

# SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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WAR HAS COME TO AMERICA.....This article is written at the end of the fateful month of December 1941 which sees our country as an active participant in the most truly world struggle that has ever been witnessed. We paraphrase--

"As war wages it's wide desolation, and threatens the world to deform;

"The ark again of Freedom's foundation, Columbia rides forth in the storm!  
Six days after Pearl Harbor Corp. Floyd A Shambaugh Jr wrote us from Camp Lee-"I never thought the next letter that I wrote you that our country would be in war. As I wrote you before the older soldiers are glad in a way that we are in the war and of course we hate it too. I haven't heard one soldier say that he is not willing to lay down his life for our country. The attack on Hawaii made our blood curdle..... The morale here at Camp Lee is very high and getting better every day. I was really surprised that the boys of our country were so eager to get into this fight so soon. We don't need bands etc to get our morale up, but we do need the full support of our citizens. The morale of the army will always keep up as long as the civilians keep their morale up. "

During these days we urge you to keep us posted about our Shambaughs who are in training or in active duty. The latest word advised us that Lieut. W R Bills was still at Ft Bragg, N C. Harry Allen Gervin Jr is also located in North Carolina, while Capt. Gordon I G Shambaugh is located with the Medical Replacement Center at Camp Barkley, Texas. We know that there are many others in service, and for this record which is now becoming fairly permanent we should know about them. Members of the Shambaugh Clan like all true Americans are peace loving and law-abiding, but when there is a crisis to be faced they have never been known to falter and we are sure that the whole clan, old and young, will be found in some phase of service until that glorious day when, " There will be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. "

\* A DEAR OLD VIRGINIA LADY WHOM I MET LAST SUMMER.....Knowing that one or more of my great great grandfather George Shambach Jr's brothers had moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, I was quite anxious to search over that section and see if I could get some family history that had not been found before. In my log earlier in the year I told of my trip and results in a general way. That I gained a great deal of new material is putting it mildly. There is a lot of follow up work to be done yet and I am hoping that I may be able to do some of this work in spite of the serious situation that we now find our country is into because of the war. We must all put our shoulders to the wheel and it may be that we will have to lay aside all our personal pleasures for some time to come. At first it seemed a little difficult to find any information on the Shambaugh family. Then I was directed to a most gracious gentlewoman, Mrs. Laura Stickley Bates of Strasburg, Va. Mrs. Bates gave me my first clue that enabled me to locate some descendants of the first Shambach brothers. That they were all female descendants is what made the work so difficult. It seems there may be only one person of the name of Shambaugh living in that section, but I did not get to contact him, as my time would not permit of another day's stay in that vicinity and I heard of him late in the afternoon I spent almost a week around Winchester, Romney and Front Royal. The descendants whom I met did not know much about their ancestors. All seemed very much interested and with each visit I gleaned bits of information. Each would send me to some one else who had more information. In that way and with court records I was able to get quite a bit of information. I found many of the descendants of Daniel Shambach and numerous court records of he and his family ( next page, please )

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I found one old farm, house changed from the original log, but partly on the foundation of the old log house. The large original old barn is still standing. This farm had been the home of Daniel Kline Shambaugh. Across the field could be seen the ruin of an old log house. It was the home of Martha Swisher, who became the wife of Daniel Kline Shambaugh. It is of Martha Swisher Shambaugh that I wish to tell you; First I must take you back a number of years. I had heard years ago that there was a Shambaugh family living in Ada, Ohio, but I had not written, nor had I been in that section to get information. I had decided this summer that I would go out of my way a bit on my return from the National Reunion and see if I could locate any of the name in Ada. This I did and much to my surprise I found a very dear, sweet old lady, whom one could feel at first sight must have belonged to a first family in Virginia. She was Martha Swisher Shambaugh. It was like meeting some one from another world for I had presumed that Martha Swisher Shambaugh had passed on, for I know she would have been quite an elderly person by this time. I had a most delightful visit with her. In return for the valuable information which she gave me I was able to tell her about my visit to her old home. She was most interested and I felt that I had given her some pleasure too. Here is her story: Martha Swisher Shambaugh, wife of Daniel Kline Shambaugh, was born Sept. 29, 1843. She was the daughter of Anna (Funkhouser) and Joseph Swisher, who lived near Lebanon Church, Virginia. This is not far from Strasburg, Va. She was married to Daniel Kline Shambaugh on October 25 1861. Daniel Kline Shambaugh was born September 7, 1844. He was a son of Daniel Shambaugh and Mary Ann Kline Shambaugh. Genealogy: Daniel, John, Daniel, George of Bucks County, Pa. Martha Swisher Shambaugh and her husband lived for three years near Mt. Jackson, Virginia. Here their only child, Elmer Clinton Shambaugh was born. The small family cut their home ties and moved west to Lincoln, Neb., about 1864. Later moving to Goodlands, Kansas, but returned to Lincoln, where Daniel Kline Shambaugh died. Mrs Shambaugh then went to Ada, Ohio to live with her son, then the Rev. Elmer Clinton Shambaugh, a retired Methodist minister. They have been living in Ada about fourteen years. The Rev. Elmer C. Shambaugh was born in Virginia October 3, 1882. He and his wife have one child, a daughter, Miss Margaret Ruth Shambaugh, who is a teacher in the DeGraff (Ohio) high school. Of the family of Daniel Kline Shambaugh, Mrs Shambaugh has this to say: Daniel's older brother, John William, died during the Civil War. George, the youngest brother, single when last heard from, moved to Charlostown, W. Va. James may have married, Charley went West and Daniel Kline lost track of him, Peter and sister Katharine died young, Jane and Martha died young and she was not sure about Elizabeth..... Mrs Martha Swisher Shambaugh, wife of Daniel Kline Shambaugh is to my knowledge the oldest living person of the name of Shambaugh. Can any one tell of an older person living by that name?

