

THE SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

By and for

"The Shambaugh Families in America"

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THE IMPORTANT THING AHEAD OF US is preparation for the National Shambaugh Reunion to be held at Lamartine, Ohio on Sunday, September 1, 1940. It is the hopes of all of us that enough Shambaugh's of different branches may gather there to make this Reunion a truly representative body. Your editor is presenting, following, a sample idea of a simple family organization that can be acted on at the Reunion in the belief that if this is adopted it will give more order to our work.

Proposed articles of agreement

1. NAME..... The name of this organization shall be The Shambaugh Family Society.
2. OBJECT..... The object of this organization shall be the discovery, preservation and distribution of facts pertaining to the Shambaugh families in America.
3. HO MAY JOIN..... Any person may join this Society who is interested in the aims as set out in Section 2, and who pays whatever dues may be decided upon by the members of the Society.
4. CHARTER MEMBERS..... Those persons shall be accepted as Charter members who have shown by contributions, money or information, furnished previous to Sep. 1, 1940 that they are definitely interested in the aims as set out in Section 2.
5. ANNUAL REUNION..... One of the projects of this Society shall be the holding each year of an Annual Society Reunion under its direction, the first of which shall be held at Lamartine, Ohio on Sept. 1, 1940. At this Reunion a committee shall be named to make plans for and to direct the Second Annual Reunion, and at each subsequent Reunion a committee shall be named for these same purposes. The time and place of the Reunion shall be announced by this Committee by January 1 of the year in which the Reunion is to be held.
6. MONTHLY NEWS LETTER..... A second project of this Society shall be the publication of a monthly News-Letter for the purpose of sharing information amongst its members and the publishing of information that it is desired to preserve. Additional publications may be issued at the discretion of the committee named to be in charge of this project.
7. OFFICERS... The officers of this Society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and an editor. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the organization whose duties it shall be to (1) name the two committees referred to in Sections 6 and 7; (2) set the dues of the Society and (3) take care of any and all business between Reunions not delegated to other committees.
8. DUES..... The dues of this Society shall be sufficient to cover necessary costs and shall entitle the members to the regular publications of the Society.
9. AMENDMENTS..... These articles may be amended or added to at any regular or called meeting of the Society by a two-third vote of those present, provided that all members have been notified of such changes or additions in writing at least thirty days in advance of such meeting.

CONTINUING WITH THE UNRAVELLING PROCESS..... In the first of these series of letters your editor referred to four other people who had been making a study of the Shambaugh Family. Each of these has his or her own version of the American genesis of the family. Two of these, John E. Shambach of Donora, Pa and Mrs Cleo Shambaugh Gervin of Knoxville, Tenn have about the same story. The following short sketch of the Shambach family was prepared by J Y Shambach of Harrisburg, brother to John E.

George Schambach came from Hamburg, Germany in the ship St. Andrew of which James Abercrombie was the captain. There were 400 passengers on the ship at the time. They landed at Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1749.

George Schambach had three sons whose names were George, Philip and Daniel. Philip and Daniel moved to Shenandoah, Virginia and George who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War settled in Montgomery County, Pa, where he married a Miss Reinard. They had three sons and three daughters named John, George Christian, Kate, Mary and Elizabeth. When Christian Schambach was about ten or twelve years of age, his parents moved to Snyder, which was then Union County, Pa.

John E. Shambach, superintendent of schools at Donora, Pa makes the following comment about the family history-

"The name Shambaugh as it is used in Pennsylvania is an Anglicized form of Shambach or Schambach.

The earliest link I can make with George was Christian Shambach, my great-grand father. Christian migrated from Montgomery County to Snyder County. Three of his sons went to what was then known as the West before railroads were constructed. One settled in Indiana, one in Iowa and I do not recall where the third settled. I recall seeing these three old gentlemen in about 1900 when they returned to Middleburg, Pa for a reunion with their brothers and a sister.

Returning now to George Schambach's period, I recall my father's telling that there were two other Shambach's who came to America at about the same time. One settled in New Jersey and the other in Western Virginia. "

--- And, now.....we want you to meet.....

HOEFMANN, Maurine Mercer- born Dec. 20, 1896 at Albany, Indiana- daughter of Isaac Maud (Shambaugh) Mercer and Alexander Hamilton Mercer. Her early education was received in grammar schools in Indiana and Illinois; her high school education at Hope and Greensburg, Indiana and her higher education " in the city room of a metropolitan newspaper. " She was married July 27, 1924 to Rev. Walter Hofmann, son of William and Pauline Hofmann who was born August 20, 1892 at Kansas City, Mo. They are the parents of three children all of whom have been born in Glendale in Arizona. Hugh Mercer is the oldest, being born June 28, 1925; the second is Katrine born Nov. 30, 1927 and the youngest is Ruth Marie, born Sept. 16, 1930. Mrs Hofmann is a Democrat in politics. She is active in the P. T. A. but " not otherwise club minded." She says " I was a member of the Women's Press Club of Indiana at one time when I was actively engaged in newspaper work. I am eligible on my father's side, to membership in the D A R and the Colonial Dames. I am an Eastern Star, but am not active. As my husband is a minister in the Disciples of Christ church my activities are centered in the church." Home address- Glendale, Arizona. Genealogy- We do not have Mrs Hofmann's genealogical line complete, but it seems likely that she traces directly to Daniel Shambaugh, son of George.

F A Loughtoy of Upper Sandusky, Ohio suggests that we who have historical items such as pictures, letters, etc bring them along to the Reunion, and we agree that they will make a valuable contribution to the day. Pictures of early members of the family, old letters, copies of old wills- any of these would be worthwhile.

Shambaugh to Schambaugh, Schambach, etc. etc.