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ANDREW J. SHAMBAUGH, Alexandria, La-father of Mrs Madge Mundis passed away at the home of his daughter, March 13, 1941..... His death, at 85 years of age, robs us of one of those whom we had looked forward to as one of our special guests at the Second Annual Reunion.

C A SHAMBAUGH of Carlisle, Pa has been seriously ill with a heart ailment, but according to recent advice from his brother, Rev. W I Shambaugh, we find that he is much improved.

REV. W I SHAMBAUGH, ^{Minister of the Gospel} for many years located at Milton, Pa, has been transferred by the Ministerium to Wrightville in York County where his address is 406 Hellen Street. He says that he was never much in love with the moving idea but that the folks in his new charge have received them graciously and he feels that all will be well there.

THE DICK SISTERS, Dorothy and Jean, daughters of Clara Shambaugh and the Rev. R. Harry Dick have been tonzing the state of Pennsylvania with the debate team from Hanover High School. Dorothy is on the winning team of the Hanover High Debaters that enters the national debating competition next month at Lexington, Ky. This team holds the title for Eastern Pa. District and has also entered into competition for the Western Pa. championship. Should the team win the national championship they will be eligible for the international debate contest to be held in Australia.

MORE INTRODUCTIONS.....

NELLE BLOSSOM SUMMERSCALE, daughter of Col. Ralph Stegaddall and Nellie Blossom was born August 29, 1905 at Omaha, Nebr. Most of her early schooling was received at South Bend, Indiana- she graduated from Putnam Hall high school and received her degree from Wellesly College, continuing to receive a masters degree at Columbia University and a degree of *Écol libre des Science Politiques* in Paris. She was married July 29, 1931 to John P. Summerscale who was born Nov. 23, 1901 in London, Eng. Mrs Summerscale has served as her husband's commercial secretary in diplomatic circles in Teheran, Persia and Bagdad and is now serving in the same capacity at the British Embassy in Washington, D C. They are the parents of two children, Peter, born April 23, 1935 and Anne, born August 15, 1939. Genealogy- see account of Jonas Shambaugh in this issue.

GEORGE T BRINSON, son of Marion C and Nancy J (Shambaugh) Brinson, was born Oct. 8, 1876 at Great Bend, Kansas. Receiving a grade school education in Barton Co., he was married Oct. 8, 1902 to Ora D. Highley who was born Jan. 2, 1881 at Verbeck in the same state. Mr. Brinson has spent his life as a farmer, he is a member of the Friends church and is a Republican in politics. The Brinsons have three children Marien, born, July 2, 1908 near Hoisington, Kansas and married March 29, 1932 to Ruth Atteberry; Delmer, born March 2, 1913 and married July 25, 1932 to Harriet Eoyd; and, Lindon, the youngest, born Sept. 17, 1920. Mr. Brinson's address is Hoisington, Kansas. Genealogy..... Nancy J., Philip W., Isaac.....

Mrs John P. Summerscale's address is -2721 N. St N W- Washington, D C

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.....James Atwell Showalter, brother of I J Showalter and father of Mrs Grace Showalter Black, was born July 9, 1850 at Greencastle, Indiana. His education was received at the rural and city schools and completed at DePauw University. After his marriage, Jan. 28, 1872 to Mary Elizabeth Hod- shore he left his home town and state going to Mt. Ayr in Ringgold County, Iowa where two brothers and a sister had preceded him. Their new home in the new coun- try was a one room house with a dirt floor. \$30.00 worth of furniture fitted it out. Mr. Showalter, a powerful man of 6 ft 2 inches, weighing well over 250-lbs raised cattle and taught school in the new location. While a lad in Indiana he had preached his first sermon at 17 years of age, continuing to preach as occasion pre- sented itself until he left for Iowa. His new friends soon discovered this talent and he was in demand almost every Sunday. He finally decided to enter the Missouri Methodist Conference in March 1875 and was sent immediately to a circuit four miles from Rosendale, Missouri. He continued in the active ministry in Missouri and Kansas for twenty-seven years. He suffered a stroke of paralysis while in his pulpit at Baldwin, Kansas, June 22, 1902 passing to his reward October 27 of the same year,He had two fads outside of his ministerial duties- singing and geology. He was quite famous as a singer and the publishers were very desirous of his singing all of the new songs as they came out. The song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" written by the Rev. A J Showalter was one of the songs that he helped to pop- ularize. Now, these gentlemen were distant cousins and the impression soon gained ground that J A Showalter not only sang the song but that he also wrote it. The information about this song reached the little town near where the writer of this article was born and raised, his mother being a first cousin of this fine old man of God. Not until this past year has it been possible to convince many of the rel- atives that the Rev. J A Showalter did not write this great song. We can only give him credit for making it one of the most popular religious songs of its time. We give you the lines of the song following-----

