

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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IT'S A SMALL WORLD, AFTER ALL..... A few years back the Gleims were going to Colorado from Iowa and reached Kearney, Nebraska at night-fall. It seemed a good thing to stop at the Shambaugh Motor Lodge and there we met Jay Shambaugh. When we came to Hardy it was not long until we heard about his brother Charles Shambaugh who passed away in 1945. Now we have this word from Jay- "Hardy is the first place that I began to live" and from the description of the house where he was born we place it diagonally across the street from the Lutheran Parsonage where we now live. The Shambaugh family left Hardy March 1, 1905. The father died several years ago but Mrs Shambaugh, the mother, passed away on March 20 of this year at the home of her son Chandos near Gibbon, Nebraska. From the obituary we find that "She married Daniel S Shambaugh and came with him to Nebraska from Ohio in 1882." This family is the more interesting to me since I am a direct descendent of Daniel Shambaugh of the Bucks County line, and this is the only instance we can find of where the name Daniel appears in the Lancaster County line.

WITH THIS ISSUE we discontinue the issuance of the larger number of copies of the News Letter than our legitimate mailing list would warrant. We shall always be glad to send copies to possible co-operators in our family research projects. However, after as many as four issues have been sent, if we do not receive either a cash contribution, or what is better, information contributions about the individuals or their family lines we feel that we are not justified in feeding the family waste basket or the kitchen stove.

We introduce-

ANNA SHAMBAUGH COGSIL of Lamartine, Ohio, daughter of Jason and Belle Kirby Shambaugh, and wife of Charles Cogsil. It was at this home that the first Shambaugh Reunion was held. Mrs Cogsil was born July 24, 1895 in the home where she now is living and her marriage to Mr. Cogsil took place June 30, 1915. Mr. Cogsil is a farmer and a pottery worker. They have one child, Julia, who married James Litzzenberg and who is the mother of Dora Ann Litzzenberg born August 14, 1947. Mrs. Cogsil is a member of the United Brethern Church and is a Democrat in politics. She is a member of the Grange, the Farm Bureau and the Friendly Neighbor Club. Genealogy: Jason, Solomon, John, George II, George of Lancaster County.

MARGUIRETE SHAMBAUGH ROSS, 1566 Fifth Avenue, San Diego 1, Calif., was born at Clinton, Iowa Feb. 23, 1895, the daughter of Samuel Rosseler and Hattie L. Shambaugh. Completing her early education in the Clinton schools she entered Agnes Scott School at Decatur, Georgia continuing there for two years going on to Columbia University from where she graduated in June 1934. Not yet content she took graduate work at San Francisco State University and Dental Hygienist courses in New York, California and West Virginia. April 6, 1947 she was married to Arnold Cushing Ross, son of Albert Lee and Mary Cushing Ross. Her husband is engaged in business in San Diego. Mrs Ross is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is a Republican in politics. She is a member of the Clinton Chapter # 65 of Eastern Star. Mrs Ross is a sister to Samuel Rogers Shambaugh, attorney of Chicago and of David Edward Shambaugh, Sales Manager of the Ford Agency in Los Angeles. Genealogy: Samuel R., John, Philip II, Philip, George of Lancaster County.

Reader

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

THE SHAMBAUGHS AND BOWERSOX FAMILIES.. By Cleo Shambaugh Gerwin

As we begin our new genealogical studies it only seems fitting that we honor our forefathers by giving some sketches of them and their part in settling our country, showing where they belong in our genealogy.

Recently I have come into possession of some books which give a great deal of history on some of my forefathers- this I shall be glad to pass on to the readers of the News-Letter in the hope that it may bring forth comments and perhaps revive memories in some of our readers that might possibly serve to link lines, which now seem quite remote. That our lines, a few generations back, have the same ancestor seems almost positive, but thus far it has been impossible to tie all our lines together and onto the same family tree. Please rack your brains (those of you who belong to other than the Bucks County direct line) and see if you or some other older members of our lines may remember any of the names in the sketches I shall give and recall that they were also names related to your own family line.

(Interpolation by H G- It has always been my contention that the George of the Bucks County line, whom we note in America as early as 1729, and the George of the Lancaster County line who is listed as passenger to America in 1749 were directly related. My best guess would be that the second George was a nephew of the first, although they could have been cousins.) ?

