

Shambaugh *of* *Wabash* *Indiana*

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

EDITORIAL STAFF—HARRY GLEIM
LOIS SHAMBAUGH CASTLEBERRY
CLEO SHAMBAUGH GERVIN

No. 52

A project of the Shambaugh Families Society

March 1946

FROM PRESIDENT JOE "I am writing these few lines to let you know how well pleased we were to receive the News-Letter and to hear from you good people. You spoke in the News-Letter about us in Wabash wanting the National Reunion this year 1946. Yes, we do if the people want it this year, however, there is no rush about it so far as we are concerned. We want to do what the rest of you want to do. We have written to several people in the different states about a Reunion this year but as yet (Feb. 18) we have received no replies. Possibly if they were given a chance to express opinion by vote as we did when we postponed this Reunion, we might get results. This was done by card. If this is done we would like to know date preferred for the Reunion."

Comment Following out this suggestion we are enclosing a card addressed to our genial president which you should fill out and drop in the mails without delay. To aid your thinking with reference to the date it is our understanding that the regular Wabash Reunion date has been set for August 18; however, our other National Reunions were held on Labor Day Sunday for the benefit of folks who have to arrange their business to come from a long distance.

AVIS SHOWALTER HEATH, 200 West 5th St., Hastings, Nebraska, writes us as follows: "My husband, Earl S. Heath, passed away last Oct. 6. He was 67 years old on his last birthday, April 16. He had heart trouble for some time but had worked at the Navy Ammunition Depot for the last couple of years. His difficulty became worse in May. He was about all summer but grew gradually weaker, taking to his bed only a few days before the end. Our son Bob was still in service at the time, but he was returned to civilian life Feb. 9 lacking only nine days of having served three and one-half years. All of his service was spent at Camp Crowder where he was an instructor of teletype maintenance for over a year of the time. He also served in the movement control branch and for the last year and a half was chaplain's assistance with the rank of corporal. He expects to attend college this fall."

Comment We extend the sympathy of the Society to Mrs. Heath in her bereavement. We hope that many more of our readers will give us news of their sons, husbands and other relatives as they return to civilian life.

ISAAC SHAMBAUGH OF OHIO; HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN Isaac Shambaugh, son of Philip and grandson of George of Bucks County was born in Virginia, February 20, 1795. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 having enlisted at Newtown, now Stephens City, in Frederick County. He served as a private in Captain Thomas Cramer's Co. in the 4th Regiment of Virginia Militia and was discharged August 2, 1814, having been in service three months. On September 12, 1816 he was married to Nancy Barrow at Middletown. Three weeks later he left his native state with his bride going westward to the new country of Ohio, stopping first at Dresden in Muskingum County and going from there to Franklin, a settlement just outside of Coshocton. He died in his Ohio home May 5, 1879 and his wife joined him in death March 30, 1886. Near his old home stands the Franklin Methodist Protestant Church and in its graveyard we find his last resting place together with that of many of his family and other close relatives. The church, according to historical records stands as a monument to the religious interest of this pioneer and others of his group from old Virginia.

Philip William, the first child of Isaac and Nancy Shambaugh was born November 12, 1817 in that pioneer Ohio home and he grew into young manhood with a desire in his

Copy 10/4

heart to move on further westward. Pushing out into the new territory to the west he came to the Missouri territory, making his home in what is now the north-west section of that great state, near the Iowa border. June 19, 1845 he was married at Forbes, Missouri, to Elizabeth Ramsey. Their first child, Mary Ellen, was born March 2, 1847. A second daughter, Nancy Jane, was born Sept. 17, 1848, and on June 19, 1850, a third daughter, Margaret Louise was born in that Pioneer Missouri home. Elizabeth died August 31, 1851, and after an interval of two years Philip William took to wife, Lydia Ann Collins, who had come to Missouri from Illinois. The first children born to this new union were the twin daughters Satira Caroline and Sophia Emeline whose birth date was March 19, 1854. Two years later on July 28, 1856 twin sons, David and James Isaac were born. The fifth child was Nina Katursh whose birth date we do not have. Lydia Annabel was born January 8, 1860; Eliza Jane on March 20, 1864 and Sarah Elizabeth on November 6, 1866. The mother of this second family passed to her reward on June 5, 1868 and two years later Philip William married Mrs. Sarah Ewing Majors with whom he had no children. He died May 2, 1901 and is buried at Oregon, Missouri.

