

Shambaugh Family News - Letter

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A letter from E. Leah Tomlinson of Browstown, Wis. says that she and Iva are enjoying their TV and three meals a day, also look forward to the newsletters, wishing they came every week. Leah says they have done a lot of sewing the past winter.

Anna Cossil of Scio, Ohio, R. 2. (Lamartine) writes that she is grandma again, a son, born to James and Julia Litzenberg on Feb. 19, 1955, name, Charles Lee.

MRS ROSA AMANDA MCGREW, 82, died March 11, 1955 in the Leber rest home near Upper Sandusky, O. She was born Dec. 22, 1872 in Jewett, O. the daughter of John and Rachel (Stewart) Arbaugh and was married to Wiley McGrew, who passed away in 1948. Two children survive, Olen S. of Minerva, and Mrs D. C. Wagner of Upper Sandusky, two grandchildren, three great grand children, a sister Mrs. Alice Stewart of Webster and a brother Ira Arbaugh of Jewett.

A daughter Mildred Alice, died in Jan. 1929, three sisters and two brothers are deceased. Mrs McGrew was a member of the Methodist church in Carrollton, O.

Funeral services were in charge of John J. Arbaugh and Son at Carrollton, burial in Grandview cemetery.

A line from Oley D. Shambaugh of Holton, Kan. 725 Wisconsin St. says he is feeling much better now.

The following data, mailed to me recently, was written by Mrs Shiloh Sidney Shambaugh of Walnut Manor Apts., Kokomo, Ind. in 1941 for the newsletter, but had been mislaid for the past several years.

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST, MIDDLEBURGH, SNYDER CO. PA. Thursday March 15, 1900
Vol. 37, No. 11 *Upon the death of George Shambaugh*

Mr Shambaugh descends from a family that for a record of long living there are few if any in this day and generation. So prominent a characteristic is the longevity of this family that it is but proper for us to give some details of the family from the founder of the Shambaugh family in this country set foot upon American soil.

The name of the pioneer or founder was George Shambaugh, a native of Germany who landed in Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749. Of his lineage there was at least three sons, George Jr., Philip and Daniel. The latter two moved to Shenandoah, Virginia, George Jr. settled in Montgomery Co., where he married Miss Reinard. To them were born six children, three sons and three daughters. George Jr. moved to Middleburg and a few miles north of this place bought a tract of land containing 300 acres, from William Penn's agents or heirs. The land then purchased is covered partly now by deeds held by James G. Crouse, Mrs Moses Fry, Stahlnecker and other parties. Of the children of George Jr., Christian was the youngest son and father of the deceased.

Christian Shambaugh was born in Montgomery Co. but was married in what is now Snyder Co. to his first wife, Mary Walter, the daughter of David and Susan (Oberhart) Walter, the father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and his bones now rest in the Salem church cemetery, the only ones in that burying ground that were used in defense of the independence of America. Mr. Shambaugh was a farmer and a wagon maker. He was a robust man and of untiring vitality and in his day was noted for his physical endurance. In 1837 his first wife died and he married Mrs Elizabeth (Betchel) Bilger, widow of Isaac Bilger, Elizabeth was born June 26, 1809 and died Dec. 17, 1844.

Christian died at the age of 83 years and 3 months. His children are as follows:
First marriage- Daniel, now 84 years, married Sarah Yeiser, now reside at Leo, Allen Co. Ind. undertaker and carpenter.

2- David, now about 82 years of age, married Catherine Stahlnecker, at Paxtonville.

3- George, the deceased, aged 80.

4- Mary (Polly) widow of Reuben Snyder, aged 79 years, now resides at Avilla, Noble Co. Indiana. Mr Snyder was a broommaker and farmer.

5- Jesse, born Aug. 20, 1822, aged over 77 years, married Sept. 11, 1842 to Sophia Fry, the only daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Walter) Fry. They now reside in Centre Tp. and are well known and highly respected. They have 14 children.

6- Isaac, aged 75 years, married to Julia Hassinger, and now resides at Avilla, Noble Co. Ind. Isaac is a carpenter.

7- Jacob, aged 73 years, married Maria Hassinger, a sister of Isaac's wife, and now reside at Perrysville, Ashland Co., Ohio, and is a blacksmith.

8- Elizabeth, aged about 70, married Benjamin Loose, who is now dead, but the widow resides in the town of Centreville, this County. Mr Loose was a cooper.

9- John, now dead, lived to be about 68, married Catherine Keller and resided at Adamsburg.

10. William aged 68, married Amelia Walter, daughter of Adam Walter, Franklin Co.
11. Lydia, aged 66, married first to Frederick Erb, but is now the widow of Reuben Fisher, resides at Port Trevorton, this Co.
12. Henry, born April 7, 1836, died Feb. 2, 1863. He was a member of Co. C. 120th. Ohio Regiment. He died in the hospital in St. Louis, Mo. and was buried in Middleburg, March 9 1863. Second marriage.
13. Harriett, now Mrs Philip Amig, resides in Swineford, this Co.
14. Aaron, who died at the age of 37 years.
15. Sevilla, now Mrs Derr of Northumberland Co. Pa.
16. Sarah, who died in childhood.

June 4, the Post published a sketch of the Shambach family and the first eleven children then aggregated the ages of 781 years, or an average of 71 years each. The list as given above will make an average age of the first eleven of 75 years each.

George Shambach, the deceased descends from such hardy and respected stock, an extended line of long livers and passes to the great beyond commanding the respect of the entire community and enjoying the reward of a faithful christian life. He suffered much here on earth and is entitled to a rich legacy of peace and happiness beyond.

The funeral will take place on Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the house, interment at the Hastinger's brick church.

Harry L. Shambaugh of Oakley, Ill. writes: Andrew and Lynnwood Shambaugh are our sons. Andrew and his wife live on a 60 acre farm a half mile from here, but farms around 450 to 500 acres. Lynnwood lives at Marva, Ill. and works at the Caterpillar Co., they are building a new plant in Decatur, Ill. now.

T. J. Shambaugh, also of Oakley, Ill. has an interesting job to do, that is to write the Shambaugh History of that community for their Centennial Celebration. If any of our readers know of any Shambaugh ancestry, events or items relating to that surrounding territory, please write to Mr Shambaugh about your news items.

A card from Mr and Mrs Jesse Shambaugh says they enjoyed their winter's vacation in West Palm Beach, Fla. and their address now is 4021 Bowman Ave, Indianapolis, Ind.

Orel Trautwein of Upper Sandusky was in the hospital recently with a stomach ailment. She is recovering nicely now.

Harry Allen Gervin Jr., aged 39, the son of Mrs Harry A. (Oleo) Gervin, died Friday night April 1, 1955 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Mitzie and two children, Harry Allen III and Michel Shambaugh Gervin.

Graveside rites were held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Greenwood Cemetery at Knoxville, Tenn. They lived in Lake Wales, Fla.

Your editor and wife drove to Galion, Ohio recently for a visit with Fred and Beatrice Fortney and family. Fred is recovering nicely from an injury sustained in April 1954. The Fortney's have built themselves a fine new home on the west side of Galion in which they have been living for nearly a year.

Kali and Eva Truesel of R 3, Upper Sandusky, O. have a daughter, Pamela DeJon, born February 8, 1955.

Richard and Barbara (Ozell) Yingling have a daughter, Christine Rae, born at Athens, Ohio on February 19, 1955.

One dollar has been received from Orin and Barbara Shambaugh for newsletters.

Begin planning now to attend your National Shambaugh Reunion to be held at Upper Sandusky, Ohio on September 4th. Verner Shambaugh is our president.

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