



# Klock Connections

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Adam Klock, Lois and Louise Snell Klock ( take your pick.....Lois and Louise are twins sisters.)

## Adam Klock

Adam Amos Klock was born Aug. 12, 1926 at Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York. Adam was the last Klock born at Fort Klock when the fort was still in the hands of the Klock Family. He was born in the room which is now the living room at Fort Klock which is across from the trade room. At that time it was his parents bedroom. Adam's parents were Lipe Klock and Clara Fox. Lipe Klock was married twice. Lipe's first wife was Alma Nellis. Lipe and Alma had eight children. Lipe Klock and Clara Fox had three children. Adam is the youngest of Lipe Klock's children. Lipe Klock died Oct. 30, 1936 when Adam was only 10 years old.

I have met Adam several times over the last few years. Adam receives this newsletter and has told me I put out a real nice newsletter and that he enjoys reading it. Coming from a man like Adam that means a lot to me. I enjoy talking with him every chance I get. He is very knowledgeable and has a great memory. He can tell some great stories about the home

where he was born. Adam attended the Old Fort Klock School until he was in the fourth grade. He did not have to walk very far to go to school when he was young. It was only about 500 feet from his home.

Adam and his brother Lipe Jr., married twin sister. Adam married Lois and his brother Lipe Jr. married Louise Snell. After the death of his father in 1936 and the large barn had burned, his mother, with three small children could no longer make a living on the farm. She had to board up the old homestead and move into town with her children and take a job. After setting empty for a few years the fort fell into disrepair, window and doors were smashed out, walls crumbling, vandals were ripping boards and beams from the building and even railroad bums were building fires in the basement to keep warm. In 1950's The Tyron County Mussel Loaders Association ( Later the Fort Klock Historic Restoration ) were able to purchase Fort Klock and restore it to what it is today.

Adam told me he was really thankful to Skip Barshied Jr. and the Mussel Loaders who works so hard to restore the Fort and preserve it for history.. If it was not for them, the fort may not be here today.

I asked Adam what he remembered most about growing up on the family farm. He told me he remembered the Klock Family Reunions. The reunion were quite large when Adam was a young man. He had a large family. The group was called The Klock Family Association. His family would come from all over and set up tents in the yard across the stream

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## **Adam Klock Continued**

from the house. He also remembers his mother planting flowers in the old stone sink. That sink is now back in the fort and in the kitchen of Fort Klock. Check out the pictures below. You can see the sink where Adam's mother planted the flowers.



Adam and his family still hold there reunions at the fort. The Klock Family Association put a plaque on a large stone by the road.

Below is what is written on this plaque.

### **KLOCK FORT**

THE STONE DWELLING 500 FEET SOUTH WAS BUILT BY JOHANNIS KLOCK IN 1750 AND WAS USED AS A FORT AND PLACE OF REFUGE DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

THE BATTLE OF "KLOCK'S FIELD" WAS FOUGHT NEAR HERE TO THE WEST.

THIS TABLET PLACED AUGUST 25, 1927 BY THE KLOCK FAMILY ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF THEIR ANCESTERS WHO TOILED, SERVED AND SACRIFIED IN THIS MOHAWK VALLEY

### **The Klock Connections Family Reunion:**

Held August 7, 2004 in St. Johnville, NY. Turn out was low but those who attended had

a great time. Below are some pictures taken at the reunion by Nancy Langlie.



**In the Barn at Fort Klock**



**The Chili Dinner**



**Boarding the Boat**

The next Klock Connections Reunion will be held the first Saturday in August 2006. Plans are in the making for an all day event to be held at the fort with a catered dinner. There may even a band will be on hand to play for us.





The Boat Tour

I am looking forward to the next Klock Connections Family Reunion.



**Major Jacob Klock**

Many of our ancestors served in the Civil War. Major Jacob Clinton Klock Was a descendent of Col. Jacob Klock. He joined the 153<sup>rd</sup> New York Volunteers September 1862 at Fonda, New York. At the age of 26 he was a Captain, and by the age of 28 he was a Major. He was in the Battle of Opequan Creek. They fought to gain possession of a ravine. The Union Army won the battle for the ravine but at a high cost. 1,940 men were killed or wounded. Captain Klock severely wounded, along with Captain Dewandilaer, took refuge in the home of a rebel Congressman. Captain Klock, for his bravery was promoted to Major and sent home

to die. Major Klock died from his wounds in St. Johnsville, New York October of 1864.

The G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Post # 70 in Fort Plains, New York was named Post Klock in honor of Major Klock. The G.A.R. organization became a social and political force that helped shape the destiny of this nation for more than 60 years. This G.A.R. Post was open from June 24, 1864 to 1937. The rest of the G.A.R. Posts in New York disbanded in 1948.

The Original G.A.R. ,organized in 1866, would only admit men who had served honorably in the US military during the Civil War. This limited the life span of the G.A.R. In 1881 formed the S.V. (Son's of Union Veterans of the Civil War) to carry on their traditions and membership.

**Corrections:** In last months issue of Klock Connections I noticed some kind of commutation error between my computer and printer. Under the picture of General Herkimer the printer put "General Nicholas Herkim" and not General Nicholas Herkimer. Must have had something to do when my computer lost power, at the campsite, while I was printing. Not all copies of the Newsletter had this mistake, just the ones I printed after I lost power to my printer and computer. I did not notice it until after I had them all put together and ready to mail.

Also the newsletter was late last month, it takes two full days to print and get the newsletter ready to mail and no one, not even me, wanted to hang around the camper, with so many interesting things to see and do in the area. I was also working on getting things ready for the reunion. Anyway, sorry about the newsletter being late.

