

# SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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**SHAMBAUGHS IN SERVICE.....** Harry A Gervin Jr., son of Cleo Shambaugh Gervin has been promoted to a captaincy and is a base adjutant at Barkdale Field near Shreveport, Louisiana.

FROM CLARA CREAL MORRISON we learn that " My great uncle George Spencer, husband of Aunt Polly ( Mary Shambaugh) Spencer, daughter of John Shambaugh of Carroll Co wrote out the first list of the Shambaughs I have seen to date. He visited the old Shambaugh homestead and knew the place from the description given him, one thing of which was a bubbling spring. George, who settled near Jewett, Ohio was a brother to John, also his step-father-in-law. George married Elizabeth Brown Wirt. He was her second husband and her daughter Catherine Wirt married for her second husband George Shambaugh's brother, John. So John was her brother-in-law and also her son-in-law. I remember Philip distinctly. He was a son of George and Elizabeth Brown Wirt Shambaugh. He was such a fine old man and called on us frequently, riding a sleek black horse. The Iowa Shambaughs always called on us when we lived near Sciota. In writing about the Shambaughs in service, she asks, " Are any of the Shambaughs mentioned descendents of Jacob, son of the first George who was a teamster in the Revolutionary War driving his father's horses and bringing them back safe and sound after three years of service? "

These excerpts from Mrs Morrison's letter are unusually interesting for they (1) give us information as to the source of authority for some statements made in a little booklet on John Shambaugh's History, put out by members of the Carroll Co. group, and (2) they bring us again to the possibility of a third son for George of Lancaster County, about whom we have only this account. Mrs Castleberry, in her account closing this month, has told us of George and Philip. This branch of the same line hints at this third member. Documentary proof as to the existence of this Jacob would greatly help our search. If he served in the War of the Revolution we should be able to find that proof.

The opening paragraph from John Shambaugh and Heirs, referred to above, is here reproduced for clarification.

*Harrison County, Ohio!*

"John Shambaugh, who was a farmer and a representative of the oldest families of Rumely Township, Harrison County, was a son of George Shambaugh, who was a son of George Shambaugh, a native of Germany, and who immigrated to Westmoreland County, Pa in an early day. He was a very successful and wealthy farmer. When he came to Pennsylvania he brought his two sons, George and Philip, with him. Philip married and had a son Jacob who served in the Revolutionary War for three years, he being quite a young boy when he entered the service- only 17 years old. An officer came to Jacob's father and demanded his team, consisting of four horses, one a three year old colt, for use in the army. The father, however, did not want his team to go, but readily consented, providing the officer would enlist the boy with the privilege of driving and caring for the team. The officer accepted these terms. The boy served his three years as a teamster in the army, and upon his return delivered back to his father his team, unharmed and in good condition. After Jacob's return from the army, Philip and his family moved to Maryland and all trace of that Shambaugh family has been lost. ( concluded on next page)

The reason for our statement that this brings to the possibility of a third son for George of Lancaster County is that we find no mention of a son Jacob for his son Philip in any of our accounts. Again we insist that documentary proof might lead us into unknown Shambaugh trails.

NELLY E SHAMBAUGH WEESNER, daughter of Tobey Michael and Leila Constance Shepard Shambaugh was born December 27, 1885 near Guide Rock, Nebraska. Her education began in the rural schools near her home after which she entered and graduated from the high school at Superior, Nebraska going from there to Wesleyan State University. Mrs Weesner is a musician, teaching music before her marriage and continuing with a class many years since. Jan. 12, 1911 she was married to John M Weesner who was born near London, England March 1, 1863. Mr Weesner is now serving as secretary-treasurer for the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, Kansas. Mrs Weesner is a Methodist and active in all of the work of her church. She is a Democrat in politics. The Weesners are the parents of Lois, born Nov. 18, 1912 and married in 1934 to Carroll Simmons; Christine, born March 19, 1915, the wife of J J Leonard; and, Nelly Grace Weesner, born March 28, 1919. Mr and Mrs Simmons are the parents of Janet Sue, born Sept. 22, 1938 and Judith Lee, born Oct. 21, 1939. Mrs Leonard is the mother of Jacqueline Joan, born April 12, 1935. Mr and Mrs Weesner live at Courtland, Kansas. Genealogy: Tobias Michael, James, Michael, George III, Geo II, Geo of Lancaster.

