

SHAMBAUGH FAMILIES NEWS - LETTER

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A Series of articles under the title "The Home Place" by Margaret B. May, R1, Lafayette, Ind. 47906. Part one -- Approximate year, 1888

Grandmother (Margaret) Shambaugh Brownwaited patiently as she finished her morning work. Her son Adam, and her school teacher daughter Barbara Elizabeth, had left yesterday morning in the carriage to bring back a three week old baby girl, (Grace Isabel Yarnal), the child's mother (Nancy Yarnal) was ailing. The responsibility seemed as usual, to fall on grandmother and grandfather Brown's shoulders.

Grandmother moved briskly. She washed dinner dishes, brushed the crumbs from the white tablecloth, set the table, carefully turning each plate over the silver, and the cup over in the saucer. Presently she would bring in wood to do her baking of pies and brown bread.

Spring work had begun. The boys, her four bachelor sons -- William Allen, Jacob Wendel, Samuel Andrew and Adam Waincott, usually called "The Brown Bros." hired extra men this year. They were farming over seven hundred acres, which made much work. Grandmother had already asked a neighbor girl to help out in the busy season, for she knew with the small baby, her garden and poultry would suffer if she didn't have more help.

Fourteen adult persons ate their meals, made extra laundry and slept here and there, where ever there was room in a very small house. Two small bedrooms cared for the Grandparents, Barbara and the hired girl when there was one; down stairs, and two bedrooms upstairs was turned over to "The Boys" and other men folks -- -- hired help, nephews and whoever chanced to spend the night. For many came to "Brown's". Ministers, Bishops, Elders of the United Brethren Church made monthly and sometimes daily visitations. Much of the "Early Church" had started with the Shambaugh, Brown and Hoobler descendants, here in the state of Indiana. More of that later.

"The Boys" did many of the household tasks. One did the churning, another breakfast and the other two did many little kitchen chores that accumulate in every home.

Jacob called from the bedroom door, to see if the carriage was coming in the lane! He was suffering from a sick headache. He had helped in the field that morning. He could not stand the heat like his brothers. He wore a linen handkerchief, soaked in cold water, folded in his hat. It hadn't helped much this morning. Grandmother thought it was something he had eaten, was bothering him too.

As the afternoon wore on, the fresh smell of rhubarb pie filled the rooms with a delicious aroma. Samuel came in from gathering eggs. The hens stolen nests, gave him a full hour of searching. William drove his Percheron mares past the house, on their way to the barn. The wind-mill squeaked, while it pumped water through the mill house, down to the barns. Another chore for Samuel, for he was the only one that could climb so high without getting dizzy; to oil it. Sweating horses had already emptied the tank. Cows bawled, Peacocks screamed, bees hummed, geese chatted, ducks quacked and now and then a rooster crowed. The humid air and the guinea's loud commotion, gave a storm warning. Grandmother became anxious, for no sign of a carriage yet. She had walked half way up the lane and all she found was a new turkey nest in the Osage hedge fence.

Men were coming in from the barn. Grandmother hurried to be back in time to finish supper. Grandfather was done with his work of feeding the poultry and chasing the sparrows away from his Martin box. His was an inactive life of much suffering. He used crutches, for rheumatism had crept over his entire body. The Browns were subject to rheumatism. Jacob brought up the milk. A dozen or more cats followed closely at his heels. Grandmother quickly set warm food on the table. Tonight it was rice, chicken dumplings, baked potatoes and the usual dishes of sour cream cottage cheese, butter, pie, brown bread, coffee, tea and garden greens. The freshly scrubbed board floor, lent a relaxed and refreshing environment, that only hot water and strong lye can give.

After seating her men folks comfortably Grandmother went out to the cool porch and sat down in her favorite rocker. Her five foot, two inch plump body rocked slowly back and forth as she quickly pieced a quilt block. Her white apron touched her black shoe top, which displayed a pleasant contrast to her dark calico dress.

"The Home Place" by Margaret B. May, Con't.

Grandmother didn't have long to wait for the rest of her family to come home. She soon heard carriage wheels. The tired horses stood with drooping heads, while being tied to the hitching post. Carlo barked loudly. Men rushed out for they all were anxious to see the new baby. Cousin Allen Brown reached her first. He tenderly handed the sleeping child over to Grandmother and said, "One more mouth to feed, Cousin. One more child to love and one more soul to save."

