

letters

Rich Legacy

To the Editor:

It was with great interest and pride that I read about the United Christian Church at Lincolnville in your Sept. 15 issue.

To add a bit more "verbal" history told to me by my father, Eugene Lamb, his grandfather, Joshua Lamb, built the church one winter to supply work for his men. He owned a sawmill built on a site by the brook that runs toward the meeting house. Joshua is buried on the Lamb lot beside that stream.

I was married in 1940, and because the pulpit was built against the front wall, to walk down the aisle presented a problem. However, we made a portable wall in the back which nicely sufficed.

Mrs. Belle Keenith, also an ancestor, took great pride in the church, and helped with restoration in the 1930s. As a child, going to the church, with my Uncle Joe Mullin of Lincolnville I remember one Sunday a year they would re-enact the olden days and the people would dress in 19th century clothes and even used the earlier method of keeping parishioners awake by putting a feather on the end of the window pole. Some dozing husbands were thus aroused. Perhaps this summer this could be revived as a fund-raiser?

I wish to thank Elizabeth, Margaretta and Ruth for the great amount of time and research that made this recognition possible.

I hope this article in *The Courier-Gazette* will arouse feelings of pride and sentiment to other Lamb ancestors and Lincolnville residents, who have moved away, so this legacy can continue to be the outstanding piece of architecture he so thoughtfully built in 1821.

Sincerely,
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of Capt. Joshua Lamb)
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