SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

by and for

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Just to say that the Second National Shambaugh Family Reunion was an outstanding success seems to understate the facts but we know of no words adequate to express our feelings about it. The day was perfect, the setting in that beautiful Loudone ville Park all that could be asked for; the attendance even more than hoped for with well over 200 in attendance from eight different states; and, the spirit a continuation of that experienced at Lamartine a year ago. The group was more representative than at the first Reunion—eleven different branches being in attendance. Nothere couldn't have been more food than last year, but the Green Twp group came up to the mark set a year ago in their hospitality as shown by good things to eat.

Floyd A Shambaugh, president of the host group directed the program, introducing first Hon. Henry F. Guthrie of Galion, one of the oldest living members of the clan present who gave the address of welcome and it was a masterpiece of explanation of the place held by the early Shambaugh pioneer whom he said might have been one Geo. Shambach, or two or three Georges. Mr. Guthrie was glanked by Mrs Alice Shambaugh mother of the presiding officer and Mrs M A Mang, these being the oldest members present.

Introductions were made by Mrs Harry A Gervin of Knoxville, Tenn of the various Shambaugh groups represented, a response being given from each group. There were two groups from the Loudonville area, these being descendents of Christian Shambach; descendents of Isaac Shambaugh of Coshocton County, descendents of early Sham baughs who sellted in Licking County, descendents of Joseph Shambaugh son of Daniel from southwest Ohio, descendents of George Shambaugh of eastern Ohio, descendents of John Shambaugh of Carroll County, descendents of J acob Shambaugh of Pennsylvania who came from near Urbana, descendents of Jacob Shambaugh son of Daniel who came from Fayette Co. Iowa, descendents of the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh of Johnsville and the Wabash, Indiana descendents of John of the Christian Line. Joe Shambaugh of Wabash represented this group and extended the invitation for the Third Reunion to bbe held at Wabash which invitation was enthusiastically accepted.

Mrs Anna Cogsill, president of the Carroll County group had in charge the greetings sent to the Reunion from far and wide. Here are axceppts from these greetings. Mrs Mary Etta Rush, A918 Fignerosa Place, Los Angeles says, " Hurrah for the Shambaughs' Mrs Daisy Moore, 201 Wuincy, Pueblo, Colo writes " I would enjoy meeting more of my own people as I have spent most of my life in a part of the U S where the name Sham baugh is strange." Mrs G S Darby, Box 435, Brodhead, Wis wished us a successful Ro union. Bert Shambaugh, Richland Center sent a delicious 5-lb Wisconsin cheese and suggested that " the Lord add His blessings to this second annual gathering." Mrs Fannie Shembaugh, Skinner Lake, Indiana 84 years old-wished all the pleasure possible at the Reunion and invited us all to visit her. Mrs Pearl Michael, Martensdale, Iowa sent greetings, Mrs Stella Shambaugh Conn, Harlan, Ks says, " The name Shambaugh means much to me." Mrs Elma Ross, Arlington, Iowa secretary of the Fayette Co. Sham baughs sent besh wishes for an enjoyable day. Our new vice-president sent greetings from Alexandria, Va. a telegram came from Thos N. Cloy D and Bernice N Shambaugh from Miami and Jacosonville., greetings came from Mr and Mrs Jesse Shambaugh from Bradshaw, Nebr, another from Mr and Mrs Brank Shambaugh, 726 Lawton Pl, Fort Wayne, Mrs Oscar Carlson, 545 So. Park St. Richland Center, Wis says she wished she could see all of her distant relatives and ger acquainted, John and Florence Shambaugh Richland Worthington, Ohio regretted their inability to attend as also did Hugh and Mary B. Robbins, R # 4, Auburn: Greetings came from Elsie Applogate, Cloverdale, Michigan

lovely cards came from the Oscar Hayes and the J L Messenger families from Brush, Co lo, Miss Mary Kline of Winchester, Va sent greetings to everyone, T F Shambach of Middlrburg, Pa sent kindly greetings to all Shambaughs and kinfolk, and then, to cal all off there was a special letter of greeting from our genealogist friend, Mrs Warren S Ely of Doylestown, Pa who sent her greeting ad a "note of congratulations to the Shambaugh Families in America- a glorious gathering of this fine old family."

A very special message for the Reunion had been prepared by the Rev W F Switzer of Gary, Indiana a descendent of Jacob Shambaugh of that state. Mr. Switzer was unable to be present and his message, which we hope to reproduce in a later issue, was given by Floyd A Shambaugh Jr, son of the chairman.

