

Shambaugh Families News - Letter

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President Mrs Anna Shambaugh Cogsil of Lamartine, Ohio, Carroll Co., opened our Eighteenth National Shambaugh Families Reunion in the Community Park in Jewett, O. with 106 present for the bountiful dinner, which only Shambaughs could produce. F. Guy Shambaugh of Ga. asked the Blessing before the dinner.

One of the high spots, was the presence of four generations, with F. Guy Shambaugh, Franklin Shambaugh, Mrs Stanley (Wanda Sue) Howard and children, Stanley Jr. a and Suzanne, all from Ga. There were eight present for the first time.

Regrets were read from Mary Alice Dantzler, Cleo Gervin, Dr. Nona Grapes and Ina and Harry Gleim.

Letters of suggestions on putting out a Shambaugh History from Harry Gleim and Herman Shambaugh were read to the group.

Your editor read a list of Shambaugh events as reported through the year such as -- weddings, births, deaths, vacations, in and out of service, etc.

A collection of 40.00 was received, and 24.00 received for News - Letters, the expenses were 26.88.

The local Shambaugh Reunion of Ferrysville (Lamartine) Carroll Co. voted to donate 20.00 from their treasury to the National Reunion.

Invitations to the 1963 National Reunion were -- to Wabash, Ind., Petersburg Landing on Leesville Lake near Lamartine and at Jewett again. Wabash won by a large vote for Sept. 1963, the Sunday before Labor Day. Lets all go to Wabash.

Officers elected -- President, John Howard Shambaugh, Vice Pres. Howard Leightey and Sec'y, Phyllis Shambaugh. F. A. Leightey was retained as News-Letter editor.

P. S. - It has been a pleasure being your Secretary for the past two years, and getting acquainted with so many nice folks. Thank you for this honor. Eleanor Shawver

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Shambaugh Letter No. 2, from our Co-editor Harry Gleim --

In 1936, Mrs Ira W. Shambaugh, who gained fame as Jessie Field the originator of the 4-H Club idea, introduced two people who were to join hands in developing Shambaugh History.

It was evident that the writer of this sketch and Mrs Lois Shambaugh Castleberry of Houston, Texas had done a great deal of work on Shambaugh family lines. Her father was a Shambaugh, as was my mother. Even though the name appeared close up in both of our family lines, no close family ties could be found.

It was my privilege to do the first real spade-work on the line to which I belong in Virginia in the spring of 1937. Lois and my interests in the family line were quite different. Mine was to unearth ancient data on the family, hers was to develop a real family tree with all twigs intact down to the present. However she did valuable service to both ideas and seems to have been one of those who came across the idea that the original name was thought to be Chambeau, or possibly Roe Chambeau. This tradition was also among some of my close relatives and others of their close kin.

We did later unearth the thought that the original name might have been Shambach, or Schambach. Since it appears well established that the original Shambaugh immigrants came to America from the Palatinate, it could well be that they Germanicised the name to hide their identity, a common practice of that day. We do have a statement of one Walter J. Shambaugh that the original in his family was Chambeaux or Shambeaux and that his grandfather came from France.

Lois and I met on a Shambaugh farm near Booneville, Iowa in the fall of 1937. To those of you who never met Lois, I found her to be a bundle of inexhaustible energy and enthusiasm. We made the most of that afternoon visit. The hunt was on in real earnest and I sometimes wonder if some of the Shambaugh ancestors did not turn over in their graves.

By early 1938 we had also made contact with Miss Jessica Ferguson of the State Historical Library in Harrisburg, and Mrs Warren S. Ely of Doylestown, Pa. Still we did not know how we were related and thought of the Shambaughs as descended from a George, a Philip and a Daniel. Little did we realize the size of the big family of which we were members. Along about here Ursula Graff, as wife of one George Shambaugh and the Hendricks family into which a Philip and a Daniel had married turned up.

In the summer of 1939 Mrs Castleberry and her daughter Katherine, made the Virginia trip and Mrs Gleim and the writer made a repeat visit. We met for a while near Reliance, Va. at the United Brethren Church near where my mother was born. On her return trip Mrs Castleberry stopped at Fort Dodge where I was living and we spent some time in comparing data which by now was considerable. This was to be our last face to face contact before we met at the Loudenville Reunion in 1941, in Ohio.

