

# SHAMBAUGH FAMILY NEWS-LETTER

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## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

Your editor corrects himself - those of you who file your new-letters, please change the Series No. 13 on the Nov. issue to No. 14 NOV

Your editor and wife with Arthur and Orel Trautwein motored to Wabash, Ind. and had a very delightful visit with Joe and Emma Shambaugh over Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24 & 25. Their daughter Kathleen and husband Paul Yoder came Saturday evening for over Sunday too. Joe is always very much interested in the Shambaugh's and to prove it, he gave me a dollar bill, renewing his subscription to the News-Letter. Arthur is a son of Mary (Shambaugh) Trautwein of the Wyandot Co. clan.

Our Greenwood, R 1, Shambaugh's go visiting in Tennessee -

Mr and Mrs Jesse Shambaugh and son Paul and wife Eunice with their two children Sterie and Connie left Sunday morning Sept. 18, expecting to get to Gatlinburg by evening, but encountered a lot of rain, and a very extensive detour delayed us until it was nearly ten o'clock when we reached Cleo's (Gerwin) home.

Monday morning was bright and clear, and after a late but very hearty breakfast we started climbing the mountains where we seen countless numbers of flowers and shrubs which completely covered the mountain sides. It was a great sight. In the afternoon we drove into Gatlinburg which is a very beautiful town with several fine hotels and tourist courts, it is also the gateway to the Great Smokey Mt. Nat. Park.

On Tuesday morning we started over the Smoky Mt's with cousin Cleo as our guide. We climbed for miles up the steep winding trail, finally reaching the summit at Newfound Gap which is on the Tenn. - N. Carolina state line. From there we descended the southern slope to the foot of the mountains at the Cherokee Indian reservation, after spending a little time at this place, we came back, reaching Gatlinburg after dark. We saw many wonderful sights on this trip, also five black bears.

On Wednesday morning we took our leave from cousin Cleo's and started for Chattanooga and Rossville where we visited our cousin F. Guy Shambaugh and family. Guy showed us many of the interesting places about this old historic city. A most remarkable place was the Rock City Gardens on top of Lookout Mountain. Evening came before we seen all the historic places, so we went to cousin Guy's home where

his children were gathered to meet us. There we enjoyed a pleasant visit and a delicious supper. Our time was limited and we were obliged to be home by Thursday eve. so we left Guy's late Wed. evening and drove as far as Nashville where we stayed all night. Early Thurs. morning we resumed our journey, arriving in Louisville about noon, after lunch we took time out to go through the Ford assembly plant, this was a very interesting sight, they would start with a heap of parts, and finish up at the end of the line with a full grown Ford. From there we continued on our way, arriving at our home near Greenwood about six o'clock Thurs. evening. We enjoyed our trip to the limit, and especially the very pleasant and enjoyable visit with our Tennessee cousins. (Written by Jesse S.)

Jesse also sent a dollar for the N - L

The late HENRY FRANKLIN GUTHRIE, the son of Lewis and Elizabeth Walter Guthrie was born in a log house on the old Guthrie homestead north of Perrysville, Ohio on February 19, 1856. The Guthries were of Scotch decent. Henry's great-grandfather moved westward at the beginning of the Revolutionary War to seek safety for his family. Twins were born on this trip, one of whom was Richard, father of Lewis.

About the year 1813, Richard, then a young man, migrated from western Penn. to Ohio and established a homestead on the west banks of the Blackfork in Green Twp. Richland Co. (now Ashland Co.) and there were born his seventeen children.

Reference is found to this home in the writings of James Whitcomb Riley. Meanwhile the Shanbachs of Bucks Co. Penn. had begun to move westward. We find that Catherine Shanbach and her husband, Benjamin Walter, moved from Snyder Co. Pa. in 1828 to Niagara Co. New York. There, within hearing distance of the Falls, Elizabeth was born in 1831. She often entertained her children with stories of personal experiences with the Indians. A favorite recounted how her brothers killed the family pet dog at the request of some warriors who claimed the dog had frightened their squaws. Then they danced about the body of the dog in jubilation.

Benjamin Walter made a business trip to Snyder Co., contracted pneumonia on the return trip and died soon after reaching home, in 1835. He was buried midway between Lockport and Tonawanda. The widowed Catherine decided to come to Ohio to be near her kinfolk; she and her children made the trip by horses and wagon in about three weeks. (1838) They settled on the east side of the Blackfork. An acquaintance was formed which resulted in the marriage of the parents of this subject.

