

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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MATTIE GRAPES MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT..... So many of the readers of this News-Letter know Mrs Mattie Grapes personally that we thought best to let you know that she was struck by an automobile in February breaking a small bone in one limb and breaking a rib. She writes us that she is improving, and we know that she will be glad to hear from you. Her address is 909 Alabama Ave., Selma, Ala. She also tells us that her son, Leon A Grapes was called to service March 15th and that he is now in Washington D C training as a captain in the Judge Advocates General Division. This is the only additional news we have for our directory of men in service for this month. Please keep us posted and if enough new material comes to hand by the time of the issuance of the next issue we will again print the directory.

WE HAVE ON HAND SEVERAL UNPUBLISHED PERSONAL SKETCHES.... and this month will give you more than usual, planning to follow with others as space permits.

EDNA SHOWALTER HAMILTON, daughter of Franklin P. and Sarah Jane (Ward) Showalter, and granddaughter of Sarah Ann (Shambaugh) Showalter was born Feb. 26, 1886 near Corydon, Iowa receiving her early education in the old country school and her high school education at Corydon. March 31, 1914 she was married to William H. Hamilton son of Kendrick and Margaret (Sears) Hamilton who was born July 7, 1867 near Somerset, Ky. Mrs Hamilton writes, " I taught country school and some in the grades in town school and my husband taught country school, later going into partnership with his brother for a short time in a store. Later we went farming, leaving that in February 1939 when we moved into Corydon." She is a Methodist and in politics is a Democrat. Their son, Wm Eugene Hamilton, born April 10, 1915 and now in Washington D C graduated from Allerton High School and Iowa State College. Their daughter, Chassie Mildred, born Nov. 17, 1917 also an Allerton High graduate is now Mrs Bettie and lives in Corydon.

Genealogy: F P Showalter, Sarah Ann, Jacob, Daniel, George of Bucks County.

JAMES PHILIP SHAMBAUGH, son of Wm Ira and Mary M. (Mundis) Shambaugh was born June 6, 1914 in Kuling, Kiangsi, China. In that far off land the first six grades of his education was received from his mother and the 7th grade was completed in the Kuling American School and then back in America his grammar school education was completed at Carlisle, Pa. Later he graduated from the Lemoyne, Pa high school and took his college education at Albrecht College and the University of Illinois, graduating from the latter in June 1935. He was married June 6, 1936 to Helen Marie, daughter of Cecil Homer and Cornelia Alice (Williams) Curtis who was born October 28, 1914 at Polo, Ill. Shortly after his graduation from the University of Illinois, Mr Shambaugh entered the employ of the Penn. Highway Dept. Testing Laboratory leaving that position in January 1936 to enter Battelle Memorial Institute at Columbus, Ohio as a research engineer. Here he was employed until February 1939 when he assumed his present position as chemical engineer in the research and development division of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co at Paulsboro, N J. Mr. Shambaugh is a member of the Evangelical Church, is an Independent in politics, a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is the father of John Curtis, born Aug. 24, 1937 in Columbus, O; James Philip Jr., born Oct. 8, 1939 and Signe, born March 14, 1942 in Woodbury, N J which is the present family home, their address being 775 Woodland Ave., Woodbury, N J

Genealogy: Wm Ira, Levi J, Philip II, Philip, George of Lancaster County. A-77

There must have been two George Washington Shambaugh -
perhaps even Dr. George Washington Shambaugh
28- Page 2 grandfather was a George Washington Shambaugh

STELLA IETA SHAMBAUGH CONN, daughter of George Washington and Florence (Swank) Shambaugh was born June 19, 1897 at Harlan, Kansas. She completed the early grades and three years of high school in her home town and on May 23, 1917 was married to Lee E. Conn, son of Mr and Mrs T J Conn of Portis, Kansas who was born June 10, 1895. The Conns reside on a farm near Harlan, Mr and Mrs Conn are the parents of nine children and three grandchildren as follows. Living at home we find Kirk, born Apr. 4, 1938; Billie Leroy, born May 8, 1936, Opal Joy born Oct. 15, 1931, Mary Flo born Oct. 16, 1928, Vonda born Oct. 6, 1925, Lorena, born Oct. 18, 1923 and Richard who was born Nov 5, 1921. Leora Maxine, now Mrs Rupp was born Jan. 6, 1920 and is the mother of Bernard Leon Rupp, born Dec. 9, 1940. Iola, born April 19, 1918 is the wife of Wm A Robertson and the mother of Wm Lee, born Jan 22, 1935 and Joyoe Ann born Feb. 2, 1941. Mrs Conn is a member of the United Brethren Church, is a Republican in politics and a loyal member of the missionary society of her church. Genealogy: George Washington, George IV, George III, George II, Geo. of Lancaster Co

