

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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Meet our duly elected and appointed official family

PRESIDENT

JOSEPH A SHAMBAUGH, R F D # 3, Wabash, Indiana, son of Lewis and Maria (Cullers) Shambaugh was born January 8, 1874 near Wabash, and after receiving a grade school education was married Sept. 2, 1909 to Miss Emma Reeve, daughter of John and Sara Reeve who was born October 3, 1878. Mr and Mrs Shambaugh have spent their lives as dairy farmers. There have been two fine girls in the home, Hazel B. now deceased and Kathleen who was born May 13, 1923. They are members of the United Brethren Church and Democrats in politics.
Genealogy: Lewis, Jacob, George, ^{George (1800)} George of Bucks County

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FRANK BERT SHAMBAUGH, 539 S Main St., Richland Center, Wisconsin, son of Benjamin Lafayette and Flavilla M. (Knowles) Shambaugh was born in Richland County, November 10, 1876 and he was married November 26, 1903 to Pearl (Bell) Shambaugh, also a native of Richland County who was born Sept. 19, 1894. They are the parents of one daughter, Verona, wife of Arthur Tallege. Mrs Talledge was born in 1906 and was married in October 1927. Mr Shambaugh is an employee in a large cheese factory.
Genealogy: Benjamin, William, Philip, Philip, George of Bucks County.

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LOIS SHAMBAUGH CASTLEBERRY, whose family record was given in the May 1941 issue

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CLEO SHAMBAUGH GERVIN, 3312 Glenfield Drive, Knoxville, Tenn-born April 13, 1891 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Franklin Pierce and Emma Rose (Scarlett) Shambaugh. Moving with her family to Cleveland, Tenn at an early age she received her education at that point. October 1, 1911 she was united in marriage with Harry Allen Gervin who was born in Knoxville, March 17, 1892 the son of Wm Winfield Scott Gervin and Sarah Jane (Medlin) Gervin. Mr. Gervin was a member of a construction firm and was killed in 1930 in a fatal accident while supervising the construction of a public building. They are the parents of Harry Allen Gervin Jr., born December 27, 1915 at Cleveland, Tenn and the husband of Helen Louise (Nickle) Gervin who was born July 28, 1918 in Knoxville the daughter of Clarence Lafayette Nickle and Hattie Mae (Bearden) Nickle. The H A Gervins Jr were married June 17, 1937.
Mrs Gervin has seen service in newspaper work and as a city hostess. She is a Methodist and an independent in politics. She is a member of the Ossila Circle.
Genealogy: Franklin P., George, John, George, ^{George} George of Bucks County

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MRS CASTLEBERRY VISITS FIFTY SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES

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I am pleased to take my turn at making a report on my recent trip. I trust many of you Shambaughs who have not heard from us since our safe arrival on September 6th as planned will consider this as a personal letter until another can follow up. This is also a convenient medium for expressing a grateful "Thank You" for every hospitality extended us. I trust each of you will be interested in some bit of information in the following and that you, in turn, will send a letter to Mr. Gleim telling of your family and community. Our mutual interests can thus be increased. Perhaps later I will write you something of life in Houston. Our modern history is almost as exciting as that of a hundred years ago.

We left Houston Sunday noon, August 17th, and drove 4125 miles in just less than 21 days thro ten states, four of them twice. Katherine did much of the driving while I kept a fairly good log of the trip. In Wichita our first visit was with Mrs Maud Horvoy, my fourth cousin, a descendent of Philip, second son of the Lancaster George. She and Mr. Fetterman had prepared the line of Marh Shambaugh Mountz, one of Philip's ten children. Mrs Horvoy's father was a second cousin to Mr C A Shambaugh. She is very interested in our family history; is a florist and is a live wire in her community. You would all enjoy a visit with her.

Next we located the temporary home of two Shambaugh girls in a Wichita hotel then to the lovely home of a young Houston matron whose husband finds it necessary to make Wichita his headquarters. Wichita is a good town and most abundantly supplied with fine churches. By six o'clock we reached Whitewater to visit Mrs Stoiger and Mr. Hart Hazlett, both of whom are elderly and ill but we all enjoyed the hours together. They are not direct Shambaugh descent but are my second cousins. Were raised in Iowa near my home with my older sisters. Took pictures of both Mrs Stoiger and Mrs Horvoy and these are much prized. Next stop was at Salina to visit Mrs Zella Morrison, my first cousin but not a Shambaugh.