Henry lived during the age of inventions. He harvested wheat with a sickle, binder and combine; he traveled on horseback, drove his own auto and rode in an airplane. He experienced the total eclipse of the sun on August 7, 1869, and told how frightened the people were of the dense darkness that sent chickens to roost

*George came in 1828 from Penn*

*Double combination!*

*\* George's mother John who was my great grandfather did not buy his land in Ohio until 1830 and was very old!*

for two hours; the big sleet of Feb. 1874 when trees were damaged so badly because they bore ten times their own weight of ice; the last day of 1863 when it rained hard till 11 o'clock at night and the people awoke to one of the coldest New Year's days in history; and the June frost, when he was a lad of 8 or 9, which killed all the wheat and corn, and the following winter buckwheat was their principal food, even in the lunch pails at school.

His education was received in the country school and the Greentown academy at Perrysville, Ohio. He taught school several years then devoted all his time to the farm he owned, just east of his father's. Never marrying, he was deeply interested in his two nieces and nephew; he suffered a great deal and finally his left leg was amputated in February, 1948. For diversion, he solved algebra and geometry problems, using an old textbook authored by Benjamin Greenleaf. The oldest of nine children, his seven brothers and sister preceded him in death. Late in the afternoon of July 5, 1949, he passed away at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Fortney, Galion, Ohio, being at that time 93 yrs. 4 mo. and 16 da. of age. Interment was in Greenlawn Cemetery near Perrysville, Ohio.

A treasured bequest to his niece was the Testament (in German), belonging to his grandmother. On the flyleaf in German script appear the words:

Book  
New Testament *I've seen this bible and*  
Catharina Scamba *it should be Shamba*  
Montgomery County  
1803 *she was born may 1791!*

Geneology: Henry F. Guthrie, Elizabeth Waite, Catherine Shambach, George Shambach, George Shambach of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

(Sent in by Mrs Beatrice Fortney, R 2 - Galion, Ohio)

Mrs Clara Shambaugh Dick, writes -

Our family is pursuing various interests. Our twin daughters, Dorothy and Jean, celebrated the date of Oct. 19, 1949 in widely different ways. Dorothy presented us with a granddaughter, Susan Rebecca Friddle; Jean completed her first round trip as air hostess for the Lockheed Corporation on the same date. Her regular run is to the capital of Ireland. The trip takes 12 hours from New York City, with a rest period of 8 hours at Reykjavik ( the capital of Iceland), then the 12 hour run back to McArthur Airport, Sayville, Long Island, N. Y.

Our son Jim, has been with the Equitable Life Assurance Co. since his grad-

uation from Univ. of Pa. in the fall of 1948. He is living in New York City, and now working at the home office. His first 9 months of service were spent at Rochester, New York.

A younger daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is also in New York City, studying dramatics.

Peggy is a senior in Chester High School, being greatly interested in extra curricular activities like hockey and baton twirling. She has ambitions for becoming a Gym teacher some day.

Ronnie is pegging away at 5th, grade. One of his latest interests is horseback riding.

The family continues to keep their pa and ma strenuously occupied.

All send best wishes to the News-Letter readers

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely Yours, C. S. D.

Many thanks to Jesse S., Mrs Fortney, and Mrs Dick for your news items.

JOHN H. SMITH passed away at his home near Perrysville, Des. 13, 1949, aged 86yrs. 8 mo. and 16 days. He was the husband of Carrie Shambaugh Smith, the father of Mrs Fannie Riley and Mrs Margaret Royer, and the maternal uncle of Mrs Beatrice Fortney.

GLENN R. son of Mr and Mrs Burton R. Troutwein was married to Miss Ruby Dean, both of Marseilles, O. on Dec. 10, 1949. Glenn had served over two years in World War II, with 19 mo. overseas.

A letter received from Mattie Grapes and daughter Nona had enclosed a dollar bill for the news-letter.

Our readers will be glad to learn that our Nat. Sec'y is feeling much better this fall and is rearing to go on our TREE work again after the holidays. She says her brother Scott is grandfather again, a son to the Hendersons in Ozona, Texas.

A grand nephew of Mr and Mrs Charles Minard of Canton, O. reports their first child, Donald Dean Harrison, born Oct. 14, 1949.

PLEASE don't forget to report any change in addresses of our clan, the following news-letters were returned -- Mrs Robert Watkins, Mrs M. Opal Fore, and Mrs J. N. Hervey.

*And a very Happy New Year to all.*