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Several generations of fathers and sons studied medicine after the Henkel family settled in New Market, Virginia in 1790. Over the course of their careers, these physicians ministered to their community, tended to their countrymen on the battlefield, and testified in the nation's courts of law.



The letters of the Henkel family richly document the daily life of men in medicine in the 19th century and reveal the challenges, rewards and responsibilities of the profession. Covering more than a century of life in the Shenandoah Valley, this exhibition features a selection of writings that cover local events, professional jealousies, the national crisis of the Civil War and the dramatic testimony of the Henkel physicians in a murder trial. Each letter vividly illustrates the writer's personality and their experiences as physicians.

The Henkel Physicians: A Family's Life in Letters is currently traveling
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