

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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FROM THE MAIL BAG.....

Cloy D Shambaugh, 144 So. Chautauqua St., Wichita, Kans. writes—" My eyes are now so I see again.. The News-Letter gives me a lot of pleasure.. I am enclosing a small check to help a little.

Mrs F O Pettit, Norcatour, Kans. tell us- " Since my stay in the hospital at McCook Nebr. in July I am some better but not too well even yet. Twin sons, Dennis James and Dale Lee were born April 1, 1948 to Mr and Mrs Ervin Stephens of Amherst, Nebr she the former Joyce Brunk, daughter of Philip Brunk.. My brother John Brunk passed away Oct. 23, 1947.. Mrs Margaret (Miller) Jeffery of Oskaloosa, Kans passed away June 26, she was a daughter of Nina Brunk (Mrs Lloyd Miller). There are only four of our family still living." The Brunks are children of Margaret Louise Shambaugh Brunk whose father, Philip William Shambaugh was a son of Isaac Shambaugh of Co-shooton, Ohio. We remember with pleasure our meeting with these people in 1941.

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MRS CASTLEBERRY'S account of her work which began with her Christmas greetings continues as follows- The Philip half of our Lancaster line, the Philip who was brother to George II and remained in Pa., has not been completed as it should be. Too much information remains buried in Cumberland County. If Mrs Dick cannot help us at an early date I hope she can interest some other energetic Shambaugh in our project. The MOUNTZ section of that line has been well cared for by Mrs Maude Hervey of 1420 So. Wichita St., Wichita, Kans., whom I visited in 1941, and by Mr. Harold M. Fetterman of 2310 Orange St., Harrisburg, Pa. John Mountz, son of Mary Shambaugh Mountz third child of this Philip of Carlisle, Pa., was grandfather of both. Part of John's big family stayed in Pa., while others settled in Kansas. His 11 children produced a total of 171 already listed. Mrs Hervey's father, Jacob T. Mountz died 3-7-1891 at Wichita; her mother, Ida K. Shuff Mountz died there 4-25-1948 at 86. This Mrs. Mountz was sister to the wife of Levi J. Shambaugh of Carlisle, viz., Mary E. Shuff who died in December 1937. The latter was grandmother of Mrs Dick so she and Mrs. Hervey are doubly related. Mrs Hervey lost her husband 4-11-1947 so she has gone thru a great deal the past years. I am sure a letter from Mrs Dick would be appreciated. One section of which the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh family of Ohio is a large part numbers 222 while the Philip II section has 142 descendants listed. The grand total of this family as recorded to date is 644. Records of too many others are missing, hence the small total. In that Philip II family are included, besides Mrs/ Dick and the Harry L. Shambaugh group of Decatur, Ill., Prof. Benj. Shambaugh of the State University of Iowa who died in 1940 and the famous doctors of Chicago George Sr., George Jr and Philip. Will concentrate all possible on my part of the work this winter but the information must come in. Can't go after information again so you cousins of mine have your work laid out. Many records are in court houses and in the cemeteries. Naturally I search the News-Letters for every small bit of data.

A letter from Mrs Rinchart says that C. Guy Shambaugh of Mt. Gilead, Ohio has a new grandson. His daughter and three sons now have a total of 10 children. Orlie Brennenman, wife and sister safely completed their western trip. Mrs Rinchart failed to get all of her family together for Thanksgiving but had 38 for dinner! She can be proud of them all, but a dinner for 38- she surely can take a lot! One of her grand daughters will finish a nursing course in February. Another finished college last Spring and now works in Rochester, N Y. Mimmie Berder and Maud are quite well now.

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A wonderful correspondent whom you do not know is Prof. Frank E Shambaugh of Lykens Pa. and from his letters I may later make quotations. He is a great grandson of Christian just as are John E., Jesse Y. and Bessie Rohland, the latter being a second cousin to Frank. I regret that I could not have met him also. He has now retired from his profession as superintendent and teacher. He has had a very busy life having more than usual public interests-- politics and lodge work as well as schools. He knew and admired Mrs Ira W Shambaugh many years ago when she was doing some special work in Pa. He always mentions her as being remarkable. If his wife were not an invalid he might be visiting us now as he is greatly interested in reading all of the articles about Houston and Texas. I surely do have a large and important job for him for he says he knows of some of my distant cousins in Pa whom I did not visit. They are descended from still another Philip in our family, this one being brother to George III, Jacob and John, one who did not leave Pa. I picked up some of their legal records at Carlisle which I will send him. This assistance will prove a God-send in completing our Lancaster line. I am sure you are all thinking of the John E. Shambach family of Donora since the recent strange reports. As superintendent of the schools of Donora he is highly respected and an important asset to that city.

- Best wishes to all readers and a good New Years for each.

- Lois S. Castleberry.