As I reminisce over the early days of our search we seem to have tried to determine three things --

- 1 - Where did the Shambaughs originate ?
- 2 - What was their original name ?
- 3 - How many Shambaughs came to America from overseas ?

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From all records available it became clear that the original Shambaugh's came from the Palatinate, that section of Germany on the upper Rhine from whence came so many of the so-called "Pennsylvania Dutch".

The original name is still in doubt but this writer is of the opinion that the major proof lies in the direction of Chambeau or something similar and that the origin of the family was France.

There seem to have been several Shambaughs who came to America and gave rise to our belief which later proved that one branch settled in Lancaster Co. and the other in Bucks Co. Pa. and that both were headed by a George. Just how these two original Georges were related has never been proven although my guess is that they were cousins.

All of the material which we gathered has been documented as far as possible and published in the early editions of the News-Letter which was originally edited by this writer. Mrs Castleberry and Mrs Cleo Gervin about whom we will next tell you.

Boone, Iowa - Oct. 2, 1962. Harry W. Gleim

The letter "Just Visiting Around" #10 for Oct. by Ina and Harry Gleim lists a few Shambaugh items. On Oct. 5, we took a little trip to our old home town of Arlington, Iowa to see cousin Elma Jane Ross, Mildred Shambaugh of Volga, was there for the night. Later we celebrated Elma Jane's coming 81st. birthday (Oct. 8th.) at a dinner party just for three.

At Fredericksburg, we seen Ina's nephews and families. Then at Lake Geneva, we had a little time with my nephew, Clyde Seeley, director at George Williams College Camp. Their two girls, Kathy and Karen are growing up, we had not seen them for two years. Had a nice letter from a cousin, M. Opal Fore of Iowa City who works with the Iowa Mental Health Assn.

The Myrr's, Derwin and Elizabeth (Seeley) had a fine summer in Boulder, Colo. where Derwin received his degree for which he has worked the past summer. Elizabeth, a niece, dropped in when she took John to Ames where he is in his third year at I S U. and is working on his Masters degree.

On Sept. 3, we were in Mason City, Iowa and helped my sister Ethel Seeley celebrate her birthday which was the following day.

We received several cards on our tenth wedding anniversary Sept. 11. Thanks.

Mary Alice Dantzler, 1407 McFarland Ave. Rossville, Ga.

Dad (F. Guy), Marcia and myself took a week end trip to Marion, Va. to visit Mary Lillian and Hugh Shagle and daughter Cynthia. Then a few days later we went to Atlanta, Ga. for a week end visit with Emily and Jack Brisco and daughter Alisa Dawn who was christened on Oct. 7, the first wedding anniversary of Emily and Jack. Jack is going to law school. And another week end trip to aunt Cleo's (Gervin) in the Smoky's, with a little Picnic lunch trip to Cades Cove, a very pretty place in Smokys.

Jay and Floy Shambaugh, 202 Ammunition Rd., Fallbrook, Calif.

Jay and Floy visited a couple of days with your editor and wife just before our National Reunion, which they attended.

They left home in June, visiting Shambaughs and other interesting places along the way, including the Worlds Fair in Seattle, and the Gleims in Iowa. They had rolled up around 7000 miles before getting to Ohio. They spent several days in and around Carroll Co., also visiting with cousins in Canton, O. Jay having lived in Ohio at one time, and visited in Ohio four years ago.

Fred and Beatrice Fortney, 165 Dice Rd. Galion, O. took a five day trip to the Wisconsin Dells. The rest of the family left Aug. 20, for the Dells and Chicago.

Ralph and Margaret Perry, R 1, Woodville, Ohio spent several days visiting his sister Catherine and husband Bernard Moore in the rolling hills of western Kentucky. The Moores live near the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

During the first two weeks of Aug. we vacationed in historic New England and believe it or not, we saw the ocean for the first time. It was thrilling to stand where Revere stood and watch for the lights in the tower of the North Church and then travel up the river valley to Lexington, then on to Concord where the fate of a Nation was really decided. In Vermont we toured the Maple Museum and saw the manufacture of Maple Syrup and Sugar. It brought back memories of youth when the writer was connected in a very small way with the same operation. Mr and Mrs D. R. Jenkins of Canton, O., cousins of Mrs Perry were companions on the trip.

We are looking forward to the Wabash gathering and hoping to see some new faces and to see all the old ones too.

Mrs Mildred Clark, Six Lakes, Mich.