-Oleo Shambaugh Gorvin.

MR AND MRS CHARLES H. FINNICUM of Jowett, Ohio celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1941 with an open house afternoon and evening. One hundred and twenty-five relatives and friends called with expressions of congratulations. They have three children and seven grand-children. Genealogy: Mary Shambaugh Finnicum, Michael, George III, George II, George of Lanc.

WILLIAM ASBURY MCAFEE of Jowett, Ohio died October 30, 1941, survived by his wife, mother, two brothers, two sisters and numerous nephews and nieces. Gen: Mary Shambaugh McAfee-Fisher-Philip, George III, George II, George of Lancaster.

THIS ISSUE CLOSES VOLUME TWO OF THE NEWS-LETTER..... and we must again remind you that up to now it has been your free will contributions that have made this work possible. A yearly dues has now been set by the Society and it will greatly help us if you will mail us your family dues of \$1.00 per family early in the year. We know you will not want to miss the interesting numbers of the new year.

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PHILIP SHAMBAUGH OF PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA AND POINTS WEST..... The records in Bucks County give us a pretty accurate picture of Philip Shambaugh as one of the sons of George, the founder of that group and as a brother to the George who later went to Snyder County in Pennsylvania. The records from the Middleburg Post speak of Daniel and Philip the two brothers of George who went to Shenandoah. A further study of the Montgomery County records reveal the apparent fact that Daniel and Philip married Catherine and Margaretha Hendricks, daughters of Peter Hendricks, a well-to-do farmer of Hatfield township. Going to the Frederick County records in Virginia we find that while Daniel purchased land there in 1793 it was three years later that Philip bought his land which he sold in 1816. Further identifying Philip and Margaret as very closely related to Daniel and Catherine is the Superior Court order in Frederick County settling the estate of George Shambaugh which names these two brothers and their wives together with a sister, Dorothy Snyder and her husband, authorizing these six to act for all of the heirs of the said George Shambaugh. The first census of the United States was the 1790 census in which we find PHILIP listed as the head of a family in Montgomery County. The 1810 census shows him listed as the head of a family in Frederick County. For some time we have failed to find where Philip Shambaugh went when he sold his land in Virginia in 1816. We did find that one Isaac Shambaugh, born in Frederick County, a soldier in the War of 1812 from Newtown, now Stephens City, had married Nancy Barrow also of that same locality and then moved to Ohio where he established his family in Coshocton County. Very recent search has disclosed that he had a sister named Sarah who in March 1818 married a man named Wm Hickey. The records report her as a daughter of Philip and Margaret Shambaugh of Coshocton County. Mrs Teresa Boyd, a granddaughter of Isaac Shambaugh says that she remembers that her grandfather had a sister named Sarah Hickey and that he also had a couple of brothers. From all of the foregoing we feel sure that Philip of Virginia followed his son Isaac out to Ohio. As to the two brothers of Isaac about which Mrs Boyd speaks we feel fairly sure of one. Around the year 1830 one Philip Shambaugh left Ohio and settled about eighteen miles north of Indianapolis where he reared his family. More than a quarter of a century later he and his entire family but one son pulled up stakes and went north to settle in Richland County, Wisconsin. His eldest daughter was named Sarah and she became the wife of the Rev. Adam Shambaugh son of another early Indiana pioneer. We are convinced that this Philip was a son of the old Virginia Philip, his daughter being named for his sister and other family names indicating relationship. On page 6 of this series we wrote about the Isaac Shambaugh family; we know little about the Hickey family as yet, but of Philip of Indiana and Wisconsin we have learned considerable. Somewhere about the year 1856 the Rev. Adam Shambaugh and his wife Sarah seem to have induced Philip and most of his family to go to Wisconsin leaving only Samuel Jackson Shambaugh Sr and his family in Indiana. Philip and his wife Polly both bought land in Wisconsin and both are undoubtedly buried in Ash Creek cemetery near Richland Center. Their two sons, Wm and Jonas also became pioneers in that great county. Jonas, apparently a namesake of the Jonas about whom we have written earlier we are told lived a very unhappy life. William was the father of Benjamin whose widow now lives in Milwaukee and whose son is our secretary E. Bert Shambaugh. Of the family left in Indiana the oldest is Mrs Elias B. Shambaugh whose husband was a son of Samuel Jackson Shambaugh Sr. She lives with her daughter, Mrs Henry Moore near Zionsville.

