

THE SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

By and for

" The Shambaugh Family in America "

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My mother's surname, SHAMBAUGH, always intrigued me. The more so because investigation proved it to be an unusual name. Born in Fayette County, Iowa I know intimately my mother's people, together with her father's brother's family, these two men, Thomas E. and Charles D. Shambaugh being pioneers in that section. Later I was to learn about Shambaughs' in Ohio; about Prof. E. F. Shambaugh at the University of Iowa; about the town of Shambaugh in Page County in southwestern Iowa. At a still later date more and more information came to me about Shambaugh families in various sections of the country. Today I have in my possession a great deal of family information that should be shared with others of the name of Shambaugh. Straggly enough (to me) I find so few persons interested in family history. This presents a two sided problem, a problem both financial and social. My means are moderate and I cannot afford to invest a great deal of money in a project beneficial and of interest to me alone. Now, the reason for this letter. It is intended as the first of a series, the future of which will be determined by the response received to this letter. I have names and addresses of many members of the Shambaugh family. I am selecting one hundred names to which this letter will be sent with a definite request for reply if the recipient is further interested. If the response is sufficient to warrant a second letter will follow outlining a plan for a continuous series on a cooperative basis.

This project has already introduced me to four persons all of whom are like interested. Of these first mention goes to Mrs Lois (Shambaugh) Castleberry of Houston Texas whose fund of information equals, if not exceeds, my own. Through her I met Mrs M. Opal Fore of Centerville, Iowa whose mother is a Shambaugh and who proves to be a second cousin to my own mother. More recently I have met Mrs Glee (Shambaugh) Gervin of Knoxville, Tennessee and Mr. John E. Shambach of Donora, Pennsylvania. Charming people all, and well worth knowing.

Through Mr. Shambach we have a hint of the meaning of the name. Says he, " My father used to tell me that the shas of our name was likely a corruption of the word schaum and that bach means brook, therefore the translation is foaming brook." *yes!*

Further introducing myself, I am a son of Ann E. (Shambaugh) Gleim, she a daughter of Thomas Eppstein Shambaugh whose father was Jacob Shambaugh, a son of Daniel Shambaugh. In 1794 one George Shambaugh passed to his reward somewhere in the Shenandoah Valley, his last land holdings being 3 1/2 miles west of Yellow Springs in West Virginia. We know from a Superior Court Order that he had at least three children, Daniel, mentioned heretofore, Philip, and Dorothy who married Jacob Snider.

NOW* If you want to cooperate with me in this venture, send a letter or a post-card at once to the address given below. If I do not hear from you I shall understand that you are not interested in the matter.

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