

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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FORERUNNER OF THE PRESENT NEWS LETTER FOUND.....Sometime just previous to the Civil War when the Rev. Adam Shambaugh was living at Bloom City, Wis., he wrote a booklet called " Early Days on the Wabash River ", a booklet about pioneer Indiana Shambaughs which was published in Kansas, a geographical spread indicative of the talent spread of this very versatile Shambaugh. We quote from a prospectus on the inside covers of this booklet- " History and biography are much sought after by the reading people of to-day. In preparing this little book, I find there is much unwritten history of the Hooblers, Shambaughs, Briners, Ziglers, Browns, etc, that if embodied in book form would be of great value in many ways. Not only reading of interest, but also for preservation. The families here mentioned are not only great in number, but are largely representative of the United Brethren church. In all departments from the Bishop down to home, we have a record that few families have. For patient well doing, none can excel. That we hold a kind of reunion, a book class meeting, calling into the assembly the memories of fathers, mothers and the sleeping children, who are now over the river, whose memories are so sweetly cherished, that the eye of the living may behold the Godly walk and their chaste conversation. This would be delightful; ever abiding pleasure to every one of our kindred. I have matured a plan that will accomplish all this and not be expensive to any individual. That is, each individual or family furnish matter and pen portraits of their sainted ones gone beyond. Giving day of birth, death and a sketch of their life, etc. That all these family histories be printed in one book, or two hundred or three hundred pages on this wise, to-wit: A tax of fifty cents be assessed to every folio of one hundred words to the writer, and a book in neat, fancy paper cover to be furnished for every one hundred words and fifty cents. The book would be cheap; have a memoir of some dear one in your own way of writing it. This would be nice to you, and delightful to us as well. When we have a family record in the old family bible, there is only one place where such can be consulted. But in having a book of historic records of the entire connection in a form for preservation and for ready reference at all times, and for each. The cost of the book is so conditioned that each have his or her, great or small mind in seeing a form at a small cost, and at the same time share in seeing each other remembrings free. Each writer paying his part of cost of the book. I will furnish two hundred folios to begin with, and want four or five hundred more. I want no money until the book is ready for delivery, but I want to know how much space will be taken. "

-This booklet, together with Dr Shambaugh's " Family Medical Recipes" have been loaned us for us by Miss Clara E Jakes and the Rev. W F Switzer.

MORE SHAMBAUGHS REPORTED IN THE SERVICE..... Pres. Joe Shambaugh advises us, without giving their names that he has two nephews in the service, one on the West coast and one in the Navy, he being at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, but coming out without injury. This War is sad business but it is being fought for the preservation of the things that our Clan holds most dear and our records will not be complete unless we show the names of those of the clan in service. We cannot make such a record unless you tell us about your husbands, sons or nephews in the service. Write, please.

WE REGRET THE PASSING OF ONE OF OUR OLDEST SHAMBAUGHS, granddaughter of Christian Shambach, daughter of Catherine Shambach Snyder.
ELLAMANDA SNYDER BEEBER-CUMMINGS was born May 12, 1853 and was married to Simon Beeber in 1870. He died in 1905 and she married George Cummings in 1916. After his death in 1929 she has lived with her daughter, Mrs Kiester, at Angola, Indiana.

Mrs Cummings died at the home of her daughter on Dec. 6, 1941. She is survived by four children, Esthor (Mrs James F Sullivan) of Ft Wayne, Edgar A. of Garrott, Mrs Mary D Kioster of Angola, Juanita (Mrs Grant Williamson) of Portland, Oregon. Her son, Grover had preceded her in death at Angola in 1940. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 22 great grand-children and four great great grandchildren. Genealogy: Catharine Snyder, Christian, George Jr, George of Bucks County.

