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REUNION TIME AGAIN.... Even though we did have to call a halt on our National Reunions until the War is over yet there has been nothing to prevent the holding of the local reunions and we have reports at hand concerning two of these. The first to report was the 22d Annual Reunion of the Shambaugh-Duerflinger families which was held July 25, 1943 in the Arlington (Iowa) City Park. About thirty were present with greetings being sent in by Mrs Pearl Michalis, Mrs Frank V Sealey and Mrs Bartha Knorr. Mrs Gertrude Stapel of Galvina was re-elected president as also was Mrs Elma Ross of Arlington as secretary. Two deaths, six births and five marriages were reported for the year. Nineteen of the kin were reported in the U S forces at home and abroad. The Shambaughs in this Reunion are descendants of Jacob Shambaugh and Mary Barrow.

LOUDONVILLE SHAMBAUGHS HONOR THE 50TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS ALICE SHAMBAUGH.... It was on Sept. 5th this year 1943 that the original Richland (Ohio) County, but now styled the Loudonville group of Shambaughs, transcending from the Bucke County group, following its custom of at least a quarter of a century, assembled at Riverside Park in Loudonville, Ohio. For the occasion the interest of this meet was increased in that it marked the eighty-fifth natal anniversary of Mrs Alice Shambaugh, widow of the late Thos G Shambaugh. This one looks down and now of her posterity counts six children still living, two having died in early life, twenty-one grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren. Five of her descendants are in the armed forces of our country. She still retains her former vigor and daily proves herself equal to the task of keeping her home in order. She takes an interest in current events, and looks forward to coming reunions with pleasure, urging the young to carry on. One of the features of this Reunion was the exhibit of souvenirs sent by Staff Sgt. Floyd A Shambaugh Jr, now stationed in Central Africa. Included in the exhibit was an elephant tusk 28 inches long, carved images, wristlets and ornaments formed from the same material, also clothing and footwear worn by the natives. The eldest present at this gathering was Henry F Guthrie who retains his interest in family history and gave one of his usual talks. It was the sense of the 77 present that another Reunion be held next year, the date to be fixed by the officers in charge. All are looking hopefully forward to the resumption of the National Reunions. Missing from the gathering was Cleo Shambaugh Gervin who telegraphed those present her greetings and best wishes. S A Shambaugh is president of this group with Margaret Boyer as secretary-treasurer.

FLOYD A SHAMBAUGH JR HAS BEEN IN AFRICA ONE YEAR.... so he writes us, and says further- " in that year I have seen most of the coastline of Africa. I wouldn't have given up this year for anything in the world. It sure was a year well spent, altho now I am ready to come back to the best country in the whole world, but not until this war is over on this side... and I hope it won't be long."

MRS ULLA KIRKLAND REPORTS.... The marriage of her son, Private Thomas Kirkland of Camp Blanding, Fla to Miss Dorothy Mitchell of Sanford, Florida on Feb. 20, 1943. She also advises us that Keith Gundlach, grandson of Mrs Fennie Gundlach, is married and lives near her in Oak Park. She further tells us that Lt. Col. Leon A. Grapes, son of Mrs Mattie Grapes is now in overseas duty.

LIEUT. JAMES WARREN MOYER DIES OF PNEUMONIA..... Lieut. Moyer, son of Harley B. and Agnes Torgesen Moyer was born Sept. 27, 1921 at New Hampton, Iowa. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in May 1942 being called into active service in July. He graduated as a Second Lieutenant at which time he was picked for advanced combat training on B-26 Bombers. On May 23 while on a routine flight he was taken ill and on his return entered the base hospital at the Avon Park Bombing Range, Florida where his passing occurred June 12, 1943. He was a grandson of Mrs. D.H. (Margaret Shambaugh) Moyer.

OUR FIRST REPORTED SHAMBAUGH WAC..... Margaret Elizabeth Sharff, granddaughter of Mrs Fannie Shambaugh Gundlach joined the W A A C last May. She took her basic training at Drake University and was then transferred to Colorado Springs. Her brother Corp. Willard Carlton Sharff was inducted Feb. 12, 1943 and is now at Fort Pierce, Florida. This information was given us by Mrs Gertrude Stapel whose one son, Chas. Willis Stapel sea member of the SeaBees has seen service in the North Pacific, but was returned to the states. On August 24 he was married to Miss Mabel Pedeler of Chicago. His brother, James Scott Stapel, now a technical sergeant has been in North Africa nearly ten months.

