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THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA SERIES which began with our January 1941 issue will be considered as a supplement to the regular News-Letter and is our attempt to properly correlate all of the historical facts around the family. It is our purpose to include in it only those facts based on accurate data, or which the preponderance of evidence seems to support. In the News-Letter we will carry traditional stories and items which may, or may not merit a place in a more accurate history. The series as now planned will be as follows

January	Foreword, dedication and introduction.
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INTRODUCING..... Last year we had the pleasure of making you better acquainted with

Abbott, Ruth Hornecker	June
Fisher, Sarah Virginia	May
Gleim, Harrie Wilbur	March
Glenn, Naomi May	October
Grapes, Leon A.	April
Grapes, Mattie Bell	June
Grapes, Anna Viola	June
Grim, Laura I	October
Hofmann, Maurine Mercer	July
Kirkland, Alice Ulla	April
Mayak, Wm Benson	October
Shambaugh, Andrew J.	December
Shambaugh, Archibald Major	August
Shambaugh, Arthur Leroy	October
Shambaugh, Ben F.	October
Shambaugh, Samuel Rogers	May

We now continue these introductions, and here is....

HENRY FRANKLIN GUTHRIE son of Lewis and Elizabeth Walter Guthrie; born February 19, 1855 in Green township, Ashland County, Ohio in a log house. He attended the Lepley rural school and Greentown Academy at Ferrysville. He taught school nine years and spent all the other active years of his life farming. He never married. Politically he is a Democrat and embraces the Unitarian faith. He is a Knight Templar, 32d degree Mason, having been actively affiliated with this fraternal order for 52 years. In August of 1939 he sold his farm and moved to Galion, Ohio to make his home with a niece, Mrs Beatrice Guthrie Fertney.
Genealogy: Elizabeth Walter, Catherine S., Christian, George, George of Bucks Co.

PROFESSOR ROBERT JONES, a member of the Harrison Co., Ohio, line in the seventh generation, is principal of schools at Monroe, Oregon. Was principal at Haines, Oregon, for several years. Born January 4, 1905, he is married to Magdalene Lindberg Jones and has a small daughter, Leslie Anne. His father was for many years a United Brethren minister but died eight years ago. In this connection it should also be noted that Robert's mother, Mrs F W Jones of Riverside, California, sister to Mrs. Castleberry, passed away on December 30, 1940 at the age of 75 years. Her three scattered children, all living along the West Coast, returned home for this sad occasion. All have now returned to their respective vocations.

Genealogy: Mrs Jones, Adam H. Shambaugh, Michael, George III, George II, and George of Lancaster County.

SARAH LENA SHOWALTER HUMPHREY, daughter of Charles Harvey Showalter and Mary Jane Shambaugh was born October 21, 1868 near Mt. Ayr in Ringgold County, Iowa and now lives with her daughter, Mrs Floyd B Weakly at 2614 Isabella St., Evanston, Ill. December 24, 1889 was the date of her marriage to Wm R Humphrey who was born October 7, 1868 near Allegheny, Pa. Mr and Mrs Humphrey are the parents of four children. Wm Leonard, the oldest was born March 5, 1893 and lives at Villa Park, Ill. Gladys Lena was born April 8, 1896 and is the wife of Floyd B Weakley. They are the parents of Gladys Eilene who was born January 20, 1919 and Alice Berkeley, born October 2, 1920. The third child was Mildred D., born August 7, 1899 and now the wife of Alan D. Siprelle. Their home is in Cleveland, Ohio. The youngest in the family is Charles Robert, born January 15, 1904, who lives in Elmhurst, Ill., and who is the father of Wm Robert, born February 10, 1928 and Jacklyn Brooks who was born June 13, 1931.

Genealogy: Mary Jane, Chas D., Daniel, George of Bucks County.