LULU MARIE SHAMBAUGH HOUSEHOLTER, daughter of George Washington and Florence (Swank) Shambaugh was born August 14, 1905 near Harlan, Kansas. Her grade and high school education were received at Harlan, graduating from the Harlan High school in 1922 then taking one year in business college. In 1926 she was married to Richard Fred Householter who was born Jan. 27, 1896 near Aurora, Kansas, the son of Henry and Lizzie Householter. Mr Householter is an employee of the Phillips Petroleum Company. Mrs Householter is a member of the Methodist church, a Republican in politics and interested in the Scout organization where she is an Auxilliary member. The Householters live at 2890 Dahlia, Denver, Colo and in the family we find also Harlan Keith, born Feb. 5, 1933, Dwight Dean, born May 21, 1930, Naida Jeanne, born Nov. 20, 1931 and Flo Beth, born Nov. 3, 1934. Genealogy: George W., George IV., George III, George II, George of Lancaster Co.

INEZ SHOWALTER EWING, daughter of Isaac Jacob and Martha Agnes (Miller) Showalter was born Sept. 29, 1876 near Mt. Ayr, Iowa and received her early education in the rural schools of her community., later attending high school at Leon, Iowa. December 24, 1895 she was married to Dr Ernest Ewing who was born March 26, 1875 near Allendale, Missouri the son of John and Mary Ewing. Mrs Ewing is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, is an independent in politics, a member of the Athenaeum Literary Club of El Reno, of the El Reno Damrosch Club and of the Episcopal Womans Guild. Her home address is P O box 833, El Reno, Okla. Genealogy: Isaac J., Sarah Ann, Jacob, Daniel, George of Bucks County.

CLARA ELMA JAKES, daughter of Lewis F and Anna M (Lank) Jakes and granddaughter of Nancy Shambaugh Jakes was born August 26, 1897 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Her education was began in a country school in Wabash township in that county and her high school education was completed in West Lafayette. She then entered De Pauw University from which she graduated in 1909, later taking advanced studies in the Chicago Training School and in Purdue University. After her graduation from DePauw she began her career as a high school teacher holding positions at Montmorenci, Romney, Wea and Brookston, Indiana in a period ending in 1920. In 1922 she became principal of the Boylan Home School for Negro Girls at Jacksonville, Florida, this being one of the mission schools maintained by the Womens Society of Christian Ser vice of the Methodist Church. She was thus engaged until 1929. The following year we find her as principal of the Pfeiffer Junior College high school at Misenheimer North Carolina and in 1935 she was made dean of the junior college as well. This school is also maintained by the ladies of the Methodist Church. Due to her father's death she severed that connection in 1937 since which time she has lived with her mother near Lafayette doing occasional part-time work in the offices of Purdue University. She is a Methodist, a Republican, a member of the A A U W Club and of the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity and of organizations of her church. Genealogy: Lewis F., Nancy S., Jacob, George II, George of Lancaster Co. A- 78

THE SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES and their CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA

(The story of George Jr of Union County and his children as related to us by Cleo Shambaugh Gervin. Continued from the March issue)

Of the daughters of George Jr. other than Catherine Shambaugh Walter I know nothing positive. Last summer while in Eastern Pennsylvania I found a book entitled "American Boyers". In this book I found this record: C.(2) John R., s. of Anthony Bayer and Salome Reinhart, was b. March 19, 1797, probably in New Berlin, Union County, Penn. and d. June 26, 1879 at Salem, Clarion County, Penn. His grave is in Salem, Clarion County, Pa. Blacksmith in Clarion County. Captain of some military organization. In 1818 he m. Anna Maria Shambaugh. Children: Allen, Levi, Neri Amos, Alfred s., Ralph, Matilda, Hettie, Leah, Amelia, Richard and Martin." Following this paragraph were the names, etc., of the children and the spelling was here given as Boyer. As New Berlin, Penn is only a few miles from the home of George Jr. in Snyder County I have thought that the wife of John Boyer in the above account may have been the Mary (Maria) daughter of George Jr. who was supposed to have married a John Boyer. That is all that I have upon which to base my history of the daughter, Mary Shambaugh. See "American Boyers" I think Anna Maria Shambaugh proper married secondly Ludwig Obrogast - see Dr Fisher's records.

