

# Shambaugh Family News - Letter

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**ATTENTION** - don't forget to make your plans now to come to our National Shambaugh Reunion to be held here in Upper Sandusky, O. on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. in our fair-grounds. Overnight service for you that are coming from a distance.

Mrs Vesta Elgin, Box 260, Okanogan, Washington

I am grieved to report that papa passed away April 29, at 7 P.M.. His ashes and mamma's (Matilda Ellen Shambaugh) are to be buried in the Oroville, Washington cemetery, my brother, Dale Shambaugh Rice lives in that town.

Papa's memory is cherished by us all, his keen mind and memory was a joy to every one who knew him and if he could not say good of anyone, he could always find an excuse, and something to help him along to do better.

I'm certain that all Shambaugh's will be proud to claim his memory as befitting the clan. I was interested to read that a relative, A.M. Shambaugh lives in Seattle.

Arthur and Orel Trautwein, R 3, Statesboro, Ga.

We have our feet on our own soil now again, we bought a small pecan grove, have our trailer and a cabin (and an extra bed). We drilled a new well which gives us nice soft water, we have some garden out, plenty of shade, and expect to eat pecans this Christmas. Lots of building going on around here too.

Mrs E. L. True, 921 Maple Ave. N. W., New Philadelphia, Ohio reporting - Donald Laughridge, Farmer, and Margaret Nipple were married March 3, 1951 and live in another home on his father's farm. Donald is the son of Mr and Mrs Eugene Laughridge R 2, Albany, Wisconsin.

Roy Laughridge, son of Dave Laughridge, was married again last Nov. 26, 1950. We called on Mr and Mrs Clem McCarty a few weeks ago and found them quite O. K.

On May 3, Howard Leightey and wife Dorothy with baby Howard Jr. made a business trip to Plymouth, Ind. and took your editor and wife along, while there we called on one of our Shambaugh's, Mrs Edna S. Baker, daughter of the late Rev. Switzer.

We were so glad to meet her and the daughter-in-law, we also saw the Shambaugh records gathered by Rev. Switzer.

We came back through Wabash and saw Mrs Joe Shambaugh and family, enjoying our visit with them too.

Mary Lillian, daughter of Mrs Mary Alice Dantzler of Rossville, Ga. spent the week of June 15, in the Y W O A Camp. She won a free scholarship for being voted the most outstanding Y - teener in the Chattahoochee district, competing with 800 High School girls. The judging was on character and leadership.

Bryan and Emily, brother and sister of Mary Lillian, attended the Methodist church retreat the same week.

Continuing now with Cleo's letter \* \* \*

It was decided that night that my niece and I would drive out (thirty six miles round trip) the next morning before starting homeward and visit the father, above mentioned. we thought a couple of hours might be all the time we would need, but any of you who have done work of this kind know, that when it is at all possible, but we will try to run down a clue if it does take longer than we expect! Well we found, without very much trouble, Mr Charles Willis Shambaugh, who is a miller at the Unger Mills. He had lived in a comfortable, attractive home nearby for I believe he said thirty years. He was most pleasant and interested in our mission and offered to take us to his home. We were so glad to have found him and to go with him to his home, where we met his wife, his maiden sister and his dear mother, who I believe now is 94 years old. We learned that his father was Joseph Lott Shambaugh, a grandson of Michael Shambaugh, of Newville, Pa. A sketch of that family has been given before in the News-Letter, but suffice it to say that he belongs in the line of our late Lois Shambaugh Castleberry. I was sorry that this new find had been made after Lois' death. She had never contacted this family in any way so I am sure they would have been new to her. I have been promised material from this family by the sister of Charles Willis. We had a most delightful visit with the family and thru them learned of another "set" of Shambaugh's not related to them that they have been able to trace, living over at Great Cacapon, beyond Berkeley Springs and over the mountain therefrom. I was able to give the family of Charles Willis quite a bit of information of his family and to place him in the records and to tell him of our society, of which he had never heard. I do hope we will have some of their family records seen in our News-Letter.

