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Lightning Strikes

I found the following article published in The Daily News, Tuesday September 26, 1899. The Daily News is a newspaper published in Naugatuck, Conn.

"Lighting still strikes. R. G. Allen, director of the government weather bureau at Cornell university, reports that during August the following named persons were killed by lightning in the state of New York: On August 2--Henry Mathias, at Rondout; Frank Casey, near Blue Mountain lake; William De Lapp, at Port Byron and David Klock at Richfield Springs; on August 12--George H. Barber, near Pern and Clayton Sherman, near Groton.

During the month 39 barns, 12 residences, two churches and one mill were reported struck by lightning, and 18 horses, 20 cows and one sheep were killed, involving a total loss of \$104,161."

When I found the above article I wondered who this David Klock was and if I had him in my family tree. I checked and I did, but I did not know his cause of death.

David was born December 25, 1829 son of William Klock (Jacob Clock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Clock Hendrick Klock) Eva Getman. David married Nancy Bliss about 1853-54. David and Nancy had three children;

Austin B. Klock:

Austin B. was born March 11, 1854. Austin was a State game Protector at one time, and later became Sheriff of Herkimer County. It was while serving as under-sheriff during the term of John M. Richards that he made the

arrest of Chester Gillette, who murdered Grace Brown at Big Moose Lake in 1906. A book, "An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser, recalls this noted murder.

Austin was the proprietor of a machine shop in Herkimer, from 1879 to 1905. From 1911 to 1916 the sales agent for the Ford automobile in Herkimer County. Austin was an ardent deer hunter, he made annual trips into the woods each year for many years and up to within a short time of his death October 18, 1931. A camp on the Indian River, a tributary of the West Canada, was called "Klock's Camp." Austin married Libbie A. Harter April 02, 1876. No Children.

The second child of David and Nancy Bliss Klock was Minnie Klock. She was born June 14, 1866 and died when she was 22. She married Charles Myers. I do not know if they had any children.

The third child was Viola M. Klock. She was born August 13, 1855. Viola married Carlton M. Woolver. Carlton and Viola had two children; Ernest D. Woolver and Ernest C. Woolver. Ernest D. died young and they named their second Ernest C. He married a Ruth and resided in California. Three children.

David and Nancy resided at Mohawk, but spent their closing days with their son Austin B., at Herkimer, New York.

Dr. James Floyd Klock

James F. Klock was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Sept. 25 1904. He was the son of Dr. Guy Almeron

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Klock and Frances Fearon. He received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan in 1931.



In 1931 James Floyd Klock married Dorothy Twiggs, the daughter of Leo and Freda F Twiggs of Salt Lake City Utah. Dorothy was attending college in An Arbor when they met.

According to a Reno, Nevada Newspaper clipping dated

April 5, 1940, Dr. Klock was a physician at an isolated Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona. On his first trip out to the reservation, the clipping relates how a premature, 21-ounce Hopi Indian baby girl was abandoned by its parents and left to die. The infants parents, because of its premature birth, expected the baby to die and left it lying in an abandoned pueblo atop the great mesa at Oraibi. After three days without food or water the baby was taken to Dr. Klock where he tried to save the baby by using a make-shift incubator. Despite his best efforts to save the baby girl, she died a few days later.

Dr. Klock joined the army medical corps in May 1933 and served with them until December 1938, when he transferred to the department of interior as senior surgeon. At the outbreak of World War II, he was recalled into the army and in January 1943 was transferred to the glider and paratroop corps, with whom he was sent overseas in August 1944. He was on duty with the glider and paratroop corps when he was killed December 12 at Newberry, England, in an aircraft crash. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy T. Klock, who resided with her parents; his mother, Mrs. Frances F. Klock, Coconut Grove, Fla.; his father, Dr. G. A. Klock, Daytona Beach, Fla., and three sisters, Mrs. Gil Hansen of Coconut Grove, Mrs. Robert Bozeman and Miss. Betty Klock of Daytona Beach.

I had talked with Sharon Yates, who lived in Daytona Beach, Florida several times by e-mail and on the telephone since I started doing genealogy. Sharon had sent me information of her family. She was going to send me more information for an article on her Uncle, James Floyd Klock, of whom she was very proud. I wrote an article on her Grandfather, Guy Klock a few years ago and I told her I would write this article on her Uncle. Unfortunately, Sharon died in 2011. She was the daughter of Betty Klock, who married William Joseph Rose. William and Betty had four children, Sharon was the oldest. She married James Alexander Yates April 16, 1966 in Holy Hill, Florida. No children.

