

## SHOCKEY NEWSLETTER # 10

Hello all you Shockeys and your kin! It is time to start planning to attend the 1984 Shockey Reunion. We now have a nice shelter with a concrete floor and lots of picnic tables in the shade of large Oak trees across the road from Shockeysville Church. There is plenty of space for parking and if you have a camper you can spend the night there. Last year we went to Shockeysville the day before the Reunion to do some last minute checking on signs and decorations and when we got there we found several families were already there. We visited with them until almost dark. It was really enjoyable.

The Reunion was held on Sunday, 3 July 1983. We had a good attendance. Some new new faces and some that attend almost every year. The following is a list of those who signed the guest register. I am sure some were so busy visiting that they forgot to sign in. Those attending were: John Waldo Shockey, Kirksville, Mo., Evelyn Shockey Rupell and William F. Rupell, Trenton, N.J., John and Jane Shockey, Yardley, Pa., James W. Shockey, State College, Pa., Scott Luttrell, Stephenson, Va., Harold and Violet Shockey and their children, Emma and George, Copper Hill, Va., C.W. and Wilma Shockey, Mineral Wells, W. Va., Gwen Watt, Novinger, Mo., Walda Ann Paris, Greencastle Mo., Henry and Dorothy Poikert, St. Louis, Mo., Neal and Edna Shockey, Mabie, W. Va., Mary Ann Shockey Chidester, Mill Creek, W. Va., Martha Shockey Thornhill, Des Moines, Ia., Floyd and Ora Shockey, Greenfield, Ohio, Artabelle Shockey McHenry, Kirksville, Mo., Stanley Shockey, Groton, N.Y., Doreen Shockey Schriener, Ithica, N.Y., Mrs Belle Flook, Hagerstown, Md., Gayleen Shockey Austen, Ithica, N.Y., John and Elizabeth Shockey, Hagerstown, Md., Capt. & Mrs Daniel Shockey, Beaverdam, Va., Frances and Margaret Shockey, Copper Hill, Va., Rose Martin Welles, Port Charlotte, Fla., Robert and Virtue Clopper, Smithsburg, Md., Gary & Judy Shockey, Roanoke, Va., John D. and Helen Shockey, Vienna, W. Va., Carl E. Shockey, Vienna, W. Va., Dorothy Shockey Pulley and Ron, Boulder City, Nev., Olive Hewitt, Ormond-by-the-Sea, Fla., Ralph Shockey Jr. & Robin Shockey and sons Eric and Brian, Elizabethtown, Pa.,

There was a prayer by John Shockey of Yardley, Pa., after which everyone enjoyed a bountiful lunch and visited with each other. It was almost 7:30 when the last ones left..

For the past eleven years we have sponsored the Shockey Reunion. The purpose of this reunion was to bring together the decendents of John Christopher Shockey as a family, to meet them, talk with them and for all of us to enjoy eachother.

During these eleven years we have met hundreds of John Christopher Shockey's decendents. All of them were good, respectable, honest people. We are proud to have them as part of the family. We now feel it is time to turn this over to the younger generation, feeling that they can do a much better job. We believe they can and will bring a lot of things to it that we are not qualified to do. We have written two volumes of Shockey History and Genealogh and are working on Volume III. A lot of work has been done, not just by us; a lot of you have helped a great deal.

I am 80 years old and have many health problems and Marie has arthritis and also has to help look after her widowed mother. We don't plan to just quit; we will be glad to help, but we need help.

There have been several suggestions of things the Shockey Family could do: 1-To incorporate and elect officers. 2- To build a memorial to the Shockeys. We already have several memorials such as Shockeysville Church, John Shockey's old home, Shockey Station, etc. 3- To establish a Genealogy Library, including a place that any of you could leave something for future generations such as a painting, the picture of an ancestor or some other memento. 4- A permanent meeting place or headquarters for the Shockey family. 5- We have been invited to hold the reunion in other points in the United States and Canada ever so often. We agree that any of the above can be accomplished in time. We mail out over 2,000 Newsletters each year to Shockeys and their decendents. A great man of them could and would help to establish and support one of the above suggestions. Several have already offered substantial amounts.

Why not take the next 20 years and accomplish some of the above? Why not make use of the resources available? Send us your opinion of the above and what you could do to support it.