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS....

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE MYSTERIOUS JONAS.....

In the paragraph dealing with lost threads we also mentioned one Jonas Henry Shambaugh who is the ancestor of Mrs Walter (Maurine Mercer) Hofmann of Glendale, Arizona. His name was first given to your editor by J. H. Shambaugh of Waynesville, Ohio who said that he had often seen Jonas and a sister whom he remembered as Jennie at the home of his grandparents, Joseph Shambaugh, the Ohio going son of Daniel. He believed that he had lived at or near Jonesboro, Indiana about a year ago Mrs Hofmann advised me that she understood that her grand father's father had come originally from Virginia moving from there to Kentucky and finally on into Indiana and that her grandfather had died in Marion twenty years ago and was buried at Windfall, Indiana. Returning to our home from the First Reunion last Fall it was our privilege to visit this graveyard and with the help of Wm Baker the old retired caretaker we found the grave of Fronchus C. Shambaugh who was born in 1840 and died in 1919. Mr. Baker advised us that a sister was also buried there or at Marion. He said that Jonas Shambaugh, father of Fronchus, or "Front" as he was called had lived at Jonesboro and was probably buried there, but that he believed that his wife was buried in an unmarked grave in the Windfall Cemetery there being a story current that she had been buried there seventy-three years earlier. He stated that there were three members of Jonas family-Fronchus, an old maid sister named Sophronia and another sister whom he knew only by the name of "Ditch," that married a man named Stogsdall. At a later period Mrs Hofmann contacted Colonel Ralph Stogsdall, and gleaned from him information that Jonas Henry Shambaugh was commissioned captain of the 51st Regiment of the Infantry 3d Division of the Virginia Militia, July 7, 1861 at Winchester, Virginia. She was also told that he was a graduate of William and Marys College and a teacher which fact cannot be substantiated that college informs us, although they admit that it may be possible. Colonel Stogsdall passed away at his home in San Francisco during the holidays. He has two children, a son who was an officer in the navy and a daughter Mrs Belle Shambaugh whose husband is an attorney at the British Embassy in Washington, D C. Just recently we have come into possession of copies of two important early papers concerning Jonas Shambaugh. One is the guardianship settlement of the estate of Benjamin Shambaugh with Francis Shambaugh and her guardian Jacob Vanhook. There are three others mentioned in this paper besides Francis, these being Jonas, Silas and Catherine. The other paper is the estate settlement of Benjamin Shambaugh with Jonas H. Shambaugh as administrator. The information in these two papers leads us to the conjecture that Jonas H. Shambaugh was the oldest child of Benjamin Shambaugh who was one of the two sons of Daniel Shambaugh that were deceased when Daniel drew his will. This then, would locate him as a cousin of the father of J H Shambaugh and would also account for the fact that Abigail (Shambaugh) Mauck, a sister of Benjamin, named her only son, Jonas Henry Shambaugh Mauck. If the solution that we have arrived at be true and we think that is entirely likely, the "mysterious Jonas" takes his place in the regular Shambaugh line. Likewise, one by one, we shall be able to place those mentioned in the paragraph dealing with lost threads.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS..... As we go ahead with our telling of the story of the Shambaugh clan there will come up points that are not clear to our readers. When such points arise write us about the matter. We shall be glad to give you our reasons for supporting any given point and will give you space for any counter information that you may have. This whole project is for the purpose of bringing out and recording the Shambaugh history in its entirety. We covet your impressions and ideas.