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May 15, 1980

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for the terrific birthday card, and for the coded messages inside, and the generous check.

I enclose a copy of a letter that I am trying to send to all of the Lambert cousins I can locate. Perhaps you can help me. Do you like the idea? Certainly, you are under no pressure to contribute.

I am going to New York and Conn. for the last week in May to visit the grandchildren. I might come to Otterbein for June 13 and 14. I will let you know.

Are you in touch with the Selby boys? Could you let me have their address?

Let me hear from you when you have time.

As ever,

Dan

Dear Lambert cousins:

We are all grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, of Daniel Webster Lambert and Deborah Vernon Lambert, and through their ten children we are all related. I happen^{be} to one of the two surviving sons of Rev. Joseph H. Harris and Bertha Lambert Harris. My brother Richard lives in Worthington, Ohio, north of Columbus, Ohio.

It has occurred to me that we should in some way recognize the significant contribution of Daniel and Deborah Lambert to the quality of life which we enjoy. He was a self taught preacher and circuit ~~u~~ rider in southern Ohio. She, of Quaker background, was dismissed from her own church because of marrying outside the fold. In their home they held up the highest ideals before the children, and urged them to prepare themselves for greater usefulness. They moved to Westerville, where some of their children had attended Otterbein College, and in the following years many of the grandchildren went to school there.

To come to the point, I am now suggesting that we combine our efforts to establish a memorial of some sort at Otterbein, and I will be happy to start the ball rolling by contributing \$1,000. I am not interested in knowing how much you may care to contribute, but I sincerely hope that you will want to have a part in this project. I doubt whether we could raise enough~~x~~ money to establish a scholarship fund, but I do believe that we could ~~raise enough to~~ pay for a significant item in the Library, or the Fine Arts building of Otterbein College that could serve to keep alive the names of these two remarkable pioneers.

As a child it was my pleasure on one occasion to ride the circuit with grandfather Lambert in southern Ohio. We stopped at a creek and took off our shoes and stockings and went wading together. Grandmother Lambert made her home with my parents in Columbus, Ohio during her later years. Only in retrospect do I appreciate what strong, admirable people they were.

If you care to write to me I will ask the promotion office of Otterbein College to get in touch with you. My best wishes go to all of you.

Thanks for listening

Daniel A. Harris

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Dear Friend,

United Theological Seminary has a long and proud history. It was established in Dayton, Ohio, in 1871 as Union Biblical Seminary. Its roots are in the Evangelical and United Brethren denominations. At the time of the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church in 1968, United Seminary was one of the two seminaries of the former E.U.B. Church. It's now one of the thirteen schools of the United Methodist Church.

A center for the study of Evangelical United Brethren History has been established at United Seminary to maintain the heritage of the Former E.U.B. Church in the United Methodist Church. The announcement of this Center coincides with the publication of a new book entitled, The History of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, just released by Abingdon Press.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join a select group of Founders for the Center for the Study of E.U.B. History. As a Founder you will receive a copy of The History of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and a Founder's certificate. The Founder's fee of \$50.00 will help launch this most important research effort to help preserve the history and heritage of our former church.

Or you may wish to order a copy of the book for yourself, a friend or your church library. We are enclosing a copy of the flyer developed by Abingdon Press regarding the book. The book is available at a cost of \$17.95.

There are a number of ways you can help us with the Center. You can help us locate persons who have an interest and knowledge of E.U.B. history and heritage. You can help us locate persons who have diaries, journals and pictures to add to the Center for the use of scholars. You might also know persons who should be interviewed as a part of the oral history collection. Your assistance would be invaluable to the Center.

Very best wishes in the new year.

Sincerely,

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