

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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Accepting another invitation from Mr and Mrs Ira Clinger, (the neighbors we were with two years ago on the way home from Texas) your Editor and wife decided we would meet them in Texas, again at the home of our National Shambaugh TREE Sec'y Mrs Lois S. Castleberry and Daughter Katherine in Houston.

We left home early Thursday morning Jan. 26, by train, for Houston, arriving Friday P. M. for another fine visit with them. Oh sure, we talked some Shambaugh too, the TREE books were so interesting, with so many pictures and identifying notes to give a wonderful background to each book. We Shambaughs! really owe so much to Lois for her patience and untiring efforts to gather so much material together, sort it out and identify each one of us in our own ancestral group and families of the Shambaugh TREE.

We also seen some of my wife's relatives living in Houston, who came to see her at Lois's home on Sunday afternoon, they had not seen each other for forty years, then toward evening Mr and Mrs Clinger came and took us in charge from then on, in their car and trailer.

On Monday morning we left Houston and headed for Florida, stopping that evening with other relatives of my wife, in Beaumont. We crossed the line into Florida in the afternoon on Groundhog day, and to our first destination, the Lakeside trailer camp in Clearwater, Saturday evening, the 4th. On Sunday morning we went to the Methodist Church, which has a membership of 1200. Leaving Clearwater Tuesday for Tampa, where we went to the Florida State Fair, leaving the trailer in the camp, we drove out to points of interest. Stopped to see a friend from Upper Sandusky who spends the winter in the largest trailer camp in the world, 1308 trailers with over 3000 population, near Bradenton, we seen the Ringling Bros. Circus in winter quarters at Sarasota, also the Ringling Museum.

Another place we left the trailer, was in the Lion's Club camp in Winter Haven, and from there we went to the beautiful Cypress Gardens, a place you should not miss if ever in Florida, also Bok Tower, other highspots were Silver Springs, Marine Studios, and in St. Augustine the oldest city, where there are so many oldest places which were really very interesting. Not going into southern Florida, we spent a few days in New Smyrna, trying to fish, but we ~~were~~ not self supporting, Other Ohioans in our camp took us fishing with them, also keeping us in fish each day, we had a lot of fun about it anyway. We even got some oysters out of bed, and shucked them,

and they sure tasted good. Then one afternoon just after crossing the river bridge, we stopped to watch the people fishing, just then a fellow landed a big catfish, he said he didn't want it, so Ira said, "If you don't want it, we'll take it," just that easy, so we had fish for supper. It was 22 inches long, weighing 5 pounds.

Well, we finally left Florida, for home, but stopped over in Rossville, Ga. where we greatly enjoyed an overnight visit with F. Guy Shambaugh and families. Guy is President of our National Society for another year. Of course some of us tried out the new cable car on the incline going up Lookout Mountain. Then we continued on our way home, arriving safely late in the afternoon of February 28th.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Mr and Mrs E. E. Birney, Jewett, Ohio, says: March 7th. was our 56th. wedding anniversary. We have two children, a daughter Mrs A. L. Fretz of Scio, Ohio. and they have a daughter, married to Lester Page and have one son, they live at Shady Lane Drive, Fisher Park, East Liverpool, Ohio. Our son Dwain and wife live in Stou-
benville, Ohio, they have two sons, the older son works for the Ohio Power Co. and the other son will be in High School next year. Our children took an 8000 mile sight seeing trip, we were to go along but I was not able for the trip.

Mr and Mrs Orin C. Shambaugh, Booneville, Iowa: We are in our seventies and are trying to retire on the farm, having it rented to a neighbor. We keep some pigs and chickens yet. I am very much crippled up with arthritis in my limbs, but I can drive the car yet. We have a son, Dr. Gordon Shambaugh of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs Joe Shambaugh, Wabash, Indiana: We are all well, the baby (a grandson) weighs nearly 12 pounds, and I wish you could see him. I have 200 little chicks and a few pigs and sheep, I guess they will keep me busy.

Mrs L. E. Lee, Box 236, Bonner Springs, Kansas: My sister, Mrs M. Opal Fore, is a Psychiatric Social Worker of the Iowa Mental Health Authority. Our mother, Mrs Emma Zimmerman, is a present living with her in Des Moines. Mother is in her eighties and is in fair health; she is able to read, and enjoys so much the Shambaugh News-L.

Mrs Margaret B. May, R 1, Lafayette, Indiana: I have failed to receive a letter since No. 13, and would like to have No's 14 - 15 - 16. I keep all on file. We value the family news so much. (Thanks for calling our attention about the letters)

C. Guy Shambaugh, 33 So. Rich St., Mt. Gilead, Ohio: I am very glad to note the interesting contents of the News-Letters. It seems strange that so many of the Shambaugh relatives live so near and yet we never meet. The Guy C. Shambaugh of Marion, Ohio, only 14 miles away, yet we never met, I want to make it a point to call on him in the near future if possible. I did meet the F. Guy Shambaugh from Ga. at the reunion in Ashland, O. I would be glad for any of you to visit me, you may locate me at the Co. Treasurer's Office, where I have worked for more than 26 years.

