

SHOCKEY NEWS LETTER *1st*

Things you might like to know and remember:

Waynesboro Reunion:

On Sunday April 20, 1975, the decedents of Benjamin Shockey held their Reunion at the Savoy Restaurant in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. One hundred thirteen persons attended the dinner and meeting.

Speaker for the occasion was Ralph N. Shockey of Frederick, Maryland. This reunion is held every three years. For more information on the reunion, contact Mr. and Mrs. John Harshman, Route 8, Box 168, Hagerstown, MD, 21740, or Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clopper, Route 2, Smithsburg, MD, 21783.

SHOCKEY FAMILY HAS 200 YEAR HISTORY IN VIRGINIA:

The annual Shockey reunion was held Sunday June 29 at Shockeyville, VA, honoring three John Shockeys. The first John Shockey settled on the Middle Fork of the Sleepy Creek, Berkley County, VA, now Oakland, Morgan County, W. VA by a Land Grant dated 8 March 1775, signed by the Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax. The second Rev. John Shockey and his wife Elizabeth established Shockeyville of Frederick County, VA, between 1860 and 1870. They also established the Methodist Episcopal Church at Shockeyville by a deed dated 17 August 1872. The third Rev. John A. Shockey was a builder of churches and lived at Shockeyville. His memoire was published in the Minutes of the Baltimore Methodist Conference in 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Shockey of Frederick, MD, presented an "History of Shockeyville" to Mrs. Rostella B. Mason, daughter of the late Rev. John A. Shockey, and treasurer of Shockeyville Church for the past 55 years. Wesley M. Shockey, grandson of the late Rev. John A. Shockey read

the memoire as published.

More than 100 were present including the following honored guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shockey, Glastonbury, Conn., Capt. and Mrs. Daniel Shockey, McLean, VA. Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Newcomer, Smithsburg, MD, Mr. and Mrs. Clopper, Smithsburg, MD, Dr. and Mrs. Donovan Shockey, Waynesboro, PA, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Shockey, Jamestown, MD, Misses Ruth Nora and Olive Shockey of Marion, Ohio, Mrs. Adeline Shockey Whitney, New Port Richey, FL, Mrs. Eleanor Shockey Berger, and Mrs. Richard W. Shockey, Charlestown, W. VA.

The Shockey reunion will be held each year on the last Sunday in June at Shockeysville,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Shockey, Merrywoods, Berkley Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Budd A. Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Robertson, of Levittown, PA. Miss Shockey is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Mr. Robertson is a graduate of the same college. A garden wedding, at the home of the bride's parents, will take place in August.

Meyersdale Reunion:

On Sunday 17 August the decendents of Eli and Israel Shockey held their annual reunion in the basement of the Lutheran Church at Meyersdale, PA. Approximately 65 were present. There was an abundance of good food and an enjoyable time was had by all. There were several speakers; some told of their trips, their experiences in living, one spoke of Genelogy and Mr. Ralph N. Shockey spoke on the History of the Shockey family. Miss Cleo Shockey of Butler, PA wants more attendance at this reunion, especially the young Shockeys. For more information on this reunion, contact Mrs. Anna Althea Shockey Hoke, 230 North St., Meyersdale, PA, 15552.

Christian Shockey, son of Christopher, our Revolutionary War Hero is burried in the Old Union Cemetary at Salisbury, PA, beside his wife and his daughter Eve. Mr. Marling Shockey and his brother are doing their best to have this cemetary cleaned up. You Shockeys in Pennsylvania can help. Write to Mr. Marling Shockey, Route 4, Meyersdale, PA, and if nothing else, give him moral support.

Good News:

Mrs. Alice Shockey, wife of Marling Shockey is doing very well since her thirđ operation on her leg.

Mr. Donovan Shockey of Waynesboro, PA, has I believe, fully recovered from his operation.

WANTED: Miss Ruth Shockey, 1323 Chapel Pike, Merion, Indiana, wants any information as to who was the father of her Great Grandfather, Daniel Shockey, born 1795, in Virginia or Pennsylvania. Daniel married Sarah King, daughter of Anthony King, Aug. 22, 1830 in Franklin County, VA, any help in this will be appreciated.

Mrs. Walda Ann Paris wants the name of the father of Isaac Shockey, wife Cecelia Barker. They had a son, John Easter Shockey, born April 5, 1837. Her address is: Route 4, Green Castle, Missouri, 63544.

Mrs. Elsie M. Moore wants the name of the father of John Valentine Shockey, born 1819; married Mary Ann Orte. Her address is: 5607 Meridan Ave., San Jose, California, 95118.

Report on your Shockey History:

We have more than 5000 names filed according to families and ready for typing. If your have not sent in your family tree and history, please do so at once. Put it on any kind of paper. Make sure that the full names

of husband and wife are correct. Include all children, grand children, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, great grandparents ----- dates born, married, deaths and any other information you may have. Please include any history or legend you know or have heard about any of your relatives. (We would like to have the names and addresses of any Shockeys that you may know, or that are in your telephone book.)

My father sold Life Insurance when he was a young man. When a man was undecided about buying insurance, my father told him "you would make a mighty fine looking angel sitting up there on a cloud while your wife was down here bending over a wash tub to make a living for your family."

Come on, get yours in the mail!

Visitors to our Home: James and Roberta Shultz, Illinois, stopped to visit during early July, and Robert Shockey and family of Alexandria, Virginia, stopped to say "Hello" and to see how your Shockey History was coming along.

Notice our change of address. We did not move, the box number was changed.

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