My ancestor, George Shambach Sr, of Bucks County, Pa has been given the honor of seniority in the Shambaugh family of America and it is with him and lines allied to him that I shall deal. I am, of course, most familiar with these lines and have made extensive search therein the past few years. The following material is new and to my knowledge has not been published heretofore in any organ of the Shambach-Shambaugh family. I will start my series with an article on Paul Bowersox (Bauersachs), my great-great-great grandfather. For the material of the Bauersach family preceding the account of my own Paul Bowersox I am indebted to Dr U S G Bowersox of Longmont, Colo., who has published the book, " The Bauersach Family in America" and the account and court records of Paul Bowersox are the work of Dr Chas A Fisher of Solinsgrove, Pa and Deland, Florida.

This from the preface of the Bauersach Family in America by Dr Bowersox

The first trace of the family was found in Memmelsdorf, near Kronac, Bavaria in the southern part of Germany. This was the birth of Johann Bauersachs, in the village, about 1665. He was a butcher by trade. Church records show that he married a lady named Elizabetha --, in Itzgrund, a village or town which we have been unable to locate. To this marriage was born one son, Johann Nikol (Nicol, Michael *) Bauersachs, who was born Nov. 14, 1702; and who was baptized Nov. 15, 1702 at Memmelsdorf. He was a tailor by trade. In the year 1727 he married Elizabetha Goth, daughter of Vilton and Elizabetha Goth. To this union was born four children- Johann Valentine, July 7, 1741; George Adam, Feb. 26, 1744; Elizabeth and Maria Barbara, no dates given, and of whom we found no further trace. * The names Johann Nikol, Johan Nicol, Johann Michael, found in " Archives of Old Settlers of Pennsylvania ", can be proven to be the name of our progenitor. The names more frequently appear on deeds, church records and other documents as Johann Michael Bowersox. Michael is a family name."

"Records show that John Valentine and George Adam were confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Old Goshenhoppen, in Pennsylvania in March 1761. The last appearance of the name Johann Michael Bauersachs on the communicant list was March 1756. It was, however, in 1750 that Johann Michael and his wife and two sons sailed for America on the ship Royal Union."

" Historical records show that a Paul Bauersachs (also spelled Paulus) came to America a single man in 1740 and settled in Penn Twp, Northumberland Co., Pa. (Later Northumberland County was divided and Penn Twp became a part of Snyder County.) His descendents had the same Christian names and to this day have the family characteristics and appearances."

" The author of the Michael family history accepts these and maybe other findings as sufficient evidence to classify Paul Bauersachs as a son of Johann Bauersachs who was born about 1665."

The original spelling of the name was Bauersachs, of which the literal translation is " Good Farmer". The name has been changed many times, caused by natural modernizations and by mistakes in the records.

" The racial origin of the family is somewhat in doubt. The family came from that part of Bavaria which was invaded by the Goths in the third century and was later subjugated by the Franks, so the family is probably of mixed blood, Goth and Frank, with a possibility of Hun and Nordic. However the melting pot has been busily boiling and many other races have been added to the family since that day."

" We believe that the Bowersox family, as a whole, will compare favorably with any family which migrated to this country. The family has been given to agriculture for the most part, but members have been found in almost every line of endeavor. There have been soldiers, lawyers, doctors, statesmen, educators, engineers, ministers, mechanics, tailors and merchants."

We add the following statement made by the author of this preface from which we have quoted in part- Orville Leroy Bowersox Jr- because it tells you of the difficulties that we who have tried to serve the Shambaugh line have suffered. Says he- " The author of this genealogy, my uncle Dr U S G Bowersox, travelled far and wide for much of the information contained therein. In many cases he met with disappointment, finding records destroyed, gravestones disintegrated, and all traces lost."

Now comes the comparison between the above Paul Bowersox and my own Paul Bowersox. There seems to be some discrepancy here, but just how it can be corrected so that the Paul Bauersachs of the above sketch and the Paul Bowersox of my ancestry may be proven to be the same person I do not know. I do have court records to prove my claim to Paul Bauersachs of Snyder County, Pa., but, as to his correct birth-date I do not have proof. I am inclined to believe that he is also a son of John Nicol (Nicol, Michael) and a brother to Johann Valentine, both July 7, 1741 and George Adam, born Feb. 26, 1744 for Dr Chas A. Fisher gives the date of my Paul Bauersachs as about the year 1745, which if a brother of Johann Valentine and George Adam would fit in perfectly. Also, my Paul has a son, George Adam, according to Dr Fisher and it is most likely the son was named for an uncle. George Adams Bauersachs of the Dr Bowersox history lived in the same county with my own Paul Bauersachs- Union County, which was later divided and a part of which is now Snyder County.

