

SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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THE FIFTH NATIONAL SHAMBAUGH REUNION, held Sunday, Sept. 5th at the Ashland, Ohio Fairgrounds is a matter of history and although this account of it reaches you almost two months afterwards, yet, to many of you, it will still be news. The local newspaper tells us- "Relatives were present from Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia and Ohio. About one hundred-twenty five were present and a basket dinner was enjoyed. Highlighting the occasion was the celebration of the 90th birthday of Mrs Alice Shambaugh of Perrysville. A large birthday cake was presented her by her family and gifts and Happy Birthday came from those present. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mr. Guy Shambaugh of Rossville, Georgia, president; Mr. John Howard Shambaugh of Wabash, Indiana, vice-president; Mr. A F Leightow of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, sec-treas; Mr Harry Gleim of Hardy, Nebraska, editor of the Shambaugh Family News Letter. The 1949 Shambaugh Reunion will be held at Lamartine, Ohio with the Shambaughs of that group as hosts."

It was decided at this Reunion to return to the original plan for the selection of officers, they to be representatives of as many of the various groups as possible and to serve as an executive committee. The Reunion committee will be named by this executive committee and will be in two parts. One part will take care of the necessary matters at the place of the Reunion and the other part will be responsible for advertising and promoting the Reunion.

Your editor, feeling that he did not have time enough to give you the kind of a News-Letter you deserve tried to get relief from that job, but failed. With the assurance of assistance from his co-editors and from the rest of the clan present he consented to serve as best he could for another year. Subscriptions were paid by Joe Shambaugh, C M Mynard, W E Shambaugh, Wayne Shambaugh, F A Shambaugh, Arthur Trautwein, S A Shambaugh, Mrs Anna Cogswill, Dale Shambaugh, Harley Shambaugh, Franklyn Shambaugh, Verner Shambaugh, Mrs Jennie Dishong, Mrs Mildred Shambaugh, Mrs Alice B. Dossan, Mrs Fred Hauptli, Mrs Carl Tinor, Mrs Wm Van Osdoll, Mrs R E Tinsley, Mrs Maud Rinohart, Guy Shambaugh, Mrs John Smith, Dale B. Shambaugh, Mrs. Guy Portner, Jake Shambaugh, Harry Shambaugh, Mrs F H Fortney, Mrs Margaret Leibolt, Mrs Cleo Gerwin, Mrs Chas Butner, Mrs Alice Shambaugh and H P Walker.

We had hoped to give you biographical sketches of all of the members of the executive committee but that will have to be delayed until next issue.

THE SHAMBAUGHS in Northeastern Iowa whose Reunion is combined with members of the Derflinger family, these two being common descendants from a Wm Barrow, held their annual Reunion the last Sunday in July as is their regular custom. It was held in the Christian Church basement at Arlington, Iowa. Mrs Elma Ross, the secretary advises us that they had a wonderful time and she sent me some letters which have in them news items that we will pass on. First is the new address of Mrs Howard L. Setzler (daughter of Mrs Mildred Shambaugh) who is now living at 2333 21st Street, Boulder, Colo. She also mentions Clyde Seeley who now lives in Plainview, Texas. There is also news from Harry Shambaugh, Eau Gallie, Fla whose wife writes, " He has decided that he could shave himself with the use of his left hand, so I thought it might be good for his morale and let him try..... while he still cannot talk much he has a grand sense of humor and seems to be perfectly contented ". Mrs Ulla Kirkland wrote that her brother, C D Shambaugh is improving after his eye operation and has been spending the summer with her aunt in Wichita. In her letter she also speaks of her son, Tom and family. They have two children, Tommy and Joan. She also tells of her father, T N Shambaugh who is well and is living in Miami. Most interesting was a card from Mrs Neva Michael Lane, 511 Linden Street, Roanoke, Va from which we gl

" I was born and grew up in Ringgold County, Iowa. My mother was Ellen Virginia Showalter, wife of John Michael, both now dead. My mother was born in Mt. Selan, Rockingham County, Virginia. Her mother was Sarah Shambaugh, or Chambeau." Now, Mrs Lane grandmother was a sister to my grandfather and they were children of Jacob Shambaugh he one of the sons of Daniel, son of George of Bucks County. There is a persistent feeling amongst some members of our branch that the original family was named Chambeau which is altogether possible. We now know that the ancestors of our groups who first came to this country came from the Palatinate and were amongst those commonly called Pennsylvania Dutch. When the French Protestants were driven out of France many of them took German names which may account for the name Shambach, later Shambaugh as we have it in this country.

CORRECTION.-In No. 6 of the News-Letter we tried to make Mrs Margaret May a direct descendant of one of our most famous Shambaughs, the Rev. Adam Shambaugh. Both she and Rev. W F Switzer caught the mistake at once. Mrs May's great grandmother was a sister to Rev. Adam about whom she gives us this new bit of history, " At the age of nine years, when he was herding cattle along the road he learned to read Latin." In order to set the record straight again we give you this from Rev. Switzer, "Adam Shambaugh had but one child, Anna Shambaugh who married a Mr. Houts in Wisconsin. Margaret Shambaugh married William Brown, her cousin. I knew them all well. Nancy Brown married a Rev. May, an evangelist. They moved to Illinois, but many of their descendents moved back to near Lafayette..... You cannot speak too highly of Jacob Shambaugh (father of Adam and Margaret). He was a noble man and his name is an ointment poured forth. The farm is still known as the Shambaugh farm, near Montmorency, in Indiana."

PAST PRESIDENT Joe Shambaugh did want to attend the Reunion, but it was a physical impossibility. When we drove into Wabash we first called on Mrs John Scotten whose husband passed away recently. From there we drove out to the Shambaugh farm where Joe and Emma were expecting us. That evening we had a grand visit with several of the nieces and nephews and their families who really think " Uncle Joe" is tops, and they are right. Other visits on this trip included an overnight at F A Leightoy at Upper Sandusky, another at Floyd Shambaugh's in Wooster and a third with Mrs Mildred Shambaugh at Republic.

MRS WALTER HOFFMAN, now lives at Phoenix, Arizona and her new address is 3001 East Willetta Street. Mrs Hoffman will be remembered as a descendent of Jonas Shambaugh of Virginia and Indiana.

THREE OTHERS who regretted missing the Reunion were Ira Shambaugh of Clarinda Iowa- Mrs Maude L. Shambaugh of Franklin, Pa and Mrs Lois Castleberry. The first named sent us a card from California where they went to visit their daughter Ruth. Many of you remember Mrs Maude Shambaugh as she attended the Wabash Reunion. She gives us the address of Jas. P. Shambaugh as Bay Avenue R # 3, Huntington, N Y. She is very busy with her church activities. Mrs Castleberry, in spite of her health, is her same busy body and while she will probably not make many long trips for a time, yet she still continues to develop our TREE which will stand as a lasting monument to her enthusiasm and industry.

OUR CO-EDITOR Mrs Cleo Gervin has informed us that Mr and Mrs Myron Spade, living near Wolcottville, Indiana were seriously hurt in an automobile accident in August. We do not have any further information on this, but hope they are much improved. She also calls our attention to the deaths of John F. Mang in February of this year. Mr. Mang was the husband first of Margaret Shambaugh, and then of Mary Ann Spade, daughter of Catherine Shambaugh. She also advises us of the passing of E. Clarence Applegate at Roann, Indiana. Mr. Applegate was a son of Lucretia Shambaugh, and a full cousin to Mrs Gervin and Guy Shambaugh. His mother was a daughter of George Shambaugh, son of John, son of George Jr., son of George of Bucks County.

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