And now- back again to Mrs Cleo Gerwin and her Adam Reger story.

(Before we take up with that article may I state that there is an omission from the list of Shambach's who came to Philadelphia in 1729. The Department of Public Records of the Penna State Library tells us that the ship Mortonhouse also had Christoph Shambach as a passenger. It is possible that Christoph, Adam, Anna Dorothy and Elizabeth were husbands and wives. They arrived August 19, 1729.)

You will recall that Mrs Gerwin's story is of an Adam Reger whose daughter Ann Katherine married George Shambaugh. The account is from a book by Dr Chas A. Fisher.

Important! Says Dr. Fisher: " Prior to 1772, roughly, that part of Snyder County lying south of the Middle Creek was part of Cumberland County. The general section between the Middle and the Mahantango Creeks, and south of the latter was known as " Penn's Manor" and on the other old maps as " Pennsboro". The first tax list of this section was compiled in 1768 and contained twenty-three names showing that not many settlers had located in the section. The part north of Middle Creek belonged to Berks County. Some of the people on the 1768 tax list probably lived in what was then Berks County. In 1772 Northumberland was formed and the southern boundary of the new county, west of the Susquehanna River, was the Mahantango Creek, and what is now Snyder County, except Monroe Township, became in 1772, Penn Township of Northumberland County. The " New Purchase" of lands beyond the mountains was made in 1769 and immediately settlers from the southeastern and eastern sections began to move beyond the mountains and across the Susquehanna, in numbers. The tax list of Penn Township for 1772 contained about fifty names and that of 1776 at least three hundred, and although the Indians harrassed the settlers so much that some returned to their old homes, others came on, and pushed up into the Penns, Middle Creek, Military and Bald Eagle Valleys. In 1787, the western part of Penn Township was cut off and named Beaver Township, and in 1796 the southern part of Penn Township was formed into Mahantango Township. This new township comprised largely what is today Union, Chapman, Washington, Perry and West Perry Townships. What is today Monroe Township was then part of Buffalo Township, but later became part of Penn and about 1843 became known as Monroe Township. Other townships were formed from time to time from the three townships, Beaver, Penn and Mahantango, which existed prior to 1800, and by 1819 Mahantango had disappeared entirely, becoming Perry, Chapman and Washington.

And now, on page 3 of this issue we will continue with the story of Adam Reger hoping that it will help us to clear up some of the mysteries attached to the early life of the Shambaughs in America. (See next page)

Snyder County Pioneers
By Dr. Charles A. Fisher

I am very believe this Adam Reger was the creator of Snyder Co. Pa.

"ADAM REGER (also Regar, Reaber, Regor, etc) was born in Germany on October 11, 1749 and died on March 17, 1826 near what is now Beaver Springs, Snyder County, Pa. He is buried by the side of his wife in the cemetery there. He was assessed in Perm Township for the first time in 1776, and in 1786, was assessed with 200 acres of land and personalty. In 1789 he was taxed as a resident of Beaver Township. In 1806 he laid out the village of Beaver Springs, which at first was known as 'Adamsburg', from the first name of the founder. In 1790 his family consisted of one male over and one under 16 years, and seven females. His will was probated at Lewisburg, Pa. on April 15, 1826 and mentions his wife, Charlotte and their children: Catherine, Margaret (whose first husband was Peter Wagner by whom she had one son-Absalom P. Wagner. Her second husband was John Lechner), John, Mary, Susanna, Barbara, Eve, Adam Jr., Elizabeth and Magdalena. The last two preceeded their father in death. One of his daughters was married to Thomas Youngman of Mifflinburg. It is believed that Adam was a son of Michael Regar, and a brother of Elias and John, who lived in the same section. Adam served as a private in the companies of Capt. Michael Weaver and Captain John Black of the Northumberland County Militia."

"MICHAEL REGER (Or Regar) was assessed in Perm Township for the first time in 1768 and his name remained on the tax list until 1780 or 1781. In 1788 he was assessed in Dublin Township, Huntingdon County, Pa. It is believed he was the father of Adam, John and Elias, mentioned above. A Michael Regar was a private, 6th Class in Captain Daniel Clapsaddle's Company, 1st Battalion, Cumberland County Militia."

"ELIAS REGER is supposed to have been a son of Michael Regor. His name appeared on the Perm Township tax list for the first time in 1780 and in the next year he was taxed with 50 acres and personal property. In 1789 he lived in Beaver Township, and the next year his family consisted of one male over and two under 16 years, and two females. On June 21, 1793 he was granted a warrant of survey for 400 acres in Northumberland (now Snyder) County. He was a cooper, and in 1820 was living in what is now Snyder County. He was 77 years old at that time, which would indicate that he was born in 1743. In May 1775 he enlisted in Capt. George Nagle's Company, Colonel Thompson's First Rifle Regiment. He participated in the seige of Boston on Long Island in June 1776."