Dave

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**Our Camper at Royal Mountain Campsite**

This is where we spent 10 weeks this summer at Royal Mountain Campsite. While in the St. Johnsville area we visited several historic sites including Johnson Hall, Herkimer Home, Old Stone Fort, Oriskany Battlefield and Monument, Fort Stanwix, and several local libraries and other historic buildings. We also went to the State Archives in Albany and did some research. We also visited the home of several Klock Families that live in the area, William Klock, Tim and Linda Klock, Warren Klock, Russell Klock, two Paul Klock's Richard Bellinger, Rocky and Rose Rockwell, Cathy Ossenfort and many others. We had a great summer, Kristin, Ashley and Brian attended a three day a three day program at Fort Klock called Young Pioneers. A great program that lets the children, who are the future of Fort Klock, see and learn what it was like to live in the early 1800's. We all had a great time and are looking forward to returning next summer.

### **Genealogy:**

In the next few issues of Klock Connections I will give you the information we found in Libraries. The records are from church records of some of the old Churches in St. Johnsville, NY. The following came from the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of St. Johnsville.

Note: Dates of birth are either birth or

baptismal dates. The spelling is as it appears in the records.

### **Births of Children or Baptismal Dates:**

Elisabeth, b. November 23, 1788 to Jacob C. Klock and Anna Klock.

Anna Catharina, b. February 2, 1789 to Sebastian and Catharina Ofenhauser. The Sponsors were Johannes and Anna Hess.

Johannes, b. March 1, 1789 to Johann Jost Klock and Maria Gerlack Klock. The Sponsors were Johannes and Anna Klock.

Henrich, b. March 22, 1789 to Jost Klock and Catharina Krause Klock. The Sponsors were Henrick Hees and Catharine Hees.

Daniel, b. August 26, 1789 to Georg H. Klock of Palatine and Margaret Offenhauser Klock. The Sponsors were Daniel and Maria Hess.

Georg, b. September 20, 1789 to Johannes Conr's Klock and Appollonia Keller. The Sponsors were Warner Farbush and Catharina Klock.

Georg, b. December 27, 1889 to Jacob (Johannes) Klock and Anna Klock. The Sponsors were Jacob Klock and Magdalena Klock.

Catharina, b. August 22, 1790 to Jacob G. and Maria Klock. The Sponsors were Georg and Chatarina Fehling.

Maria, b. September 12, 1790 to Jacob Klock and Anna Eva Klock. The Sponsors were Conrad Klock and Maria Van Sleyk

Johannes, b. September 1790 to Adam Klock and Catharina Klock. The Sponsors were Johannes Staring and Margaretha Bakos.

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## Genealogy Continued

Catharine, b. September 25, 1790 to Jacob Klock and Anna Klock. The Sponsors were Johannes Klock and Catharina Klock.

Anna, b. Jul 3, 1791 to Frederich Klock and Magdalena Klock. The Sponsors were Jacob G. Klock and Maria Klock.

David, b. January 16, 1792 to Georg H. Klock and Margretha Klock. The Sponsors were Jacob Klock and Catharina H. Klock.

Johannes, b. March 1, 1792 to Jacob C. Klock and Anna Eva Klock. The Sponsors were Richard Von Ahle and Dorothea Wallrath.

Benjamin, b. April 12, 1792 to Jacob G. Klock and Maria. The Sponsors were Benjamin Ellwood and Elisabeth Ellwood.

Eva, b. June 17, 1792 to George G. Klock and Catharina Klock. The Sponsors are Frederich Bellinger and Catharine Bellinger.

Catharina, b. July 29, 1792 to Jacob Joh's Klock and Anna Klock. The Sponsors were John Dieffendorf and Catharine Klock.

Robert, b. September 2, 1792 to Frederich Jost's Klock and Magdalena Klock Klock. The Sponsors were Georg Jbs. Klock and Catharina Klock.

Margaretha, b. December 4, 1792 to Johann Josh Klock and Dorothea Zimmerman. The Sponsors were Heinrich Beekman and Margretha Beekman.

Philipp, b. February 10, 1793 to Georg J. Klock and Catharina Klock. The Sponsors were Philipp Nellis and Elisabeth Nellis.

**Marriages:** from the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of St. Johnsville, NY.

Henry P. Kline married Cathrien Klock on October 13, 1816. Oppenheim

David Klock married Caty Klock on January 27, 1817. Oppenheim

John Oaman married Caty Klock, on April or May 29, 1817. Oppenheim

Unknown Shull married Nancy Klock on December 7, 1817. Danube, Herkimer Co.

Joseph G. Klock married Elizabeth Fox on May 14, 1818. Oppenheim

Christoffel Klock married Elizabeth Dyslin on June 7, 1818. Oppenheim

Daniel Klock married Nancy Defendorf of Minden on July 6, 1818. Oppenheim

Thomas Failing married Cathrien Klock on December 8, 1818. Oppenheim

John M. Devoe of Palatine married Polly Klock of Oppenheim on February 6, 1820.

Francis Lighthall Jr. married Margretta Klock on December 28, 1820. Oppenheim

John J. Klock married Anna Hillegas on February 12, 1821. Oppenheim

Benjamin Klock married Thankful House on November 14, 1822. Oppenheim

George Putnam married Elizabeth Klock on January \_\_, 1823. Oppenheim

Daniel Klock married Polly Devoe on February 27, 1825. Oppenheim

John Zimmerman married Nancy Klock on December 4, 1825. Oppenheim

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