NEGLECTED SHAMBAUGH GRAVEYARDS.....You may recall that in one narrative we spoke of the Old Dutch cemetery at Shormans Dale in Pennsylvania where it is probable that one of our early George Shambauchs is buried. Then Mrs Gerwin also mentioned the old Shambaugh cemetery near Reliance, Virginia. A year ago we told you about visiting the old Shambaugh-Braun cemetery near Lafayette, Indiana. Of those three we have a definite record of all of the gravestone inscriptions in the ^{Shambaugh} ~~Jacob~~ Shambaugh lot near Reliance as they were first made by Mrs Mattie Grapes and her daughter Miss Na Grapes and later checked by us. Here they are

Mary Jane Shambaugh- wife of C D Shambaugh
Died Feb. 28, 1859- 23 years of age
1839

Martha Ellon- daughter of Chas D and Mary J Shambaugh
Died March 14, 1838

Mary Ellon- daughter of Thos E. and Barbara Shambaugh
B. Feb. 4, 1848 D. March 15, 1854

Ann Crampton
B. Aug. 2, 1778- Died July 8, 1847

Jacob Shambaugh
April 19, 1777 January 3, 1855

Matilda Shambaugh- daughter of Jacob and Mary Shambaugh
Died Sept. 28, 1826- 16 years old

Joseph William- son of Jacob and Mary Shambaugh
Died Sept. 24, 1828- 12 years old

Of course I am much more interested in this graveyard than the other two because Jacob was my great-grandfather, Matilda and Joseph were my great aunt and uncle and 6-year old Mary Ellon was my mother's sister. Arrangements have been made, if we ever carry them out whereby the inscriptions from this cemetery may be placed on a bronze tablet and put in a nearby church. We are firmly convinced that those others of you who have close relatives buried in neglected cemeteries should, at once, make a definite record of these inscriptions on these decaying stones and see that they are placed somewhere so that those interested may know where to find them. This article in this News-Letter now saves for all time the inscriptions on these stones near Reliance because our Letter has standing in important genealogical libraries whose business it is to preserve such documents. If others of you will make records of what you find in neglected cemeteries where Shambauchs are buried we shall be glad to place them on record here for you. Not all Shambauchs are buried in such well kept cemeteries as the Old Stone Church cemetery in Lower Frankford in Pennsylvania and the Johnsville cemetery over in Ohio.- H G

Mr and Mrs J H Shambaugh of Waynesville, Ohio are spending the winter with their daughter Miss Ella J Shambaugh at 809 Baum Ave, St Petersburg, Florida.

J J Shambaugh and his family of Kearney, Nebraska have temporarily left the Shambaugh Noter Court there and are at 3515½ Flectcher Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE GROWING OF THE SHAMBAUGH FAMILY TREE
-by Lois Shambaugh Castleberry.

To you Shambaugh cousins, near and far, who were not at the Second Reunion but who are now becoming accustomed to the frequent bits of data on your family history as well as information on current activities of members of our huge Shambaugh Society, it may be interesting to know of the very small beginnings of this systematic effort to plant and grow our TREE. I am extremely practical most of the time, believe it or not, so you who are inclined to shrug your shoulders at the zeal with which this hobby has been ridden should not be too disdainful. I agree with Mrs. Gervin and Macaulay as expressed in our last issue! Our name will go down in history and you too should feel satisfaction in the knowledge.

My interest in genealogy was truly bred in the bone, for my father, Adam H. Shambaugh, was intensely loyal to family ties and family history. My actual work began in 1933 after the death of my daughter Katherine's father, when we were putting away pictures and keepsakes. Finding an old list of names and dates covering both families, I typed two lists and added historical information for her benefit. Knowing they could be largely increased, I began asking questions in each letter I wrote, searched for books and records in Iowa, found a history of Harrison and Carroll Counties in Ohio. The more I found the more I wanted to know and so you see our tiny acorn had sprouted. I tried first one form and then another to use the information that came with increasing speed. From a friend in Houston I borrowed a TREE exactly like the form we now use and the same numbering. It has been a successful method indeed for it allows an indefinite amount of expansion and we have used that flexibility to the extent that our TREE of today, covering 3,600 names of Shambaugh descendants and stories of their pioneering on its 250 pages of typing, can absorb all new additions with never a duplicated symbol. Each later generation adds another figure. For instance, I am of the sixth generation and my number is like this 1-1-1-2-5-7 and it tells my whole history, viz. that I am the seventh child of the fifth child, of the second, of the first, of the first, of the Lancaster Co. George. I hope that you understand it! as symbolical of our cordial relations, it was later learned that Mr. Gleim has adopted the identical method.

