



Klock Connections

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Renewing Wedding Vows

On August 24, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Darla and I renewed our wedding vows in the Dutch barn at Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York. Darla and I were married twenty-five years ago on October 19, 1984 in South Haven Michigan. We did not know at the time, that the Battle of Klock's Field took place on the same day two hundred and four years earlier. The Battle of Klock's Field took place just west of Fort Klock in 1780.

Darla and I have two children, Joshua and Nicholas. I have two children from a previous marriage, David and Stacia. We planned on renewing our wedding vows on October 19, but when we learned that Joshua and Nicholas were coming out for a visit, we thought it would be great to have them present so we only had a few days to prepare for the event.

All the wedding party dressed in colonial cloths. Gene Wagner, President of Fort Klock Historic

Restoration presided over the service and did a wonderful job. Olof Jansson gave Darla away and following them down the aisle was Joshua and Nicholas. Willis Barshied Jr. and Bob Hojohn were the Groomsmen. Cindy Sinchek and Barbara Hojohn were the Bridesmaids. Darla carried some beautiful wild flowers, provided by Barbara Hojohn.



Joshua and Nicholas and our grandchildren, Elysiah, Alexiss, Dakota and Hannah all dressed in

Renewing Wedding Vows Continued

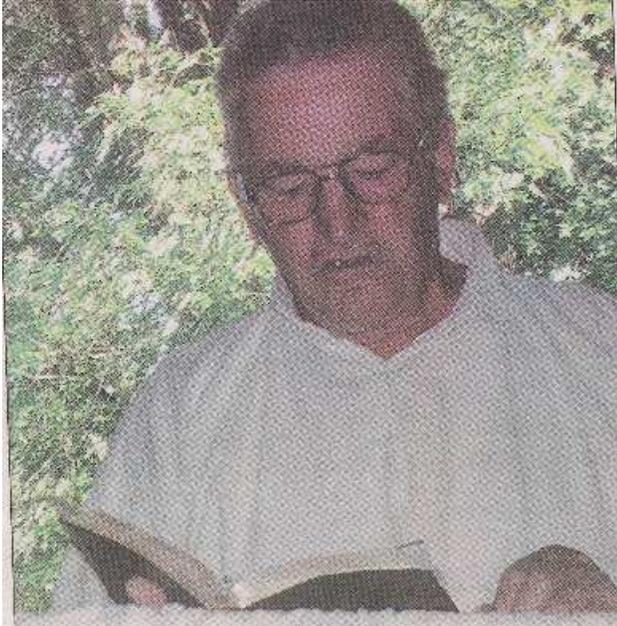


Photo: Joshua Thomas Courier-Standard-Enterprise
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**“What therefore God hath joined together,
Let no man put Asunder, Amen”**



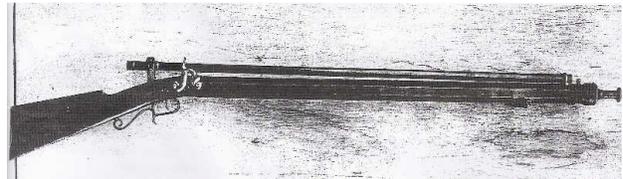
Dakota Klock

“Ok, let’s get this done, before I have to Shoot somebody.”

Colonial attire that we have at the fort for the Young Pioneer Program. We did not have an outfit that would fit our grandson Dakota so Skip made a quick trip home to retrieve one that was worn by his son, Andy when he was a young man. Joshua wore a buckskin outfit that was made about 70 years ago that once belonged to Jay Nellis.

A potluck meal was enjoyed in the Dutch barn after the ceremony. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

Joshua Thomas from the Courier-Standard-Enterprise covered the event as well as a reporter from the Schenectady Daily Gazette.



How an Old Rifle Led to the Restoration of Fort Klock

The following article was written by Willis Barshied, Jr. in February of 2003 for the Fort Klock Newsletter. The article tells the story of how an old rifle led to the restoration of Fort Klock.

Sometime during 1952, I became acquainted with St. Johnsville veterinarian Fred Cairns and Herby Mueller. Our common interest was old guns. We spoke several times about starting an organization composed of people with a like interest. Fred Cairns sent several postcards to prospective members inviting them to a meeting to be held at the VFW room over the old stone store on the corner of Main Street and Kingsbury Avenue in St. Johnsville. The meeting was held on March 4, 1953 with twelve members in attendance (Fred Wagner, Herbert Smith, Fred Cairns, Max Haak, B.R. Keifling, Harold Green, John Warn, James Triumpho, Richard Mueller, Donald Nellis, Herbert Mueller and Willis Barshied). The first officers were Willis Barshied, Jr., President; John Warns, Vice President; Herbert Mueller, Secretary and Fred Cairns, Treasurer. Thus, the “Tryon County Muzzle Loaders” came into existence and continued to be until a few years after “Fort Klock Historic Restoration” was founded in 1964. Other prospective members were soon asked to join the “Tryon County Muzzle Loaders.”