Baby Grace lived with her Grandparents for eighteen years---until she married my father, Chester Arthur Larrabee. They moved only four miles away on one of her Grandparent's farms, where she lived happily ever after and until she died at the age of seventy years. Her three children and grandchildren all live in the same community to this date; except one granddaughter. (O #78, page 2, 2nd paragraph, also page 1.)

(Ed. - Thanks Margaret, for this interesting article. Will look forward to your next one.)

Dale and Gladys Shambaugh of Upper Sandusky made their annual trip south to the land of sunshine recently, leaving Feb. 10, 1967, but returned under different circumstances than before.

Dale and Gladys usually drive to Newark, N.J. taking a helicopter from Newark to Kennedy Airport in New York to miss the New York traffic. They then fly non-stop to Antigua, which is a small island in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean. From there they take a smaller plane to their final destination, Montserrat.

This year during their vacation they attended an Agriculture and Livestock exposition where Gladys slipped and fell, breaking both bones in her right leg at the ankle, just shortly before returning home. They returned March 1st with Gladys sporting a nice new white cast on her leg, which contrasted quite a bit with her beautiful tan other places.

Upon their return it was necessary for Gladys to spend three days in Lima Memorial Hospital where they performed closed surgery on her ankle. She is now learning to ambulate on a pair of new crutches and still smiling.

(Ed. note - Dale says there are no screens in their windows, no bugs or flies in the place. A nice golf course, mountains, up to 3000 feet, five inactive volcanos, three of which have boiling sulphur in them. They went down into one of them. This island is a wonderful place to vacation.)

Mrs. Cleo Gerwin, P.O. Box 347, Gatlinburg, Tenn., 37738
I left my home Dec. 19, and spent the night in Cleveland, Tenn. with my cousin, Grace Carroll. Then next day had a brief stop with Mary Alice Dantzler in Rossville, Ga., then headed for Orlando, Fla. Stopped for overnight at Perry, Ga. then onto Orlando the next day for a visit with my two grandsons Michael and Allen Gerwin, and their mother, Mitzie and her husband Carl Hendrix. Stayed with them 13 nights, also visiting a friend near Ocala (Silver Springs.) Also called on two distant relatives, descendants of Geo. Shambaugh Sr. of Bucks Co., Pa.

Then back to Mary Alice's for 9 nights, and to Grace's 2 nights. I had a wonderful trip and wonderful visits, lacking 3 days of a months vacation.

Harold Shambaugh of Silver Springs, Md. is doing much in Shambaugh research. He has much of interest on the Valentine line as well as my George, Sr. of Bucks Co., and really is digging out the material like no one else has been able to do. He is sending me much data on my ancestor, Great, grt., grt., grt., grandfather George Sr.

(Ed. - "Hurrah for Harold" "Keep going, coming or something.")

Mrs. Tilman (Rachel Laughridge) Nipple, P.O. Box 65, Albany, Wis., 53502
Recieved the Shambaugh N.L. the other day, Jan. 23. Guess it is about time to give an account of Rachel Shambaugh Laughridge history in a small way.

I being the eldest of Eugene and Alma Laughridges' children remember Grandma. A dream I have always had was realized in Oct. of 1965 and again to the reunion in 1966.

Grandma, Rachel Laughridge, made three trips to Wis. The first in 1910 and again in Sept. of 1915. She stayed till the middle of May 1916. The next trip was probably in May of 1920 and we had the pleasure of meeting Uncle Ed. Laughridge as he came along. They visited for three weeks.

Mrs. Tilman (Rachel Laughridge) Nipple, Con't.

Grandma's family was spread out far and wide. That way we never had the pleasure of meeting the cousins. Uncle Ed. on the home farm, Aunt Lizzie of Akron, Ohio, Uncle Dave of Minot, N. Dak., and Eugene of around Monroe, Wis. Uncle Dave L. visited three or four times at Eugene's home on his way home from Ohio.

