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Robert "Bob" Klock

Robert Howard Klock was born north of Watertown in the Thousand Islands area at Alexandria Bay, New York. He was raised in the northern New York (LaFargeville) where he attended school. He attended college at Morrisville, New York. He is the son of Robert C. Klock (Lionel, Jordan, Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Gertrude Recor. His father died young (age 28). Robert and Gertrude had five children, the youngest, Trudy Beth was born shortly after the death of her father. Gertrude remarried Russ. S. Wells. Russ and Gertrude had four more children.

Bob married his childhood sweetheart Jane Elaine Reynolds and they have three daughters; Robyn Jayne, Robia Janel and Michelle Joy.

Bob lives in Spencer, New York and works in Elmira for the Hilliard Corporation as a manager at the Drive Train Plant Division.

You may remember Bob; I profiled him in Issue 54 of Klock Connections. He took charge of the horseshoe tournament at the Klock Family Reunion that was held August 5, 2006 at Fort Klock.



Cameron Klock and Mike Wells

Bob kept score on the horseshoe contest. The winners of the horseshoe contest were Bob's brother Mike Wells and Cameron Klock. Cameron lived in Washington State and was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident near his home April 8, 2009 in Echo Lake, Washington.

Bob doesn't just throw back yard horseshoes but also plays New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NYSHPA) professional sanction horseshoes. Bob was inducted into the New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame over the 2011 Labor Day weekend at The 81st New York State Horseshoe Pitchers Championship Tournament held this year at Waterloo Ringers Horseshoe Club in Waterloo, NY. Bob is a very well known Southern Tier horseshoe pitcher and has been a New York State sanction horseshoe pitcher for 20 years. Also Bob has been the Sec/Treas. the past 10 years for NYSHPA and has also been the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) Regional Director for the past 6 years. The quick overview means if there is any New York State sanction horseshoe pitching activity he's involved. He documents and prepares all the state reports, handles all the money, and schedules all the Sanctioned Tournaments held each year in New York State.

**Congratulations to NY States
Mr. Horseshoe man!**



Robin Damico and Leonard William Klock

Leonard William Klock

Leonard William Klock was born September 09, 1942, the son of Martin Klock and Violet Elizabeth Blass. Martin and Violet had four children; Leonard, Paul, Mary and Betty. Martin was the son of Lorenzo Klock (Benjamin Clock, Conrad Clock, Jr. Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) and Florence Addie May Walters. Martin did not know his father very well as he died when he was young. His mother, Florence remarried a man by the name of John D. Carp. John was married before and had a son, Herbert. John Carp and Florence had one more child. A girl they named Lydia.

Leonard did not remember much about his father as he died when Leonard was only seven years old. His father, Martin Klock was a farmer and lived in the Spring Lake area of New York. He was filling his silo when the tractor ran out of gas. He went to his home for more gas and returned to the tractor 20 minutes later to pour additional gasoline into the tank. He was pouring gasoline into the tank of his tractor when it exploded. He suffered burns over 80 percent of this body and was taken to Auburn Mercy hospital where he died four days later. After the tragic death of her husband, Violet married Herbert Carp and they had a son they named Francis. Herbert Carp was son of John D. Carp and his first wife.

Leonard William Klock married Sandra L. Bates. Sandra had a child by a previous relationship, Robin. Leonard and Sandra had two children; Tina and Brenda. Leonard began his employment at the sugar beet factory in Montezuma. He then worked at Fratto's Construction in Geneva, for many years.

Leonard William Klock resided at 33 Rivers Edge, died Tuesday (February 1, 2011) at Geneva

General Hospital, surrounded by his family. His wife, Sandra died in 2000. He was a life member of the Serven Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was an avid fan of NASCAR driver, Tony Stewart.

I found the obituary of Leonard William Klock I wanted to contact the family and do some research on the line of Leonard. I did not have him on my tree at the time. Since Leonard was a life member of the Serven Volunteer Fire Department, I thought I would start there. I found out that several members of the Bates family were volunteer fire fighters. I called and talked with the Fire Chief and he gave me a phone number of Robert L. Bates, who got me in contact with Robin Damico. Robin and I talked for about an hour on the phone. We found it very interesting that I also married a Bates. Darla Bates. Darla's brother John Bates is the Fire Chief in Marcellus, Michigan. Many of the same Bates names in her family were in my wife's family as well. I don't know if these Bates families are related; something to research at a later date. Robin didn't know about Fort Klock or the family that Leonard descended. She contacted her Aunt Betty and she didn't have much information to share except that they had an Uncle Homer Klock. With additional information that Robin was able to share, I was able to connection Martin to his father Lorenzo. I already had Lorenzo on my tree which completed the line back to Hendrick Klock.

