

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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AFTER SEVERAL DELAYS which allowed the month of March to slip by without an issue of our Letter, here comes another issue. The only reasonable explanation that your editor can give is the one that he stated to you who were at Ashland- there are just too many things for me to do to give you satisfactory service as editor of a project of this kind. The Reunion is only four months away, you had better begin to look for a replacement.

RAYMOND F SHAMBAUGH, 153 West Locust Street, Wilmington, Ohio gives us the following news of the southwest Ohio Shambaughs-" I saw Uncle Joe (Joe Shambaugh) yesterday. He has good health, but he has begun to fail. He is a great-grandpa , his daughter Grace (Mrs Donald Henderson) has a grandson. I see Ernestine (Mrs James Moore) and her husband in Wilmington about twice a week. Their son, Richard, is in college in this town. Their daughter Mary Lou is teaching school in Harveysburg. Howard Shambaugh (Joe's son) bought a farm four miles out of Wilmington and is till in the turkey business, doing very well, Ella is still in Florida, while Agnes (Mrs J W Thompson) and Rachel (Mrs Parker) still in California, Dorothy is living near Harveysburg and Josephine (Mrs Fred Bogan) lives below Waynesville. -My father's twin sister, Mrs Laura Hiatt) has a son and daughter living in this town. Aunt Laura seems well for a lady nearly 84 years old. Uncle Will's son, Vermin Shambaugh also lives here working for an implement dealer. I have four first cousins living in and around Wilmington and none left around New Burlington any more. My great grandfather Joseph Shambaugh settled near New Burlington in 1823 and for 126 years there were Shambaughs in that vicinity. He came from Virginia in 1822, living for a year with Joshua Yoe. My grandfather, Levi Shambaugh was less than a year old when they arrived here."

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HENRY F. GURTHIE celebrated his 93d birthday on Feb. 19 and here is a newspaper story about him which Mrs F H Fortney has sent us. The article is by Catherine Romick but we cannot give you the name of the paper- "His left leg amputated above the knee which has caused him to be hospitalized for most of the past year Henry F Guthrie who was 93 years old Saturday, is an aggressive bed patient at the home of his niece and her husband, Mr and Mrs Fred Fortney, south of Galion. He makes it pleasant for those who care for him, and he entertains himself at nothing less than working problems of geometry and algebra. For his problems, he refers to an old Greenleaf textbook of which there are few left in the country. He uses a heavy marking pencil in order to see his work and is also aided by glasses and a hand lens. Perhaps his liking for mathelatics is due to the fact he taught school early in his life, served on a school board in Greene County, and was one of the pupils of the old Greene County Academy which then was located in Perrysville, Ohio. Never having been married, and with no family of his own, plus his confinement, one would think Guthrie would have the ' blues', but his disposition is cheerful and he makes the best of his stituation. Besides doing his problems, reads the newspapers, and he has been reading the Bible much in recent months. Because of impaired hearing, he listens only occasionally to the radio. It was little more than a year ago that an artery condition made it necessary for Guthrie to have the amputation. Most of the past year was spent in a hospital in Mansfield, but in December, he came to the Fortney home, south of Galion on the Cronewett road.

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He gets much pleasure from watching a three-year old grandniece, Karen Louise Ross, daughter of Ruth Fortney Ross. Politically, Guthrie is a Democrat, and he listened with almost avidity to the inaugural ceremonies of both the governor and president in January. About the weather, Guthrie recalls when he was a boy of 8 or 9, there was a severe June frost that killed the wheat and early corn. Farmers turned to planting buckwheat that year, and the following winter it was buckwheat flour that was eaten instead of wheat flour. He said farmers carried buckwheat cakes in their lunch pails that year. For years Guthrie was active in Masonic orders. He is a past master of the lodge and conducted many installations when he was active. All his work was done by memory, and four years ago he installed Fortney in rites at Crestline. He is a member of Hanover Lodge and the Council at Loudonville, Ohio; the Knights Templar at Mansfield; and the Scottish Rites at Columbus. He was born on a farm two miles north of Perrysville, (The old Guthrie homestead), and recalls when the old house was torn down, some of the logs went into the building of a home which now stands in Perrysville. He lived in Green township, Ashtabula county, until 1939 when he sold his 94-acre farm, east of the old homestead. He had bought the farm early in life after having taught school several years. After his retirement, he came to the Fortney home here for four years. Later he lived with a nephew at Parma, and then with another niece at Perrysville. "
Not a very many years ago, for John's town (Green town) in the old days, it was the last home of the Delaware Indians.
MRS ALICE SHAMBAUGH, Perrysville whose birthday we celebrated at the last Reunion has not been well during this past winter according to word received from the Floyd Shambaughs.

HEALTH CONDITIONS, however, seem much improved in the F A Leightey family, for which we are all happy- and this included the repairing of the demolished car.