Aunt Elizabeth Park visited in Wis. in July of 1918. She had two children at the time, Edgar and Dorothy. Edgar passed away in 1921 and Dorothy lives in Akron. One son William Kohler has a son and daughter and lives in Wogster, Ohio. I had the pleasure of meeting Dorothy Kohler in Ohio the fall of 1965. She made the trip down to Carrollton to meet us. We had always heard of Ohio people and had corresponded with some of them.

Dad made his first visit to Ohio after his marriage, I believe in 1918 - another trip in Dec. 1927, the next trip two years later and was with Grandma when she passed away in Dec. 29, 1929. He and mother made a few trips after that.

Dave had two children, Flora and Roy. Flora and Gordon Albrecht and three daughters lived in New Jersey. They moved to Iowa in about 1949 so stopped over to meet Uncle Eugene and families. The Albrecht now live at Columbia Cross Roads, Penn. on a farm. He farms and Flora teaches school. Columbia Cross Roads is a little south of Troy, Penn.

Lavina, born 4-19-34, and married David V. Kerner June 28, 1958. They have one son David James born July 2, 1963.

Enid Joyce, born 1-9-39, married Russell Grinnell Aug. 2, 1957. They have two sons: Scott, 4-6-60, Russell Gordon, 5-5-62, ~~and a daughter Mary Elizabeth born~~ Mary Elizabeth, born 2-24-44, married Ronald Harry Butcher June 4, 1966.

Roy now lives in Chico, Calif. Roys first wife passed away leaving him with three small sons. Later he married a widow with three sons and the last I heard they had one son. I still have to meet Roy. In 1953 on Dad and Mother's way home from a visit with their son in Calif., they stayed a couple of days in Minot with Roy and family.

Eugene and Alma Laughridge had 11 children.

Rachel - Mrs. Tilman Nipple, they have four children. Donald Eugene, born 12-15-27, and married Nov. 15, 1946. Five children born to them - Judith, 8-28-47, Donna Jean 10-29-48, Beverly 3-22-54, Charles, 6-8-56, and Shirley, 10-12-58. Gordon Edward - July 18, 1931, married May 5, 1956. They have seven children. Daniel, May 15-57, Mary, 3-4-58, Dale, 3-30-59, Raymond, 8-18-60, Robert, 9-6-61, Timothy, 1-11-63 and Ann, 7-26-64. Lucille Alma - born Oct. 4, 1933, married Laurence Schneider June 15, 1952. They have Connie, 8-9-52, Linda, 10-17-54, and Bruce, 9-6-62. Carol Ann - born June 3, 1943, married Virgil Wayne Marshall July 2, 1961. They have Lyle, 11-11-61, Laurie, 11-25-62, Andrew, 7-20-65.

Blanche - Mrs. Walter Meyer: he passed away Dec. 20, 1954 and Blanche died Jan. 31, 1955.

Emily - Mrs. Francis McGrath. They have one daughter, Dorothy, born April 10, 1933 and married Wm. Crotty Sept. 19, 1953. They have four children and live at Argyle, Wis., R.R. 1, Hwy. 81. John, 9-23-55, Kathleen, 10-9-58, Sandra, 3-29-60, and Joseph, 10-6-62. Francis McGrath passed away June 29, 1964.

Franklin - passed away at the age of 11 years, 2 mos., Jan. 12, 1922.

Iva - Mrs. Cyril Briggs. They have no family and live on a farm on Albany Brooklyn townline and have the Brooklyn mail Rural 1.

Letha - Mrs. Clarence L. Zweifel. They have one son born June 6, 1941. He married March 10, 1960 and have three daughters; Cindy 9-7-59, Pamela 7-26-63, and Carmen 11-29-65. The Zweifels have a big farm on rural Brooklyn off County tr. E. and south of Hwy 92.

Donald Elmer - married Margaret Nipple Mar. 3, 1951. One daughter Patricia Alma born Aug. 11, 1954 lives on the home farm south of Albany, Wis.

Ruby - Mrs. Herbert Bernstein of 304 Garfield Ave., Evansville, Wis. They have two sons. Larry Herbert, born 3-4-40 and married 8-29-64, a daughter Denise born May 1966. Daryl Fay, born May 20-43, married Mar. 20-65.

Moses Sylvester - married Elva Elverado of Calif. where they live. They have two children, James, 6-26-52, and Catharine, 5-30-54.