**Amsterdam Evening Recorder
Saturday Jan 18, 1908**

Obituary – Dr. Charles M. Klock

St. Johnsville. Jan. 18 – After more than a year of agonizing illness, patient submission to heroic treatment, and a nerve-racking anxiety, Dr. Charles M. Klock died at 7:05 Friday morning. Charles M. Klock was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Klock, of West St. Johnsville, where he was born in July, 1854. Of their two sons, Charles M. embraced the medical profession, receiving his diploma from the University of New York in 1876. During most of the intervening years he has been a successful practicing physician here in his native place. For some years he practiced in partnership with the late Dr. H. I. Furbeck. This was dissolved in 1898. In 1901, while in New York city, he had a severe attack of diphtheria, and for a period was critically ill, and was incapacitated for work for some time. It is thought by many that his fatal sickness dates from this period. During the time of his active work, Dr. Klock had an extensive practice, both in the village and in the surrounding country. His wide experience was aided by the observation of a mind naturally keen and broadened by study and by observation. He took but little relaxation, the only exception being a European trip some years back in the company with his brother, the Hon. George S. Klock, then of Rome, now of Albuquerque, N.M. Continued Next Page

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He took great interest in public affairs and was strongly urged to accept the Republican nomination for supervisor in 1903. He was an active member of the Klock Family association, attending their meeting in August, 1907, although physically incapable of active exertion. In 1901, he was married to Miss Emma Coon, a teacher in the public schools of this village, who survives him with one daughter, Evelyn, between three and four years of age. A little more than a year ago unfavorable physical symptoms enforced on him the necessity of seeking competent advice. Saturday evening, January 12, 1907, he quietly left for New York intending to be absent for one or two days, without informing any but the immediate family, and one or two friends of his intention. On arriving at the hospital his condition was discovered to be so serious that it was not advisable for him to return without testing the resources of surgical skill. An operation was performed during the latter part of February and the first reports were favorable. Later reports were less reassuring and Mrs. Klock and her little daughter hurried to his side. He rallied sufficiently to return home the first part of March, and made a few calls on some of his patients. It became painfully evident, however, that he could not resume active practice and he associated with himself Dr. F. E. Simons, of Canajoharie. Later Dr. Simons took over the whole practice. During the summer he made a trip to New Jersey under medical advice, but to no avail, and for the last few months the case had been recognized as hopeless. An autopsy showed a badly diseased condition of both kidneys, but nothing of a malignant or cancerous nature. The only near surviving relatives are those above mentioned, his wife and daughter and his brother, Hon. George S. Klock, formerly district attorney of Oneida county, now residing in Albuquerque, N.M. Dr. Klock was a faithful member of St. John's Council, R.A., and took an active interest in the philanthropic features of that order, in which he had held the position of regent or presiding official. Sunday, at 9 a.m., there will be a prayer service at the residence, and at 10:30 a.m., the regular hour for the morning service, the funeral will be held at St. John's Reformed church, of which for some years he had been a faithful member, his pastor and close personal friend, the Rev. O. J. Hogan, officiating.

Additional Information: Evelyn Klock, the daughter of Dr. Charles Klock and Emma J. Coon died in September 1908. She was five years old. His brother George Sillenbeck Klock was born in St. Johnsville, Montgomery County, New York on January 6, 1859. He was an attorney, admitted to the bar in 1880. In 1892 he was elected District Attorney in Oneida, New York and served two terms. He married Minnie Jarrett in Phoenix Arizona in 1902. She was the daughter of E.V. Jarrett, who was a furrier and in Utica for many years. I do not have them with any children.

In Issue 50 of Klock Connections, September 2005 I had an article about George Klock.

The Grandsons of Hendrick Klock

I am not going to try and count all the grandsons of Hendrick Klock. I don't have enough fingers and toes to count them all so let's just say he had a bunch. The grandsons I am going to write about in this sketch are the five sons of Conrad Clock. Conrad was born about 1722, married Anna Elizabeth Dygert, and had had five boys and three girls. In 1792 being about 70 years of age, he moved to the town of Lenox. With him came three sons, Joseph, John and Conrad. A little hamlet situated some two miles south of Canastota, New York was named Clockville, in honor of Conrad and his family. Clockville was first known as Shippeville, so called from an old tavern-keeper called "Shippe." When the first post office was established, the name of Clockville was formally bestowed upon it. The Clock family opened roads of communication with Oneida Castle and Canasara, besides contributing in many ways to the building up of the settlement.

Jacob Conrad Clock, born about 1754, married Anna Eva Staring, served as a second lieutenant in Captain Severinus Casselman's Company of the Kingsland and German Flatts District Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He was taken prisoner by the British and taken to Montreal, Canada in the April 3, 1780 raid on Remensnyder's Bush In Montreal he signed up to fight for the British in the in the second battalion of the British Kings Royal Regiment of New York under Sir John Johnson. He was send to attack the people of his home in the Mohawk Valley. Once there he deserted and returned home to his wife and family.

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Later, in 1802 Jacob and Anna returned to Canada to live. Jacob Conrad Clock and Anna Staring had thirteen children. Some stayed in New York and some moved to Canada with them.