GEORGE ELZA WEIRICH, son of Joseph and Amanda Ellen Walter Weirich was born July 26 1880 on a farm near Loudonville, Ohio. After his education in the rural schools of his county he married, Oct. 6, 1901 to Maud Della Beck who was born June 21, 1863 near Hayesville, Ohio. Mr and Mrs Weirich are the parents of two children, Cloyd C Weirich, born Oct. 5, 1902 was married to Mildred Oliver and is the father of Joseph Oliver, born June 4, 1929 and Julia Ann, born May 19, 1932. Thelma was born June 21, 1908 and is the wife of Glenn Messner and the mother of Richard C. Messner, born Feb. 7, 1930, Robert C. Messner, born June 30, 1935 and Max Messner, born October 13, 1938. Mr and Mrs Messner live near Loudonville. Mr Messner is a Democrat in politics.

Genealogy: Amanda Walter, Samuel, Catherine, George Jr., George of Bucks County.

ZIMMERMAN-MARY EMMA SHAMBAUGH- one of our splendid elderly members of the Shambaugh clan was born Feb. 2, 1861 near Weatherby, Missouri. She is a daughter of James Burr Shambaugh and Elizabeth Virginia Harper. Her husband, Alvah L. Zimmerman was born Sept. 28, 1853 and died October 8, 1929. They became the parents of three daughters. The oldest daughter, Emma Virginia, born Oct. 4, 1880, married Dr L E Lee and lives in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The Lee's have four living children, three of whom are married. The second daughter, Annabel Pearl, was born Feb. 12, 1883 and is the wife of L W Powell and lives at Gallatin, Missouri. They are the parents of one daughter. Both Mrs Powell and Mrs Bills have been the subject of personal sketches. The youngest daughter is Mary Opal, born Feb. 9, 1887, the wife of Shannon H. Fore. Mrs Fore lives at Clarinda, Iowa and is the mother of one daughter. We have visited with Mrs Zimmerman several times and wish that others of you might do likewise. Her marriage to A L Zimmerman occurred Dec. 25, 1879 and they operated a nursery at Cameron, Missouri with two brothers of Mr Zimmerman's for some time, he having had previous nursery experience in California. About 1883 they moved to Weatherby to an 80-acre farm given them by Mrs Zimmerman's father. Here a second nursery was started known first as Cedar Home and later as the Weatherby Nursery. Mrs Zimmerman was very proud of her husband who was known as a student and an unusually well-read man. His interest was largely in history, political economy, floriculture and agriculture and he had a large library. His greatest pride was in his flowers and shrubs, he specializing in Peony and gladioli culture. Mrs Zimmerman divides her time with her three daughters, spending most of her winters with Mrs Lee at Bonner Springs. Genealogy:- James Burr, Daniel Jr., Daniel, George of Bucks County.

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PHILIP SHAMBAUGH HALF OF THE LANCASTER LINE  
-by Lois S Castleberry  
(Concluded)

Philip II was born October 8, 1789 and died April 15, 1846, two years after his father, near whom he is buried. Margaret Splonsor was his first wife and the mother of FIRST, Elizabeth, wife of Henry Snyder who had three children; SEC OND, Mary, wife of John Mordorf, who had three children; the second wife, Anna Margaret Wert whom Philip II married April 24, 1826 bore eight children as follows, THREE, Sarah, wife of Adam Finkenbinder, who had two children; FOUR, John, born February 17, 1830, married Eva Ann Ressler, moved to Elvira, Iowa where he died in 1884. Their ten children were Margaret who married Ballentine R. Bohart who had 5 children, one son being Charles S Bohart of Chicago; Samuel Ressler married Hattie Lunette Rogers who bore eight children ( in this group we note several familiar names-- Frances Amelia, a welfare worker at Long Beach who died in 1942; Effie Mary a teacher at the University of California., who died in 1936; Marguerite, a teacher at Glendale and Samuel Rogers, an attorney in Chicago.) John Edwin and Charles Henry died young; Herbert Andrew died single in 1933; Edith Ella, wife of Roger Mahon of Clinton, Iowa, has two married daughters, Florence McMullen and Blanche Cousins, two single daughters, Eva Mary a librarian at Clinton and Edith Ella, a teacher in Milwaukee. Dr George E of Chicago whose wife, Edith Capps, died in 1936. Their six children are George Elmer II, Dr Philip, Stephanie Kramer, Jeanette Stein, Barbara Rosi and Benjamin, single. There are twelve grandchildren in tthis family. Professor Benjamin F. born January 29, 1871 and dying April 7, 1940. His wife, Bertha Horak, lives in Iowa City. They had no children. Two children died in infancy totals the ten. FIVE, Barbara married George Orris and had two children and five grandchildren as per our records to date. SIX, Jacob died September 19, 1862 in the Civil War. He left one daughter Mary who married Rev Cephas Beard. As he volunteered to serve for his brother John who had the larger family, John reared Mary with his own. She had no children. SEVEN, Samuel married Jane E Brown and had two children, Samuel Jr who died in Carolina and Mary Archibald who died in Illinois. NINE, Philip A. married Nannie Phillips, lived in Macon County, Illinois and had four sons, Alonzo, Theodore, Harry and Byron. TEN, Levi J. born September 14, 1843, served 5 y in the Union Army, married January 7, 1868 to Mary E Shuff. They became parents of six children; Mervin James who had six children including Mary Elizabeth who died young; Amy Maurine, a school nurse in York, Pa; Clara Rebecca ( Mrs R H Dick) the mother of six; Junia Ellen, a librarian in Washington D C and Ruth Anna Paulin who has two children and is also a teacher of art and music in Santa Rita, N M. John Edwin born January 25, 1871 whose death at Carlisle on July 1, 1942 has been noted, married Flor K Fry and they have three married daughters, Mrs Martha Sheely, Mrs. Mildred Burkhardt, Mrs Mary Hursey. Charles Albert who died July 9, 1941, an attorney in Carlisle for many years and especially well known and beloved. William Ira who left us November 30, 1942, the father of four children. His first wife was Mary Lundis and she and her older son died in China where the family lived as missionaries. The second son, James Philip lives in Woodbury, N J with his three children. The second wife, Maude Leyda has two young children. Two children of Levi J. died in infancy and this completes the six.