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William Ray - married Carol Arn of New Glarus, Wis. They live at Albany, Wis. and have two children; Barbara, 8-13-49, and William, 8-8-52.

George Eugene - married Caroline Bemis of Footville Wis. Feb. 14, 1948, and live at Edgewood Shores, Route 3, Edgerton, Wis., on the Rock River. They have three children; Gary, 1-26-49, Greg, 3-11-53, and Linda, 12-19-57.

Eugene Laughridge passed away Dec. 12, 1957 and his wife Alma Sylvester Laughridge passed away Aug. 4, 1958.

The Laughridge family got together Aug. 28 for a picnic dinner and a bonvoyage at the Ray Laughridge home for their daughter Barbara. She spent six weeks in Switzerland last fall. She went as accompanist to a lady and her son to visit. They flew Swiss Air. Barbara is a senior in the Albany High School. They visited several places. Gary Laughridge is a senior in the Edgerton High school.

The Nipple family had Christmas dinner at the parent home in Albany with 31 present. All are living in and near Evansville, Albany and rural Juda. Two granddaughters are married and one great granddaughter.

Mrs. Sally McCammack, Box 83, New Market, Ind. 47965

Haven't written for so long. Mr. McCammack and I are both pretty well for oldsters. The Mr. still works some and I keep busy with church work, Eastern Star, clubs and housework. However, I'm going to plan to go to the reunion. Edith Shambaugh, my brother Edwin's wife, and son plan to go and if they do I'll go with them. We do get over to Columbus, O. once a year. Mr. McCammack's brother Haver lives there and then he has a (World) reunion that is held at Columbus but seems we never get to Upper Sandusky.

I'm thankful for what your doing for the Shambaugh family. Thanks for the Crest sent at Christmas. I'd like to know more about it. What it means. I have a book on my mothers family called "The Gossett Family" and in it is the Crest and what it all means. I'm not clear on what they are or what or when if you know what I mean. Do we have a "Shambaugh Family" book. If so, I know it would be interesting to all of us. (Ed. - Not at this time, Sally, but are working for it.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Shambaugh, 421 So. Locust, Ottwa, Kansas 66067

Seems like it has been some time since I have sent the last check for our N.L. We read the letter with great interest altho there are only a few of the families that we really are acquainted with or know, but we enjoy it just the same.

Gloy D. Shambaugh, 725 Wisconsin, Holton Kansas 66436

Planning on being at the Reunion, Sept 3, 1967. Am 78 years old, but think wife and I can make it. (Ed. - Hurrah for the young old folks, will look 4 U.)

A daughter, Trudy Lynn, born Feb. 9, 1967 to David and Sandra (Litzenberg) Cope of Scio, Ohio. Anna Cogsil is now a Great grandmother.

William H. Kelley, 93, of R. 4, Carrollton, O. passed away Feb. 15, 1967 at his home following an illness of six weeks. He was born Sept. 29, 1873, son of the late James and Charity (Walters) Kelley. A retired farmer and life long resident of Carroll Co. Mr. Kelley was a member of the Perrysville (Lamartine) Methodist Church.

He was married Oct. 31, 1894 to Mary Clyde Stewart, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Donald and Roy, both of Rt. 3, Carrollton and Herbert Kelley of Rt. 2, Scio and Three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Kreda) Voshel and Mrs. James (Opal) Shotwell, both of Rt. 4, Carrollton and Mrs. Harry (Frances) Mason of Scio. There are five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. An infant daughter died in 1899. Services were held in the Allmon Funeral Home with Rev. Howard Williams officiating. Interment in the Perrysville Methodist Cemetery.

Mrs. Alza Tinsley, 86, the daughter of George and Margaret Leigy, died March 28, 1966. She was born Oct. 10, 1880. Her husband, Ralph Tinsley is at the Sunset Nursing Home, R. 5, Wooster, Ohio 44694. Services were held at the Denbow Funeral Home, with Rev. Harry C. Dougherty Officiating.

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Remember the date, Sept. 3, 1967, of your National Shambaugh Reunion at Upper Sandusky, Ohio
Several who have not yet attended a National Reunion have said they are planning to come, so join the group of new comers, along with the others and enjoy a wonderful day with the Shambaughs.

Please send your zip code numbers.