MRS CASTLEBERRY REPORTS.....

Our Shambaugh line is surely being preserved. Here are my youngest grandnieces and just one grand-nephew, in spite of the war. Is this because the Shambaughs are pacifists?

Phyllis Elaine Shambaugh	age 5	dan.	Russell Shambaugh of Houston
Sally Jean Moore	age 5	dan.	Jean Shambaugh Moore of McAllen
Wayne Shambaugh	age 3	son	Rex Shambaugh of Van Meter, Iowa
Leelle Ann Jones	age 3	dan.	Robert Jones of Riverside, Calif.
Karen Ray Moyer	age 1	dan.	Dorothy Shambaugh Moyer of Van Meter
Arnelle Louise Shambaugh	almost 1	dan.	Philip Shambaugh of Des Moines
Linda Sue Shambaugh	almost 1	dan.	Rex Shambaugh of Van Meter, Iowa
Jennifer Lee Jones	infant	dan.	Robert Jones of Riverside
Frances Shambaugh	infant	dan.	Capt. Gordon Shambaugh of Monticello, Ark.

My father now has fifty descendants!

HERE ARE A FEW MORE SOLDIERS IN THE GEORGE III (Lancaster Co. line)-all in laws

Edwin Lewis Hatfield, husband of	Martha Lois Helms of Seattle	Army
Lt. George E Pritchard, husband of	Helen Jane, dan. Dr. Frank Shambaugh	Army
Ray Gaudier, grandson-in-law	Mrs Philip Shambaugh of Jewett	Army
Charles Quimby, whose wife, Lois Harrison Quimby is a great-great granddaughter of George IV		Army

David S Pollock and Robert M. Snyder Jr. both of the Catherine Snyder branch of the Banks Co. George line. Army

Mrs Castleberry is by far the most aggressive of all of us in the matter of keeping up with our family records and research. She deserves much better response than she is getting from the most of us. When she writes and asks for information it is but a matter of courtesy that the information she requests be given. There IS a BIG WAR on, but when this war is over we will still appreciate the family records that have been gathered and preserved. Give her the help she asks.

JACOB SHAMBAUGH OF VIRGINIA - FATHER OF WESTERN PIONEERS

HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

-by his great-grandson Harrie W Gleim

Near Reliance, Virginia, a town located a dozen miles or more to the south of Winchester there is a neglected grave-yard located on a farm, this burying plot remaining there undisturbed although the folks buried there are no relation to the present owners of the land. Here lies the remains of Jacob Shambaugh, born April 19, 1777 and dying January 3, 1855. Two of his children, Matilda Margaret born in 1810 and dying at 16 years of age, and Joseph William born in 1816 and dying at 13 years of age are buried near him. Here also we find the first wife of his son, Charles D. she being Mary Jane who died in 1839 only 23 years of age, together with the remains of her infant daughter, Martha Ellen. There is also the remains of the 30 year old daughter of another son, Thomas E., Mary Ellen by name. The list of the marked graves is completed with that of Jacob's sister, Ann Crampton born in 1778 and dying in 1847.

Near Arlington (formerly Brush Creek) Iowa, a town in northeastern Iowa we find the last remains of Mary (Barrow) Shambaugh, wife of Jacob Shambaugh, together with the remains of three of her children and many of their families. This intrepid woman, daughter of Wa Barrow of Virginia was born in Frederick County in 1787 and at the death of her husband in 1855 she moved with her two sons and their families and an unmarried daughter westward, settling in Iowa where her life ended in 1869.

The record indicate that Jacob Shambaugh was born in the old Shambaugh location in Bucks, or Montgomery County, in Pennsylvania and that he was about twelve years of age when his father, grandfather, uncles and an aunt joined the pilgrimage that took them into the then newly developed Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. His wife's people, the Barrows, had preceded the Pennsylvania Immigrants by several years and were already old settlers in that new land when the Shambaughs arrived. Those of us who have done the research on the Shambaugh land holdings have never taken the necessary time to accurately locate the site of the early Shambaugh estates, but we do know that they were large. They played their part in developing the great upper Shenandoah Valley and when Jacob was gathered to his fathers in 1855 it was but natural that his children should emulate the example of their forebears and again seek new lands.