Meeting continued to be held at the VFW but an effort was underway to find a more permanent meeting place and a location for a rifle range. Fort Klock was soon proposed as a possible home for our organization. Even though the 1750 building was rapidly falling into ruin, it seemed a most appropriate location for our headquarters. Those members from St. Johnsville who knew Alex Don, the owner of Fort Klock, seemed to be sure that the Fort was not obtainable. For some time I had been told that Alex Don owned an old muzzle loading

How an Old Rifle Continued

target rifle that had been made by St. Johnsville millwright and gunsmith, John Howe, about the time of the Civil War. I was anxious to see that old rifle.

In the spring of 1953, I decided it was time that I should meet Alex Don. Alex was well beyond mid-life. He was an imposing man, huge in stature and somewhat 'gruff' appearing.

It was very evident that this man was not someone who could be pushed into anything. He had a very outspoken manner. I asked him if I could see his old rifle. He told me that I was the only one who really appeared interested in it. That same day, I very carefully approached the subject of the fast-deterioration Fort Klock. He told me in no uncertain terms, that he had been approached by another person about getting the Fort for an organization that was not historically oriented. He seemed to have an intense dislike for that person and refused to discuss it with him. This person was not known to me. I remember well what Alex said that day and I remember what my reply was. He made it clear that he would not sell his ancestor's home. I told him our fledgling organization didn't have anything to buy it with anyway.

Alex received title to the property by purchasing it at tax sale and by foreclosure of a mortgage his mother held. It was through his mother's family that he was related to the Klock's. Alex told me that after he had taken title to the Fort in 1936, he had rented it to several families as a home. As the property deteriorated, he then gave the rent of this property to others until it became unlivable. Then it stood vacant as time and vandals did further damage.

I said, "Mr. Don, do you expect to replace these broken doors and windows in an effort to keep the building from falling down?" His reply was that he could not longer do it. I said to him, "you appear to have a great interest in the Fort and say you cannot preserve it. I find it hard to understand why you would not let someone else try to save it." That day began a dialogue between Alex and I that made it very clear to one another what our thinking was. I also became acquainted with Mrs. Don, who became and remained a friend to our organization for many years. It was through her generosity and foresight that we received a deed to Fort Klock in later years.

My initial meeting with Alex led to tours of the Fort property and sharing of many of his memories. The dialogues produced a long term lease on September 20, 1954. Alex Don saw Fort Klock transformed from a deterioration building to a sound structure within his lifetime. His friendship with me and our organization remained for the rest of his life. On the day of Alex's funeral, Mabel Don told me that he had thought a lot of me. I am sure that was true just as I felt he was my friend.

After 50 years, I still remember how an old rifle brought two people together and led to a preservation effort at Fort Klock, which remains to this present day. Several months after Alex died, his brother, Frank, and nephew, Bill told me that no family member was interested in the old rifle and that I could buy it. The gun became and continues to be one of my cherished possessions.

The Family of Arthur Vane Klock



Arthur Vane Klock



Bertha Johnson Klock

Arthur Vane Klock (David Romain, Daniel, Jacob Klock, Jacob Conrad Klock, Conrad Klock and Hendrick Klock) was born June 21, 1870. He married Bertha Mary Johnson on August 01, 1896. Arthur and Bertha had four children.

Gerald Romain Klock; born November 25, 1897. He married Mary E. Kelly. Gerald and Mary had five children.

Bethel Klock who married a Sebrien. Bethel may have later married a Desotell and resided in Jupiter, Florida later in life.

Harold Klock, born April 26, 1902. Harold married Mable Mapstone. He was a salesman.

The Family of Arthur Vane Klock Continued

I have no information or if they had any children.

Marjorie Sarah Klock was born March 28, 1904. She married Claude Strail. Claude and Marjorie were married July 26, 1924. According to an old newspaper clipping sent to me by Linda Boyd of Lynnwood, Washington, Claude and Marjorie surprised their family and friends and "quietly slipped out of town late Saturday afternoon, and after a wedding ceremony at Central Square they proceeded on their honeymoon to the Thousand Islands". Claude worked for Dey Brothers Company and Marjorie was a sophomore at Syracuse University. Claude and Marjorie had two children, Richard who died in infancy and George. George married Margaret Sanderson and had three children; Linda, Robert and David.

Bertha Johnson Klock died October 13, 1939. Arthur Klock died April 10, 1957 and both are buried in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Onondaga, New York.

Linda Boyd, the daughter of George Strail and Margaret Sanderson Strail who lives in Lynnwood, Washington sent me a large envelope containing pictures and genealogy information. She will be sending me more information and pictures on her family later this month.

