



Folk dance group "Kullamaa kullakesed" wearing the national costume of Kullamaa parish



Independence War monument in Kullamaa, restored in 1989



The cultural heritage of Lääne county is preserved

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St John's church in Kullamaa from the 13th century, the belfry was completed in 1869



The organ by Carl August Tälton from 1854 in Kullamaa church

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Kullamaa parish MUSEUM

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Ledger stone of Princess Augusta Carolina of Württemberg from 1788 in Kullamaa church



Bushel book of Kullamaa from 1524

NGO Kullamaa Kihelkonnamuuseum was established in 2007 as a civic initiative to preserve the rich cultural and historical heritage of the parish.

The museum collection expanding from the first written mention of Kullamaa to the present includes the historic and ethnographic exposition, photographs, films, paintings, recordings and a library. The museum organises various excursions introducing the history and cultural heritage of Kullamaa including a visit to the church, graveyard and granite memorials of renowned people in the local cultural history.

Kullamaa has a highly important role in the Estonian cultural and literary history. The first longer text in Estonian (about 150 words) was written here by the local priest Johannes Lewow in 1524. It was similarly here that Heinrich Göseken wrote the most substantial grammar

book and dictionary in the 17th century which plays a considerable role in the development of the Estonian language. And it was here that Heinrich Gutsleff translated the Bible into Estonian. Kullamaa was also the home of one of the most talented Estonian musicians and composers Rudolf Tobias. The natives similarly include one of the first Estonian medical doctors Gustav Reinhold Hirsch, painters Valdemar Väli and Arnold Alas, pioneers of world and Estonian aviation Alexandre Liwentaal and Ulrich Brasche. And also the most renowned Estonian smith Karl Bleimann used to live and work here.

The museum at the heart of Kullamaa church village is situated in the historic parsonage, garner, smithy and picturesque garden. The whole museum complex is at present under renovation and reconstruction.



View of the museum and church in 2011



Memorial and bench to composer Rudolf Tobias