BERTHA MAE SHAMBAUGH KNOERR, daughter of James Thomas Shambaugh and Abigail Francis Thompson was born November 28, 1894 at Arlington, Iowa. She attended the Arlington public schools and high school and entering Drake University, graduated from there in 1917. Following graduation she took an advanced course in the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy going upon graduation to the Federal Childrens Bureau at Gary, Indiana. Six weeks here prepared her for social work in Philadelphia where and in which profession she remained until her marriage, October 13, 1923 to Rudolph Robert Knoerr of Milwaukee. Mr. Knoerr, born February 11, 1892 is a son of George and Clara Knoerr, he was a former teacher and is now an electrical contractor. Their home is at 1015 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wis. They are the parents of two fine sons, Kenneth, born September 2, 1927 and Donald, born May 6, 1930. *Donald R. Shambaugh, 2nd son of Arthur, son of*

Genealogy: James T., Thomas E., Jacob, Daniel, George of Bucks County.

MAUD SHAMBAUGH RINEHART, daughter of Wm H Shambaugh and Elvira Hassler Shambaugh was born January 19, 1877 near Lexington, Ohio and was married December 24, 1900 to Adam R. Rinehart, born January 24, 1870 near North Woodbury, Ohio. There are seven children in the Rinehart family all of whom have left the parental homestead near Steam Corners where Mr and Mrs Shambaugh reside. The children are Edwin P., born August 6, 1901 now living on RFD #3 at Marietta, Ohio; Leona, born February 9, 1904, wife of J H Rader, living on RFD # 6 out of Mansfield; Irene, born May 12 1906, wife of D V Bailey living at 41 N. Walnut St., New London; Milford B. born July 29, 1906 whose address is RFD # 5, Mansfield; Cleon O., born June 19, 1910 living on RFD # 1 at Galion; Geneva, born January 22, 1912 living on RFD # 5, Mansfield and Gertrude Rinehart who lives in Lexington.

Genealogy: Mrs Rinehart is a granddaughter of the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh.

THE BUCKS COUNTY GEORGES

(We acknowledge assistance in this account from the Shambaugh brothers, J Y of Harrisburg-John E. of Donora and Theo F. of Middleburg; Mrs Warren S Ely, wife of a former curator and Hiram F Mann present curator of the Doylestown Historical Museum; Cleo Shambaugh Gervin of Knoxville, Tenn; Henry F Guthrie of Galion, Ohio and Clara B Shambaugh Dick of Hanover, Pa.)

For better, or for worse, to be accepted or disproven we begin our account of the Shambaugh Families in America and their contribution as citizens to our great country with the arrival at Philadelphia, August 19, 1729 of the ship Mortonhouse from the Palatinate via Rotterdam. On this ship were four people named Shambaugh, Adam and Christoff, Anna Dorothy and Mizabeth, probably husbands and wives. No further record has been found until February 13, 1739 when one George Shambok, according to Provincial papers of the county of Philadelphia is shown with 100 acres of land. The same name is listed April 29, 1740 with 150 acres of land in Bucks county, and again February 28, 1743 George Shambaugh is listed with 40 acres in the same county. It is this George Shambaugh that we are assuming came to America, probably as a minor on the ship Mortonhouse. These listed warrants were with the heirs of Wm/ Penn who seem to have made a practice of issuing such warrants at a quit rental until such time as the early settlers could actually purchase the land when deeds were given, and later we do find deeds, supporting this idea. This George, however according to the early laws would have had to have been of age when the warrant was listed which would mean that he was born previous to 1718.

While the very first piece of land was indicated as in Philadelphia County, it was in Bucks County that the family homestead seems to have been established in Hilltown township, for from this township we find that two of the sons of George enlisted in the services of their country. May 6, 1777, Daniel, the second son enlisted in Capt. Matthew Grier's Company, the 2d of the 2d battalion from Bucks Co and in 1782 a list of the men in this same company shows George Shambough in the Eastern Division of Hilltown in the first Four Classes. Two sons, Philip and Lewis were also taxed in Hilltown in 1787 as owners of land.

A further evidence of the development of the family in Bucks County was their adherence to old Goshenhoppen Church, located in Falckners' or the Great Swamp Circuit and presided over by the famous early Lutheran divine Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Records preserved from this church give us the confirmation dates of Daniel, Lewis and Anna Maria and the marriage date of Philip. The family of children seems also to have included a daughter Dorothy, for she is mentioned in the final settlement of the estate of George Shambaugh in the Frederick County, Virginia records.