In Aug. my sister, Grace Shambaugh Johnson and I went back to our old home at Wabash, Ind. for a visit with relatives of our father Frank Shambaugh. Among them was Emma Halderman who is 93 years old. She lives with her daughter Miss Marjorie.

Clark and Florence Bender of 1367 Blvd. Way, Walnut Creek, Calif. were selected as delegates by their church to the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church held in Grand Rapids, Mich. but coming three days earlier to Marion, Ohio, Clark's home town, on Friday Evening Oct. 19, for a week end visit with Guy G. Shambaugh, his brother-in-law, and other relatives and friends around Marion.

On Sunday noon, Clark and Florence, Guy G., Flavius and Jennie Leightey, Howard, Dorothy and Junior Leightey, and Adam and Olivia Leightey of Upper Sandusky drove to Mansfield for the Kingwood Center flower show, then for a smorgasbord dinner at Belleville. On Monday morning Clark and Florence left for the Conference at Grand Rapids.

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Ben F. Shambaugh, R 4, Ottawa, Kansas

We are glad to get the News-Letters and read them with interest, But there are many names that are strange to us.

I have retired from my work since Feb. 1957, after 31 years with the Kansas City Life Ins Co. in there farm loan work. We are still living on the farm near Ottawa but are not able to do any farming. Our children are all married and stattered, so we just get along by ourselves now, but we do love and have such fun with the grand children whenever any of them are with us.

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Arthur S. Trautwein of Upper Sandusky, O. and Ruby Grant, formerly of South Carolina, were married Sept. 19, 1962 by Rev. Malcolm George of the Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church in Upper Sandusky.

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Mrs Ethel Dome of Ada, Ohio entertained at dinner on Sunday Oct. 14, the following guests -- Arthur and Ruby Trautwein, Earl and Pearle Ulrich, Burton and Laura Trautwein, and Ira and Velma Stoneburner, all in and near Upper Sandusky, and Ruy and Cora Trautwein of Arlington, O.

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Leon and Alice Trautwein, with son Larry and daughters Janet, Ruth, and Nancy, and Jane Kear of Upper Sandusky, visited with Mrs Anna Cogsil, James and Julia Litzenberg and family of Lemartine, O on Oct. 6 - 7. They also went through the Scio Pottery Plant where Anna, Jim and Julia have worked a total of 32 years. The plant now employs 1300 people.

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A daughter, Jo Ann, born Oct. 14, 1962 to Judy and Thomas Elliott of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, waiter and Leefee Shambaugh of Upper Sandusky are the GREAT grandparents.

A daughter, Rox Ann, born Sept. 21, 1962 to Vodean and Frank Rock of Scio, O. "Eleanor and John Shawver" of Scio, O. are grandma and grandpa now.

A son, Randall Scott, born Nov. 4, 1962 to Drucilla and Dennis Daulton at the Wyandot Memorial Hospital in Upper Sandusky. Wayne and Grace Leightey are grand parents now, and your editor and wife are GREAT grand parents again.

A daughter, born Oct. 26, 1962 to Harold and Shirley Shambaugh of Columbus, O. Harold is in the Navy in Chicago, and a son of Carl and Jennie Shambaugh of Columbus.

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Mrs Walter (Leefee) Shambaugh of Upper Sandusky spent a few days in Toledo, O. where she visited with Mrs Natalie Shambaugh of 2143 Elliott St.. She also visited the lady for whom she was named, Mrs Leefee (Walton) Lownsbury, who taught school in their home neighborhood north east of Upper Sandusky. Mrs Lownsbury had been trying to find Mrs Shambaugh fo years and just located her this year, Both were joyful over their reunion.

Mrs Lilly Mae Murray and family of Wharton, O. moved to Findlay, O. into a new home which she purchased. She works at the R. C. A. in Findlay. Lilly Mae is a daughter of Walter and Leefee Shambaugh.

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Floyd A. Shambaugh of Wooster, O. died Oct. 3, 1962, the funeral was held in the McIntyre Funeral Home, with burial in the wooster Cemetery.

Surviving is the wife Zada, and two sons, Floyd JR. and Clarence. A son Russell preceeded him in death.

Your editor and wife, and Fred and Beatrice Fortney of Galion attended the funeral. (no obituary was received by your editor for details).

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Dale and Gladys Shambaugh of 462 So. Main St. Upper Sandusky, O. left on Oct 26, for a few days visit in New Jersey.

