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NEARLY TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED since the last issue of the News Letter was published and after a lapse like that it almost seems like beginning again. So much has happened in the intervening space that one is not even sure that when these letters are mailed to the old addresses they will reach the persons for whom intended. Yes, it is a beginning again, and since this is so it might be well for us to re-state the real purpose and function of this project, a project that began as a personal one in January 1940 and was taken over by the Society as it was organized in 1941. The articles of agreement of our society contains this section.

6. MONTHLY NEWS LETTER A second project of this Society shall be the publication of a monthly News-Letter for the purpose of sharing information amongst its members and the publishing of information that it is desired to preserve. Additional publications may be issued at the discretion of the committee named to be in charge of the project.

This project really dates back to the time when the three whom you have named as the editorial staff, all interested in family research, found that the Shambaugh Clan had no written history and felt that there would be many members of the Clan who would appreciate such a work. A great deal of time and money has already been spent in the project, but we are all agreed that we are far from ready to issue any completely accurate authentic history of the Clan. Like true scientists we have dug out facts, compared notes, tried results and when all of the data seemed to point one way we accepted the verdict always with the privilege of presenting dissenting opinions. Many of the Clan have helped. We feel that there are others of the Clan who have valuable materials in old Bibles, old notes and other factual material that should be shared.

-The first two years of the News-Letter was devoted largely to materials around the oldest Shambaugh data we could find. Then in 1942 we stepped the process up a bit and started with the children of the originals, their children and grand children. Believing that the Bucks County line of which Mr. Gleim and Mrs. Gervin are descendants was the oldest we gave first place in this series to that section starting with the children of George of Bucks County and then going to the children of Daniel of that line. This issue closes the work on the children of Daniel and there is left the treatment of the two sons of Philip of Bucks County, Isaac and Philip, Jr. This will follow with the children of George and Philip of the Lancaster line, represented on our committee by Mrs. Castleberry.

-We have been quite impartial in our research covering these two lines and the data presented is a composite of the work of all members of the committee.

NOTES FROM THE EDITORS Most of the information that has come from our correspondents during the past two years has reached Mrs. Castleberry and it is from her files that we give the news items that follow.

-Sgt. John (Jack) Eves Shambach died Oct. 21, 1944 in Italy on a flying mission. He is the son of John Shambach of Donora. He was married July 20, 1943 to Ruth Helen Ammon and her child, Gretchen Eves Shambach was born Jan. 19, 1945.

-Daisy Shambaugh Moore of Pueblo, Colorado passed away at her home Sept. 21, 1945 and was buried in Denver where her two daughters live. Mrs. Moore was our most travelled Shambaugh and made one trip around the world. She belongs to the sixth generation of the Lancaster branch through Wm. Shambugh, Philip, Geo. III, Geo. II and George.

- From the Kansas part of the Isaac Shambaugh line comes the regrettable word that Everett Raymond Moler, PFC, was killed in France March 28, 1945. His sister, Nina Marie Moler Y 3/c is in service as a Wave. James Leroy Colhour died January 1, 1945 at home in Dolores, Colorado. J. L. Colhour 2d, now home from overseas was married July 4, 1942 and Roy III was born February 25, 1944.
- Mrs. Rebecca Stewart, 92, died November 1, 1945 at her home in Connotton Co., O. She is survived by her two daughters, 6 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was buried at Lamartine. With two cousins living at last report, she was one of the oldest of a long-lived branch. Her grandfather, John Shambaugh, lived to 95; one aunt lived to 94 and one to 92. Her geneology, Elizabeth (Shambaugh) McCarty, John, George 2d and George 1 of Lancaster County.
- Lt. Darl Messenger is one of our returned and demobilized men. He is to make his home in Houston.
- A letter from President Joe Shambaugh at the time of their Reunion states that they are already hoping for the National Reunion at Wabash this year.
- Clara Creal Morrison, now living in East Springfield, Ohio, was at the Carroll County Reunion this year.
- New babies are being reported in, including a new daughter for Dr. Gordon Shambaugh. They are still at Monticello, Ark.
- S. Sgt. Robert Shambaugh is safely over in the Pacific. He trained men in the Engineers for over two years. His wife is with her people at Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Mrs. J. H. (Nettie) Walker writes from Lamoyille with new addresses.
- Mrs. Pettis wrote, telling of the death of Everett Moler in France, due to an accident.
- Mrs. Minard writes from Canton, Ohio, ready to renew her efforts in helping to get necessary data.
- A daughter of Mrs. Conn, now at Downs, Kansas, tells us that her son-in-law, Bernard Kupp died in action. She has discovered distant relatives in members of the Clara Morrison and Anna Cogswill families right across the street from her.
- Jay Shambaugh writes from Los Angeles telling of Arnold in the Phillipines and of the death of his brother Charles at Alma, Nebraska, March 15, 1945.
- Credit is due Sadie Duswald, Madge Mundis and Clara Swank for keeping up with their interest and assistance.
- The Shambaughs from Auburn, Indiana, of the Snyder line have helped immeasurably.
- Mrs. Bessie Rohland is now in Washington, D. C.
- Alza Tinsley of Ashland, Ohio, is busy on the Loudonville line.

