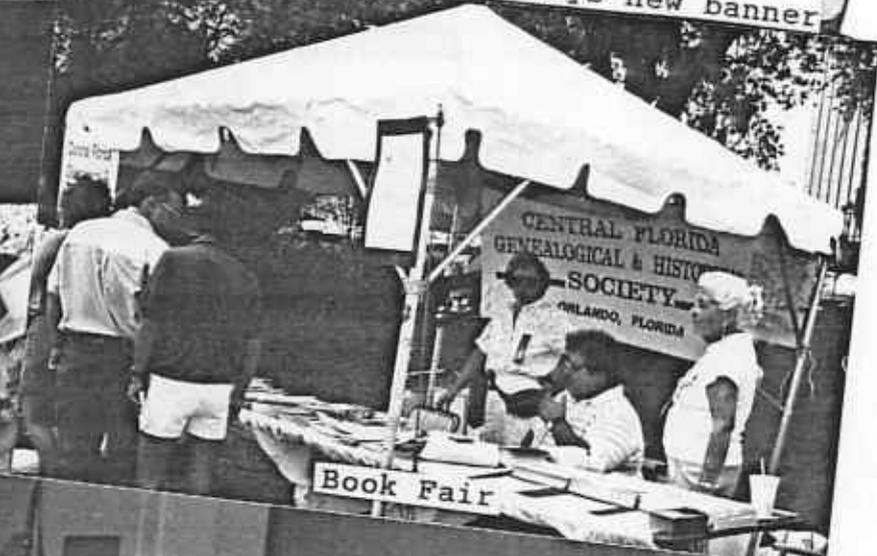
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prayer meeting at night. Subject for conference, James, 4 Ch., 10 verse "Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and We shall lift you up."

Monday, January 4, 1875

Snowed a little last night. James and William came over today and killed our last porker. It weighed 235 lb and was about ten months old. Made our pudding and sausage tonight. This day has been right disagreeable. Fogged and rained all day. Lizzie not very well.

Tuesday, January 5, 1875

The funeral of Mrs. McCall to take place today. A good many passing. This is the week of prayer. We attended prayer meeting at the church at Airville. There is preaching at Guinston today also. This day is real cold. The folks in the Village are filling their ice houses this week.

Wednesday, January 6, 1875

Prayer meeting at Mr. Grove's tonight. Weather still cold. We are making doug[h] nuts and finishing up our butchering. Are also making Bracket out of Cones off the fir.[?]

Thursday, January 7, 1875

Attended prayer meeting at Airville church. Rev. Aiken came home with me and staid for dinner. Raining real hard this evening and the ground covered with ice.

Friday, January 8, 1875

Attended prayer meeting at Airville. Only about a dozen there. The roads are so slippery can hardly get along. Samuel Smith and lady and Joe Campbell here for dinner. Joe staid and went to the singing. Mr. Snyder did not come, so he has not gotten the Books yet.



*Ezemiah Maughlin*  
Ezemiah Maughlin

Saturday, January 9, 1875

This day has blown up most terrible cold. Mrs. Pearce here this afternoon. I received a letter from M.A. Forsythe. [This was a sister who was the wife of a minister in Snohomish, Washington State. W.T.K.] They were all well. We set our plants on the table in the kitchen and there was hickory coals in the stove all night, but still they were frozen.

Sunday, January 10, 1875

Attended Church at Airville. Rev. Aiken preached from Romans, 12 Ch., 4::5 verses. Last night the coldest this season. Got our house plants all frozen. The thermometer 7 degrees below zero. Attended prayer meeting at Airville tonight.

Monday, January 11, 1875

Still cold and freezing. Old Mr. Pearce called today and fixed our washing machine. I was over at James' and William's this evening. We made a call at Mr. Pearce's tonight. Pleasant time.

Tuesday, January 12, 1875

Mr. William McCallister and Miss Amanda Wilson went to Mr. Jamison's and got married. Then went on a trip to Philadelphia. Uncle and Aunt Campbell here visiting Lizzie and I. Spent the evening at Mr. Caplin [Koplin]. Snowing tonight. The young mens literay meets at the hall. Methodist meeting still going on at McKendree yet. People passing to it.

