

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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DIRECTORY OF SHAMBAUGHS IN SERVICE.....

Gervin, Harry Allen Jr- Camp Davis, North Carolina
Hanson, Carl Jr- Lieut. in Signal Corps- Fort Benning, Georgia
Shambaugh, Bruce- with the army in Hawaii
Shambaugh, Floyd A. Jr- Corporal- Camp Lee, Virginia
Shambaugh, Frederick Snyder- with the navy in Hawaii
Shambaugh, Capt. Gordon I G- Camp Berkeley, Texas
Shambaugh, Pvt John Howard-Flight 162-414 School Sq, Keesler Field, Mississippi
Shambaugh, Levi J- New River, North Carolina
Stapel, James- Fort Knox, Kentucky

This is our first attempt at building a correct directory of those Shambaughs in the service of our country. We know that this list is very incomplete and we have a feeling that much of the information is not up to date. You can help us by writing in the names of all those whom you know to be in the service and giving us the very latest known designation and location. If you will all help we can prepare a very highly interesting and very desirable directory.

WIDOW OF ZENO SHAMBAUGH PASSES. We copy the following from a Wabash, Ind. paper "Mary Elizabeth Pearson Shambaugh, 85, widow of Zeno Shambaugh, died Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in her home north of Wabash... Mrs Shambaugh was a life resident of Wabash county.. she was a member of the Friends church of Wabash. Survivors are two sons, Ira Shambaugh of Wabash and Reid Shambaugh of Alhambra, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. William Shultz of Silver Lake and Miss Julia Shambaugh at home, and a number of grandchildren. " She also was an aunt of our good president, Joe Shambaugh.

*mother
leleo
Shambaugh
Shultz*
(leleo) a coincidence only that we were each named leleo!
OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO CLOY EDWARD SHAMBAUGH of Wichita, Kansas in the loss of his wife Dorothy Shomber Shambaugh whom he married Dec. 25, 1937. Mrs Shambaugh suffered an attack of flu sometime after the birth of her baby some five months ago which left her heart in a weakened condition. Her husband bought her from Wichita to the parental Shambaugh home near Ottawa where she lived but five days. Mr. Shambaugh is a son of Ben F. Shambaugh of Ottawa and a grandson of Levi Duffy Shambaugh.

WHAT ABOUT THE 1942 REUNION ?..... Floyd Shambaugh writes, " do you think this war might have some effect on our national reunion ? I am afraid the tire rationing and poor service we have on the railroads is going to make it hard for some folks to get there. " President Joe Shambaugh also writes, " We are going ahead with our plans for the reunion but if you and the others think best not to have it we can postpone for the duration. That should be up to those who come from a distance. " Those of us who remember the grand times we had at Lamartine and Loudonville have been looking forward to Wabash in 1942. However, the War does alter things. If you will only write and express your opinions on the matter we can make an early decision. This is important for if we are going ahead we will want to set up our promotional committees without delay. If we are not going ahead this year we will want to make provisions to keep our interest alert and alive until the war is over.

HELEN MYERS SHAMBAUGH AIKMAN, daughter of Abraham L and Mary Ellen Shambaugh was born Feb. 20, 1884 near Montmorenci, Indiana. Following a grade school education in her home town she graduated from Lafayette High School and then entered Indiana University. July 29, 1903 she was married to Homer Barton Aikman, an attorney. He was born Feb. 21, 1883 and is the son of Peter and Ellen Aikman. Mrs Aikman is a Presbyterian, a Republican in politics and a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority of Indiana U. They are the parents of Peter A Aikman, born Oct. 11, 1904 who lives at Center Point, Indiana and who is the father of Peter Rentscheler Aikman, born Oct. 30, 1939; Mary Lou Duenweg, born May 18, 1911 who lives in Louisville, Ky; Homer Barton Aikman Jr, born Dec. 12, 1913 who lives in Beverley Hills, Calif; John C. Aikman born Feb. 6, 1916 who lives in Lawrenceburg, Indiana; and, Barbara Ellen Aikman born Dec. 4, 1925 who lives with her parents at 120 Adams St., Terre Haute, Ind. Genealogy: Abraham, Jacob, George II, George of Lancaster County.