"JOHN REGER is supposed to have been a son of Michael Regor, and a brother to Adam and Elias, mentioned above. He was assessed in Perm Township, for the first time in 1778, and in 1786 he was taxed with 150 acres and personal property. In 1793 he was granted a warrant of survey for 25 additional acres. He served as a private in the companies of Captain John Black, Captain John Moll, Captain John Snyder of the Northumberland County Militia, and in the party of Lieut. Jacob Spees of the Northumberland County Rangers. This last service was in May, 1780."

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The following records regarding the Reger Families was also compiled by Dr. Charles Fisher.

" Under ' Marriages of Some Pennsylvania Soldiers and Patriots of the Revolutionary Period' we find in 1782 that Adam Reger of Snyder County married Charlotte----- This from Dr. Fisher's book ' Central Pennsylvania Marriages (1700-1896) page 84"

" From ' Abstracts of Snyder County Probate and Orphans Court Records (1772-1855) we find under ' Letters of Administration' that on Oct. 7, 1801 after the death of Casper Wannemaker letters were granted to Mary Wannemaker and Adam Reger and Sureties were Herman Oberhof and Joseph Romig.' From Snyder County Pioneers, by Dr. Fisher was find that CASPER WANNEMAKER was a resident of Beaver Township before 1790 and in that year his family consisted of one male over and two under 16 years, and three females. He died and his wife Mary, and Adam Reger were appointed administrators of his estate on Oct. 7, 1801. It is believed that his wife was Adam Reger's daughter."

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" Also from ' Abstracts of Snyder County, Probate and Orphans Court Records (1772-1855) under Snyder County Wills, page 38 we find Adam Reger's will, October 10, 1824 -- April 15, 1826 from Beaver Township and naming wife: Charlotte. Children: Catherine, Margaret (Mrs Peter Wegner, then Mrs John Lechner) John, Mary, Rachel, Susan, Barbara, Eve, Adam, Elizabeth (dead) Magdalen (dead)."

" On page 44 (same book as above) we find a John Reger's will April 8, 1837-February 13, 1838 from Beaverton-- no heirs mentioned, but perhaps wife Margaret, although this wife may have belonged to Nicholas Minium as it wasn't possible to decide just which person she was the wife of as the three names were run together."

Dr Fisher gives more information on changes in counties and formations in his book on Abstracts, etc and states that "in 1813, what is now Snyder County became a part of the newly formed county of Union, and that in 1855 the southern part of Union County became Snyder County. When this area was part of Cumberland County, Carlisle was the county seat. When it became Northumberland County, the newly formed town of Sunbury, was the county seat. When it became part of Union County, New Berlin was the seat. The present seat of Union County is Lewisburg, and of Snyder Co, at Middleburg, Pa. This was frontier during the Revolution and practically every male between 16 and 60 served in the Rangers, Militia or Continental forces. Most of the early decedents mentioned in it served in the war." Dr Fisher is an historian and a genealogist."

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May I add a few comments... Mrs Gervin has done us a great service in this article as she has sketched for us the formation of the counties where Shambaughs have had their beginnings. We believe that she is leading up to prove a closer connection between the early known Shambaughs than we have thus far acknowledged. We hope that she may be successful. However, until we have the necessary connections established we shall hold to our belief that the two branches of the Shambaugh Families in America head up in the two Georges, one of Bucks, the other of Lancaster Counties who were undoubtedly sons of Adam and Christoph who came to America in 1729.

- Harry Gleim.

Meet-

SADIE ENGLISH, daughter of John J. Duswald and Mary Catherine Shambaugh Duswald who lives at Soio, Ohio. She was born November 25, 1880 near Soio on a dairy farm. After she finished country school she entered high school but lack of help at home made it necessary for her to pass up a high school education. Sept. 15, 1900 she was married to Otto W. English who was born Sept. 10, 1878. To this union two children were born, Florence May on January 29, 1902 and Clyde R. on November 11, 1903. Florence married Paul Butcher May 15, 1920 and Clyde married Duella Harris November 28, 1933. The Butchers' were parents of two girls one of whom died at the age of 16. The other daughter, Margaret Jean is now a graduate of Ohio State University Mrs English is a member of the Methodist Church and is a Republican in politics. Genealogy: J J Duswald, Mary Catherine Shambaugh, George IV, George III, George II, George of Lancaster County

And so, we come to a close of the first issue of the News Letter for 1949. Thanks to Mrs Castleberry and Mrs Gervin we have an interesting issue. Now, it is up to each and every reader to do his or her part in producing future issues. We have a back-log of biographical sketches which we will use from time to time, but we do need information about you and your families. Further if we are to have anywhere near complete records it is necessary that you let our secretary and our gracious writer of the TREE know about marriages, births and deaths in your family. Simply write either of these

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