MR. GLEIM ACKNOWLEDGES a large sheaf of information from Mrs. Castleberry which is intended to bring much of his material up to date and to assist in the historical article that is a part of this letter. Most of you have met this most energetic lady and no words of mine can add to our understanding and deep appreciation of the fine work she is doing in developing our FAMILY TREE. She assures us that she plans on being at Wabash this year with her materials in fine shape and that we are going to be astonished at the size of our family.

ONE OF OUR HOSTS AT WABASH will be Mrs. John Scotten who, with her husband, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary a year ago in May. From the account sent us we learn that they began life together on a farm on the Vernon Pike, near Wabash. For over thirty years they have lived in Wabash where Mr. Scotten has followed the carpenters trade. They have seven children, thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

THE FIVE DAUGHTERS OF DANIEL SHAMBAUGH, THEIR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN

Our information concerning the daughters of Daniel Shambaugh is more meagre than that concerning the five sons. Two of them, Mary (Marie or Polly) and Margaret (Peggy) were never married and lived on with their father after the death of their mother. A third, Rachel, seems to have married late, for the will of Daniel indicates that these three stayed with him and made his home in his last years. Mary's will filed at Front Royal, Oct. 13, 1857, mentions her sister Margaret, her sister Rachel and husband Jacob Houser, two nieces Catherine (Mauck) Derflinger and Elizabeth (Hammock) Rogers, and two nephews, Jonas H. S. Mauck and W. F. N. Houser. Margaret's will which was filed Jan. 5, 1860 leaves out Rachel and Jacob Houser, but includes Daniel C. Shambaugh.

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Rachel Tyson Shambaugh was born in 1808 and married Jacob Hamery Houser who was born in 1813. They were the parents of William Franklin Newton Houser who was born in 1842. There is no record of other children. "Billy" Houser was considered a very bright young man and evidently had the adventuresome spirit so characteristic of the Shambaughs for he went west going first to where his Uncle Daniel was located in Missouri and then with other relatives of the Philip Shambaugh line into southwest Nebraska where he became one of the substantial citizens of the new West and a person of some importance in Nebraska City. The writer of this article visited that city in the Fall of 1942 and found an old lady who remembered Mr. Houser, also visiting the cemetery where lies the remains of he and his family. He was married to Eugenia Kathleen Gant of Nebraska City and was the father of James Louis Houser, born in 1874; Carrie Tyson Houser, born in 1880; and Spencer Gant Houser, born in 1884.

In an old neglected graveyard out from Reliance, Virginia, one gravestone carries the name of "Ann Crampton." Since my own mother's name was Ann, I have often wondered if she was not named after this great-aunt. She was twice married, first to a man named Hammock, and then to John Crampton, Sept. 22, 1812. We have been able to find record of a daughter, Elizabeth, by her first marriage who was married to a man named John Rogers. One of the most interesting characters that members of our family doing research met up with was "Miss Betty" Rogers who lived in the Reliance neighborhood. She took a delight in keeping her age a secret. When she died at a very advanced age we gained possession of a few of her meagre records. From these we believe that she had sisters and brothers somewhere in Ohio, or that her father may have had these sisters and brothers.