*Philip Shambaugh*

THE TWO JACOB SHAMBAUGHS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY.....Two Jacob Shambaughs have come in to the records of Cumberland County about which we have been somewhat puzzled. Now by means of comparing available data Mrs Castleberry has arrived at a solution to the problem which solution is entirely plausible. Both of these Jacobs are of about the same age one being born April 7, 1817 and the other June 9, 1817. The older is the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh, born in Cumberland County and going to Ohio at an early age to marry his sweetheart Susanna Thuma, rearing his family there and now buried in the Johnsville cemetery near Mansfield. The younger is Jacob Shambaugh, father of W C Shambaugh of Carlisle and Jacob Shambaugh of Urbana, Ohio who now lies buried in the Churchtown cemetery near Carlisle (Continued next page)

*I have owned records of this marriage in Archard Co. Ohio.*

West of Carlisle is the little village of Plainfield out from which one locates the Old Stone Church in Lower Frankford township. In the cemetery of this church one finds many old gravestones, one of which is that of Philip Shambaugh who died in 1841 at the age of 83 years, and another that of Philip Shambaugh who died in 1846 born in 1789. We find that the elder Philip had children as follows-Peter, George, Philip, Barbara, Mary, Hannah and Margaret together with Stephen and Anna who died young. Barbara married a Jacob Reigle and went to Ohio; Mary married Martin Mountz of Frankford; Hannah married a Mr. Leppard of Perry County and Margaret married a Mr. Shugart of Perry County. Records show that George married and settled in Perry County and raised a family there these being John, George, Henry, Wm, Caroline and Mary Jane. On page 10 of this series we have told in detail of Philip II and his family. This leaves only Peter and Jacob of the children of Philip I unaccounted for.

Mrs Sabina Burnett of Findlay, Ohio only living child of the Rev. Jacob is our authority for the statement that the parents of the Rev. Jacob died when he was quite young causing the whole family to be scattered, he and a brother Tony being lodged at one place and brothers Peter, Philip, and John and a sister Barbara who married a Mr. Chambers at other places. Wm C Shambaugh of Carlisle some time ago came into possession of a baptismal certificate of one Barbara Shambaugh who was attended by an aunt Barbara which seems to tie in these two Barbaras, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Reigle. The Rev. Jacob named his eldest son Peter W. From these indications it has been deduced that the Rev. Jacob was a son of Peter, son of Philip I of Cumberland County. To further tie in these facts, Amos H Shambaugh of Chicago whose father David Peter a son of John Paul and grandson of Peter states that it is the belief of his near relative Mrs Nettie Walker of LaMoille, Ill that this old Peter was a brother to the Rev. Jacob. Other children of the Rev. Jacob besides Mrs Burnett and Peter W. are Am. Rev. John Wesley, Thomas, Wm Hamby and Mrs Mary Bronnoman.

As to the other Jacob it seems entirely probable that Jacob, son of Philip I might have had a son Jacob born in 1817 which would make these two Jacobs first cousins. Wm C Shambaugh of Carlisle from whom we have received much of the information about this branch seems to have in mind the fact that he was closely related to another Jacob Shambaugh who married a Miss Thuma. If this relationship be correct then this other Jacob would have been the first cousin to his father's, and until a better explanation comes along it seems wise to consider this as the solution. W C Shambaugh states that his father had a brother Jerry and sisters Barbara Ann, Elizabeth and Nancy. Jacob's family besides Wm C. includes John C, David E. Joseph, Jacob M of Urbana, Mrs Minnie Strickler of Boiling Springs, Pa and Mrs Annie B. Cooke of Hillsburg.

*Amos H Shambaugh*

**"PEOPLE WHO TAKE NO PRIDE IN THE NOBLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REMOTE ANCESTORS WILL NEVER ACHIEVE ANYTHING WORTHY TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE BY REMOTE DESCENDENTS."**  
..... MACAULAY.

Gleo Shambaugh Gorvin in a comment on the above brings to a close this first section of our Contributions series. Says she, "In reading the above quotation some time ago I thought how very true it was and decided for people who were interested in genealogy there could be no better reason for working on genealogy, other than for their own personal pleasure, than being able to do something that a number, not all, of their remote descendents would appreciate when each, in turn, became interested in their genealogy. It has been said that people are getting old when they become interested in their ancestors, but for some of us that must mean that we were born old. Ever since I can remember I have been most interested in family history, my own and others." And so it has been with the others of us who have worked on these two years of Shambaugh Family history. We feel that we have made a splendid beginning and we look forward to some distant time when we can see our work complete.