MRS GERVIN continues with her attempt to prove that we Shambaughs are all of us of the same origins. In Ohio she has found the book "Ohio Valley Genealogies", and from page 111 we read about a George Shambaugh as follows-

- George Shambaugh, b. in Pennsylvania about 1745; died in Perry County, that state, 1827, son of George Shambaugh, a native of Germany, who immigrated to Pennsylvania; had issue:
 - George, b. in Perry County, Penn., 1807- removed to Rumley Township, Harrison County, Ohio, 1817, where he died Sept. 4, 1867; served in the War of 1812; married in Pennsylvania, Mrs Elizabeth Brown Wirt, a widow, b. 1777, d. about 1863; daughter of Michael Brown, of German descent; had issue:
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 - Mary A., b. July 27, 1836; m. John W. Finnicum, of Rumley Township;
 - Simon B., b. Sept. 7, 1838; d. Oct. 14, 1873;
 - Adam H., b. Sept. 11, 1841; m. Mary Jane Scott, daughter of Samuel Scott of Rumley Township;
 - Charlotte, b. June 21, 1842; d. January 1879; m. May, 1873, Peter Overholt; d. Feb. 1877;
 - Maria, b. Aug. 22, 1844; m. Aug. 3, 1871, Harvey L. Thompson and settled in Archer Township;
 - Jane, b. Nov. 28, 1846; d. Oct. 30, 1867;
 - John, b. Oct. 13, 1848; m. Elizabeth Gutshall, daughter of Jacob Gutshall, and settled near Des Moines, Iowa;
 - Philip, b. Feb. 18, 1851; m. March 15, 1881, Elizabeth Loretta Scott, of New Rumley, daughter of John A. and Eliza Bivington Scott;
 - George;
 - Margaret, m. Samuel Hazlett.
 - Jacob, who served in the Revolutionary War-
 - John
 - Philip
 - Mary
 - Barbara and
 - Catherine.

Someone has written the book of "John Shambaugh of Harrison County, Ohio" and from it we read as follows-

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See page 2 - compare other articles from Ohio Valley genealogy

of Rumley Township, Harrison County, (Ohio) was a son of George Shambaugh, who was a son of George Shambaugh, a native of Germany, who immigrated to Westmoreland County, Pa. in an early day. He was a very successful and wealthy farmer. When he came to Pennsylvania he brought his two sons, George and Philip with him. Philip Shambaugh married and had a son Jacob who served in the Revolutionary War for three years, he being quite a young boy when he entered the service-- only 17 years old. An officer came to Jacob's father and demanded his team, consisting of four horses, one a three-year old colt, for use in the army. The father, however, did not want his team to go, but readily consented provided the officer would enlist the boy with the privilege of driving and caring for his team. The officer accepted the terms. The boy served his three years as teamster in the army, and upon his return home delivered back to his father his team, unharmed and in good condition. After Jacob's return from the army, Philip and his family moved to Maryland and all traces of that Shambaugh family have been lost.

George Shambaugh, son of the first mentioned George Shambaugh, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa about 1745. He married Katherina Reder or Reger, whose parents also came from Germany. George and Katherina lived on Tulpehooken Creek in Berkes County, Pa during their early married life. Here their family was born, which consisted of seven children as follows: George, Jacob, John, Philip, Mollie, Barbara and Catherine. After a few years George and Katherina took their family and moved to Cumberland County, Pa. George died in Perry County, that state, in 1827.

George Shambaugh, the eldest son of George and Katherina Reger Shambaugh, served in the War of 1812, and was a member of the state militia. He married Elizabeth Wirt, whose maiden name was Brown. She was the widow of Ludwig Wirt. Jacob Shambaugh married Sarah Hoobler. Barbara Shambaugh married George C. Hokenhouse. John Shambaugh married Catherine Wirt (George's step-daughter). Catherine Shambaugh married Jacob Holtz of Richland County, Ohio. Mollie Shambaugh married Wendell Brown. There is no account of whom Philip married.

X John Shambaugh, whose history we are telling, was born Feb. 6, 1794. He lived with his parents in Pennsylvania and grew to manhood, having received an ordinary education in the subscription schools. The school house where he attended was built of logs with no floor, and windows were holes cut through the sides of the building with greased paper fastened over them to let the light in. In one end was a large fireplace by which the pupils warmed themselves, one side at a time. The chimney was only about five feet high. John Shambaugh married Catherine Wirt, who was born Oct. 24, 1796, and was the daughter of Ludwig Wirt. The Wirt children were: Elizabeth, who married Coburn, and he died; then she married Manbeck; John Wirt and Catherine Wirt.

