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AN OLD LANDMARK GONE – The Great Stone Barn at Avondale Quarries a Thing of the Past

Messrs. Leiper and Lewis of the Avondale quarries on Crum Creek, have torn down the large stone structure that stood on the west of the road, along Crum Creek, opposite the quarries. This barn was built about 1785, and was an immense structure. Calender I. Leiper, of the present firm, says it was erected by his grandfather, who had an idea of making it a central storage point for the products of his immense farm, which stretched from Swarthmore to the Delaware river. Mr. Leiper soon found there would be too much hauling to do in this plan, and returned to the idea of several storehouses on various parts of the estate. Interesting features of the old building were the immense vaults of storing potatoes and fruits.

A large hole in one of the side walls of the structure was not the result of British cannon balls, nor yet of flying stones from the quarry, as knowing people liked to relate, but was caused by the overburdening of a bracing rafter which was fixed in the wall at that place, and which gave way, pulling a part of the wall with it. A substantial new barn, much smaller, but better adapted to the present needs, is being erected on the site of the old structure.

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