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THIS MONTH WE MEET.....

Shambaugh, Samuel Rogers- son of Samuel Ressler Shambaugh and Hattie Lunette Rogers was born May 28, 1896 at Clinton, Iowa. He received his early education in the Clinton Public Schools graduating from the High School in that city. He entered the University of Chicago and graduated in 1922, later receiving a doctor of laws degree from the University Law School. August 12, 1924 he was united in marriage to Miss Alyce Talmage, daughter of Orville Louis Talmage and Mary Estella Brady. She was born at Wabash, Indiana May 18, 1900. They have one child, Harriett Estella, born Feb. 3, 1927. Mr Shambaugh practiced law with the Chicago Title and Trust Co from 1924 to 1928 at which later date he joined the law firm of Chapman & Cutler, and is with that firm at the present time. He is a member of the Presbyterian church; is a Republican in politics; a member of the Acacia Fraternity and the Masonic Lodge. His home address is 7004 Clyde Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Genealogy- Samuel- John-Philip-Philip-George.

Fisher, Sarah Virginia (Shambaugh) - daughter of Charles D Shambaugh, and Elizabeth Guyer was born at Arlington, then Brush Creek, Iowa May 31, 1859. She received her early education in the Arlington Public Schools. Sept. 14, 1879 she was married to James R Fisher, son of John B and Mary J Fisher who was born in Indiana Nov. 30 1851. Mr and Mrs Fisher spent the most of their married life on the farm. Mr Fisher passed away Oct. 4, 1933. Mrs Fisher lives at Mt. Ayr, Iowa where she is a devoted member of the Christian Church and votes the Democratic ticket. There are five children in the Fisher family all of whom are married and have homes of their own except Orr C., an artist, who lives with his mother. The oldest is Mrs C T Conner who lives in St Joseph, Missouri, second is W. Guyer Fisher of Redlands, Calif., third, is Orr C., fourth is Mrs Lloyd E Arnold of New Haven, Conn., and the youngest is Dale Fisher whose home is in Michigan City, Indiana.
Genealogy- Charles D.-Jacob-Daniel-George.

AND NOW, WE BEGIN OUR ATTEMPT TO UNRAVEL SHAMBAUGH RELATIONSHIPS..... Your Editor has on hand a great deal of information incidental to the Shambaugh family and as he studies this material he continually reverts to the belief that there is a definite relationship existing between all of the branches that he has studied, once it can be determined where everybody fits in. The chief difficulty is that of finding accurate dates of the early Shambaughs or Shambachs as the case may be.

In my own family line I am fortunate in having a great many authentic dates and because of that reason I am using my own ancestry as the best place to begin. Some traditional references will be brought in, but when that is done care will be used to indicate the source. After tracing this line as carefully as possible we shall try to draw certain deductions as to the rest of the clan. There will be no pretense of having the only answers to all our questions- there will be room for argument. If you who read this account elect to disagree on any point please write your objection clearly and give your arguments to support a different deduction.

The Pennsylvania Archives have much Revolutionary War data and many of the early tax lists. As we study these records we find that there is evidence of a Shambach family living in Bucks County in the early days of our country. From Billtown township which is on the southernmost line of Bucks County we find enlistments of Daniel, Philip and possibly two George Shambachs. A search of the tax records shows that George the elder, George Junior, Philip and Ludwig or Lewis, owned land in Bucks County. Just below the Bucks County line we find Montgomery and Philadelphia

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Counties. In those counties there is a group of townships just below Hilltown, these being Upper and Lower Salford, Hatfield, Towamencin and Worcester. In Hatfield township there lived, one if not two families named Hendricks. Marriage records and wills are in evidence showing that Daniel Shambach married one Catherine Hendricks, daughter of Peter Hendricks, while Philip Shambach married Margaretha Hendricks, George Shambaugh, senior acquired land in Lower Salford while Daniel was taxed as a landowner in both Towamencin and Worcester townships.

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Charles Daniel Shambaugh, grandson of Daniel Shambaugh, is authority for the following statement which was published in 1891, the account being of his father, "His (Jacob Shambaugh's) paternal grandfather was an officer of the French government and was stationed on the Rhine in France. His religious views were Protestant and becoming dissatisfied with the religious intolerance of his native land he emigrated to America. His son, Daniel Shambaugh, served in the Revolutionary War, participating in the famous battle of Brandywine, and afterwards settled in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject (Jacob Shambaugh) was born in that state in 1777, and when twelve years of age accompanied his family to Virginia, the family locating near Winchester."

(This is the first section- section two follows next month.)

Huguenots

WHY DO YOU SAY SHAMBACH WAS THE ORIGINAL SPELLING OF OUR NAME, inquires Miss Nona V. Grapes of Selma, Alabama, a granddaughter of the above mentioned Charles D. Shambaugh. We find that there are families now going by the name of Shambaugh whose original name was Shambach, Schambach, de Chambeau, Chambeaux and Archambeault. Some inquirers have also wondered if the folks listed in the early settlements as Shambarger and Stambach may not also have reverted to the present day Shambaugh. We have, as yet, no record of such changes. In Chas. D. Shambaugh's account (see above) he says that Daniel Shambaugh was the son of a French Protestant, that he was born in Pennsylvania and served from there in the Revolutionary War. We find Daniel Shambach listed in three different ways in Pennsylvania, but no Daniel Shambaugh or de Chambeau. We find, further, that there are Shambach families in America whose name has come down unchanged from Saxony, Germany. This does not necessarily signify that we are of German origin. On page 25 of Frank Monaghan's book "John Jay, Defender of Liberty" we read, "In the American Colonies the Huguenots much more effectively than the Puritans, managed to keep untarnished their religious doctrines; and in their communities and within their family groups the battle cry of Galvin rang out in all its pristine clarity. With this, and a part of it, went an intense hatred of Catholicism and the French, the authors of their decree and exile. For the Huguenots had come to the colonies not as colonists and emigrants, as had many religiously minded settlers, but as refugees and exiles." Similarly, many French Huguenots as they settled in the Rhine Palatinate threw off their French allegiance, sometimes renouncing their French nativity and almost invariably adopting German variations of their names. We do not pretend, as yet, to know what the European version of our name was, but we are ready to defend the American origin of Shambach.

NEW CO OPERATORS.... Mrs Lloyd E Arnold, New Haven, Conn., Mrs Walter Hofmann, Glendale, Ariz., Mrs Virgil Abbott, Lander, Wyo., Orin C Shambaugh, Booneville, Iowa- S S Shambaugh, Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs Anna Cogswill, Lamartine, O., Mrs. F W Seeley, Mason City, Iowa- Joe Shambaugh, Wabash, Ind., Mrs Lois S Castleberry Houston, Texas and C A Shambaugh, Carlisle, Penn.

KEEP IN MIND....THE FIRST NATIONAL SHAMBAUGH REUNION....LAMARTINE, Ohio-Sept. 1 - Next month we are going to make some suggestions looking forward to the organization of a National Shambaugh Society. If you have any ideas along this line pass them on to us