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REV WM F SWITZER HONORED ON HIS 87TH BIRTHDAY..... The Good Cheer Bible Class of the City Methodist Church of Gary, Indiana continued this year the custom which they began seven years ago of honoring their teacher on his birthday. The following appeared in the daily paper of Gary and we know that the various members of our Society will be much interested in it, so we are repeating it here for our records—

" Excepting for hardness of hearing the infirmities of age have passed him by for the most part and dealt kindly with the clear-eyed and unfaltering Bossier minister

The veteran pastor's life began on a farm near Otterbein, Indiana on January 21, 1857, as the seventh in a family of nine children. He came to the Steel City in 1922 at an age when many less vital and energetic men would have gone into retirement and took an active part in the collection of funds for the erection and setting into operation of the Methodist hospital, construction of which had been delayed by the first World War and various other hindrances. In his honor City church recently donated a large room in the new wing of the hospital and his Sunday school class has placed in it two handpainted pictures dedicated to him.....

Although he elected to retire from the active ministry in 1934, following the death of his wife, the indefatigable cleric found the writing of the Switzer genealogy and poetry insufficient fulfillment of his time and accepted an associate pastorate with Rev. William Grant Seaman, then pastor of City church and continued in that capacity until eight years ago.....The tolerance and religious freedom that Rev. Switzer advocated and put into practice during his lifetime are in part an outgrowth of his early home training resulting from religious persecutions suffered in Germany before the first Switzers migrated in 1749 from the highlands of the Swiss arland border to Virginia. He studied at DePauw University in Greencastle, receiving his bachelor of arts degree from there in 1884, the same year in which he began his career by filling the pulpit of the First Methodist Church in Covington. Five years later he became pastor of the Methodist church in Michigan City, remaining there for five years. Before coming to Gary as field agent of Methodist hospitals, the reverential leader had passed a quarter of a century preaching in Danville Hammond and Plymouth and in being superintendent of the Greencastle district. "

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DAUGHTER OF CHARLES D. SHAMBAUGH PASSES.....Linda Shambaugh Schults, daughter of Charles Daniel and Sarah Elizabeth (Guyer) Shambaugh passed on to the land beyond on January 7, 1944. She was born Feb. 21, 1883 and had married Carl Schults who preceded her in death. For many years she had made her home with her brother-in-law Dwight E. Meyer and was unceasing in her care of her many relatives in her home community. She was a life long member of the Christian Church at Arlington, Iowa and was always active in its affairs.

Genealogy: Charles D., Jacob, Daniel, George of Bucks County

AND SO WE BEGIN THE FIFTH YEAR OF OUR NEWS LETTER..... This year we shall not attempt any regularity of issues, as if we did last year? We will do our best to get out as many issues as we are able to get materials to make worthwhile. The next number should conclude the articles on the children of Daniel Shambaugh, their children and grandchildren and we will move on to his brother Philip. You can help if you will send us your news- let's keep up the family interest.

FROM THE MAILS.... Since the first of the year we have received the following bits of interest- The Lockheed Star, official publication of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp publishes a picture of Arnold L. Shambaugh and gives this account opposite- "Third member of his family actively engaged in the fight for victory, Lt. Arnold L. Shambaugh has received his 2d Lieutenancy for Navigation from Hondo, Texas. Before enlisting in the USAAF in 1942 Lt. Shambaugh had worked in the Lockheed Plant B. Production Depts. 10 and 16. His father and mother, Mr and Mrs Jay J Shambaugh are helping to "Keep 'em Flying" at Plant 7. Ulla Shambaugh Kirkland writes from Cicero, Ill.- "Tom, my son, now stationed at Ft Jackson S C is a Sergeant now, and I also have a lovely grandson, Thomas Robert, called Tommy, born Nov. 10. Leota (Mrs Alvin Roby) youngest daughter, Margie, has a baby daughter born the latter part of November. I do not know her husband's name, but he is in the Army Air Corps - a pilot, I understand." - Mrs Nettie Walker, LaMoille, Illinois writes, - "I have a grandson, George L. Walker son of Howard F. Walker somewhere in Italy." - Mrs Grace S. Black of Baldwin, Kansas tells us that, "Dale Martin has been transferred to Louisiana." She also promises to write us some stories of her father's experiences as a pioneer Methodist minister in a new land. Rev. Switzer says, "I wish for you lengthened life and strength to carry forward the work you have so encouragingly begun. Mrs Lois Castleberry keeps prodding our branch of the family and is getting good results. She is what the Hobbies call 'A Hurdinger'. It just tickles me the way she keeps after our branch of MODEST SHAMBAUGHS." Mrs J H Shambaugh tells us that they have sold their farm and bought property in Waynesville, Ohio. She says that Freddie and Josephine Bogan have a new girl born Feb. 3, 1944. She also tells us that Joe keeps alive and alert and splits wood for exercise and pastime! Then, early in February we got a letter from Mrs Carl D Titus of Watsonville Calif Rt. 3 Box 6. Velma is a first cousin and one from whom we had not heard for a long time. Her sister, Mrs Elma Ross, the only Shambaugh now living in Arlington, formerly Brush Creek, keeps me posted on the old home town and also forwarded me a letter from Mrs Bertha Knoerr of Wauwatosa, Wis. Mrs Floyd B Weakly of Wilmette Ill send her dues and says she is "really surprised that we get out a News-Letter at all." The latest was a good letter from Sgt Wm H Shambaugh, son of Mr and Mrs Ira W Shambaugh of Clarinda. He is located at Camp Lee, Va and sends us a clipping from a Ft. Wayne, Ind. newspaper with a picture of Lieut. Max P. Shambaugh, son of Mr and Mrs R G Shambaugh of that city who was awarded his silver wings just recently at the Columbus, Miss Army Air Field. In reporting our boys and girls in service it just seems to us that we have not mentioned Cpl. Willard Carlton Sharff, son of Mildred (Gundlach) Sharff, nor Charles Edward Rice, son of Dale S. Rice and grandson of Charles D. Shambaugh.