MARY LOUISE BILLS, daughter of Pearl Zimmerman and L W Powell was born Oct. 27, 1916 in Gallatin, Mo. Her early education was received in her native city after which she entered State Teachers College at Marysville from which she graduated in 1938. August 25, 1940 she was married to Wm R Bills an officer in the United States army. Mrs Bills is a Presbyterian and a Republican in politics. Genealogy, Pearl Zimmerman, Mary Emma Shambaugh, James B., Daniel Jr., Daniel, George of Bucks County.

GEORGE WILLIAM COLHOUR, son of Thomas and Mary Ellen Shambaugh Colhour was born August 2, 1866 near Oregon, Missouri. Feb. 24, 1892 he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Mary Noble who was born August 30, 1866 near Highland, Kans. Mr. Colhour is a farmer, is a member of the Christian Church, a Republican and a member of the Modern Woodman Lodge. Their daughter Nina, born Sept. 9, 1895 married Ohmer Roger Miller June 26, 1920 and is the mother of Oliver Raymond Miller, born Nov. 19, 1927. Their son, Hugh, born Sept. 14, 1898 was married August 6, 1929 to Martha Tripp and is the father of Lynn Marie, born Sept. 16, 1930, Mary Joe and Merna Lee (twins) born June 7, 1934, Lesley Rae, born March 15, 1936, Margaret Rose born Feb. 18, 1938, Louise Irene, born August 7, 1939. The Colhour home is near Meriden, Kansas Genealogy: Mary Ellen, Phillip William, Isaac, Philip, George of Bucks County.

THE SECOND SECTION of "The Shambaugh Families" and their "Contribution to America" begins in this issue. The first section running through 1941 and available to all members of the Shambaugh Families Society might well have been called "Beginnings" for in that section we sought to introduce you to all of the very early history of the Families that we could find. Much difficult research has been done to make that section possible with some of the results still a bit in doubt. In the second section we shall attempt a more thorough treatment of the families of those early ones. We are following the same order in this new section giving George of Bucks County and his three sons first place and following with George of Lancaster County and his two sons. Cleo Shambaugh Gervin, a descendent of George Jr of Bucks County line gives us a very able treatment of that gentleman and his family. Harry Gleim, who is a descendent of Daniel will write the second story dealing with Daniel and the third story dealing with Philip in both of which he will use some material added by Mrs. Gervin. Lois Shambaugh Catsleberry, descendent of George II of the Lancaster Co. line will write the stories dealing with the two sons of George of Lancaster County, George II and Philip. We are aware that some of the material appearing in this new section will appear repetitious, but we hope that you will bear with us and not be too critical. We do, however, want criticism and comments on the sections and we hope that you will write us fully and freely about any of the stories as you read them.

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THE SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES and their CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

" People who will take no pride in the noble achievement of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants"
-Macaulay

By Cleo Shambaugh Gerwin

I am using the above theme-head quotation for a very definite reason--that is to try to convey to the many people of the Shambaugh clan the intense feeling that I have in regard to research and preservation of our family history and to hope that it may also stimulate dormant interest among all who may be reached by the News Letter. By all of us working together for the same cause we may yet get positive proof of family relationships and records of vital interest.

It is my privilege to tell you more of the family of George Jr., of Union, later Snyder County, Penn. George Jr was the son of George I, of Bucks County, Penn. As you know by now that all our records that have been handed down to us state that that George I arrived in Philadelphia on Sept. 9, 1749. Last summer I spent three weeks in research along this line most particularly. All records seemed to substantiate the above statement, I had hoped to see a bible and record that are known to exist, which might prove our contention, but to date that has not been possible. The party who has the record was in another part of the state at the time I was in Snyder County. Since coming home I have contacted this party and he told me of the old family bible also, which he had seen. He has promised me his co-operation in further search of records, but I presume that this war situation has deterred, for the present, any great amount of assistance along these lines. Mr. Thomas Shambach, of Middleburg, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, has the record, but he is very busy on work of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which I am sure will play an important part in the defense program. We will none of us have as much time for genealogy in the immediate future, I am sure.

Much that I will give you on the family of George Jr., will be repetition, but with the addition of some new material will, I hope, tend to connect and perhaps clarify information that has been given before. Because I descend from George of Bucks County and also that I made a short stay in Snyder County last summer has earned for me the privilege of telling you more of this family. My great great grandfather was George Jr.