At first I centered my efforts on my first cousins; the second cousins; then worked backwards using booklets of family history for data. Assuming that all Shambaughs must belong to my own 1749 George of Lancaster Co., Penn., I began writing to strangers whose names and addresses have reached me from many sources thro the years. Thus I wrote to Mr. Ira W. Shambaugh of Clarinda, Iowa in August 1936, and they forwarded my letter to Mr. Gleim, he having previously contacted them. Since that date we have been in constant touch and every decision has been jointly made. However there were plenty of unhappy hours at first over our inability to make a satisfactory union of all the joint accumulation. It became increasingly evident that it was hopeless effort. Too many Georges, too many Philips, Johns and Jacobs were living in each generation in different places. By that time we also knew there had been three immigrant Shambaugh men instead of just one. As a result, our present record is a TWIN TREE and it is just possible we may find need for a third branch. Not every name has been placed yet and more keep coming in; but to a very large degree and to our happy surprise we have found the necessary proff for placing practically all known groups in our present double record.

In getting all this mass of detailed information I have corresponded with hundreds in almost every state. The greatest interest and help has been from the older ones; but every single one who has written has a definite part in the results. This TREE, which has now become like a sturdy oak, belongs to all of us and I congratulate as well as thank you. However, we are not thru grafting as yet and I am bogging

each of you to send in to me a record of all recent events in your family. I am adding births, deaths and marriages weekly and only thus can we approach a completed record. If you meet a stranger Shambaugh get his or her name and address and send that also.

From this mass of material that has been accumulated many deductions can be made. If these first two Georges, from whom sprang the present double TREE, were cousins as we can reasonably presume, we older ones of the sixth generation are sixth cousins to each other, the young married people are seventh cousins and the children are mostly eighth cousins to those in the other branch of the TREE. Since the majority of the fifth generation were born in 1830 and 1860, there are now only a good dozen remaining with us. To them we extend congratulations and trust they may be able to attend our next Reunion. As a whole the Shambaughs have been long-lived, the oldest being John Shambaugh of Carroll County, Ohio who died at 95; Catherine Switzer who died at 91 and her sister, Nancy Jakes who died at 93. As an entire family, the children of Christian must always hold the age record for in 1900 the 11 remaining children averaged 75 years. Another feature of interest is that there are now 31 members of the ninth generation, 15 of whom are descendants of my own grandfather, the others belonging in various parts of the Bucks County branch.

The Shambaughs as a whole have been a very religious family and I believe the most thrilling story, of all of the many interesting ones brought to light, has been the one concerning the religious fervor of our Jacob line at Otterbein, Ind. Here Jacob's family and his wife's family united in helping to found the United Brethren Church in the Indiana wilderness, and were the militant crusaders for the Cause. Many of them married into the Edwards, Brown and Hoobler families, all leaders in the same church. Jacob married the niece of my great-grandmother Shambaugh. Intermarriages were prevalent in practically every group, likewise certain names are carried straight thru in each line. Perhaps you are wondering when this TREE is to be published. Two reasons keep us from doing so now-- first, the book is not sufficiently complete and second, the demand is not great enough. More data must be secured and especially must we wait until all the history is complete and verified. When that time comes, if there appears to be sufficient interest to make it worth while, the publication in book form may be undertaken.

What has this News-Letter and our TREE meant to you? If you have had a part in it you surely feel the satisfaction of seeing a big job put over; if not, don't you wish you could help and get the pride of knowing your ancestry as only work on it can make you feel? I have been well repaid for all my effort and expense by the hundreds of fine new friendships which have been cultivated in the shade of our luxuriant TREE. We will all be better individuals as we strive to be worthy descendants of our noble ancestry, and this means we will be better Americans. As expressed in our Dedication- "America has been good to the Shambaughs and the Shambaughs I believe, have been good for America."

WE WELCOME ANOTHER GROUP OF SHAMBAUGHS.....The News Letter has frequently mentioned the Jacob line, Rev. Switzer, the old home towns of Lafayette and Otterbein, but we find members of the Jacob line in Texas, too. Webster Garfield Darby, born April 26 1880 is the son of James and Sarah Catherine Switzer Darby, she a niece of the Rev. Adam S. and sister of Rev. Switzer. Mr. Darby married Caroline Shipp January 1, 1901 and they are in business in Eagle Lake, Texas. They are the parents of Dorothy, born May 26, 1911 a teacher in Eagle Lake, and Helen, born March 31, 1904 married May 16, 1929 to Braxton Green and now living at 5324 Leeland Ave, Houston, Texas. Genealogy- Catherine Darby, Catherine Switzer, Jacob, George II, Geo. of Lancaster