The following from " Snyder County Pioneers" by Dr Chas A Fisher, is his account of Paul Bowersox (Paul Bauersachs)-

" Paul Bowersox (also Bauersachs) was born in Germany probably about the year 1745. He embarked for America in the British ship ' Betsey', Andrew Bryson master, probably from the port of Rotterdam, Holland but last from London. He arrived in Philadelphia where he took the oath of allegiance to the English government on Dec 4, 1771. It is supposed that he lived in an eastern county for a few years. He was assessed in Penn Twp for the first time in 1778. In 1787 he was assessed with 100 acres and personal property. He died near Middleburg, Pa in 1806 and is buried in the Hassinger old cemetery, west of Middleburg. His grave is marked with a stone marker with the initials 'P. B.' His sons are

George A., M. Benjamin, David, John and Jacob. Paul served in Capt. Weirick's Company in the Northumberland County Militia in 1790. His family consisted of himself, three sons under 16 and four females."

Abstracts of Snyder County Probate and Orphans Court Records 1772-1855 give letters of administration in the death of Paul Bowersox, March 7, 1806 with George Bowersox and George Spade and the name Michael Bowersox and Philip Walter as securities. Philip Walters married Eva Maria Bowersox.

Now, I am a daughter of Franklin Pierce Shambaugh whose father, George was a son of John Shambaugh and his wife Catherine Walters. Catherine Walters was a daughter of Philip Walters and Eva Maria Bowersox, she a daughter of Paul Bowersox of whom this sketch is written.

- Thank you Mrs Gervin for this excellent sketch which is of a family that came to America and lived so near to the Shambaughs of Snyder County, Pa. and who married into that family. Your article is rich in suggestions as to how difficult it is at this later date to definitely determine family origins. However, it is also rich in the thought that such origins can be worked out, and possibly, sometime we may know definitely just how our two branches of the Shambaugh family are tied together.-H G

We have space for two more introductions-

HAZEL SHAMBAUGH ENGLISH, 528 Summit St., Marion, Ohio, born Oct 11, 1890 is the daughter of George and Mary Shambaugh. She received her education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and on Jan. 1, 1918 began the year by marrying Thomas. J. English, also of Upper Sandusky. The Englishs have no children. She is a member of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church and disclaims interest in either politics or clubs. Mr. English works for the Dugan Clothing Company store in Marion.

Genealogy: George W., William, John, George II, George of Lancaster County.

ROSCOE G. SHAMBAUGH, 2312 Oakridge Rd, Fort Wayne, Ind- son of Mr and Mrs F M Shambaugh was born Sept. 9, 1895 at Hurshtown, Indiana. Here he received an 8th grade education together with two years of high school. Oct. 29, 1917 he married Goldie Hassinger of Churubusco, Indiana. Mr. Shambaugh is a Plumbing and Heating Contractor. He is a member of the Crescent Evangelical and United Brethern Ch. and is a Republican in politics. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of I O O F. He is also a member of the American Legion and of the V F W. He is a Past Monarch of Caddison Grotto, Past President of the Ft Wayne Master Plumbers and is on the board of the Indiana Master Plumbers Association. The Shambaughs have three sons of which one, Max P. born June 16, 1922 is still at home. Robt F. born April 29, 1920 is married and lives at 2405 Terrace Rd in Ft Wayne. Eugene R. is also married and lives at 1013 1/2 So. First St., Champaign, Illinois. He was born May 19, 1926. Mr. Shambaugh says of his sons-" Robert is a graduate of Jordan-Butler in music and is now working on his Masters Degree at Michigan State College. He is head of the Music Dept. in the North Side High School here in Fort Wayne. Max is a graduate of Purdue University in the Mechanical Engineering Course. He is working with me. He served 3 years in the Air Corps and was pilot of a B-17. Eugene will graduate from the University of Illinois in June in Business Administration. He served two years in the Navy. "

Genealogy: Frank M., John, Daniel, Christian, Geo Jr., George of Bucks County

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