

Other Little-Known Stories

This volume dedicated to little-known pieces of our heritage closes with two articles contributed by persons whose interest in digging beneath the surface uncovered two interesting Methodist stories.

The first article was written in his retirement by the Rev. A. Glenn Mower, Jr. of the preceding article about the Mower family of Cumberland County. Dr. Mower was an ordained United Methodist pastor serving in academia, with an interest in applying Wesleyan principles to issues of human rights. His essay provides a fitting conclusion to this year's theme, as it discusses some little-known and behind the scenes dynamics within very early American Methodism concerning the issue of slavery. Dr. Mower sent the article to the editor accompanied by the following letter a few years before his death in 2015.

Dear Mr. Loyer,

I am enclosing an article that may be of interest as a contribution to an issue of *The Chronicle*, written because I thought it could serve as a helpful reminder of the spirit that motivated the actions of those who established the Church of which the Susquehanna Annual Conference is a member, perhaps inspiring some healthy self-examination.

While my membership as a United Methodist minister is currently in the South Indiana Conference, I was originally a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, serving churches including Danville St. Paul's and Jersey Shore First, before making a career change into teaching at the college level.

This change was made possible by graduate study for Masters and Doctorate degrees in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins and Pennsylvania State Universities, respectively, leading to 25 years of service on the faculties of Illinois Wesleyan University and Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, as a Professor of Political Science in international relations.

During and subsequent to these teaching years, I authored books and articles in foreign and domestic journals with an emphasis on the international implementation of human rights, with some attention to the role of human rights in our country's foreign policy.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) A. Glenn Mower, Jr.

The second article was written by Thomas Morgan, a lay member of Embury United Methodist Church in Scranton. It began when Mr. Morgan discovered a reference to a "Watson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church" in Scranton and contacted the conference archivist for information about this church with which he was unfamiliar. When he discovered that the conference archivist was also unfamiliar with such a church, he began to research the topic on his own. The result of that research is now presented as the closing article in this volume of *The Chronicle* dedicated to "little known, but significant in various ways, pieces of our heritage. We thank Mr. Morgan for sharing with us his discoveries about Scranton Methodism.