Drove west 100 miles to Woodston, Kansas to visit a second cousin, Mrs C O Swank. This was our most western halt, the altitude 2200'. We were fairly intoxicated by the fresh, light air. Woodston is at the edge of the real wheat country tho we had been seeing cleaned wheat fields all thro Kansas and Okla., alternating with corn. Mrs Swank had a fine lunch waiting us. As we were to spend two days with the descendents of my George IV will explain that five of his sons settled in Nebraska in an early day and a large number of grandchildren reside there and in Northern Kansas, they being second cousins. Clara Swank proved to be a most pleasant introduction to the family. Hope we may see her again. Turning East we stop at Harlan where lives James Shambaugh and Mrs Stella Conn and her mother. Mrs Conn is so delightful, small and dainty to be mother of such a large family. Has two beautiful grandchildren one of whom is older than her youngest son.

At Bellaire, Kansas, we search out the country home of Mrs Effie Manchester a member of the Isaac Shambaugh group which originated at Coshocton, Ohio. They are now accepted as a part of the Bucks Co. line and the date I secured from Mrs Manchester practically completed their part of it. In Mankato we visited with Mrs Maggie Gundy Huntington of another Shambaugh side-line. In Courtland we called on Mr and Mrs John Weesnor, she being a daughter of my cousin, T M Shambaugh, whose widow lives in Seattle. Nelly accompanied us across the Nebraska line where we had dinner with her cousins, Mr and Mrs Roy Lewis and Mr and Mrs James Shambaugh. All of them have families of varying ages, none of whom I had ever seen, so this was a treat. Then we turned west again to visit the three sons of Daniel Shambaugh who died three years ago, viz., Charles who lives on a farm at the edge of Alma; Jay and his family who have a fine Tourist Camp in Kearney, his old mother living with them; Chandos who lives at Gibbon, all in Nebraska. An additional fine surprise at Kearney was to find an Ohio cousin, Mrs Bertha Slaters, also visiting them. Next stop is with Jesse Shambaugh and wife out from Bradshaw, not far from York. He and his brother are from still another one of the five. York County shows a change of soil and an older development which resembles Iowa. Jesse has a good home here in which to spend his declining years. Most of these people are of my age or older. Jay is the one we will be expecting to visit us although we hope to see all of them (next page, please) .. A.60

The United Brethren Church is strong in eastern Ks and Nebr., especially about York where they have a college. My sister's husband, Rev F W Jones, was College pastor there years ago, so we were glad to drive about the town before going to Lincoln for the night and a hasty view of the big Capitol next morning.

Next we are off on Sunday morning for the old home at Booneville, Ia. and all the relatives there. We had kept to our schedule perfectly for the week and arrived in time to enjoy the surprise Reunion prepared for us Sunday night. Had we failed anywhere on the way we would have missed a grand feast and would have ruined our reputation for punctuality. Here 35 Shambaughs were awaiting our arrival at Orin's home. The three brothers--Orin, Will and Lloyd-- several married nephews and nieces as well as single ones, eight children in the eighth generation. One cousin, Francis Overholt, of New York City was there as well as two brides to add interest to the occasion. It was a perfect affair and will be remembered and appreciated always.

We visited the Cemeteries where lie our parents and others who were part of our earlier life. Iowa is still a lovely spot on the map tho many changes can be noted. The years take such a toll. The death of Uncle John's widow on Oct. 22nd at the age of 94 was by no means unexpected; yet it is hard to give her up for she was the last of her generation in Iowa bearing the Shambaugh name and it makes the early days seem entirely cut off from us. At Ames, Iowa we spent a last night with my nephew Clarence Brooker, postmaster and successful druggist, and his family.

As we started on toward Illinois we halted in Iowa City to enter the class room of Prof. Benjamin Shambaugh. He was in Iowa City as student and teacher for 53 years and was as truly a landmark there as the fine old Capitol bldg. At Princeton, Ill., being a cross-roads for travellers like ourselves, we again visited my college roommate. She accompanied us to call on Mrs Nettie Walker at LaMoille, a few miles out. Mrs Walker belongs to the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh line which is now established as a part of the Philip line to which Mrs Hervey, Mrs. Dick and so many of our other friends belong. She called her son and wife into town to meet us and to see the big TREE which I was still carrying into each house. Illinois is a lovely state thro the northern and central parts. Timber is marvelous. No freeze, drought nor worms had worked havoc on them and driving among those trees was a joy.

Rev Wm F Switzer at Gary, Indiana, second cousin to my father, is a most delightful person to know and the minutes spent with him will be remembered. Thro him and his influence with others we are making great headway with unravelling the Jacob line-- Jacob the second son of my George II. After getting his picture we raced over to South Bend to call on Mr. Lucian Snyder and his family, he being one of the dependable helpers in the Bucks Co. branch of the Shambaughs. Here another picture and we are gone again passing up other correspondents I have right in South Bend. I needed two more days for calls in northern Indiana and I deeply regretted the lack of time to see all. To these good people I issue a warning-- I might come back again.