I hope to stay in touch with Robin and meet her next summer when she visits Fort Klock.

A Civil War Letter Home

The following letter was written by John Klock to his father on June 6, 1863. The letter was mailed from Big Falls on the Potomac. Big Falls is located near White Marsh, Maryland.

John was the son of Abraham Klock (John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Abigail Swackhammer. His father, Abraham to whom this letter is addressed was born in St. Johnsville, New York August 31, 1800. Abraham was a farmer and resided near Briar Hill, New York. I found an old newspaper clipping published in 1883; "Brier Hill, On Saturday last, about 11 o'clock a.m., Mr. Abam Klock's house, was discovered on fire; and despite, the efforts of a large number of people to save it, it burned down. The fire started in the attic near the chimney, and must have been burning some time before it was discovered.

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Nearly all his goods were saved. The house was insured for \$625.00." Abraham and Abigail had six children;

1. An infant who died in 1931 and is buried in Christman Farm Cemetery, St. Johnsville, Montgomery County, New York.
2. John Klock who wrote the letter was born August 21, 1931.
3. Nelson, born June 16, 1833 and died in 1853.
4. Myron was born in 1836 and died unmarried in the year 1863. Note: Both Nelson and Myron died from diphtheria, near Briar Hill, New York. Nelson and Myron are buried in Lutheran Cemetery, Black Lake, St. Lawrence County, New York

Note: Diphtheria is a bacterial infection that spreads quickly. Diphtheria toxin spreads through the bloodstream and can lead to complications that affect other organs, such as the heart and

kidneys. It also can cause nerve damage, eventually leading to paralysis and death. Today children are vaccinated in infancy to prevent this disease.

5. Theron was born about 1839 and died about 1863. Theron married Catharine Hadlock and they had a son, Abraham L. Klock who was born in 1862. He is buried in Lutheran Cemetery, Black Lake, St. Lawrence County, New York.
6. Agnes who was born about 1840. I have no information on Agnes.

John married Emily Conradt. The 1850 census for Morristown, New York lists Emily Conradt, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Conradt. Emily was born February 22, 1834. They were married about 1855 and removed to Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan. John bought land just north of his Uncle Christian Klock.

History of Allegan and Berry Counties, Michigan

"In 1851, when Franklin Bliss settled on section 24, where Leonard Wilcox, now of Irving, had made a clearing of 2 acres, he had no neighbor on the north except an Indian called, "Chippewa", who owned 40 acres on section 1 and lived in a log cabin. At that time a well-traveled stage-road crossed the Bliss' farm,-- the one which ran between Grand Rapids and Hastings. Farther north Solomon Clark settled on Section 12 in 1854, and beyond that C.I. Klock located in 1858 on section 2. Mr. Klock now lives on section 2 with John Moxon who came with him into the township. Klock's neighbors on the south were

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Cornelius Walrath and his sons; On the north John Klock and Henry Smith; on the west, the Forbes family; and on the east, John Moe and a Mr. Badgrow. That same spring, Simeon Lawrence settled on section 11. At that day the northeastern portion of the township was a new country for until than the land-owners had chosen to discourage settlements by holding the property out of the market. After 1858, however, the population began multiply rapidly, and the locality is now well peopled, containing, moreover, many valuable farms."

John's wife, Emily died May 14, 1860 as a result of child birth. She was 26 years old at the time of her death. She gave birth to twins, John and Emily who died shortly after birth. Emily and the twins are buried in Parmalee Cemetery, Middleville, Michigan.

John enlisted to serve in the Civil War on September 11 1862. He served with Company M, 6th Cavalry Regiment Michigan. He died in the Hospital of disease on 8 Sep 1863 at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, He was 31 years old.

His body was shipped to Michigan where he was buried next to his wife and children in Parmalee Cemetery, Middleville, Michigan.

Meg Distell and her sister visited Fort Klock on Tuesday, September 13. They are descendants of Abraham Klock. Meg had quite a few letter and personal correspondence of Abraham. I was able to scan one of these letters. Meg told me she would scan the rest and send them to me. I can't wait to find out what information these letters will provide.

Civil War Letter written by Samuel Clock

On September 23, 2011, I received an e-mail from Dorene Paul, Reference Assistant at the Sandusky Library in Sandusky, Ohio. She wanted to tell me that they recently put a Civil War letter on their web page written by Samuel Clock. He was a Civil War soldier from the Monroeville area.