John and Catherine were married June 22, 1816. They waited until the following year to take their honeymoon trip. With their baby boy they came with his brother George to Rumley Township, Harrison County, Ohio, in 1817, and entered a farm comprising about 220 acres. The journey from Perry County to Rumley Township was made with a four-horse team and a large covered wagon, together with two cows, and it took two weeks to accomplish the journey. The land was then heavily timbered and a dense wilderness. They lived in their wagon until they could erect a small cabin, prepare a small piece of ground for garden, potatoes, etc., which required nearly two months time. They worked early and late, and in a few years, the land put on a more cultivated appearance. The forest gave place to pleasant places and fine meadow land, then the cabin was exchanged for a more commodious and comfortable dwelling. In the spring of 1830, John and Catherine decided to make a change and go to a farm by themselves. They were offered all the nice land along the Tuscarawas R., including the land where New Philadelphia is now located, for one dollar an acre, but at that time the land was swampy and heavily timbered. It also was supposed to be infested with malaria fever and the ague, and so he was afraid to take it, and bought a farm in Perry Township, Carroll County. Here he and his family gathered

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a good portion of this world's goods around them. To them were born a baker's dozen of children, and they raised and educated them all to be good and useful men and women, with the exception of one son who died in infancy, but they raised thirteen children, nevertheless; they took a boy by the name of Jess Cathrell and raised and educated him just the same as if he had been their own child.

Their own children were as follows: Jacob, born March 15, 1817; Elizabeth, born March 24, 1819; William, born July 26, 1820; Sarah, born March 25, 1822; John, born Nov. 27, 1824; Solomon, born Sept. 8, 1825; Catherine, born Sept. 26, 1828; Susan, born Sept. 13, 1829; Polly, born March 4, 1832; Margaret, born July 3, 1834; Hannah, born June 21, 1838; Rachel, born Aug. 19, 1840 and another who died in infancy.

John Shambaugh Sr as a neighbor was kind, hospitable and social, and in all his business transactions honest, and during his lifetime never owed to any one the sum of \$100. His wife, Catherine Wirt Shambaugh departed this life, Dec. 15th 1869. She was 73 years old. John lived on at the old farm awaiting his summons to come and join her. Twenty years after her death the "silent messenger" came on June 10 1889 when he was in his 96th year.

Wm Shambaugh was the grandfather of F A Leightey, Walter E. Shambaugh, Albert F. Shambaugh, Verner A Shambaugh, Arthur S Troutwein, Burton R Troutwein, Volma Stoneburner, all of Upper Sandusky, Ohio

(In our next issue Mrs Gervin will give us a summing up of what this all adds up to as she views it)

FROM MRS CASTLEBERRY we give the following items-

I am proud to report on the large number of my relatives in Ohio who have passed their Golden Weddings: Cousin Charles and Mary Finnicum celebrated their 57th last October; Mr and Mrs E E Birney, also of Jewett, have had their 55th-- Mrs Birney is of Grand-uncle Philip's family. Mr and Mrs Edward Werner, she of our big JOHN line of Ohio, had their 51st a few months ago. Mr and Mrs W H Kelley, she also of the JOHN family, have had their 54th celebration.

One death is that of Rinda McAfee Fisher-Abel at Jewett. She had lived there all her life, had outlived two husbands, naturally was well known to everyone in the County. She was the oldest child of Grand-uncle Philip's youngest child, the Mrs Mary Fisher who died in 1942 at 90. All who attended the 1940 Reunion at La-martine will remember both as they attended and their faces can be readily located in the picture of that large group. Rinda, born in 1872, died Feb. 25, 1949, is survived by 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A report of a misfortune has been that of Mrs Nina Br. Haupt of Downs, Kans who has had a very serious eye trouble and underwent an operation. However, the latest report is that the operation proved successful and she is now improving at her home being cared for by a married daughter who came from Washington D C to be with her. Nina is a granddaughter of the 94-year old Margaret Dossan who died in 1928, she a daughter of the JOHN family. It is thanks to Mrs Stella Conn who has kept me informed. She is the member of the George IV family of Kansas and Nebr, as well as of Ohio, one of our many second cousins. Stella's big family has been increased by four more in-laws and six new babies, largest additions reported this year. Stella also lives in Downs, Kansas.

My latest grand-niece has arrived safely: Malinda Hollingsworth was born Mar. 16, 1949 in San Angelo but will live in Ozona, West Texas. This brings the totals on father's family to 9 children, 21 grand-children, 27 great-grands and 5 great-great-grands. Of these 62 54 are living. This new infant is a fifth grandchild of my brother Scott, here in Houston.

AND SO WE END another issue of the News-Letter. It is probable that we will be able to issue another letter in May. With that in mind send in your news items so that they can be passed along to the rest of the clan.

Believe I have mentioned I would mention in issue of June 1966 National Shambaugh Reunion was held.