BARBARA married Jacob Reigle, had two children-- a daughter who married Henry Snyder and had three children and seven grandchildren; another daughter married John Lehn and had two sons, John Jr and Washington.

*Maria Mountz*  
 ANNA MARY, was born January 6, 1788 and was probably the fourth child of Philip I. She married Martin Mountz and had two sons, dying March 27, 1858 and being buried in the Stone Church Cometary. Her oldest son, John Mountz, born May 5 1812 married Susannah Knisely and was the father of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. The other eight, now all deceased were-- Elias K. who married Eliza Kauffman and was the father of fifteen children. He died in Boiling Springs, Penn in 1922.; William H. born April 21, 1842, husband of Sara A Sweigert and the father of nine children; Levi who married Adaline Kennedy and was the father of seven children; John who died single in 1876; Simon married Jonnie Horner and had three children; Jacob married Ida K Shuff (sister of Levi J) who is still living in Wichita, Kansas the last of her generation living in the Mountz family. Their oldest daughter, Maudie, married J N Horvey and they, their one son and two grandchildren also also live in Wichita where we visited them. There were two deceased children in the Jacob T family and Clarence is the fourth member of the family; Franklin Mounts married Sybilla Wagoner, had five children and nine grand-children. Annie K. Mountz Greider married George H Greider and died May 9, 1929 at Belle Plaine, Kansas. They had four children - Mrs Minnie F. Holliday; Mrs Essie M Mordy, Melvin C. Groider and Mrs Irene Deist. Philip, the second son of Mary Mountz, is known to have had four sons, Samuel, Scott, William and Ernest Mountz.

HANNAH SHAMBAUGH LEPPARD had at least one son as one grandson is W. Abner Leppard of Carlisle. Local assistance here is urgently needed.

MARGARET SHAMBAUGH SHUGART had at least one son, Levi Shugart, who had four children, Blaine, Mary, Mrs Clara Sharpe and Mrs Bertha Weigle. We need some one who will volunteer to search cemeteries and court house records and double the total on this Philip I. line.

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FOOT NOTE.... This concludes the material that we have been able to gather over the past years on the early Shambaughs in this country. We know that the record is far from complete, and none of us who have gathered these records would have you believe otherwise. The people who have even second-hand knowledge of these early events are slipping away from us one by one. All that is left is the written record in old court-house records, half-forgotten grave-yards and here and there an old family Bible. With this issue, only as some of you bring to us fresh information of these olden times, we leave the very early records and turn to the pioneer times of our country when these first generation Americans, back in the days when the country was new took their places in that great line of frontiersmen and women who were to make America great.

As we have set up our record we begin with those from the Bucks Co. line and next month we hope to tell you all about a great early pioneer who did his share of settling quite a sizeable portion of Ohio- John Shambaugh, one of the sons of George of Union County, Pennsylvania.

*my great-grandfather (also)*