Wednesday, January 13, 1875

Rev. Jamison called here this morning. He was sleighing. He was on the hunt of Rev. Aiken to invite him to Susie's wedding on tomorrow. Sister Jane came down today. Mr. Namburger from Baltimore brought her in his carriage. This day not cold, but fogging. Brother James over today with a load of wood. Sleights are running some today. Sleighing not very good.

Thursday, January 14, 1875

Thursday. James came over and took Lizzie out to High Rock Station. She took the train from there and went to York. In the evening, he met her at Laurel Station. They got home about half past seven o'clock. Sister Jane staid all day with me and went home with James at night. I wrote a letter to Anna House today. James Gemmill and Sue Jamison married today. Also Reed Anderson, Miss Brown.\*

\*[Reed W. ANDERSON (1840-1930), son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilson) ANDERSON married Martha Ann BROWN (1845-1934), daughter of Milton and Sarah BROWN of Cecil Co., MD --W.T.K.]

Friday, January 15, 1875

Mr. Francis Grove and lady called this morning. We paid our missionary money to

him. This morning real cold. Lizzie making her Velveteen Sack. The Sleights are still running today. Sale at Mrs. Sheckenbaugh's today. Poor woman. They said she takes the death of her husband so very hard. Protracted meeting still going on at McKendree.

Saturday, January 16, 1875

This day looks like snow. Real cold. Mary Jane and Sister Jane came over in the carriage. M.J. staid for dinner. Sister Jane staid all night. Were a Show up at the Hall tonight. Was gotten up by the Darkey's. Some kind of Magic Lantern. Canny[?] Shaub married last Sabbath day.

Sunday, January 17, 1875

Attended church at Guinston. Took sister Jane up to Church. Rev. Jamison preached an eloquent sermon from Micah, 2nd Ch., first clause of 7th verse. Rev. Aiken preached from the 28 verse of the seventy third Psalm. This has been a real cold day. Some were in Sleights, but mostly in Carriages. Billey James Gemmill and lady were making their appearance. Also, Mr. James Gemmill and lady attended prayer meeting at night. Subject "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy".

Monday, January 18, 1875

Snowed some last night. We are washing today. The sleights are running. James brought over a load of wood. This is a real cold night. Got some of our plants frozen last night. Methodist meeting still going on at McKendree.

Tuesday, January 19, 1875

This morning real cold. Mary J / Mary Lizzie and Tommey\* here today.

\*[Mary Elizabeth and Thomas Grove MAUGHLIN, children of Mary Jane



Tuesday, January 26, 1875

Very unwell today and all last night. Have chills and fever alternately all the time, and such a severe pain in my head. Did not sleep any last night nor eat anything today. William came over with a load of wood and took Father home with him. Brought him back at night. Mr. Aiken called. We paid him money for U.P. paper.

Wednesday, January 27, 1875

This is a right pleasant day. Sam Miller came back from Harrisburg today after being gone for six weeks. William brought over a load of wood today. I am a little better today. Prayer meeting at our house tonight. Were about 32 persons here. I suppose would have been more here had not been on account of the slippery roads. The subject of conference, Prayer meetings and the blessing derived there from.

Thursday, January 28, 1875

Snowed some last night and the sleighs are out this morning although it is rather soft and foggy to make good sleighing. I still feel a good deal on the sick list yet. My hands are so nervous I can hardly write. Sam called. It is raining some tonight.

Friday, January 29, 1875

Lizzie and myself both on the sick list this morning. My heavy cold still clings to me and I have a heavy pain in my side. I am also bad with neuralgia. This day has been snowing, raining, and sleeting, all day about time about. This was the regular night of the singing but the night is unpleasant. Think will not many turn out.

Saturday, January 30, 1875

The sun is shining out beautifully this morning and the weather is warm and pleasant. Snowed enough last night to cover

up the ice and makes it not so slippery walking as it has been. Not many sleighs out today. Mary M. S. Wilson down today riding horse back. The folks up in that region are having a turn of the mumps. John Haley has them right bad. Aunt Martha all alone.

Sunday, January 31, 1875

One month of another year has passed away. How swiftly time passes away before we are aware of it. I did not go to church today as I have been quite poorly with the cold. Father and Lizzie went to church at Airville. Rev. Aiken preached from Exodus, 19th Ch., 8 verse. Was snowing this morning when we got up and snowed all day. I believe there has more snow fell this time than what has at any one time this winter before.