In writing Volumes I and II of the Shockey History and Genealogy we made some mistakes and it could have been written better. Now that we are working on Volume III, we would like to do a better job in several ways. The first and most important thing you can do to help is to tell us as much as you can about yourself and your family. This can include military service, occupation, education, stories or legends. If you think you can't write it, get someone to do it for you. I am sure some interesting and wonderful things have happened to you that you would like to share with others. A couple of pages would be just fine. Don't forget what you remember about those who lived before you and are gone. They are important! Please be as early as possible in sending this in. The attached genealogy form should be of help to you. You can make as many copies of it as you need.

In our research we found where Phillip Stambaugh married Magdalena Shockey, daughter of John Christopher Shockey. There are several spellings for his name such as Stambach and Stombaugh which we found in the genealogy libraries. We found where he served in the Revolutionary Army and also his will and settlement records. Will you who are decedents of Philip Stambaugh please fill out the attached genealogy form according to instructions and to the best of your knowledge? Even if you think you are a decendent but are not really sure, fill it out anyhow and we may be able to connect it with the other information we have.

The 1984 Shockey Reunion will be held at Shockeyville, Virginia on Sunday 1 July 1984. There is usually a service in the church at 9:00 A M on Sunday and you will be welcome to attend no matter what your religion is. The congregation is small and they will be glad to have you.

Bring a picnic lunch; we put it all together family style. There are plenty of picnic tables with seats. Those of you who don't get around too well might bring along a lawn chair for your own comfort.

Attached is a map showing the way to Shockeyville. There are signs at each turn but we plan to put up red flags to help mark the way; as some of the signs are small and not easy to see. Come and bring all of your family and more. There is plenty of place for children to play. There is space for some campers or trailers if you want to spend the night. Make this the best reunion ever!

We still have about 100 sets of Shockey History and Genealogy. We will bring a few sets to the reunion in case someone would wish to purchase a set. The price was originally \$75.00 but it has been reduced to \$65.00 as we need to sell them in order to have money to do research on Volume III. You could help by contacting your local Library and see if they would purchase a set. There are two sets in the Library of Congress. Other Libraries who have a set of Shockey History and Genealogy are: the C. Burr Artz Library, Frederick, Md., Handley Library, Winchester, Va., The Morgan County Historical Society, Berkley Springs, W. Va., Washington County Library, Hagerstown, Maryland, Later Day Saints Mormon Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, Samuels Library, Front Royal, Virginia, State Library, Harrisburg, Pa., Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library, Waynesboro, Pa., Maryland State Law Library, Annapolis, Md., Salem Public Library, Salem Virginia. Shouldn't your library have one?

#### NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs Harriett Robbins celebrated her 95th birthday 27 September 1983. She is the daughter of Jacob Franklin and Emily Lower Shockey. Her granddaughter Mary Macklan, gave her an open house birthday party. More than 50 guests attended. She received a lot of nice cards, gifts and flowers. She is still a very active lady. She pieces quilts, makes her own "Mock Apple Butter", and goes to church. We get frequent letters from her. Two years ago she came to the Reunion. Her life story is on page 834 of the Shockey History and Genealogy Vol. II. Many more happy birthdays to her!!!



Dorothy Shockey, Moorestown, N.J. underwent open heart surgery last Summer at the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills, N.J. She is doing quite well according to the newspaper article. While recovering from surgery she was selected to be televised with her doctor, Dr. Michael Strong. They did a documentary for the Public Broadcasting Company's "Good News" program. It premiered on Cable TV over WTBS..

Cleo Shockey and Margaret Shockey Cross have moved to the Indiana Christian Retirement Park, 675 S. Food Road, Zionsville, Indiana. They are originally of Butler, Pa.

Dorothy and Don Shockey of Champaign, Illinois are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter born 6 May 1983 to their daughter, Katherine Ann and James B. Pettigrew.

Major David F. Shockey (our son) has recently returned from a tour of duty in Korea. He is now stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Tiffany Shockey won a \$50.00 Savings Bond for the winning poster for Fire Prevention Week in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Tiffany is nine years old and in the fourth grade. She is the daughter of Major David Shockey and Donna Presley Shockey.

John Shockey of Yardley, Pa. retired in November 1983. Have a great time!!!

