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Year	<i>Faraday's Life</i>	<i>Concurrent Political and Chemical Events</i>
1790		* Publication of the English translation of Lavoisier's <i>Traité élémentaire de chimie</i> .
1791	* Born on 22 September in Newington Butts near London.	* Formulation of the metric system.
1792		* Publication of first volume of Richter's <i>Anfangsgründe der Stöchiometrie</i> .
1794		* Execution of Lavoisier.
1799		* Royal Institution (RI) founded by Count Rumford; discovery of voltaic pile; death of Black.
1801		* Humphry Davy and Thomas Young receive appointments at the RI; Dalton formulates his law of partial pressures; discovery of vanadium, tantalum, and niobium.
1803		* Publication of Berthollet's <i>Essai de statique chimique</i> ; Berzelius and Hisinger study the electrolysis of salts; the Louisiana Purchase.