Then, while in Lewisburg, county seat of Union County, I found this record at the court house : Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Piatt: In the name of God, Amen, I, Elizabeth Piatt of the Township of White Deer and County of Union and State of Pennsylvania being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind, memory and blessed be the Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner following that is to say, first I give and bequeath, to Isaac, Jacob and John, Leah, Susan and Esther and Rachael's children to have one share amongst them. I do give and bequeath unto my eldest son Samuel's children one dollar, my wearing apparel is to be equally divided among my three daughters after my decease, my real estate, which is as follows a house and lot of ground in the town of Somerset in Washington Township, Lycoming county..... Bounded by the estate of John Piatt Sr. 1823 April 17 Could this by any possible chance be Elizabeth Shambaugh ? I am hoping that this item will bring forth comment or perhaps some one will have correct information on the family of Elizabeth Shambaugh Platte(?)

Last summer after arriving at Middleburg, Snyder County, Penn., I hied myself immediately to the office of the Middleburg Post. There I met Miss Clara Wines, very efficient and most gracious I found her to be. She gave me every assistance possible in my efforts to check the material I already had of the Snyder County Shambachs and gave me many pointers to assist in my future research. I spent parts of two days in the Post office going over files of the papers and other records, but found very little new information there. I called on a number of descendants of George Jr. and was made most welcome. There were many more whom I wished to call on but the time was short and I had to hurry on. I spent several hours at the court house in Lewisburg, Union County, where I obtained a lot of records. That is where I should have spent more time I realize now for all of the early records were at Lewisburg. The court house closed at noon on Saturday and I felt that I could not possibly stay over longer. I am sorry now tho that I did not take more time. With this War upon us I may not get to go back to Snyder County soon. I had planned to go again in the summer or 1942, going there first and staying, if possible, until I had exhausted all clues to the missing links in the family of George Junior.

In Dextonville, which is close to Middleburg (county seat of Snyder County), I called on Harvey Shambaugh, son of David Shambaugh and Catherine Stahlnecker Shambaugh and grandson of Christian Shambaugh. I found Cousin Harvey most interesting and he seemed quite pleased at the efforts that are being made to collect Shambaugh data. He is not well, but is a very patient sufferer. Of the early

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beginnings he says that there were three or four brothers who came to America from the River Rhine in Germany. He told several anecdotes in connection with the family that I wish I could remember in full. I believe that his grandfather, Christian, died in his father's (David's) home. " Cousin Harvey" has never married and has always lived near the old land holdings. He showed me a pair of steelyards (scales) that his grandfather Christian and Stahlnecker used in making whiskey and apple-jack on the Stahlnecker place. Whiskey was sold for 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a quart. I was sorry to hear that a member of our clan had made intoxicants, but I think perhaps there was more corn grown than was needed for food, with perhaps no sale value and that whiskey was one way of using up the surplus and at the same time bring in a good revenue.

Christian must have been a good man for Cousin Harvey told of seeing his grandfather standing in front of his bureau at bedtime reading his bible. We do not think of the whiskey makers of today as being at all religious, at least not in this section of country where I live (Tennessee). They are considered bootleggers here and are not accepted socially. Cousin Harvey also had a hatchet that belonged to George Shambach of Bucks County. It was given to him by his grandfather Christian who had received it from the old George I. I do wish I could have visited again with Cousin Harvey for I did enjoy my visit with him so much and I am sure I could have learned a great deal more of the family from him after he had had time to get over the surprise of my visit.

In going to Snyder County I travelled up the beautiful valley and bluffs along the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg. It was a lovely trip and somehow I felt that I was going home. I had always longed to see the early setting of the family in Snyder County and Bucks County also, but when I realized I would soon be there I was quite thrilled. It is indeed beautiful country. I think our ancestors must have been quite brave to make the hazardous trip and settlement in that wild, beautiful region. The old George Shambach house stood on a hillside overlooking the farm and facing a gap in the mountains in the distance. I wonder if it were chosen as a lovely spot only for the home or was there also some shelter or lookout thought of in that location. Crossing the Susquehanna must have been quite a feat. I am wondering if the proximity of Montgomery County to Philadelphia and high taxes might have been the reason for the family migrating in the sparsely settled section of central Pennsylvania? With a large family, who perhaps wanted to be farmers, perhaps it was thought that in Union County they might find plenty of land for all.

It is interesting to note that in going to the new country that all of George Jr's sons seem to have been with him. It is unfortunate that he lived for so short a time after settling in the new country. The same was true of George I. of Bucks County. He had lived just six years after moving into Virginia, where I presume he had gone upon the insistence of his sons, Daniel, Philip and Ludwig who became early settlers in the section north of Williamsburg in Virginia.

I do hope to have more information of the early history of George Shambach I of Bucks County and his family are long with proof that will clear up and amplify all that we now claim and do hope that any who read this article who may have any information of value along these lines will please send that information on to me or send it to the News-Letter. Thank you.

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