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SHAMBAUGHS IN SERVICE..... Add the name of Herbert Eugene Bender, son of Mrs C C Bender of Findlay, Ohio.- And, with the marriage on March 9, 1943 of Virginia, daughter of Ben F. Shambaugh of Ottawa, Kansas to Tech. Sgt. Rolland J. Hopkins, we add another "in-law" to our honor roll.

DAUGHTER OF THE REV. JACOB SHAMBAUGH GOES TO HER REWARD.....On Feb. 3, 1943 there passed away a dear old lady, Mrs Sabina Burtnett, a friend to many of you. She has been our oldest Shambaugh the past year, lacking but two weeks of reaching her 90th birthday. On last November 12th she suffered a stroke at the home of her daughter, Mrs C C Bender of Findlay, Ohio with whom she had lived for many years. Until that date she had enjoyed unusual health and was greatly interested in all activities of the Shambaugh Society. Her father was the Rev. Jacob Shambaugh, an active minister in the United Brethren Church in Ohio for 56 years, he having been born at Carlisle, Pa on April 7, 1817. As all of her brothers and sisters had preceded her, the death of Mrs Burtnett is not only a personal loss, but removes one of the last links of our early family history. Her burial on Feb. 5th was by the side of her husband in Shauck Cemetery near Lexington.- L C S
Genealogy: Rev. Jacob, Peter, Philip I, George of Lancaster County.

OLDER SHAMBAUGHS ALSO SERVE..... Word reaches us that A M Shambaugh of Seattle, although beyond active age range in war duties is on active duty in the Coast Guard Reserves as a Chief Boatswains Mate (temporary) as one of our ship yards. This leads us to the suggestion that, undoubtedly, many of our older Shambaughs are in places of similar service and we would like reports of their duties to add to our growing list of those who serve.

Introducing-

Gordon Ireland
ORIN C SHAMBAUGH, son of Adam Hotzler Shambaugh and Mary Jane (Scott) Shambaugh who was born Jan. 26, 1878, near Booneville, Iowa. He married Barbara Helen Ireland on Sept. 28, 1904, she being the daughter of Frank and Mary Ireland of Des Moines, Iowa but having been born in Quebec, Canada. The Shambaughs' are the parents of one son, Gordon I C Shambaugh, born Nov. 11, 1905, a graduate of Des Moines University with a B S degree and of the University of Iowa with a D D S. degree. He is now captain of Co. B, 62d battalion M R T C at Camp Barkeley, Texas. Captain Shambaugh married Frances L. Stoninger, a graduate of Grouton University of Milwaukee. She is now director of Travellers Aid and superintends U S O work at Abilene, Texas.- Mr and Mrs Shambaugh operate 500 acres of southwest Iowa land. He is an active member of the United Brethren Church and is a Republican in politics.

Genealogy: Adam, Michael, George III, George II, George of Lancaster County.

OUR RESEARCH CONTINUES..... Although your editors have all been overburdened by the necessary addition of work of war time, yet, at least two of them have made some important studies this past winter and will bring to our history the results of these studies in due time. As is true of a developing history such as ours we can look for changes and corrections on past materials which will make our work more interesting and more authentic.

my (also S. Gerwins) articles

IN MEMORIAM: This winter noted the passing of Howard Shambach of Paxtonville, Snyder Co., Pa. In the death of Mr Shambach we have lost one of our oldest members of the Shambach clan. He was very much interested in the family history, had in his possession personal articles that belonged to his grandfather, Christian Shambach and a hatchet that belonged to Christian's grandfather, George Shambach. Mr. Howard Shambach had never married. He lived within a few miles of the original home of George Shambach Jr., A visit with him in 1941 brought to light many interesting bits of information on the early Shambach clan in Union and Snyder Counties. It was with a great deal of pleasant anticipation that I was looking forward to another visit with him, when I hoped to learn more of the early history, thinking that perhaps by that time he would have found some records to assist with the task of unravelling a few tangles, but death is no respecter of persons and, tho he was far from well when I visited him, I did not think his death would come so soon. It is with the deepest regret that I will not get to talk with him again, but I am also glad he is out of this world of pain.