The first of this family to leave Virginia seems to have been the daughter Sarah Ann, who had married Nimrod H Showalter in 1839. The Showalters moved, first, to near Greencastle, Indiana where Sarah died in 1862. Some of the family moved west to Wayne County, Iowa where Nimrod died in 1882. The Showalters were the parents of ten children. The first two, Mary and Martha died young in their Virginia home. Next in order seems to have been Ellen Virginia, born in 1845 and marrying John H Michael who was born in 1836. Mrs Michael died in 1928 in southern Iowa where the family made their home. The fourth child of Sarah Showalter was the great old saint, Isaiah Jacob, born in 1847 and whose passing in Feb. of 1940 took from us one of the oldest Shambaughs of that time. He was 93 years of age when he died and while born at Greencastle, Indiana he went to Iowa at the age of 20 to teach school, moving to Arkansas in 1864.

The fifth child of this family was Charles, born in 1848 and marrying Mary Jane Shambaugh in 1867, dying at his home in Ringgold County, Iowa in 1897. The sixth child, Silas, probably also died before the family left Virginia, or soon after they arrived in Indiana. The seventh and eights were Clarence Ammi, born in 1872 and Cora May born in 1873. Both have passed away, neither of them marrying. The eighth child was the son, Franklin Pierce, born in 1852 near Greencastle, Indiana, but moving to Ringgold County, Iowa in 1871. He married Sarah Jane Ward, a native of Keokuk, Iowa who was born in 1861. Number nine on this list was Hoseph H. concerning whom we have little information. We do know that he died and is buried in Oklahoma. The youngest child of the family was named for her mother, Sarah Ann. She was born in 1860 and was married in 1878 to Wm Franklin Query. They lived and raised their fine family in southwestern Iowa.

Now, back again to the story of Mary (Barrow) Shambaugh, her two sons and maiden daughter. We have already told about the move of the sister, Sarah Ann, to Indiana. We know that previous to this time other Shambaughs had gone to Ohio and Iowa was on the list as good fertile land in the Far West. It is probable that others of the Shambaughs had also moved into Missouri. This particular Shambaugh cavalcade, said to have been at least two wagons pulled by mules, was driven thru with the help of a neighbor boy, Fred Gline, who also wanted to go West. By August they had reached Dubuque, Iowa where they decided to remain until Spring. We now believe that they were heading for southwestern Iowa or for Missouri, but it seems that an enterprising land-agent succeeded in selling them farm land in Fayette County near a hamlet then called Meestown, later Brush Creek, and then Arlington.

Charles Daniel was the elder of the two brothers and began his life in the new country, not as a farmer, but by opening a general store. He was born Dec. 31, 1812 and after the death of his first wife, Mary Jane, and his daughter Mary Ellen in Virginia he met and married his second wife, Sarah E Guyer in 1847. His eldest child has already been mentioned but he had a second daughter by his first wife, she being Matilda Margaret who was born in 1836 and who married Benjamin Shambaugh of Ohio. The third child was Jacob who lived and died in single blessedness living to quite an old age. The fourth was Mary Jane who was born in 1849 and who in 1867 married Charles H Showalter moving with him to southern Iowa in Ringgold County. Ira Shambaugh was the fifth child in the family and he married Emma Moyer, a member of another early Iowa pioneer family. Marion, the sixth child, died young. Sarah Virginia was the seventh, born in 1859 and marrying James R Fisher. They also raised their family in southwestern Iowa where she still lives. The next was Fannie May born in 1861. Wife of Wm O Gundlach she passed away at Oelwein in 1940. Linda, born in 1863 and the wife of Carl Schultz was next. The tenth child was Martha Bell born in 1865 and the wife of Thos B Grapes. Thos a Newton was next, he being born in 1867 and marrying Louisa M Carpenter. Margaret, born in 1871 was the youngest of the family and became the wife of Dwight H Moyer. *parents of Harley (and his wife)*

Thomas Ephraim, born April 4, 1822 was the other brother and he established himself as proprietor of the Shambaugh Tavern just across the road from his brother's store. He was married in 1843 to Barbara Ann Larrick of an old pioneer Virginia family. Four children in this family died young, Mary Ellen and Joseph William, already mentioned, together with Elma and Lena who died in Iowa. Of the other three the oldest was Ann Elizabeth who was born in 1849 and was six years of age when the group landed in Iowa. She met and married Wm O Gline, relative of Fred Gline who helped to drive the wagons to Iowa. James Thomas was born in 1854. He married Frances Abigail Thompson, member of another early Iowa pioneer family. The youngest child was Charles Newton who married Martha Carpenter.

The maiden sister who came to Iowa with the group was Mary Jane, Lovingly known as Aunt Jane. She is buried besides her mother in the Arlington cemetery