Mrs C. C. Kirkland, R 6, Box K- 259, Jacksonville, Florida: This is our new address, we have moved and built a home in Mandarin, on Julington Creek, we like it so very much.

Mrs Samuel R. (Alyce T.) Shambaugh, 8232 Dante Ave. Chicago 19, Illinois: We have bought a home in the section of Chicago known as Avalon Park and this is our new address. Our only child, Harriett Estella and Bradley N. Nelson were married June 26, 1948 in Bond Chapel on the campus of the Uni. of Chicago. They both were graduated from Beloit College earlier in the same month. They live at 5907 W. Huron St. Chicago. Sam keeps busy with his law practice, a member of the firm of Chapman and Cutler, 111 W. Monroe, Chicago. We do enjoy the News-Letter and have saved each one.

RICHARD, a son of Mr and Mrs John Shambaugh of Wabash, Indiana, and Louise McLean Harvey of Chicago were married on February 22, 1949, and live at 1760 Hussman Ave. Dayton, Ohio. Richard is with the Engineering Division, at Wright Field in Dayton.

Heart Attack Fatal To Attendance Officer.

Charles L. Cogsil, 58 of Perrysville (Lamartine) Ohio died at 4:10 A. M. Monday, March 13, at his residence. Born in Kilgore, O. but had been a resident of Perrysville for 35 years. He is survived by his widow Mrs Anna Shambaugh Cogsil, and a daughter Mrs Julia Litzenberg of Jewett, O. Two brothers, A. F. and Crin O. Cogsil and a sister Mrs Eleanor Williams of Lake Worth, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday at the U. B. Church by Rev. Samuel V. Huffman Burial in the Church cemetery.

(Editor's note: Charley will be remembered by those who attended the first Nat. Reunion, also our last Nat. Reunion which was held at their home.)

A Methodist Cleric For Three Score Years:

Rev. William Franklin Switzer, 8f Gary, Indiana died at 8:30 P. M. February 22, in the Methodist Hospital, which he served as financial agent while it was being built. Rev. Switzer was the son of the late Rev. Adam Shambaugh, editor, author and preacher. He was born Jan. 21, 1857 near Otterbein, Ind. and past his 93rd. year. He was married to Sarah Ann Hiatt on June 15, 1887.

A Hoosier pastor for nearly all his years in the church, Rev. Switzer accepted his first pastorate in Covington, Ind. in 1887, also serving Michigan City, Danville Rochester, Hammond, Plymouth and in the Greencastle district before coming to Gary. He retired from active duty in 1924 after the death of his wife, but was associate pastor of the church in Gary. At 79 he retired as associate pastor but continued to teach the Good Cheer Bible Class until shortly before he entered the hospital in 1945. One of his pet hobbies, a genealogy of his family was near completion at the time of his death and will be finished by a daughter, Mrs Samuel Baker of Plymouth, Ind. He has specified that it should be turned over to the Newberry Genealogical Library in Chicago, also contributing much to our Shambaugh lines.

In addition to Mrs Baker, he is survived by another daughter, Catherine, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rev. Wm. C. Clark of South Bend and Rev. Allen Rice of the City Methodist Church officiated at the funeral services at 7 o'clock Saturday night. On Sunday the family and friends accompanied the body to Montmorenci, Ind. where Rev. Clark and Rev. Rice again officiated at the services in the Williams and Burns Chapel at 2 P. M. Burial in the family plot near Montmorenci, only a few miles from Rev Switzer's birthplace in Otterbein. Pallbearers were nephews from the families of his six brothers and sisters.

Genealogy- Catherine, Jacob, George II and George of Lancaster Co. Pa.

Jacob Shambaugh Trachsel Jr. of Akron, Ohio:

Mr Trachsel died on Feb. 25, a son of Margaret Shambaugh and Jacob Trachsel Sr. and was born near Upper Sandusky, O. Oct. 3, 1837. He is survived by two sons, Clair and Don Hoyt and families, also two brothers, William, of Akron and Delmar of Upper Sandusky and a sister Mrs Anna Frank deceased, and four grandchildren. His wife Catherine died in 1928. Burial was made in Oak Hill cemetery in Upper Sandusky.

Mrs. Lois Shambaugh Castleberry:

Assistant editor of the Shambaugh Families Newsletter and family historian, died March 22, 1950 of a heart attack at the age of 67. The funeral services were held in the home she loved so well, 4709 Walker Ave. in Houston, Texas. She was born near Booneville, Iowa, Dec. 12, 1882, the seventh child of Adam Hetzler and Mary Jane Scott Shambaugh. An active member of the United Brethren Church in her youth, she later became interested in its history, as it paralleled in many ways the Shambaugh family history. She received her education first in a country school, later in high school at Dexter, and finally at Leander Clark College. In 1903, she was married to Milo E. Trussell of Albia, Iowa.