In Ft Wayne I phoned several Shambaughs and received some information thus. Then to Findlay, Ohio, where we visited again with Mrs Sabina Burtnett and her daughter, Mrs C J Bender and took their pictures. She is a lovely old lady, 88 years old, belonging, like Mrs Walker, to our Philip line thro Rev. Jacob. She is third cousin to my father. At Galien we called on Mrs Fred Fortney of the Bucks Co. line. Her old uncle, Henry Guthrie, 85, who has a happy home with her, was the star of the Reunion next day where his fluent speech and keen memory surprised all of us. At Steam Corners we visited Mrs Maude Rinchart, niece of Mrs Burtnett, who has turned in such perfect records on her line. Her family is her joy and pride and she has a large one including 21 grandchildren.

8/31 was the Reunion at Loudenville with a large happy crowd and interest in the proposition certainly growing. I wish to add my word of appreciation for the kind reception given us all. Mr. Gleim has reported the Reunion in detail. Want to mention those of my cousins who came especially to see us-- Mr. and Mrs Chas Minard of Canton, Mr and Mrs Slatos, Mr and Mrs English of Scio, Mr and Mrs Fred Thompson of Akron, Mr and Mrs Cogsil. Was so pleased to find Mr and Mrs C V Gaumer and his brother and wife from Zanesville. They are other members of the Isaac line to which Mrs Manchester of Kansas belong. In fact I have written to members of that family in half of the states in our Union. A fine family and we are happy to have located so very man of them in spite of unusual difficulties. (next page)

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Was pleased to meet again Mrs Thos. Shambaugh and Mrs Lawrence Stonor of Porrysville whom I had visited before. Loudonville is a pretty little city and we thoroughly enjoyed the big State Park nearby when Mr and Mrs Minard, who staid over with us for a visit, took us on a jaunt thro it on Monday morning. That was one of the few spots of exceptional beauty on the entire trip. Was sorry not to linger longer at Loudonville but we, as well as Mr and Mrs Gloin and Mrs Corvin, were in an exhausted state that demanded home and rest; yet we still have 1525 miles to go. First ~~we~~ ^{we} stopped at Wabash where we had visited before. At Lafayette we had a pleasant call on Prof. and Mrs Ross of the Rev. Switzer line. Then to the old homestead at Otterbein, Ind., and visited Mr. Elmer Switzer, Mrs Miline Waddoll, Mrs Catharine Belt. These four families will all help in completing their line. Our TREE is still incomplete but it has momentum to carry it over now.

I am urging all Eastern visitors to cross the Wabash at Vincennes as we loved the beauty and history of the monuments and bridge there. Just once on this trip we were in four states in a day-- Indiana, southern Illinois, (crossed the river at Cairo) southern part of Missouri and part of Arkansas. Passed thro Little Rock and side tracked at Hot Springs for a few hours accompanying the U S Army on its manouvers. They went both ways with us at Hot Springs; Eldorado, Ark., was turned over to them; the 150 miles to Alexandria was double-lined with trucks and some times we had to park with them; Alexandria, center for one of the armies, had a rail way bridge bombed the morning we were there and marching soldiers awakened us.

Our stay with Cousin Madge Mundis in Alexandria had to be brief also as we must needs get home in time to prepare for Sunday food and Sunday work. She and the Doctor are as interesting and hospitable as ever. We surely did miss her father, Cousin Andrew Shambaugh, the fifth of the five brothers who settled in Nebraska. He and his wife followed the daughter to Louisiana years ago and both have died there, he on 3/13/41.

I now feel as if I have seen these ten middle-western states till I know them inside and out. You can surely see father in Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska and also breathe deeper. Yet Mt. Arbuckle rises precipitously out on the prairies near Ardmore. There were more brakes in each state than I expected. The best cotton I ever saw was near Norman, Okla. Oklahoma City has an inspiring sky-line. Never dreamed there were so many grain elevators as in these three states, the rail-ways flanked by them. The Lincoln Capitol ranks well up among the finest ones we have seen. Iowa as usual outranks them in cattle, cows and hogs and in country churches. That was noticeable the instant we crossed the Missouri ~~that~~ Sunday.

Vincennes was the most historical place we touched and the Wabash the love liest River. The drive to Hot Springs was the highest and steepest, the city the most unusual. Its many hotels were all set back against solid mountains of stone. Arkansas as a whole a vast waste by comparison. Illinois, Indiana and Ohio have the natural scenery that never tires one. The Army undoubtedly furnished the most novelty and excitement of the entire trip. -- L C S

LIBRARIES AND THE NEWS LETTER.

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