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Genealogy: David, Christian, George Jr., George of Bucks County.

FLOWERS TO THE LIVING....February 19th marked the 87th milestone of one of our most highly respected and interested members of the Shambaugh clan. I speak of Mr Henry F Guthrie, formerly of near Perrysville, Ohio, but now living in Galion. Mr. Guthrie, tho not in perfect health, still manages to get about quite a good deal, works ceaselessly on family data and is most interested in all that pertains to Shambaugh history. It was thru Mr. Guthrie that I obtained my first family data, outside of my own father's history. I wrote to Mr Guthrie in 1928, I believe it was, in regard to family data and received a most interesting letter from him that was "chock full" of history and dates. Since that time we have been in regular correspondence. I have had the pleasure of many visits with him. His mind is quite active and he is one of the most interesting persons that I have ever met. It has been thru his untiring efforts that I have been able to get on the "right track" in my search for family history and I owe all that I have gained to him. I am hoping that I will have the pleasure of many more visits with him and that, together we may be able to get more information on the early Shambaughs. Cousin Henry's grandmother and my great-grandfather were brother and sister and his grandfather and my great-grandmother were brother and sister, thus he and my father were double second cousins.

Genealogy: Elizabeth Walter, Catherine Shambaugh, George Jr., George of Bucks Co.

Cousin Henry Guthrie has told me of thirteen families, mostly Shambaughs formerly from around Perrysville, Ohio, moving to Wisconsin wher he was quite a young man. It is my belief that the Richland Center, Wisconsin group were of that early group. There is no doubt but that they were all very closely related at that time. Several families of that same generation settled in Indiana, at about the same time. This group lived in Noble and adjoining counties.

There was also a group that went to around Wabash, Indiana. They were, so far as is known, all the children of George Shambaugh and Catherine Weirich Shambaugh. The children of t is union were of the very earliest settlers of Wabash Indiana. They were beset with many hardships on their trip and oftines discouraged, but their strong desire no carve for themselves a home in the wilderness, gave to them the courage to carry on. The most outstanding member of that clan today is our president, Mr Joe Shambaugh. His line and my own were double cousins, for his great grandmother, Catherine Weirich Shambaugh, wife of George Shambaugh 3d, was the sister of my great-grandfather, Henry Weirich. George Shambaugh 3d was the brother of John Shambaugh and they both lived near Perrysville, Ohio. Their genealogy was George Jr to George Sr of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I believe, the immigrant who landed in Philadelphia on Sept. 9, 1749.

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JOHN SHAMBAUGH OF OHIO

HIS LIFE, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

by Cleo Shambaugh Gerwin

I have been asked to tell you of John Shambaugh of Ohio- his life, children and grandchildren--- again I will have to do some repeating in order to make clear the connections with the earlier Shambaughs, one of the principals of this sketch.

John Shambach was the son of George Shambach Jr., of Union County, Pa (now Snyder County) and before going to Union County he lived in Montgomery Co Pa. John's grandfather was George Shambach Sr., of Bucks County and later of near Winchester, Virginia.

John Shambaugh came to Perrysville, Ohio presumably in 1830, as it appears from all of my research. I give you the following deed, which is my proof of the time of his arrival in Ohio. Of course it is possible that he did not stay in Ohio from the time of the purchase of this land, but it is most likely that he did settle there at that time:

Joseph Gordon to John Shambaugh----- Received and Recorded Oct. 21, 1830

This indenture, made the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty between Joseph Gordon and Phobe, his wife of the county of Jefferson and the State of Ohio of the first part, and John Shambaugh of Union County and the State of Pennsylvania of the other part-- for and in the consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to them in hand paid unto the said John Shambaugh his heirs and assigns situate lying and being in the County of Richland and State of Ohio. Being the NorthEast Quarter (169) of section Eighteen in township Twenty in Range sixteen, in the district of Wooster and State of Ohio containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres, for which said quarter section the said Joseph Gordon obtained a patent from the President of the United States dated at the city of Washington on the Sixth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two which said quarter he has now sold to the said John Shambaugh

William Millier
James Gordon /

Joseph Gordon (seal)
Phobe Gordon
(her x mark)

John Shebor, Justice of the Peace

What a lot of history was begun with the conveyance of the above deed! For it was the beginning of this branch of the Shambaugh family in Ohio. Today there are many of the name residing on farms around the old homoplace, and unless recently sold to others, this farm is still in the possession of the descendants of the above John Shambaugh.