Charles Thomas, the second son, was born April 20, 1820. He was married August 10, 1843 to Caroline Pamela Simpson. There were five children in this family - George Philip, born Jan. 21, 1845; Seth William, born Jan. 17, 1847; Nancy Catherine, born Jan. 31, 1850; Mary Caroline, born Nov. 6, 1857 and Teresa Ellen, born February 18, 1859. Charles Thomas died March 25, 1872 and is now survived only by Mrs. Teresa Boyd who lives at 745 So. 6th St., Coshocton, Ohio.

The third child, Eliza, was born in 1822, never married and died in 1845.

We know the most about the fourth child of Isaac whose name was James. He was born Oct. 25, 1825. In search of better health he wandered west in 1852, coming first to the capitol city of Iowa which he decided was too muddy to make a good home. About six miles south of Clarinda he found land to suit him and bought a homestead for \$1.25 per acre, later founding the town of Shambaugh. Here was built the first flour mill in southern Iowa, an old landmark which was only recently destroyed by fire. Needing a good foreman in his mill he hired one Mr. Jaycox who had recently come to Iowa from New York. Mr. Jaycox did a good job of running the mill and James rewarded him by marrying his daughter, Julia Jeanette. To this union two children were born, Charles on August 14, 1864, living only sixteen years; and Ira W., born Sept. 23, 1861 and still living in Clarinda.

The next child was Joseph W.P. born in 1827 and living to the age of 30, unmarried.

The sixth child, Isaac, was born in 1828 and like his brother Joseph and his sister Eliza lived a life of single blessedness. He died at the age of 21 years.

Louisa was the seventh child, born March 11, 1830. She married Daniel Hankins of her own native locality and with him raised El, born in 1863 and Alice, born in 1865. She died on her sixty-ninth birthday.

The list is completed with the twins Mary and Margaret, born in 1832, one living until 1850 and the other to 1865, neither of them marrying. The names of these twins are interesting for they call to mind the two unmarried daughters of Daniel Shambaugh of the same names and remind us that Daniel and Philip married sisters. To make the link still closer, the wife of Isaac Shambaugh, nee Nancy Barrow, was a sister of Mary Barrow who married his cousin Jacob Shambaugh. Thus we see a very close link between the Shambaughs of Fayette County and of Page County in Iowa.

GREETINGS TO ALL READERS OF THE NEWS-LETTER:

Not knowing surely what Mr. Gleim wished for me to write and feeling that a repetition of monotonous figures would be tiresome, I am making this a letter to explain more of my work and plans as well as to present one big group which I have been studying. Hope you will each consider this a personal letter and that you will write me any latest information on your own branch and with any kind of question you may wish answered. Would also be glad to have you suggest topics for discussion. The concealed spots in our family history are becoming few indeed. Not only has the chronology expanded to unbelievable size but our knowledge of the family life of most of the groups has also grown. Locating those interested in the work to collect the data for weaving into new historical stories, several have been attempted. One of them was for Great-uncle George IV, for which Myrtle Minard and Sadie English provided the details. These homespun recitals of details of family life will prove interesting to all and can be improved and enlarged with securing of new information. Even figures produce many conclusions and comparisons which to me become human-interest study of how we are affected by our ancestry.

Another delightful part of this hobby has become a most extravagant one with no end in sight. It is that of Shambaugh pictures, both old and current ones. Hope to have a few to accompany every large group, kodaks for today. Are interesting to a stranger, priceless to descendants. Have had negatives made and many prints from pictures dating back to 1840 in several instances. They are surprisingly clear and satisfactory, occasionally even lovely. Many dozens of pictures have been given me or were sent in for inspection and for negatives. Could not use all but chose those most representative of the family and of the times. Will always accept another if you have well-kept old one or a film. It is creating a pictorial history which like the chronology, has far outgrown our original dreams. Likewise there has been a steady in-flow of deeds, Wills and records that have proven dates for us as well as description of property. Are interesting reading and are hoarded as valuable keepsakes. The very last paper to drift in was the official survey map, dated 1823, of my great-grandfather's 160 acres near New Rumley, Ohio. George III and John moved on the land April, 1817, building first the cabin close beside the valuable spring. When they planned their new and larger home to house the two big families in 1823 they evidently decided it the part of wisdom to first have the land surveyed before building. It was witnessed by my grandfather and his older brother then 12 and 14 years old! The paper is browned but quite sound.

