

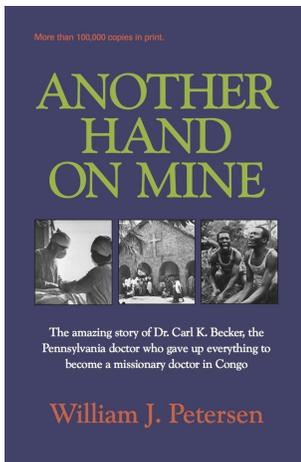
# OUR HERITAGE

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Our Ensminger Library just received a copy of the book pictured here. The book was published in 1967. It's the story of Dr. Becker, a Manheim youth who promised the Lord that he would serve the Lord if the Lord would help him become a physician. Dr. Becker devoted his life to healing the sick in Africa. When he had to retire and return to America,

he and his wife resided at the Evangelical Congregational Home in Myerstown, PA, where he continued to do the Lord's work of healing the sick. Lena Fetter and her sister, who some of us knew, went to school with Dr. Becker. Mrs. Fetter knew and passed along the story of how Carl Becker's mother did laundry for other families to support her family, after her husband died. Those were the days when laundry was done all by hand.

**The following has been copied from the Gospel Fellowship Association Missions website related to Dr. Carl K. Becker's life and his commitment to the Lord.**

His father died at 40 years of age, when Carl was just 11. Carl had an older sister and a younger brother. In the local high school where he received his early education, he graduated valedictorian. He desired to go on to further training, but because of finances and because his older sister was in preparation to be a school teacher, he took a job as a clerk in a foundry. The owner of the foundry was a very godly man who was very interested in missions and was very influential in Carl's early life. At this point

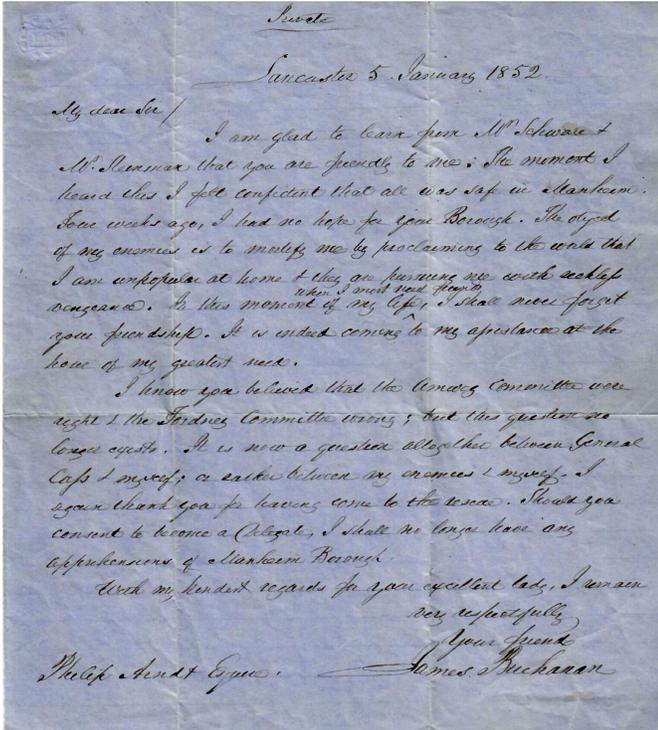
in his life, he came in contact with two of the founders of the Africa Inland Mission and was greatly influenced by these godly men. He had been out of school for about five years in order to support his widowed mother and siblings while the older sister was getting her training and getting established as a teacher. He then went back to his preparation. He had been challenged to be a medical missionary, although he really wasn't sure that was what the Lord had for him. As he faced his medical training, he knew that it was going to be very difficult, not only academically but also from a financial standpoint. But he had committed his life to the Lord and Prayed, "I haven't done much for You yet that has counted for anything, and maybe I never will. But Lord, if you'll help me get my medical education and help me to become a doctor, I will give you everything."

We urge our readers to view GFAM's website to learn much more about Dr. Carl K. Becker and his dedication to the Lord and mankind. What a great person! Coming from Manheim, his life honors our small town.

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**2020-21**

Several sales will take place this year and next that will offer opportunities to acquire and bring back to our town a number of early Manheim historical treasures. If good fortune comes our way, through HMPF having sufficient funds to be competitive, we will certainly add important items to our collections. The first one will be available at auction this year and it is hoped that it will be coming back to Manheim. More on this treasure in a future issue of **Our Heritage**. Keep your fingers crossed for HMPF!

**A Letter to Philip Arndt  
from  
James Buchanan**



The letter pictured above was sent to John D. Kendig's grandfather. The letter has been placed on loan with HMPF by Helen Warnke.

The letter reads as follows:

**Private**

**Lancaster 5 January 1852**

My dear Sir /

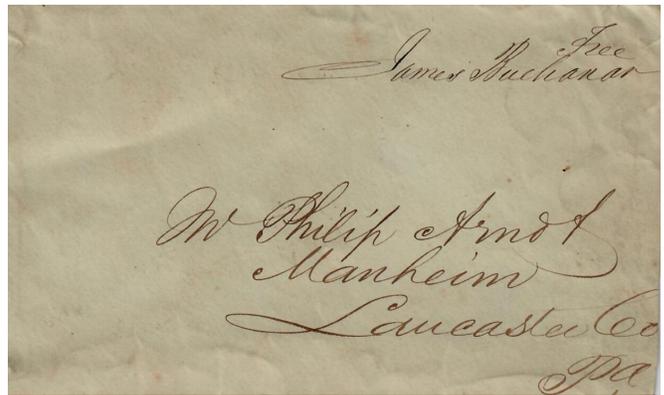
I am glad to learn from Mr. Schware & Mr. Keenman that you are friendly to me. The moment I heard this I felt confident that all was safe in Manheim. Four weeks ago, I had no hope for your Borough. The object of my enemies is to mortify me by proclaiming to the world that I am unpopular at home & they are pursuing me with reckless vengeance. In this moment of my life, when I most need friends, I shall never forget your friendship. It is indeed coming to my assistance at the hour of my greatest need.

I know you believed that the Amweg Committee was right & the Fordneg Committee wrong; but this question no longer exists. It is now a question altogether between General Cass & myself; or either between my enemies & myself. I again thank you for having come to the rescue. Should you consent to become a Delegate, I shall no longer have any apprehensions of Manheim Borough.

With my kindest regards for your excellent aide, I remain

Very Respectfully,  
Your friend,  
James Buchanan

Philip Arndt Esquire



Civil War Patriotic Envelope depicting the history of "The Stars and Strips" to the Civil War years.