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MRS SAM A. SHAMBAUGH nee Vangie Guthrie, wife of immediate past-president Sam A. Shambaugh passed away Monday morning, April 18 at Shelby Hospital after an illness of but a few days. She will be best remembered by all of us for her tireless work to make the Ashland Reunion a success. Mr and Mrs Shambaugh have one daughter, Nadine, wife of Dr. Charles Butner of Shiloh and they have two children. The sympathy of the entire clan goes out to father and daughter, we are sure.

MRS GUY SHAMBAUGH, Rossville, Georgia writes us a cheery letter, just like herself. For herself and her family and for the rest of us she expresses her regret at the passing of Mrs Sam Shambaugh.

MRS FLOYD SHAMBAUGH, Wooster, Ohio wrote us about some strawberry plants, and you should see how they are growing in our garden! By the time Fall comes around we are hoping to have as many nice ones as we saw at Floyds' last Labor Day. By the way, Mrs Guy Shambaugh told us that they had a lot of rain down in Georgia- well, so did we here in Nebraska. Crops are gardens are away behind schedule.

MR AND MRS LLOYD SHAMBAUGH, 722 North First Ave., Winterset, Iowa, and that is a new address. They have previously lived on one place for thirty years and this move into Winterset looks like a big move for them.

Rev. W F Switzer, 732 Harrison, Gary, Indiana writes us another one of his cheery letters from his hospital bed. I wish that we could reproduce all of his letters for you to read. Out of a rich life he passes on much. Here is a quote from one of his letters " By the time that you get this letter it will be nearly May. That is, to some folks, the finest part of the year. Do you remember the old song, 'December's as pleasant as May if Jesus abides with us here. The real Christian has a wonderful experience." God bless you, good Cousin Switzer- your life has been well spent.

MRS GERTRUDE I. STAPEL, 731 1st Ave N E, Oelwein, Iowa who is president of the Fayette County, Iowa group of Shambaughs writes us a most interesting letter which gives us a great deal of information about her family. " You already have record of my daughter Bernice's marriage on Jan. 15, 1948 to C M Parker, and of my sister Mildred's daughter Margaret's marriage to Hugh Sheets on Nov. 11, 1947. The Sheet's now have a little son, John Willard, born Dec. 17, 1948. They live in Santa Barbara, California. Mr brother, Grover Cleveland Shambaugh, died Jan. 1, 1949. He was born April 30, 1893. He fell about 18ft from the roof of a barn, breaking three ribs and suffering other minor injuries. He passed away in about an hour. The autopsy disclosed a heart condition. Grover was twice married. His first wife is still living and is a teller in a Waterloo Savings Bank. They had a son Keith Winfield Gundlach who was born Sept. 5, 1916. He is married and lives in Oak Park, Ill. He has a daughter Cynthia Kay who was born Oct. 11, 1945. Grover's second wife is still in Los Angeles and will probably continue to live there. He is buried in Inglewood.

My two sons, Charles and James are living in California. Bernice, my youngest daughter lives in Silver City, New Mexico. Ethel, my oldest daughter has been married nearly fifteen years and lives in Hazelton, Iowa about five miles from here. She has three living children, Annette Caroline who is nearly thirteen and who will be in high school next year; Alva David who is ten, and Alice Elizabeth who is four.

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(Continuation of letter from Mrs Gertrude Stapel)- Arthur, my husband, went to Vet. Hospital in Des Moines March 10 and was there until April 18. He is a diabetic. He is now 73 years old. Several of us from here attended the 91st Anniversary of the Church of Christ in Arlington. Of course that church means a great deal to all of we Shambaugh in this section. Your nephew, William Seeley is doing a good work there. He was a good boy and is a fine man. The only other news is that Dale Rice had dinner with us here last June. Thank you Gertrude for bringing us up to date on another section of our large family.

MRS GERVIN SUMS UP..... (We refer you back to Mrs Gervin's article in the last issue of the News Letter in which she attempts to tie us all up in closer relationship.)