Our Shambaugh Tree has twice as many names as in 1941 at Loudonville and is easily five times as complete, accurate and interesting. Not a single assumption of the past has been proven wrong. Our confidence increases with our knowledge. You will never be able to understand what a history we have until you see my books at the various Reunions in fall (we hope!) and I will reach as many homes as is humanly possible. Plans are to first stop at Indianapolis and Lafayette and Otterbein; attend Wabash reunion on 8/18; Loudonville on 9/1 and have asked the Carroll Co. group to arrange to hold theirs at Lemartine on 9/8. After searching records and visiting relatives all over Indiana and Ohio, expect to be at work at Carlisle before Oct. 1st, calling on friends of the Christian line along with my own Philip I on which I will have been working, at the last. If I survive the strain, hope to return home by way of Des Moines to call on my two brothers, nephews and nieces there as well as to see Mr. Gleim. I hope you realize this terrific effort will be made for the completion of work already approaching that end. Anything you can do in advance to speed my work and make the attempt successful will be appreciated not only by me but by all present Shambaughs and those of the future who will need this record. Arrangement for its final output and wide distribution is a problem which will face us in a year or two. For the present we strive for completion and perfection of record and the preservation of every word and item that helps to portray the lives of our ancestry.

Completed (over) item

As I have, during the past few weeks, been concentrating on the family of John Shambaugh I, he, the third son of George II of Perry Co., Lancaster half, will give you a 'resume' of some high-lights in that family. John, born 2/6/1794, began by marrying Catherine Wirt, daughter of his brother's wife, on 6/22/1816. Catherine's mother was Elizabeth Brown Wirt and was a widow with three living children when she married George III; also was several years his senior. As she was also aunt of the wife of Jacob Shambaugh of central Indiana, the family complications of the Wirts is most complex and are written up for future use. George III bought his first quarter in Harrison Co. in 1816 and the mother-daughter families prepared for the joint emigration in April, 1817. Note that Elizabeth, by this time, had four small Shambaugh children, the youngest three months old. Catherine had a 1-month old baby to carry on that trip. For about 13 years those two large and growing families lived together, first in the cabin and, after 1823, the large house. The exact date is not yet known when John and Catherine chose the site for their own new home a few miles away, over the line in Carroll County; was not later than 1830, Jacob, the oldest son, was then thirteen. The land was raw and timbered; the inevitable log cabin was first requirement. It seemed that the man and boy had taken on a herculean task but it was safely accomplished. Six other children were born and only one died in infancy. The larger house, with its two stories, basement and attic, was built. Catherine with all her hard work and privations lived to be 73. John lived to be as old as any Shambaugh, dying 6/10/1889 at 95 years. A hardy parentage that produced a record of longevity in their family as explained later.

We have pictures of the old house as it still stands, as well as of practically all the 12 children. Mrs. Clara Creal Morrison of East Springfield, Ohio, is a member of this big family and has proven an ardent assistant. Without her determination and visible help we could not have imbued the family with much life. She not only supplied all the pictures but tells of heirlooms, Golden Wedding parties and every thing possible to portray a united family. She proves them unusually devoted, caring for each other through old age and illness. It is pleasant to know that John, living 20 years after his wife's death, was never forced to leave his own home. Until the death of the mother the youngest daughter did not marry. When Rachel married, Margaret moved from her own home to the father's with her family and cared for him 'till end. He enjoyed life, hoping that he might live 'till 100. Thus each bore his share and divided the responsibilities. This John line has now become as distinctive and interesting to me as has my own George III branch or that of the third brother, Jacob of Indiana.

Of their twelve children, Margaret Dosson died at 94 and Rachel Laughridge at 92. The average age of the 12 at death was 78 (4th generation). In a list of 41 of their grandchildren (5th generation) the average, living and dead is now 67 years. But, as 12 of those grandchildren are still living and their average age is now 81 years, that 67 average is due to be increased. Comparing those 12 children of John with the 11 of Christian still living in 1896 and averaging 71, John leads safely in same generation; also leads in the fact that 12 are still living in 5th. Thomas Tomlinson of Browntown, Wisconsin, is the oldest, now 94. In most families the fifth generation is entirely gone. The listed total of John family, 450, runs third in comparison with Christian and his 16 children and with 1,000 descendants which can never be overtaken; and with our George III branch with its 553 which will probably hold its place as it continues a very live group. In the George III line there is no member of the fifth left but we have 22 in the ninth generation while John has none. Christian has 35 youngsters but every single one is found in the Mary Ann Snyder group of N. E. Indiana, most vital group of all. I will let you make further calculations and deductions.

Sincerely your friend and cousin,

Lois S. Castleberry