INFORMATION ABOUT TWO DAUGHTERS OF SAM WM SHAMBAUGH OF INDIANA.... Pearl Caroline Shambaugh Derailkill was born at Red Key, Indiana April 3, 1884. Her first husband and father of her six daughters was Charles Edmund Williams whom she married June 3, 1902. Two of her daughters Mrs Edna Mary Denny born May 13, 1903 and Mrs Bessie Caroline Ziek, born Oct. 22, 1907 live at 2308 W Compton Blvd, Gardena, Calif. Another daughter Mrs Juanita Lulu Lofgreen, born March 22, 1909 lives at 2708 W. Compton Blvd, Gardena. A fourth daughter was Mrs Thelma Eileen Wallace, born August 19 1914 also lives in Gardena at 15308 Purche, Ave. Mrs Helen Frances Ososalt, born Oct. 4, 1911 lives at 623 W. 111th St., Los Angeles, Calif. The second daughter born to Mr and Mrs Williams was Lois Pearl born April 17, 1905 and now deceased. The information about Mrs Derailkill and her family was given us by Mrs W C Sutherland who also lives at 623 W. 111th St. Los Angeles, Calif. Like her sister, she is a daughter of Samuel William and Mary Amanda McFarland Shambaugh. She was born April 27, 1886 at Red Key, Indiana and was married to Mr. Sutherland in 1911. She is a graduate nurse C T S and her husband is associated with the Railway Express Co. Genealogy: Samuel W., William, John Sr., John, George of Lancaster County.

JOSEPH SHAMBAUGH OF OHIO His Children and Grandchildren

Family relationships mean little to us as we are growing up, and in the early years of our life we are unusual if we know more than our own immediate family, our grandparents and possibly some uncles, aunts and cousins. I grew up on a farm five miles out from the little town of Brush Creek in Fayette County, Iowa. I never saw my grandfather Shambaugh who died before I was born. Our visits to town were usually at the home of my Grandmother Shambaugh, or at my great-uncle Charles Shambaugh's home. Or, we might visit at the homes of either of my uncles Jim and Nowt Shambaugh. Through these associations I soon learned to know Tillie Rice and her two children Dale and Vesta, the former about my own age. Then, there was also Duff and Joe Shambaugh, brothers to Tillie. As I grew older I learned that these three were the children of Ben Shambaugh whose wife was a daughter of great-uncle Charles and that their mother had died shortly after the birth of her daughter, Tillie who was then raised in my grandparents home. I learned, too, that Ben had gone back to Ohio where his people lived and had died there when I was only six years old.

In this little town of Brush Creek there was a Shambaugh store which, when I knew it was run by Jake Shambaugh, a son of Gias D Shambaugh. I have been told that, earlier, he had a partner, one Franklin A Shambaugh who also came from Ohio. By means of these associations I had it impressed on me that we had several relatives over in Ohio, but it was not until many years later that I was to meet any more of these folks and learn about them. Cousin Mattie Shambaugh Grapes had told me about Joe Shambaugh of Harveysburg, and we visited them in 1937. On the occasion of this visit he obtained some valuable papers for us from his brother Oscar and told me about his grandfather, Joseph Shambaugh, one of the early southwest Ohio settlers.