Sometime about 1790 it is apparent that this Shambaugh family got the urge to go places and most of them seem to have joined one of the expeditions going south into the much advertised fertile valley of the Shenandoah under the leadership of that noted promoter of settlements, Jost Hite.

One member of the family did not go to Virginia. George Shambaugh Jr having married a Miss Reinard in Montgomery County seems to have established a family and an identity of his own. Here their six children were born and it is evident that they remained in this county for about twenty years. Then it was, in about 1805, that the Western Urge first came into evidence, an urge that was to become a vital part of the lives of all succeeding Shambachs in all branches. Love of freedom and love of the soil were controlling factors. Thus it was that the George Shambaugh Jr. family migrated over the Alleghenies into the large territory then known as Union County. Later it was subdivided and their section became the Snyder Co. of today.

A veil surrounds the family until this time. Now with the beginning of their new life in a new land, with their six children ranging in age from ten to twenty years we are on firm ground historically and our Shambach TREES grows luxuriantly. George Shambach Jr. established himself in his new home by the purchase of 300 acres of land from Wm Penn's agent, the land lying 1/2 mile north of Middleburg. Here he and his sons farmed and blacksmithed, hewed lumber and built, the whole being the life of all true pioneers. The farmer of those days must needs be a physical giant and a master of all trades. His farm home was his kingdom until his death.

She was the eldest daughter

(Anna Maria) (Polly)

From this farm home at Middleburg went out three daughters, viz. Mary who married John Boyer, Elizabeth who married John Platte, neither of whose families have been traced.

Married 1791
Catherine Shambach married her neighbor, Benjamin Walter. After the birth of her nine children and the death of her husband, Catherine bravely took her family to Highland Co., Ohio in 1838. There she lived near London, Ohio and near her two brothers; there she died Feb. 1, 1871 at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Walter Guthrie.

3rd daughter of George!
George Shambach married Catherine Weirich in Pennsylvania and later, in 1828, both Shambach and Weirich families moved to Ferrysville, Ohio. Here his large family was born and reared. Jacob, the eldest married and founded his own clan at Wabash in Indiana.

may (eldest) or grandfather
John, the oldest of the six Shambach children, born 1789, married Catherine Walter and settled at ~~London~~ Ohio and there reared his thirteen children.

Christian, the youngest son, was the one who remained at Middleburg and kept alive the family traditions there. His first wife, Mary Walter, daughter of David Walter a Revolutionary War veteran, presented him with twelve children. After her death Christian married Mrs Elizabeth Bechdolt Bilger and she bore him four children, a total of sixteen in this household.

The physical strength of Christian was marked and he was a farmer, wagon-maker and horse-raiser. Apparently George Jr had added much more land to his 300 acres of homestead for, at the time of his death and the division of his property, Christian took over 200 acres. Both men must have been skilful and shrewd as well as strong, and the newspaper records of their lives prove the esteem in which both were held. Likewise the longevity of this family is proverbial. In 1900 an average of the eleven oldest was already 75 years. Shambachs are all stalwart but surely no other family can match this record.

We should tell you where the bodies of these two original Georges lie, and we wish that we knew about both of them. George Jr we do know lies beside his wife in the Hassinger Church cemetery, which is about two miles west of Middleburg. Of his father, there seems to be no doubt but that he joined the southern trek for we have record of a piece of land owned by him in Hampshire County, West Virginia at the time of his death. Hampshire County was originally a part of old Virginia. Further, we find an appraisal of his property made at the time of his death in 1794 and this is on record at the court house in Romney, West Virginia. He may be buried near his last earthly possessions, or near his son in Frederick County.

(Christian's line)
One outstanding characteristic of this particular branch of the family has been the tenacity with which they have held to the original spelling of the name. They alone of all the lines use the German spelling. One member of this family was forced to Anglicize his name during World War I, but he, too, has returned to the original spelling since that time.

From my Uncle's gr. grand father - Green lower farm - George Jr the stone house!

from Mountain

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