So the next thing I know we were headed for Berkeley Springs, thence to Great Cacapon for I just couldn't turn back now when I felt I was on track of a new line of some of our many branches. I thought perhaps another few hours wouldn't make too much difference in our starting homeward! At Great Cacapon, which we reached by going over the mountain as stated before, but what grandeur we saw from the Cacapon side of the mountain! Stretched way down and abroad below us was a beautiful valley, with the river winding around thru it and the town of Great Cacapon nestling thereby. Here we found a Calvin Lane Shambaugh, a young man who worked for the railroad, with his wife and baby. He knew very little of his family beyond father, except that his grandfather's name was Samuel. His genealogy was Calvin Lane Shambaugh, Albert, Samuel. His mother was a Mildred Woods. Both parents were born in Magnolia, W. Va. and both are dead. Albert had brothers; Walter and Vernon (same names you will notice of two of the Shambaugh brothers in Upper Sandusky, but perhaps not even remotely connected) and there were sisters. Samuel had brothers; Daniel, living at Orleans, Va., William, of Orleans; Elmer, of Paw Paw; Lige or Elijah, deceased, who had lived at Hagerstown. Young Calvin wasn't too sure about all this information, but gave it to me as best he could. I believe Samuel's widow is now Mrs Mary Shumaker and lives at Magnolia, but when we located her home we found no one there. Bidding Calvin good bye we headed for Orleans to try to locate one Daniel Shambaugh, brother of Calvin's grandfather, who was supposed to know more of the Shambaugh family history.

Then our trouble really started for, tho we knew we were going to travel over ridges and in sparsely settled country, we did not anticipate that we would get into all that we did. In the first place we didn't turn where we should have! There had been much rain, but it was a wonderful morning (nearly noon by this time) and after driving for miles we found that we weren't near Orleans, but at Magnolia, which we had reached by going up one ridge and down another, quite slippery in places and roads that were quite narrow. Getting more directions we started back over the same road we had traversed earlier, after finding the right road and slipping and sliding a bit we reached our landmarks, but did not find William, whose house we would come to first, at home. We went on down (and I do mean down) until we came to the last house, which proved to be the home of William's daughter. She showed us the house Daniel lived in but tho she thought he was home she doubted that he could give us much information. Daniel was at home, but he really knew very little of his ancestors beyond his grandfather. While we were there the brother William came in and we all visited together, but as to getting any definite information from either of them to tie them into other known groups we were doomed to disappointment. I believe they are descended from one of the orphaned grandchildren of Daniel of Virginia, but at present there is nothing to prove or disprove this. There was a graciousness about William one would hardly expect to find for the family had lived bottled up in the mountains for possibly three or more generations. William reminded me somewhat of my own father, tho larger and more robust. He seemed very kind and really would liked to have helped us in our research to discover where their line fitted into the lines we already have established.

Gleo's letter and travel-log will be concluded in the next issue.

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Ruth Shambaugh, Box 263, Alma, Nebraska

Thought perhaps you would like to know that my brother, Dr. Ralph Shambaugh and Charlotte Battaglia of Portland, Oregon were married April 8, 1951. They are living at Burns, Ore. where he and two other doctors operate a Hospital and Clinic.

My sister and husband, (Rev. and Mrs Merrill Willis) and son drove out for the wedding, so mother and I accompanied them, we had a fine time.

At our annual Methodist Conference the Willis' were appointed to Nebraska City, they lived at Auburn some twenty miles from Nebraska City about ten years ago.

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A letter at the last minute from Mrs Lloyd Shambaugh of Winterset, Ia. had a clipping of the death of Ira W. Shambaugh of Clarinda, Ia. He was 89 years old. Will have more about him in the next News-Letter.

Lloyd had been seriously ill with heart trouble and in the hospital for six weeks. Has been home a month and is beginning to get out a little now.

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Mr and Mrs Verner Shambaugh and Mr and Mrs Albert Shambaugh of in and near Upr. Sandusky, O. drove to Berryville, O. to visit with Mrs Alice Shambaugh, a month ago, and found her in fairly good health, and they greatly enjoyed their visit together. Alice is enjoying many added years to her allotted time, as she will be 93 years young this fall. We hope to see her at the National Reunion this fall.

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Dollars for the News-Letter --- Glen McCarty 1.-- Mrs Vestta Elgin 5.--  
Mrs Edna S. Baker 1.-- Mr and Mrs Lloyd Shambaugh 1.--

We'll be looking for you at the reunion, Upr. Sandusky, O., Lincoln Hi-Way #30