Our record closes with information concerning Abigail Shambaugh who married Jacob Mauck, Sept. 24, 1817. On the occasion of my first visit to Ohio and Virginia, I became the possessor of several letters in the handwriting of this energetic woman who was the mother of two children, Jonas Henry Shambaugh Mauck and Catherine who married Baylis Derflinger.

Jonas Henry Shambaugh Mauck was born Oct. 3, 1819 and died Feb. 5, 1893 and he was married to Barbara Anne Baker, Nov. 4, 1845. From some of the letters referred to above we learn that he was a farmer and that prior to his marriage he and his mother operated the Daniel Shambaugh farm after the death of her father. He was the father of nine children. James Newton Mauck was born in 1847, married in 1870 to Laura Anne Fristoe and deceased in 1922. The second son was Joseph Baker Mauck born in 1848, marrying Isabel Fristoe and deceased in 1916. The third child, also a son, was named George Washington Mauck. He was born in 1851 and died in 1911. He was thrice married, his first wife being Annie Broy, the second Minnie Keyser and the third Mattie Keyser.

Jonas Baylis Mauck was the fourth child born in 1852, marrying Emma H. Fristoe in 1873 and dying in 1917. Jacob Henry Mauck was the fifth brother and the first not to grow to manhood being born in 1854 and dying in 1859. The sixth son was Stuyvessant Fillmore Mauck who was born in 1857. He married Almyra Keyser and died in 1924. The seventh son, William Keff Mauck was born in 1859 and died in 1902 living a life of single blessedness. Here the string of sons stops and Annie Virginia Mauck was born in 1861. She became the bride of Anthony Eshelman. Her only sister, Julia Lee Mauck was born in 1864 and married William Keyser. She died in 1901.

These sons and daughters of Abigail Shambaugh elected to live their lives and raise their children in the land of their ancestors rather than to seek new lands. The towns and villages near where they lived and died were Bentonville, Riverton, Limeton, and Reliance - all in the original Shambaugh neighborhood. Without them we would have no present day contacts with the original home of the Shambaughs.

Abigail's daughter was named Catherine. She was born about 1821 and married Baylis Derflinger. Like her brother she raised her family in the old neighborhood. Her first child was Elizabeth Abigail born in 1844, taking as her husband Milton H. Hottel and dying in 1916 at Riverton. The second daughter Rebecca married Charles Steele. Then follow George, Grover and Leonard on none of whom do we have much data. Catherine died in infancy and a fourth sister, Myrtle was married to a man named Emsinger. It is apparent that Grover and Myrtle moved to Pennsylvania and took residence in or near Cumberland and Perry Counties.

REUNIONS OF THE PAST TWO YEARS, We have four local reunions that are held each year and the stress of the war did not cause any of these to be postponed. As we check back over our files we find that we had reports of three of the four held in 1944 and the same number of reports for 1945. The first of these reunions to be held each year is the Shambaugh-Derflinger Reunion held at Arlington, Iowa. The 23rd and 24th annual reunions were held on July 30, 1944 and July 29, 1945. Time has erased many Shambaugh names from the rolls of this group but both years saw members present having the name. Gertrude Stapel of Oelwein is president; James Carnall of Arlington is vice president; Elma Ross of Arlington is secretary and Hazel Manchester of Arlington is the treasurer. The Shambaughs at Wabash in Indiana are keeping their organization intact and we are all looking forward to the time when we will have the privilege of attending their reunion as a part of the Third National Shambaugh Reunion. Their 37th and 38th reunions were held on August 20, 1944 and August 19, 1945. President Joe sent us a report of the 1944 Reunion which showed a large group in attendance. Undoubtedly this year was even better. Our own president Joe is president of this group. John Shambaugh is the vice president with Pauline Shambaugh as secretary-treasurer. None of those who were in attendance will ever forget the first and second national reunions. The first was with the Carroll County, Ohio, group at Lamartine. The 20th and 21st reunions of this Shambaugh branch were held around Labor Day in 1944 and 1945. According to Anna Cogsil, Lamartine, their president there were 53 in attendance in 1944 when they celebrated the 150th anniversary of John Shambaugh, their ancestor. Margel Verner is the secretary. The second national reunion was held at Loudonville where in 1944 and 1945 their 16th and 17th annual reunions were held. President of this group is S. A. Shambaugh of Ashland with Fannie Marietta of Loudonville as secretary.

Julia Hottel Smith