Important

The article which I quoted last issue was taken from a small booklet of the John Shambaugh family of Harrison County, Ohio (belonging to F A Leighty) and states that George Shambaugh, father of John Shambaugh was born in Westmoreland County, Pa about 1745. If he was born in Pennsylvania about 1745 he could not have come to America in 1749. Therefore, his parents must have been here prior to 1749. If that is true and other records also show that the above George was born in America about 1745, then we must look to an earlier ancestor for the Lancaster Family group. My assumption at the present time is that the Westmoreland, Berkes, Cumberland, Lancaster and Perry County George Shambaugh above was a son of either Adam or Christoff, who with an Anna Dorothy and an Elizabeth came to America in 1729 on the ship Mortonhouse (See News Letter of January 1941)

Important

Several years ago, Mrs R H Dick of Carlise, Pa, Jesse Y. Shambach of the Snyder County group (my own line) and myself put aside the idea we had always understood and accepted that we were descended from the 1749 immigrant, George Shambaugh, for there were other records published which tended to show that our first ancestor might have come in earlier than Sept. 9, 1749. Jesse Y. Shambach's father edited the article in the Middleburg Post upon which I had based all my claims to the 1749 immigrant George. Jesse Y. said he thought it possible that when his father was doing research on the family that he found the arrival of a George Shambach from Germany on that date and knowing that his ancestor was a George Shambach naturally presumed that it was his ancestor, the Bucks County George. It seems that there have been several other researchers (including myself) who have done that very thing for we all had proof that we had descended from a George Shambach. If, until we could get definite proof that any of us were really descended from the 1749 immigrant, George, we would all just admit that we have no positive proof, or somewhat proof we really had to that 1749 George, then we might just leave the date of the arrival of our first ancestor and name until such time as we might be able to get that proof. I have thought for several years now that the Bucks County group might have sprung from Christoff, above, as we have Christians in our line and that the Lancaster County group might have sprung from Adam as they have the name Adam in their line. All this is supposition, but I contend that it is good reasoning and has much to substantiate it. Are all lines willing to agree that we drop our claim to the 1749 George until further proof can be found? I want only the truth and should like to see a history of the Shambaugh family published that does not have in it the possibility of making a grave mistake in the placing of our ancestor.

In using the foregoing articles I am endeavoring to show that the ancestor of the Lancaster, etc. group was born in America prior to the arrival of the George Shambach who landed in Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749. Also, if you will review my article in the December 1948 News-Letter on Adam Reger you will read that I believe he was the Adam Reger, who was the father of Catherine Reger who married George Shambaugh of the Lancaster County line, but he might have been a brother to Catherine as the ages might indicate, and that I do not make as a statement of fact. Unless I have definite proof you will find that I do not make a definite statement.

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My conclusion:

Now let us please be on the lookout for proof of the above contentions which will either prove or disprove the records as they now stand. I have also endeavored to show in the foregoing article on Adam Reger and his family that they were living within perhaps less than ten miles of where my George Shambaugh lived in Union County, Pa., at approximately the same time. I think it most probable that the two Georges were cousins- perhaps descended from Adam and Christof!

MRS CASTLEBERRY REPLIES-

Thanks Mrs Gerwin for reporting those details on my family beginning with Great grandfather George III of New Rumely, Ohio. On the whole there were few errors made in that group- father was born in 1840; George III was born 4/22/1785 as per his tombstone. My complete records on George III cover 90 large sheets-- Chronology of his 651 descendants to date with thousands of dates, their historical and biographical stories and the large numbers of priceless pictures. Your brief condensation might be useful to someone who has not yet seen my books the several copies of the George III only are circulating in Calif., Ohio, Kansas, Iowa. Other books will soon go to Seattle and York, Nebraska. Apparently the names and dates given are O K. I, too, have an old JOHN book and later supplements while a large number of John's descendants have contributed much and verified all. The John section will have practically the same volume of material.

My George I arrived at Philadelphia 9/9/1749 and no questions; he settled in Lancaster Co. in 1750 when he bought his first land. As Jacob Graff and his family had settled there earlier, George I married Ursula Graff about 1750-55. As all George's purchases of land were made in Lancaster, he and Ursula lived and died there. You were right that George II lived in Perry County where his children were born and from which place George III and John emigrated to New Rumely, Ohio, in April 1817. But George II was born about 1755-60- certainly not before his father arrived in America nor before his father's marriage! George II and Philip I were in the Revolutionary Army 1782-3 as youths. Both must have married immediately after their return home as George III was born 4/22/1785 and Philip I married about 1783 as his oldest was born in 1784. Another truly serious mistake that cannot be overlooked is in regard to our Jacob, who, as it seems, did not serve in the Revolutionary War at all! That lad with the four-horse team has been familiar to me since my infancy. Naturally I have repeated it in a preliminary story and then promptly denied the truth of it. You name Jacob, brother of George II and John, as that youth; elsewhere you also name Jacob the son of Philip I as that boy. The only proof needed of the falseness of all this is that there was positively no Jacob Shambaugh in America at that time. Jacob, son of George II was born 9/18/1791 and Jacob, son of Philip I, was born about 1792. Their fathers both served in the Rev. Army but were young and single. The first Bucks Co. Jacob Shambaugh was born to Daniel on 4/19/1777, his oldest. This definitely and permanently disposes of that story and its implications.