The group was more than pleased to have as theis special treat, a message from Mrs Lois Shambaugh Castleborry of Houston, Toxas who with her daughter, Miss Katherino Trussell had made a 2,600 mile trip just to be present. Mrs Castleberry has given liborally and energetically of her time during the past ten years to produce a complete and accurate Shambaugh Family Tree. She told of the beginning of her in terest and her hope to find out more about her father's family and showed her first little trec. She showed how that interest had grown and had been fed by others like interested in the family and how she had discarded the first offerts and made a larger tree. Then she described how the interest created by herself and others had continuod to grow and at the present time with the combined efforts of all folks she had been able to develop a tree that had on it 3,550 named- a veritable encyclopaedia of Shambaugh names and how she felt that the work was at last well begin. Mrs Castleberry was shown that the group did appreciate her fine work by the interest evidencod as she spoke and in the interest shown in her Tree Both before and after the mooting . Mrs Castloborry has consonted to become one of the editors ofthis News-Lotter and we will wait with interest for writings from her pen.

Following the program the meeting was turned over to Harry Gleim who has been our temporary president for the past year. He asked Mrs Guy Portner of Perrysville to act as recording secretary in the absonce of Mrs R H Dick of Hanover, Pa. Mrs Portnor read the minutes of the Lamartine meeting which specified that at the Second Re union action should be taken looking toward a more permament organization. The chair man called for a motion to organize and such motion was made by Mrs Castleberry and seconded by Henry F Guthrie. A committee made up of the chairman, Floyd A Shambaugh Joe Shambaugh and Mrs Anna Cogsill had previously gone over the articles which had been presented a year ago through the News-Letter and made certain changes. During the next few minutes these articles were presented one by one and discussed after which they were adopted. The full set of articles may be obtained at the News-Letter office. For the purpose of this account we will state that the official name decided upon was The Shambaugh Families Society. Chartor members will be those who have shown by various means that they have been interested in discovery, preservation and distribution of Shambaugh family facts previous to August 31, 1941. The Lamartine Reunion was designated as the first official reunion. The News-Letter is to be contimued under the auspices of a special committee that has the power to ask for special contributions for that cause in case the dues set are not sufficient to cover all expenses. Family dues were set at \$1.00 per year. The officers were agreed upon as a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and editor, these to constitute an executive committee which would name the two important committees, the one to con trol the News-Letter and the other the Reunion. A nominating committee presented the following slate of officers who were elected without opposition

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MRS GERVIN MAKES AN INTERESTING TRIP

Nows-Letter readers are rather familiar with the editor and with Mrs Leis Castleberry but they do not knew as much about Mrs Harry A. (Cleo Shambaugh) Gertin who has been digging up Shambaugh family facts since 1928. This energetic and capable woman made a trip during June and July of this year about which she has written a most interesting log. She has been selected as a member of the News-Letter editorial staff and after you have read this you will be waiting with interest for other

Leaving my home in Knoxville on June 17. 1941 I went direct to Frederick County Virginia where I found female descendents of Daniel Shambach. I was on the old plantation of Daniel Shambach and was in a very old log, later weatherboarded house which belonged to one of the Shambaughs although I am not sure which. It was very levely had large pleasant rooms and a levely lawn.

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On a nearby farm I found a Mr Grant Woirich, whose people were from Penn. I am dure he is of our maily for he bord a very strong resemblance to our Weirich relatives. I saw an old family burying ground near the site of the old Daniel Shambach log house. This burying ground had many graves, but few had lettered markers.

Visiting Romnoy, West Virginia I found records at the court, house which I did not take time to copy knowing Mr Gleim had these. I went directate Yellow Springs where I contacted a Mr Davis, a former surveyor, who was most helpful in locating a farm that belonged to George 1st my gr.gr.gr.gr.gr.grandfathor. I wanted to see this place but had to stop short of my goal because the present owner, Mr Heishman and others tels me that I would not be able to reach it in my Plymouth, saying that only a Ford could got to that section. It seems that the land had gone into an almost primitive state. At one time there was a thriving German settlement there with schools and porhaps a church. Many of our family names are to be found thereabouts, but no Shambachs. Mr Heishman owns around 1,000 acres including the old Shambach farm of 302 acres which is, as I understand it, on the side of the Capon Mt. I have noticed that most of the old places of the Shambaughs were in rather hilly country. One reason I believe is that they probably came originally from the foothills of the Alps or hearby ranges. Further, I am told, they were sheep raisers and sheep thrive on the hillsides. Mr Heishman has agreed to make a search and see if there is possibly an old burying ground on the farm. The territory surrounding Yellow Springs is most booutiful and we stayed for the night and enjoyed the fine services at the Inn near Capon Lake, just by.