Joseph Shambaugh was born Sept. 25, 1835 and was a pretty small child when Daniel Shambaugh and his family migrated from Pennsylvania into Virginia. Dec. 14, 1816 he was married to Anna Duffy. Four years later he took his family to Greene County, Ohio and set up his home there, locating near Leota. The two children who came with him were Franklin Augustus, referred to above, born in 1818, living the life of a bachelor and dying in 1847; and James Bernard, born in 1819 and dying at eight years of age. Franklin must have been an interesting character. We have several letters in our possession passing between him and his Aunt Abigail about which we will tell you in her sketch.

Levi Duffy was the third child, born Nov. 8, 1831 and was the first of the family to grow into maturity, marry and have a family. His oldest child was Oscar who gave us much early family history. He was born in 1856 and died in 1938. Then, in order, we have Amanda, born in 1859, William J. born in 1863, Laura, the wife of Wm R Hiett, born in 1865 and her twin brother Lawson who still lives near New Burlington with his son Raymond. The youngest was Joe H. who was born in 1867 and who has given us most of the history of this branch.

Three other sons were born to Joseph and Anna Shambaugh, one of whom, Daniel, lived only about a year.

Joseph Jr. was born in 1834 and lived until 1913. He married Abigail Ann Goode and was the father of Franklin Henry, born in 1850, Wm Goode, born in 1857, Charles L. born in 1863, Ellen Margaret, Mary Harriet and Joseph Burrell. Of these I met Charles L. who still lives near Leomis, Washington, the devoted step-father of the children of Matilda Ellen Rice Shambaugh.

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We have previously spoken about Ben Shambaugh who was the youngest of the children of this marriage being born in 1889 and dying in 1894. He was the father of four children, Wm Francis who died in infancy ; Levi Duffy, born in 1863, marrying Vesta Isora Phillips in 1889 and dying in Kansas City in 1936 ; Joseph, born in 1864 and dying in Kansas City in 1936 ; and, Matilda Ellen, born in 1866, marrying Ed Rice in 1888 from whom she was divorced, then marrying Charles L. Shambaugh in 1901.

Two years after the birth of her son, Ben, Anna Duffy Shambaugh died and for the space of two years the family had no mother. Then, in 1833, Joseph Shambaugh married Eleanor McDonald who became the mother of four children. The oldest of this new family was Isaac Newton, born in 1834 and living until 1907. He was married but had no children. Next came Ann Elizabeth, born in 1836. She married Reese Oglesbee and was the mother of two children, Charles and Ella. Ella married Robert Douglass. We know nothing about Mary Catherine except that she was born in 1837 and died in 1939. Nor do we have any further knowledge of Charles William than that he was born in 1841.

Almost all of these families lived around, or near New Burlington, Ohio and many of them lie buried in the New Burlington cemetery which we visited in 1937. We have a record of at least one hundred decednante of Joseph Shambaugh.

BENJAMIN SHAMBAUGH

It seems appropos that we should devote a section at this point to another son of Daniel Shambaugh- Benjamin, about whom we know the least of the five brothers. Like his brother, John, he seems to have died previous to the passing of his father. From what we learn from the records he had four children, the oldest being Jonas Henry who married Rebecca H. Stephens March 10, 1826. There is also a record of this Benjamin having married Isabella Van Nort on July 27, 1821 which would seem to have been a second marriage. Jacob Van Nort was named as guardian of the younger children of Benjamin who were Francis, Silas and Catherine. Other than a guardianship record we know nothing about these three.

Our first knowledge of Jonas Shambaugh was given us by J H Shambaugh who told us that he had often seen Jonas and a sister whom he remembered as Jennie at the home of his grandparents. Some time after this Mrs L D Shambaugh of Ottawa, Kan was told us of having visited a lady in Arizona who claimed to be a Shambaugh descendant. This lady proved to be Mrs Walter (Maurine Mercer) Hofmann, a great-grand daughter of Jonas Shambaugh. We contacted Mrs Hofmann and she advised us that she believed that her grandfather, Fronchus Shambaugh, a son of Jonas was buried in Indiana. Upon search we found his grave at the little town of Windfall, Indiana. We visited with a man who had been caretaker of this cemetery for many years and who remembered something about Jonas whom he said had lived at Jonesboro. He thought that Jonas' wife was buried in Windfall in an unmarked grave. Col. Ralph Stogedall a descendant of Jonas Shambaugh who is now deceased has advised us that Jonas was commissioned captain of the 61st Regiment of the Infantry, 3d Division of the Virginia Militia, July 7, 1855 at Winchester, Va. We have never confirmed this statement. That he was popular with his family is proven by his sister naming her only son after him and an uncle naming him as guardian of some minor children.

Shambaugh buried at Windfall, Indiana.