Airville U.P. Cemetery

# THE JOHN MAUGHLIN FAMILY IN 1875

<u>Family Member</u>	<u>Age in 1875</u>
John MAUGHLIN (1788-1881)	87
Mary (Smith) MAUGHLIN (1797-1867)	(Deceased)
1. Martha (Maughlin) (1818-1905) m. William WILSON	57
2. Rev. Joseph MAUGHLIN (1823-1903) m. Mary (McCaskey) MAUGHLIN	52
2a. Flora MAUGHLIN	Lived in Snohomish, Washington
2b. William MAUGHLIN	19
2b. Albert MAUGHLIN	17
3. Jane Thompson (Maughlin) WILSON (1825-1899) m. Alexander Murray WILSON (1825-1858) (Brother of William WILSON, above)	50
3a. Mary Martha Smith WILSON	(Deceased)
3b. Agnes Jane WILSON	25
4. Margaret Agnes (Maughlin) McKINLEY (1826-1898) m. John W. McKINLEY	49
4a Mary Eva McKINLEY	Lived in College Springs, Iowa
4b Joseph McKINLEY	17
4c Margaret McKINLEY	?
4d James A. McKINLEY	?
5. John James MAUGHLIN (1828-1890) m. Mary Jane (Grove) MAUGHLIN	47
5a John Forsythe (Forcie) MAUGHLIN	10
5b Mary Elizabeth MAUGHLIN	7
5c Thomas Grove MAUGHLIN	4
6. Mary Ann MAUGHLIN (1830-1912) m. Rev. David FORSYTHE	45
7. Elizabeth (Lizzie) W. MAUGHLIN (1832-1910)	43
8. Ezemiah MAUGHLIN (1835-1912)	40
9. William S. MAUGHLIN (1839-1903) m. Rachel (McKinley) MAUGHLIN	36

## THE PUZZLE OF TANNEQUIL FABER/LeFEVRE

The Secret Diary of William Byrd of Westover [1709-1712]<sup>1</sup> has an entry on April 17, 1711, when Byrd was in Williamsburg, reporting that 'I had several gentlemen come to see me and among the rest Mr. LeFebre a Frenchman of great learning.' This is certainly not very significant. Anyone reading Mr. Byrd's diary would find that he started off almost every morning by reading a little Greek or Hebrew, having a breakfast of boiled milk, after which gentlemen would call on him. However, if you are researching the LeFevre name any little bit helps.

On January 28, 1712<sup>2</sup>, Mr. Byrd read a chapter in Hebrew, some Greek in Homer, followed by prayers, and chocolate for breakfast, and then, after listening to a long speech by Gov. Spotswood, went to the coffee house for a meeting with the governors of the College [of Wm & Mary]. One item of concern was the behavior of Tanaquil Faber who had been dismissed from his position.

One finds that among the clergy licensed by the Bishop of London for service in the colonies on June 10, 1709,<sup>3</sup> was Tanaquille Faber. Apparently the good bishop also wrote a letter to the colonies recommending Mr. Le Fevre so highly that Gov. Spotswood persuaded the college to appoint him as mathematics professor 'with the Sallary of eighty pounds per annum'.<sup>4</sup>

And why was he dismissed? He was months late in reaching Virginia and when he arrived he had with him a woman described as an 'idel hussy' with whom he spent so much time drinking that he totally neglected his duties at the college. In deference to the bishop, Faber's salary was paid for the balance of the year.

Fortunately for Mr. Faber/LeFevre, the governor took an interest in his case and arranged return passage for the lady. After her departure, Tannequil mended his ways and was able to find employment as a tutor for the son of a local 'gentleman'.

Meantime the Bishop died and we have a petition<sup>5</sup> of Tanaguy LeFevre/Tanaquillus Faber to the Society [?for the Propagation of the Faith] on Aug. 17, 1713, complaining about his distressed condition. In his view he was sent to Virginia to be headmaster

<sup>1</sup> Edited by Louis B. Wright and Marion Tinling [1941] p.331

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. p. 476

<sup>3</sup> Wm & Mary College Quarterly: Historical Magazine p. 310/1 [Kraus Reprint 1966]

<sup>4</sup> Official Letters of Alexander Spotswood [Coll. of Virginia Hist. Soc. (p. 103)]

<sup>5</sup> Lib. of Congress: S.P.G. Papers, Ser. A, Vol. 8  
Inland Papers Fo:37, L.C. Fo: 79, Item No. 18