On July 23, 1861, Samuel Clock wrote a letter to his cousin David Clock. Samuel, who was serving as a First Lieutenant in Company G of the Ohio 24th Infantry was at Camp Chase at the time he wrote the letter. Samuel Clock was the son of Samuel Clock (Johann George Clock, Hendrick Clock, Han Henrich Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Maria Vrooman.

Samuel's father Samuel from Oak Hill, Dutchess Co., New York removed to Monroeville, Ohio. He was a farmer and owned two farms on the outskirts of Monroeville. He was born May 14, 1801 and died June 09, 1881 in Monroeville, Ohio. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery in Monroeville. His mother was Maria Vrooman, she was born April 11, 1793 and died March 18, 1887. Samuel and his wife, Maria had three children; Nancy Helen Clock who married James Wallace Paramore; Andrew Clock who married Margaret Amelia Forster (they were the parents of Helen Laura Clock Williams who wrote the Klock/Clock Genealogy) and Samuel Clock who served in the Civil War. Samuel was killed in the South near the end of the war on July 2, 1865.

Over 100 Klock/Clock's served in the Civil War and several were descendants of the Pioneer Hendrick Klock of the Mohawk Valley. Some were wounded, some killed in battle, and some died from diseases during the Civil War.

You can find this civil war letter on the Sandusky Library web site:

<http://sanduskyhistory.blogspot.com/2011/09/civil-war-letter-from-samuel-clock.html>

Cemetery List



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

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Hillside Cemetery Village of Antwerp Jefferson County, New York

Klock, Erastus C. 1892-1939. Additional Information: Erastus Crook Klock (Webster, (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) married Cynthia above.

Klock, Fannie E. 1858-1917, wife of Webster. Additional Information: Fannie E. Crook married Webster Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock). Fannie and Webster had four children.

Klock, Frankline b. Feb. 8, 1932, d. July 18, 2000, married Sept. 29, 1956, Korea Army Vet. (No additional Information)

Klock, George E., 1890- 1974. Additional Information: Social Security Death Index has George E. Klock born Oct. 17, 1890, died 1974. Veteran of WW-I. Residence as Philadelphia, Jefferson Co., NY The Philadelphia, draft registration of George Erwin Klock gives his date of birth as Oct. 17, 1891. George was the son of James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Cora M. Crook. I have no record of any children.

Klock, Helen L. 1923-1929, daughter of George & Lean. Additional Information: Helen was the infant daughter of George Erwin Klock (James, George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock).

Klock, James 1859-1912. Additional Information: James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) was born June 14, 1859. Married Cora M. Crook, November 11, 1885 and died March 05, 1912.

Klock, Lena E. 1901-1960, wife of George E. Additional Information: I do not have the maiden name of Lena, but she married George E. Klock. The son of James and Cora Crook.

Klock, Webster J. 1855- 1900. Additional Information: Webster married Fannie E. Crook.

Note: Cora and Fannie Crook were sisters and James and Webster Klock were brothers. Sons of George Klock and Mary Walrath.

Backus, Viola (Klock) 1855-1943, wife of Frank J. Additional Information: Viola Klock was the daughter of Harvey Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Marilla Casler. Viola married Frank J. Backus (below) and they had five children.

Backus, Frank J. 1851-1913. Additional Information: Frank Backus married Viola Klock above.

Klock, Addie C. 1888-1969, daughter of James and Cora. Additional Information: Addie was the daughter of James Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Cora Crook Klock. Addie never married.

Klock, Cora M. (Crook) 1865-1945, wife of James. Additional Information: Cora M. Crook married James Klock (see line above) on November 11, 1885 in Antwerp, Jefferson Co., N.Y. She was born February 06, 1865. Cora and James had four children; Edith, Addie (above), George and Glen.

Klock, Cynthia F. 1893-1940, wife of Erastus C. Klock. Additional Information: I do not have Cynthia's maiden name but she married Erastus Crook Klock. I have them with one daughter Virginia who was born about 1919.

Klock, Erastus C. 1892-1939. Additional Information: Erastus Crook Klock was the son of Webster Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). He married Cynthia above.

Klock, Fannie E. 1858-1917, wife of Webster Klock. Additional Information: Webster and James were brothers. Webster married Fannie E. Crook and James married her sister, Cora M. Crook. Webster and Fannie had four children; Charlotte, Lilah, Emegene and Erastus Crook Klock.

Klock, Franklin b. Feb. 8, 1932, d. July 18, 2000, married Sept. 29, 1956, Korea Army Vet. I have no information on Franklin.

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