To begin with I will go back to Bucks County, Penn., for there we find the family of George I. I was able to visit several places last summer where different members of the family had lived. One old farm in Hilltown Township, Bucks County was purchased by George Shambach from the heirs of William Penn. This must have been a fine farm at one time for it is watered by several springs and creeks. At present it is somewhat run-down, but as farm help is hard to get I am sure that is the reason for it's present state. There are two very old houses on this farm. One is of log and the other of log and stone. A Dutch bake house and Dutch type spring house are evidence of the early German influence on building. It is a lovely old place and I was quite thrilled to be on one of the old home sites if not the first home of the Shambach family of our line.

George Jr., may have been born in Germany for if he were the oldest son, as we are led to believe, he must have been born in 1748. We have proof of the births of Daniel and Philip as well as Anna Marie and Dorothy, but of George there has been no record that has come to light thus far. If he was born in 1748 he was a bachelor of years before his marriage, as stated to Miss Catherina Reinard of Montgomery Co.
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George Jr., with his family lived for a number of years in Montgomery Co, Penn. Now Montgomery County was a part of Philadelphia County until 1784 and all records of Montgomery County prior to 1784 would be found in Philadelphia County. George Jr., however is thought to have married about 1789, so any records of his family should be found in Montgomery County. This is true of the birth of his second child for her baptismal record is found in the records of the Tohickon Reformed Church and also the records of her confirmation and that of her brother George III and their being received into the membership of the Falkner Swamp Church in 1806 and 1808 respectively. Whether this means that the family had changed places of residence or only churches between the date of the daughter Catherine's baptism in 1791 and confirmation in 1806 is a matter of conjecture, but it does prove that the family lived in Montgomery County as late as 1808.

According to my research I find the family of George Jr., in Union County, that part of which is now Snyder County, prior to 1815. George Jr purchased 300 acres of land a few miles north of Middleburg from the agents of, or heirs of Wm Penn. The land then purchased was later divided into three farms, I am told. George Jr. died in 1815.

Of the children of George Jr: John, the eldest son married Catherine Walter; Catherine, married Ben Walter; George III married Catherine Weirich; Christian, married first Mary Walter, secondly Mrs Elizabeth Bechtel Bilger; a daughter Mary, perhaps Anna Maria, is said to have married a John Boyer and another daughter, Elizabeth is said to have married John Platte. Of the last two daughters no positive record has thus far been found, but I have found some data that seems to fit in with the two daughters and I will give it to you later.

In 1828 George III and his wife Catherine moved to Richland County, Ohio, where he built a lovely stone house. This house is standing today and is in splendid condition. There is also a large barn and Dutch oven on this farm. George III gave a corner of his farm to be used as a church, school and cemetery and in this cemetery are buried nearly all of the Shambaughs who lived in this section and there were many. The school was known as the Shambaugh school. George III was the ancestor of all of the Wabash, Indiana, Shambaughs.

In 1830 John, the eldest son of George Jr moved to Richland County, Ohio and purchased a farm that is remembered as the Green Hill farm on the Black Fork creek. This is said to have been of the richest farm lands in Ohio. Green Hill was the site of the old Indian town of Greentown. It was the last home of the Delaware Indians. There is an old fort nearby known as Shambaugh's Fort. John Shambaugh raised his large family, many descendants of whom are still living in this section. He was my great grandfather.

Catherine Shambach Walter prior to this time had moved to Tonawanda County, New York with her husband and family. After the death of her husband, Catherine removed to Richland County, Ohio upon the invitation of her brother John, coming to Richland County in 1839. Catherine Shambach Walter was the grandmother of Henry Guthrie, the historian of the Richland County clan.

Christian Shambach remained in Snyder County, Penn. where he reared a large family. His branch of the family are the only members of this large family group of American Shambaughs that I know of that use the old spelling Shambach and so far as I know all of the members of the Snyder County group use that spelling yet. Several of Christian's children migrated further West. One, at least, lived near the other Shambachs in Richland County, Ohio and others moved to Indiana.

(Continued next month.)

(later) See "American Boyers" (book)

my great grandfather
I believe Anna married
Arbogast

See Dr. Fisher records!