You have no record of our two Jacobs so here it is. The son of Philip I had but a small family and the line is small but I have it complete. They lived in towns surrounding Carlisle. As for the Jacob, brother of George II and John, he not only did not serve in the Rev. Army but he founded a line at Montmorency, Ind. in 1829. He had married Sarah Hoobler in 1816, she the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Brown Hoobler. Sarah's grandparents were Michael and Margaret Brown who had arrived from the Palatinate on 9/26/ 1737. The Michael Brown family and the younger George II family were close neighbors in Perry Co. and the families inter-married to an unusual extent. (George III married the widow, Elizabeth Brown Wirt; John married her daughter, Catherine Wirt; Jacob's wife Sarah was Elizabeth's niece Nancy Shambaugh married Wendell Brown; Margaret, daughter of Jacob, married William Allen Brown, her cousin. I have given two sheets to the humorous explanation of all these ridiculous relationships.)

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Jacob and Sarah followed her family into Ohio and Indiana, where the Hooblers were helping found the U B Church. The Browns and the Hooblers settled at various points but Jacob settled at Montmorency and there died, near Lafayette. His eleven children produced a large line. Of these eleven, Catherine Shambaugh Switzer and her ten children produced the largest section with 197 listed. When Wm Otterbein Brown, named for the founder of the U B Church, laid out the town of Otterbein on his property his name was given to it. This was a few years later; ever since that time there has been a large group of Shambaughs there. They have their own family organization and Mrs Katherine Bolt is the active leader. Rev. Wm F Switzer of Gary is their oldest member at 92 and Mrs Minnie Jakes Waddell of Otterbein is now 81. I believe they are the only ones left in the fifth generation. In recent years two of W F's brothers passed on, viz. Isaac Elmer at 85, whom we visited at Otterbein; and Rev. George W. Switzer at 86. Jacob Shambaugh died 1/ 26/1867 at 76.

STILL OTHER NOTES FROM MRS CASTLEBERRY.

Thanks so much for Mrs Fortney's report on Henry Guthrie. I wish I could visit him. Could you possibly take down other stories as he tells them so I can put them all into the Walter story. I know my Lancaster history but on the Bucks I must depend on the help of many. Such brief tales of the times when put together, truly make the historical stories that should accompany every group. Give legal description of farm, distance from Perryville and from the George and John farms. Directions, etc. It requires so very many details. Is Aunt Alice able to pass on some incidents of her long life? Will mean much to all of us now and still more after these books are placed in large libraries for the benefit of future Shambaughs. Will be more than pleased for reports sent in by still others. Mr. Leightey has furnished me with splendid pictures of George Sr's stone house.

A surprise to Mr. Gleim and to all readers from the Daniel line of Virginia is that last year, while I was doing no TREE work for many months, two sets of sheets on that line were returned to me at long last. Both added large numbers of names; the smaller number were toward the completion of the large Mauck section; the larger list added many names and more dates to the more recently attempted Derflinger section. This will remain small by comparison with that of Abigail Mauch, but larger than we originally hoped. This excellent help has come from Mrs Arthur Muehlbeck of 1049 Morrell Street, Detroit 9, Mich, and while I have been somewhat tardy in returning sheets to her I hope that she will send other data along as it comes to her.

Back to the Lafayette, Indiana group we find that Mrs Aikman, one of the daughters of Abraham Shambaugh has passed to her reward. Mrs Paul Jakes, reports four marriages and five babies in the Jakes group. Ruth Elma Jakes married Ernest Anderson and has two children, Tonia Ruth born in 1944; Eric Kans born in 1947. Harriet Anna Jakes married Frank McLaughlin and has two children, Steve born in 1944 and Sue born in 1948. Betty Lou Jakes married Lonnie E Mullins. Robert Nelson Jakes married Gloria Dawn Smith and their daughter Miriam Elaine Jakes was born in 1948.

And so the research, looking for our earliest roots goes on, and so do folks get married and babies are born and the great Shambaugh Families Society becomes larger and larger.

Three people are interested in births and deaths and in marriages in your family lines. The National Secretary, F A Leightoy, 442 So. 7th Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs Lois Castleberry, 4709 Walker, Houston, Texas and the editor of the News-Letter down here on the Nebraska-Kansas state line at Hardy.

THE SIXTH NATIONAL SHAMBAUGH REUNION is scheduled to be held at Lamartine, Ohio on Labor Day Sunday. Begin now to plan for this great event.