

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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LAWSON G. SHAMBAUGH died October 17, 1948 at the age of 83 years and 4 months after a sickness of less than a day. He had been in good health all summer and fall up to the time of his death. This report comes to us from his son, Raymond F. Shambaugh who now lives at 153 West Locust St., Wilmington, Ohio after having spent many years as the sole companion of his father on a farm near New Burlington, Ohio. Genealogy: Levi Duffy, Joseph, Daniel, George of Bucks County.

CHARLES S. BOHART, former Clinton, Iowa resident died in the Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago, Dec. 23, 1948 at 10:35 P.M. He had suffered many attacks of angina during his two and one-half years illness but was in the hospital one week. He passed away with bronchial pneumonia of four days duration. Even when weak and ill he would go down stairs to say "hello" to the children and was often seen with one holding his finger, taking a walk. At 4 P.M. Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26 a beautiful memorial service was held with Dr. Henry Hepburn, pastor emeritus and Dr. David Noble officiating. Mr. Bohart was an ardent Christian and prayed much for his lost loved ones. Dr. Noble gave the prayers and scripture and Dr. Hepburn who had known Charles 24 years gave the personal part. It was a real testimony to his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the many friends passed the flower-banked space and bid farewell to their friend, the organist played "The Lost Child" which had been his favorite piece of music. While funerals are usually sad friends agreed that this funeral was uplifting.

Charles S. Bohart, son of the late Margaret Shambaugh and Ballentine Bohart was born May 11, 1876 at Elvira, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Mary B. (Callender) Bohart, three brothers, Albert, George and Roy and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Henningpen. He had been in business thirty years in Chicago where he won the esteem of hundreds of customers. He was a member of Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church for 24 years, previous to that a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He had accepted the Lord as his Saviour as a lad in Elvira. On Monday, Dec. 27 the body was taken to Clinton, Iowa and placed beside that of his mother. Genealogy:- Margaret, John, Philip II, Philip I, George of Lancaster County.

Other News from the Mail Bag-

FROM SECRETARY F. A. Leightey comes the news that he is on the track of some of the "elusive Shambaughs living on the West Coast." He also tells us that Cousin Henry Guthrie is now living with the Fortneys at Galion. The general report is that "his other foot seems to be affected, altho he feels pretty fair." The Leighteys are still without their car which was demolished by the train some time ago.

MRS. MILIRED SHAMBAUGH, Volga, Iowa gives us the new address of her younger son, Dale as 5417 55th Pl. Apt 201, Riverdale, Md. Mrs. Shambaugh sold her farm near Republic, Ohio and moved with her father, Ben Royce to the old home town in Iowa.

REV. W. F. SWITZER, Gary, Indiana writes us a good-long letter from his hospital bed very much concerned over whether or not we are on the Nebraska snow-belt. No, we are several miles away from the stories you read about in your papers. What we have experienced here in the Republican River Valley merely reminds us of the Iowa winters in which we were brought up. The only thing we are worried about now is the danger of floods if the snow to the north melts too fast for the North Platte to take care of it.

NEWS ITEMS from Mrs Castleberry-

On No. 7, 1948, Dorothy Vivian Shambaugh married Bobbie Dean Michaux at Bostwick, Nebr. Dorothy is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Lewis; Mrs L. is a daughter of one of my oldest first cousins, Will Shambaugh and she lives in the parental home. Will and his brother T M (whose widow died recently in Seattle) were cow- men men Nebraska was truly raw country.

A note from Mrs John E. Shambaugh of Donora, Pa., enclosed with her Christmas card reported the birth of a granddaughter, Christian McMahon on May 15. Also that on Nov. 19, 1948 they laid to rest at Donora the body of the beloved son Jack who had died in Italy on October 21, 1944. She did not mention their experience with Smog but we know they survived it.

Jesse Y. Shambaugh of Harrisburg, brother of John E. told of their delightful Thanksgiving dinner when the families of three of their four sons and a sister's family were with them. All four of the boys held important War jobs and the oldest is still a flier with a run from Chicago to Newark and other points.

Two recent letters from Mrs J N Hervey of Wichita reported the wonderful six-weeks vacation in late summer which she spent visiting friends and relatives in California, Oregon and Washington. At Portland she had a cousin with married children as well as nephews and nieces. The big surprise is this: seven cousins of Mrs Hervey from Pennsylvania planned and met her at the home of this Portland cousin... Mrs Elsie Mountz Noel, the cousin at Portland accompanied her home. Mrs Hervey runs a nursery and so she is now full of plans for spring work with her flowers. She is thrilled with her first copy of the News-Letter and will be enjoying it hereafter. I visited her in 1941 and we have corresponded regularly since. I wish she could report all the large Philip half of Pa for me. It would probably double in size. (Mrs Hervey- the Nebraska editor likes flowers, too!)

A surprise to Mr. Gleim and to all readers from the Daniel line of Virginia is that last year, while I was doing no TREE work for many months, two sets of sheets on that line were returned to me at long last. Both add large numbers of names; the smaller number were toward the completion of the large Mauck section; the larger list (a follow-up of still other earlier lists) added many names and more dates to the more recently attempted Derflinger section. This will remain small by comparison with that of Abigail Mauck but larger than we at first had hopes of. I regret that my work with this section has been pushed aside temporarily as I complete other sections. I hope that Mrs Arthur Muehlbeck of 1049 Morrell St., Detroit 9 who sent this in will understand and accept any apologies due. I hope that she will continue her efforts. Thanks for a most excellent job.

Work is progressing on the Lancaster County line which I hope to complete in 1949. I must acknowledge the large bunch of papers worked up by Mrs. Frank E Mills of Cambridge, Ohio on the John line. I shall not be surprised if the John family out-numbers the George III family with its over 605 members, since John had 12 married children. The third brother, Jacob of Otterbein, is still smallest but is growing. Last fall 29 new names were brot back to me and five arrived very recently. I have not heard from Prof. Frank E Shambaugh about his efforts with the descendents of Philip, a fifth member of this family.

 NOW COUSINS- As I told those who were assembled at Ashland at the Reunion, I simply do not have the time to prepare any new materials for the News-Letter. Unless you send us the news we will not go to press. We can have just as many pages of interesting information as you send in. Let's write LOTS for the March News-Letter.

- Harry Gleim