Ted and Aurelia Sellman have moved from Fairfax, Virginia to Midlothian, Virginia. Their new address is 13311 Kingsmill Road, Midlothian, Virginia. 23113

Last August we made a trip through 7 states doing research, advertising our book and visiting. We stopped to visit Mrs Verna Shockey in Malvern, Arkansas. She surprised us by getting her family together and having a pot luck supper. Those attending were: John and Carol Shockey and their daughter, Nancy Key and her two sons Neal and Van, Ruby and Roy Edwards and their daughter Twila Walker and her son Clay, Jack Shockey and his grandson Shawn, Harold and Irene Smith. Harold is the son of the late Minnie Shockey Smith Webber. Landon, Heather and Justin Shockey got there just as we were leaving. Roy Edwards was not feeling well at the time and since then has had an operation and I understand he is doing fine. The supper was delicious and we had a wonderful time talking about old times, about the next Volume of the Shockey History and Genealogy and just had a wonderful evening. Verna and her son Johnny and daughter in law Carol and their grandson Neil Key came to the reunion two or three times. Verna is a remarkable lady and one of our favorite people. She is almost 90 years of age but you would never guess it. She can out-do me any day. During our trip we visited our son in Vicksburg, Mississippi and on the way home we stopped in Nashville, Tennessee. We spent most of a day in Opryland and that night we went to the Grand Ole Opry. Fantastic!!!

Ralph N. Shockey Jr., (our youngest son), was awarded the Captains Trophy, the FRANCHISE MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD in Region # 1. He is one of 8 in the nation receiving this award. He is manager of a Long John Silvers restaurant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and has been a manager for 5 years. His wife, Robin Shockey is manager of a Burger King in the same area. She has been a manager for 2 years. They are expecting their first baby about September. Ralph has two little boys from his first marriage and Robin has been a wonderful mother to them. We are looking forward to the new arrival!!

#### DEATHS

Merton James Shockey of Kansas died 3 May 1983. He was the son of William Bishop Shockey and Francis Melvina Clapman and a brother of Dorothy Bearson.

Hattie Shockey Cohig of Lompac California died 31 August 1981. She was an aunt of Elsie Moore.



Merle W. Shockey, 81, of Severna Park, Maryland, a former printing supervisor, died of heart failure on 19 December 1983. He had been ill for a month.

Mr. Shockey retired 20 years ago as supervisor of the printing department of McCormick and Co. in Baltimore.

He was born in Braddock, Pa., and moved to Baltimore as a child. He built a Summer home in Severna Park in 1939 and moved there about 1958.

He was a member of the Pasadena United Methodist Church for the past 25 years.

The widower of Virginia Taylor Shockey who died in 1976, he is survived by a son, Edward F. of Severna Park; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and brother, Kenneth of Dundalk, Md. Mr. Shockey was also the father of Merle Jr., who died in 1978.

He was burried in Lorraine Park Cemetery in Woodlawn.

Everett Shockey of San Antonio, Texas, died 5 July 1983 at age 86. A nad ive of Virginia and a former resident of Arkansas, he had been a resident of San Antonio for 63 years. He was the son of Charles Madison Shockey and Dolly Slusher Shockey..

Robert Newell Peel of Springfield, Illinois, died 5 August 1983. He was the husband of Anna Maude Shockey Peel.

Charles Pinkney Stallings, of San Antonio Texas, died 12 December 1983. He had open heart surgery in November which was successful, but in December his kidneys failed. He was the husband of Essie Shockey Stallings. Charles Stallings III spoke the following at his father's funeral:

My brother, my mother and I wanted to say a few words of respect about Dad Stallings while we're in your presence this morning.

In a few words, Dad Stallings was no saint but he had saintly ways.

We remember when Mike and I were about four or five, he would carry us in his strong arms, while we slept, from the car to our beds after visiting of Sundays.

Our father was a strong man. He took care of his mother's property and his own. His stamina was a sight. He stayed with a job until it was finished.

He and mother were always generous to us and our families, when we've had hard times. In fact, all his life the whole family knew we could depend on C.P., from his wife and his mother, to his brother and sisters, to his boys, to his four beautiful granddaughters.

He was always gentle with mother and patient. He would listen to her ideas and was always ready to encourage her for their 53 years together.

Well, Dad is strong once more. Just picture C.P. walking around his mansion, planning little changes for when the rest of the family arrives, Reunited once more with all his friends, from the Post Office, the churches and the neighborhood. God bless him!