They had one living child - Katherine Milre. In 1911, they moved to Houston. After her divorce from Mr. Trussell in 1921, she taught herself in business fundamentals, and became private secretary to her brother, Scott Shambaugh, who, at that time, was getting well established as a street paving contractor. In addition to this office work, she handled the sales of a real-estate addition for colored people. In 1927, she was married to S. S. Castleberry. After ten years of office work, she resigned, in order to devote her full time to developing her old addition and the new one adjoining it. For the next several years, she personally supervised the building of houses, the extension of public utilities, and the improvement of streets.

It was during the depression, in 1934, that she was divorced from Mr Castleberry and it was during this time that she became known to her colored people as Mrs. Santa Claus. For she not only carried their notes for long periods of time, but she also made up Christmas lists, so that every child had a toy - every family a household gift and a sack of fruit, nuts, popcorn and candy. Every sack was filled according to the size of the family, and as there were between 75 to 90 families, the job was tedious and arduous, nevertheless, the custom was carried on for several years.

Although her interest in family history was always most lively, it was not until 1933, the year of Mr. Trussell's death, that she traced her first skeleton family tree of the Trussell line for the benefit of her daughter. After drawing up a similar tree for her side of the family, she became interested in its possibilities again and again, she would recall stories her father had told and write them down.

Eventually, it became the absorbing interest of the remainder of her life. Hundreds of letters were written during this time, and many enduring friendships resulted. At the time of her death, she had five copies of the family tree, which she believed to be fairly complete, except for the placing of a few pictures. These will be turned over to Mr. Gleim, former News-Letter editor and to Mr. Leighty, the present editor, for checking. Eventually, they will be placed in genealogical libraries for the use of future generations. She needs no other monument for perpetuating her name.

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THE PASSING OF THREE GREAT SHAMBAUGHS

The last few months have been very unkind to the Shambaugh clan, for death has robbed us of three of our finest members.

It was during the summer of 1932 that I first heard of the lady with whom I have worked on Shambaugh history for the first time. Mrs. Ira W. Shambaugh of Clarinda told me about Mrs. Castleberry and I immediately contacted her and from that time we constantly exchanged materials. I have been in her company only three times, the first being a call on her at the ancestral Shambaugh home west of Des Moines, Iowa where she was visiting; the second, on an occasion of our mutual visit to the Shambaugh home in and near Winchester, Va. where we had a memorable meeting near the place where my own mother was born; and, the third time when she and Katherine visited me in our own home while we were living in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She was one of the most dynamic persons I ever met, and she was most methodical in her treatment of materials making up our Shambaugh tree. The copies of her last work are to be placed in the Historical Library at Harrisburg, Pa. and the Newberry Genealogical Library at Chicago where they will stand as a living memorial to a great soul.

It was on the occasion of our First National Reunion that I met Joe Shambaugh who became our first elected president. Truly a most affable gentleman, he was, in addition, a thorough Christian in every sense of the word. The best evidence of the kindness and lovable nature that he possessed was shown on the occasion of our last visit with him as we were on our way to the 1948 Reunion. During that evening his nephews came in for the evening, and no one could have been better loved as a father than he, even though he was childless. The world is much poorer because of his passing.

On the way home from that first Reunion we passed through Gary, Ind. and visited Rev. William Switzer and his daughter Catherine. We were well acquainted through his letters by this time, and had the added advantage of a mutual friend from whom I learned much about him. In my files are a great number of his letters written from the hospital bed that he occupied for so long, that are a monument to a strong courageous spirit that would not be conquered even by the infirmities of old age and illness. When the roll is called up yonder one of the names on it will be that of William F. Switzer.

Yes, the months have been unkind to we Shambaughs, but to those of us who have known and loved these three we feel that God has, indeed, been good to us to have left them with us for so long a time. We are sure that they are all now in His keeping.

Harry Gleim - Hardy, Nebr.
March 31, 1950

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Dollars received for the News-Letter:

- Ira W. Shambaugh 1.- Mrs Emma Shambaugh
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- C. Guy Shambaugh 1.- Mrs Margaret B May 1.- Orin C Shambaugh 2.- Rev. W. F. Swit
- zer 1.- Mrs C. C. Kirkland 1.-

Gloy D. Shambaugh, change of address, 1115 Marion Road, Wichita, Kansas

Letters returned - M. S. Ross, 1566 Fifth Ave. Arlington, Iowa - Mrs Jennings Dishong, Mark Road, Cleveland, Ohio - Alma Shambaugh, Ferrysville, Ohio

Many thanks for you subscriptions and your many news items, keep you news items coming.

One picture received, from Frank Yarnal and family.