I will tell you something of this farm. It was the site of the old Indian town of Green Town. Here the Delaware Indians made their last stand. This was most historic ground and the setting must have been very lovely and, quoting from history; " The lands of Green Township are very productive. The Valley of the Black Hawk is especially valuable and contains many splendid farms, fine residences and good barns. Very few levelier valleys are found in Ohio "

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Again, quoting from history, we have the following interesting account of the old homelace of John Shambaugh: near Perrysville.

SHAMBAUGH'S FORT

my (great) great grandfather

" Returning to the south end of the county we ascend the Black Fork of the Mohican. At the farm of Lewis Oliver and one or two points below were found mounds of five or six foot in height and about thirty feet in diameter at the base. A little to the southwest of Perrysville on the road leading to Nowvillo, on the summit above the village, was a mound overlooking the valley, the size of the one described."

" passing up the stream to near the old Indian village of Green Town, to the lands of Mr. John Shambaugh. On the north side of the stream on section 18, we find another circular fort, containing very nearly two acres, with a gateway looking to the west, in the center was a mound, about four foot high, which had probably been an altar or lookout. When discovered the embankment was about three and a half foot high, and ten foot wide at the base. It is difficult to conjecture for what purpose the work was constructed, as it was situated on the bottom, fully a quarter of a mile from the elevated lands on either side of the stream. A small brook flowed by it, from which no doubt, water was obtained. Timber, such as oak, hickory and elm grew upon and within the work, the larger trees being over three foot in diameter. The lands along the streams are very fertile and the site of the fortification having been plowed for over a half a century, the embankments are merely traceable."

* I have incorporated the above to show just what a lovely, fertile, historic spot the family of John Shambaugh was to call home in this new land of the midwest. To say that they must have loved it dearly seems to be proven by the numbers who have remained so close to the old homestead. As were most of the old pioneer homes, this one was of log construction. Not far away on the farm of John's brother George, was the old Shambaugh Comotory and the Shambaugh Schoolhouse, the land being given by George. In this comotory lie the remains of almost all of John and Catherino Walter Shambaugh's children. Here we find also the graves of John and Catherino, with their many children and numerous grandchildren around them. This section was, and is, a Shambaugh settlement.

my grandfather George (4th) is buried in Green Comotory (now in country) and near his home and Green State

I do not know a great deal about the lives of John and Catherino, but I have been told that John, who was my great grandfather, was a man of great fortitude and courage. It is said he had gout and that Dr Frisbie of Wooster amputated his leg on the kitchen table without giving an anaesthetic. He died shortly afterward. His wife, Catherino, seemed to have been almost a saint, for her good deeds are legion. Life must have been very full and dangerous in that new country and many hardships must have been endured, for this is usually found when settling a new country.

Perhaps ten of the thirteen children of John and Catherino Walter Shambaugh were born before the family removed to Ohio. My own grandfather, George, was six years old at the time. It has been said that there were three daughters born first, then a son, Philip. Catherino's father may have been Philip Walter, for it is my understanding that sometimes the oldest son was named for the wife's father, but on the other hand it may have been that the traditional names of the Shambachs was being carried on. I have the history of the Walter family, but have not thus far been able to connect my Catherino, however, there was a Philip Walter with a daughter Catherino. I will have no trouble getting those connections when I have time to go over my records of this branch of the family.

now have court records! Catherine Walter Shambaugh and Catherine Spade which my great-grandmother were Sarah Louisa. Their grandmothers were Salome Perryot (Bauerbach) Spade and Ursula Maria Bauerbach (Bauerbach) Walter.

Catherine's father was Philip Walter court records.