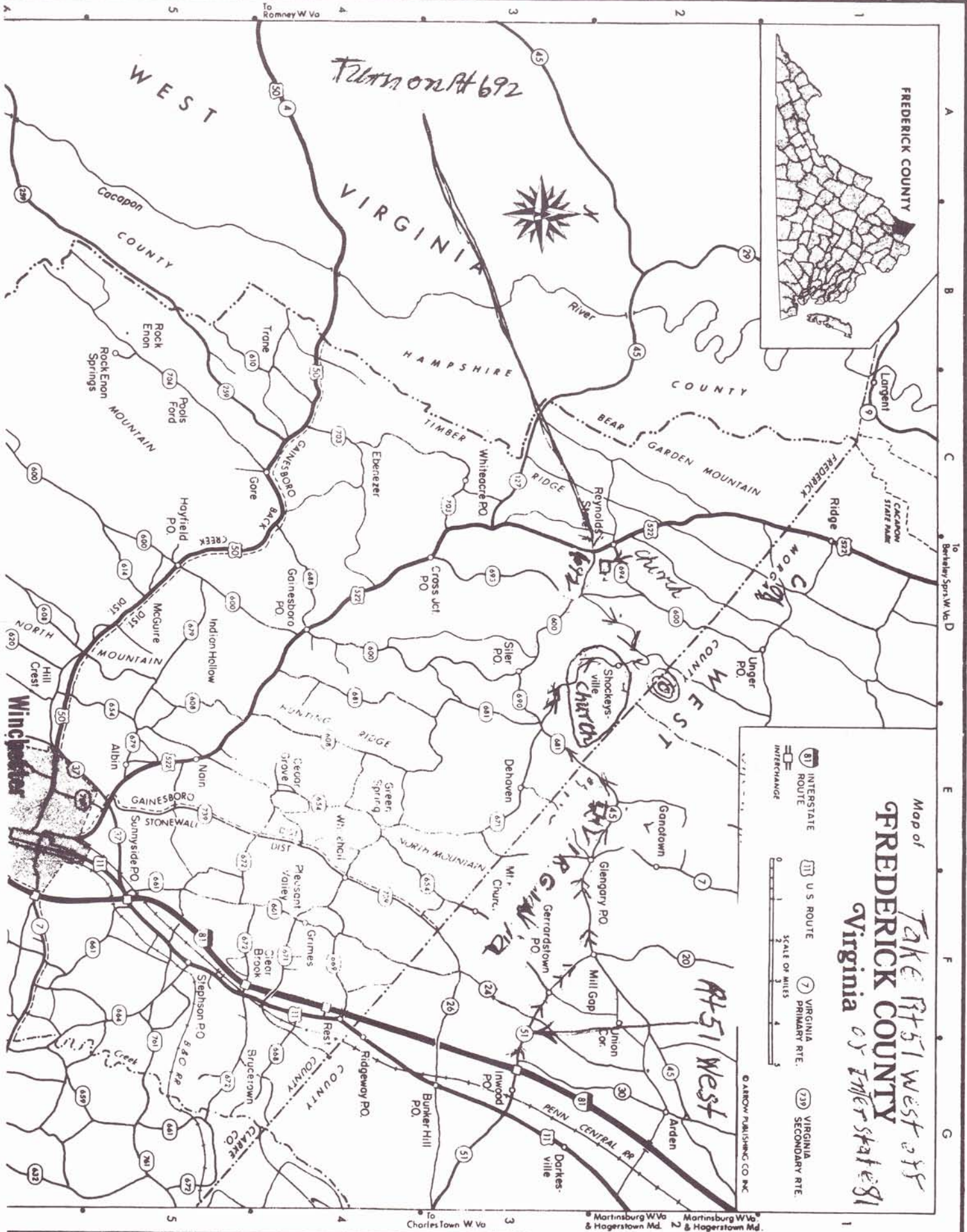
Many thanks to Essie Stallings for sharing the above with us.

Please don't forget to send a change of address when you move.

Hope to see a lot of you at the Reunion. Come and help make it a success.

Can any of you give us any information on who the Shockey was who on 16 May 1919, at Camp Cook, S.D., rode the great bucking horse, Tipperary? Yakima Canutt, who made many movies with John Wayne rode Tipperery on 4 July 1929. Thanks for any information on this Shockey.





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