Before leaving Virginia I spent some time in Winchester and at Strasburg where. I found an old bible belonging to one Catherine Shembach this had burney deathing of the Horo at Winchester I mot the Klines and descendents of Eliza Ann Shambach Holmes.

All whom I visited were most interested in knowing more of their ancestry and have expressed a desire to aid in search for more information. If I have done no more than create a feeling of interest and pride in the Shambach family I will consider my time and money well spent. I have a very warm spet in my heart for these many far removed cousins in Va and hope that I may be able to see them again.

I reached Washington D C on June 22 and while I spent most of a week there at the Library of Congress and got some new material I felt that I was accomplishing little and after talking with an genealogist whom I mot I took her advice and left that point for Bucks County. This lady, I was pleased to find, had been closely associated with Prof. Bonj. Shambaugh at the University of Iowa. She speke very highly of him as a teacher and as a man.

The first point for me to visit in Bucks County was Doylestown. Here I found a deed on record from John Penn and his wife Anna to our George 1st. I later located this land and I believe it was at one time a very fine farm. It is run down now. The very large barn burned soon after the present owner bought it whichwas quite a blow to him. There are said to be several springs on the farm. A large crock flows between the house and the highway and there are other creeks. There are two old houses on the place, both very old. One may have been built during him Shambaugh regime,

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but the larger of the houses is built (as I was told) on the old house foundation The older house is log, weather boarded. The cracks are chuncked with clay and straw, which I was told was the very first kind of chunking used and was typical of the first houses. An old spring house in true Pennsylvania Dutch architecture is en the place. I has a white-plastered semi-circular room and is very, very cool and has the best water !- There is a stone Dutch even and smoke house, which is now in ruins. We all feel sure it is the original. I brought home a mulberry tree that was growing on top of the roof of the Dutch even and also several kinds of mint from the streams All are growing nicely. I do hope that I can keep them living. Just a bit of the old

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my search, giving me much help both at While there I met Mrs Werren Ely; widow of a very prominent writer and former curator of the Doylestown Museum. She is a genealagist and interested in Shambaugh history being the authority used by Mr. Gleim in his first study in Bucks County, She is a charming woman, very active and interested in genealogy and history. I shall always treasure the moments with hor. She was untiring in her efforts to aid me in my search, giving me much help both at her home and in the library of the Historical Society in Philadelphia. She expressed a hope that we would not hurry about printing a book on the Shembaughs saying that historians have been known to spend a life time on a work of this kind. She is of the opinion that we of the Bucks County line come from the Sept. 1749 George which supports my own belief.

After a few days at Nerristown in Montgomery County where I obtained some records of value to us I proceeded to Snyder County stopping on route at Ephrata which

I was told was the very heart of the Ponnsylvania Dutch country.

Reaching Middleburg I went direct to the office of the Middleburg Post and found Miss Clara Wincy who has been so accommodating to Mr. Gloim and others in furnishing items from that paper which has meant everything to me for all our history of the early Shambachs is based on that paper's accounts. I tried to contact Mr. Thomas Shambach who is reputed to know more early Shambach family history than anyone else but found that he was wetting on the famous Pennsylvania Turnpike. Since that time I have a letter from him in which he also states that he believes that the Bucks County group comes from the 1749 George and that he believes it cannot be seriously questioned. He also advised me that he believes there is an old family bible somewhere in Union County that, if found, may prove this fact.

While in Union County where I went to get early data from the Snyder County branch my trip was saddened by learning of the death of Mr C A Shambaugh of Carlisle I could not shorten my trip enough to get to the funeral which I would have liked

to do. His death was a great loss to all of us, I am suro.

After making this trip my belief is that we are all of the same line, that is Afrect descendents of George, the 1749 immigrant. As all of the counties, Union, Snydor, Northumberland, etc were Cumberland in the beginning. From what I can find out by deduction from the material I found while on this trip, I believe that George Fr. married rathor late in life. This I gather from his being shown single so late and because he had only six children, whereas all of the other Shambachs, as note Daniel, seem to be rather prelific.

We hope that you have enjoyed this digest of Mrs Gervin's log which is also amplified with soveral pages of new dates and other materials. There are three of us who have made the study of the Shambaugh family our chief hobby, none of us are trained genealogists and there is much material about the early family that is very difficult to get. As we make our independent studies we will arrive at different conclusions which we seek to prove, or disprove. You are all invited to make this most interesting study with us. We hope to have two more trip stories in the next two issues.

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