Dale entered the Wyandot Memorial Hospital of Upper Sandusky on Nov. 2, for a few days tests.

Fred Fortney of Galion, O. was in the Galion hospital a few days with a muscular spasm in the shoulder and a check.

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A note from Mrs Forest Cousins of 2346 B. Ave N. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, says the News - Letter is very much enjoyed.

On Sept. 5, 1962, Mrs Howard (Dorothy) Leightey of Upper Sandusky was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party in her honor at the Harrison Smith Park. All enjoyed a hamburger fry, potluck and ice cream, with 32 relatives and friends.

A birthday party, by the family was given Aug. 6, 1962 for Howard Leightey at the Col. Crawford Monument Park near Upper Sandusky, with 28 attending the picnic.

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Dr. Nona V. Grapes, 732 Selma Ave., Selma, Ala. Each year I hope to see all you folks the next year. On July 6, 1962 my brother Leon A. Grapes of Davenport, Iowa, Passed away.

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George and Ruth Shambaugh, formerly of Holliston, Mass., now of 1123 Perkins Ave. Wooster, Ohio.

George had to be in Wooster for work on Sept. 4th. Ruth and the rest of the family, Amy, Laura and Tim, visited her sisters in Indiana and Ohio until the 17th. when they moved in a house on Perkins Ave. and are pretty well established in the neighborhood already. Amy is going to Kindergarten this year and loves it. George's folks live in Columbus, O. and Ruth's folks in Springfield, O.

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Some family data gathered by Leefee Shambaugh from a Bible, for the N.- L., while in Toledo, O. ---

Charles C. Shambaugh, school teacher, of Snyder Co. Pa. and Clara E. Howard also of Snyder Co., daughter of Mr and Mrs John Howard, were married Sept. 16, 1876 by Rev. George Gaspach.

Clarence Sylvester Shambaugh, freight agent of the N.Y.C. railroad, son of Charles and Clara, married Katherine Laura Baker, Jan. 12, 1899. in Belaire, Mich.

Merril Raymond Shambaugh, sales manager for Standard Food Inc. of Toledo, and son of Clarence and Katherine, married Natalie Elizabeth Haas, Dec. 24, 1927 in Adrain, Mich.

Richard George Shambaguh, son of Merrill and Natalie, married Jane Davis in June 1954. their son, Roger Kent, is the only child in five generations, at this time.

Richard attended Ohio State two years, also two years at Toledo Univ., graduating in 1955. He is now in the Loan office of the Toledo Savings Bank.

Jane graduated from Toledo Univ. in 1953 and is teaching in Toledo Public Schools.

Charles C. Shambaugh,	born - Sept. 16, 1855 in Snyder Co. Pa.	died Apr. 3, 1940
Clara E. Howard,	" -- Dec. 6, 1857 in Union Co. Pa.	" Apr. 23, 1922
Clarence S. Shambaugh,	" - Mar. 24, 1878	" June 25, 1955
Katherine Laura Baker,	" -- Oct. 27, 1879	" June 25, 1956
Merril Raymond Shambaugh,	" - July 26, 1903 in Allegan, Mich.	" Jan. 1, 1960
Natalie Elizabeth Haas,	" - Mar. 2, 1904 in Toledo, Ohio	
Richard George Shambaugh,	" - Jan. 31, 1932 in Toledo, "	
Jane Davis,	" -- Oct. 19, 1926	
Roger Kent Shambaugh,	" -- Mar. 1, 1960	

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These Catherman family names were also in this Bible, does anyone know if there is any Kinship with the Catherman and Shambaugh lines?

Tamer Derr, Laurelton, Pa. - Amelia Ringman, Laurelton, - Daniel, of Haitilton. Pa. Ruben, of Rochaty, Ill. - Thomas, of Schultz, Wis. - Elias, of Millmont, Pa. - Anna Emery, of Laurelton, - John, of Laurelton, - Polly Weidensaul, of Laurelton, - Jacob, of Penns Cove, Pa. - Samuel, of Monroe, Wis. - Catherine Betner, of Rising Springs, Pa. and George, of New Columbia, Pa.

If any of our readers know any of these people, please write to Mrs Natalie Shambaugh, 2143 Elliott St. Toledo, Ohio. Mrs Hattie Derr, El. W. Simpson St. Mechanicsburg, Pa. has visited with Natalie. (also, any corrections?, Ed.)