Joseph Conrad Clock, also known as Yost Clock, was born was a member of the 2 or 3 Reg't of the Tyron Co., New York Militia. He settled on Lot 18, east of Clockville with his sons. Sold out and moved to the town of Hastings, Oswego Co., New York in 1824.

Adam was born about 1760. I don't have much information on Adam, according to the book "Pioneer of Madison County by Tuttle, Adam remained in the Mohawk Valley. I did find an 1850 Census Record that probable is Adam Clock, son of Conrad and Ann "Dygert" Clock

Name: Adam Clock

Age: 87

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1763

Birth Place: New York

Gender: Male

Home in 1850: Watson, Lewis, New York

Household Members: Name Age

Adam Clock 87

Laura Clock 88

Daniel Clock 21

George Clock 11

Mary Clock 9

Peter Clock 23

John I. Clock was born about 1764.

About 1782-83 he married Appolonia Keeler/Keller. Appolonia had a crippled hand having been struck by a Indian tomahawk in her home in the Mohawk Valley while she jumped a palisade to escape the Indian who was trying to kill her. In 1792 he settled in Madison County on lot 10. He bought the land after the state surveyed and offered it for sale. His friend Joseph Ammin boarded with him and was the surveyor. That could explain how he got an additional 9 acres of the land off lot 17. John I. Clock was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. John and Appolonia Clock had 12 children.

Conrad Clock, Jr. was born abt. 1778, married Kaziah Carish and had 6 children; Joseph, John C., Benjamine, Conrad III, Nancy and Barbara.

Conrad Jr. saw military service in the War of

1812. He received the farm from his father, May 11, 1815. Sold to S. Beecher in 1823. Died May 04, 1864 and was buried in Clockville Cemetery.

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.

Fox Creek Cemetery Town of Lyme Jefferson County, New York

Klock, Harriet, (Yoran), Sept. 16, 1875, 59 yrs. 3 mo., wife of Harvey Klock. Additional Information: Harriet Yoran was born June 16, 1816. Harvey and Harriet had eight children

Klock, Lum died Sept. 4, 1873, 26 yrs. 4 mo. 27 days. Additional Information: Lum Klock, the son of Harvey Klock and Harriet Yoran (see line above) married Elizabeth Hayes and they had one child; L. Maude Klock who married Wilber A. Thompson.

Crouse, Nett (Klock) b. Sept. 13, 1852, d. Nov. 25, 1929, wife of Ezra. Additional Information: Nettie Klock, daughter of George Henry Klock and Hannah M. Schuler, married Ezra Crouse and they had two children; Roy and Neil. Ezra is buried in Three Mile Bay Cemetery, Lyme, New York.

Warner, Permilla (Klock) 1815-1904, wife of Bingham. Permilla Klock, daughter of Johann George Klock (George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Gertude Zimmerman married Brigham Warner below. They had eight children.

Warner, Brigham, b. Jan. 5, 1876 aged 68yrs. 4mo. Married Permilla Klock above.

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**Brookside Cemetery
Town of Watertown,
Jefferson County, New York**

Flanders, Ann 11-10-1865 or Anna. Additional Information: I have a Ann Flanders, infant daughter of Gideon Flanders and Mary Snell that died November 10, 1865. The line goes back to Christopher Phillip Fox and Anna Margaretha Klock, daughter of Han Hendrick Klock.

Flanders, Earl K. 01-01-1912 infant. Additional Information: Earl K. Flanders was the infant son of Earl K. Flanders and Maude L. Richmond.

Flanders, G. 01-21-1892 No Information

Flanders, Gideon Additional Information: Gideon Flanders was born March 06, 1820 and died January 20, 1892. He was the son of Peter August Flanders and Margaretha Reese. He married Mary Shell.

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**Klock Family Reunion
Saturday August 4, 2012**

On Saturday August 4, 2012 we will hold our Klock Family Reunion. Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the parking lot at the Herkimer Home. After the tour we will meet up at Fort Klock for dinner. Later that night we will go to Snells Bush Church for an ice cream social. Sunday morning there will be the service at Snells Bush Church and after the service, a catered luncheon.

Time is quickly approaching, if you plan on attending, please let me know as soon as possible. You can let me know by returning the form below. I am going to ask for a \$5.00 per person advance (non returnable) for the dinner at Fort Klock. Please register now to ensure adequate food is prepared.

You can also camp out at Fort Klock on Friday and Saturday night. If you would like to camp out let me know. I have included a form on the last page of this newsletter to let me know if you can attend the Klock Family Reunion. You can also e-mail me and let me know that you are going to attend.

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**Klock Family Reunion
August 4, 2012**

I have enclosed \$_____ (\$5.00) **NON RETURNABLE** for each person who will be attending the Klock Family Reunion on August 4, 2012. _____ Adults and _____ children will be attending the Reunion. (Circle One) We Will or Will Not be camping out at the fort.

Name _____ **Phone Number** _____

Address _____ **E-mail address** _____

City _____ **Mail Check To:** **David Klock**
State _____ **P.O. Box 42**
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