Klock Connections Brings Klock's Home

This must be the year for Klock and Klock connected people to visit Fort Klock. So far this summer I have given tours to over 100 people with the last name of Klock. They came from all over the country. I couldn't count the number of Klock Connected people I have given tours to this summer. Twice this last month I was giving a tour to some Klocks and in came 8 or 10 more people with the last name of Klock. Several already receive the newsletter and many told me they had heard about Fort Klock through my newsletter or from my Internet Web Page www.klockconnections.com

The Fort Klock Craft Fair

The largest event held at Fort Klock is the Craft Fair. Over a hundred talented crafters and artisans will offer their creations. The Craft Fair will be held on September 12 and 13. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tim Klock from Altoona, Pennsylvania will be here demonstrating his chain saw carving skills. The masterpiece he carves will be raffled off and the proceeds will go to help with the preservation of Fort Klock. If you are in the area on September 12 and 13, stop in and join the fun. .

Cemetery List Continued From Last Month

Information for this cemetery list comes from several different sources and may not be completely reliable. If you have additions or corrections please let me know.

Sheepfold Cemetery Le Ray, Jefferson Co., New York AKA: Pine Plains Graveyard

Klock, Marilla (Casler) 1831-1908, wife of Harvey. Additional Information: Marilla Casler married Harvey Klock. 1830-1907 Harvey was the son of Jacob Adam Klock (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). Harvey is also buried in Sheepfold Cemetery.

Klock, May (Woolever) 1876-1918, wife of Lester. Additional Information: Eunice May Woolever married Lester Klock, son of Harvey (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). Lester is also buried in Sheepfold Cemetery.

Smithville Cemetery Old and New Town of Henderson Jefferson County, New York

Kennedy, Ida B. (Klock) 1904-1972. Additional Information: Ida was married twice, Elmer Edison Klock and William Kennedy. She had six children with Elmer Klock and four with William Kennedy. **Continued Next Page**

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Kennedy, Donald W. 1926- son of Ida B. Additional Information: Donald was the son of Ida and William Kennedy.

Klock, Edna (Trowbridge) 1894-1965, wife of Marva A. Klock. Additional Information: Edna Trowbridge married Marva Klock (See line below). I have Edna and Marva with a son Seth Alfred Klock who married Jennie Scofield. She was born July 24, 1894 and died in 1965. Edna Trowbridge was the daughter of Seth and Minnie "Thomas" Trowbrige.

Klock, Henry D. b. April 10, 1865 d. Nov. 7, 1940 married Nov. 26, 1885 (no stone). Henry D. Klock was the son of Adam Klock and Martha A. Clock. He married Margaret Hegan. Henry and Margaret had two children; Marva and Elmer Edison Klock. See line under Marva below.

Klock, Henry E. b. March 26, 1946, d. Dec. 28, 2000, son of Elmer & Ida. Additional Information: Henry was the son of Elmer Klock and Ida B. Ward.

Klock, Margaret (Hegan) b. Aug. 12, 1870, d. Oct 21, 1939, wife of Henry D. Klock, (no stone). Additional Information: Margaret Hegan married Henry D. Klock.

Klock, Marva A. 1891-1945. Marva was the son of Henry D. Klock and Margaret Hagen. Henry was the son of Adam Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) who married Martha A. Clock, (Jacob, Henry, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock)

Evans Mills Cemetery Old and New Town of LeRay Jefferson County, New York

Klock, Daniel died March 1, 1878, 85 yrs. 2 mo. 15 days. Additional Information: Daniel was the son of Joseph G. Klock (George G., Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Dorothy Zimmerman. Daniel was born December 14, 1794.

Klock, Nancy, died April 13, 1861, 68 yrs. 6 mo. 24 days, wife of Daniel. Additional Information: Anna (Nancy) Devendorf married Daniel Klock. She was born September 19, 1792. Daniel and Nancy had seven children.

Sanford Corners Cemetery Town of LeRay Jefferson County, New York

Also known as Jewett Corners Burial Ground and Calcium Cemetery

Falling, Mary E. (Klock) died Dec. 22, 1871 39 yrs. 5 mo. 8 days 1st. wife of James. Additional Information: Mary E. Klock was the daughter of Daniel Klock (Joseph G., George G., Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Anna (Nancy) Devendorf.

Falling, James 1830-191. James Falling married Mary E. Klock above.

Klock, Margaret E. (Casse) b. Jan. 14, 1926, d. Aug. 5, 1997. Additional Information: Margaret E. Casse married Kenneth R. Klock. (See Line under Kenneth below)

Klock, Glenn, 1895, d. Dec. 17, 1967, married April 15, 1922. Additional Information: Glen was the son of James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Cora M. Crook.

Klock, Ina M. 1904- 1996, maiden name Keller, wife of Glenn Klock. Additional Information: Ina M. Keller married Glen Klock above. Ina and Glen had four children.

Klock, Kenneth R. b. Sept 29, 1924, d. Sept. 11, 1995, married Nov. 10, 1946 WW-2 Vet. Additional Information: Kenneth R. was the son of Glen Klock (James, George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Ina M. Keller.

Klock, Virginia I., 1922- 1976. Additional Information: I have a Virginia Irene Klock 1922-1976, daughter of Glen Klock and Ina that married Dennis Morra. I have them with five children... Maybe they divorced and Virginia took her maiden name back.

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