



# Klock Connections

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## Klock Connections, Linking the Past Present and Future

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**Brian and Gretchen Abeling**

Brian Abeling and his mother Gretchen visiting family in the Mohawk Valley stopped at Fort Klock on Monday the 24th. of September. They were doing research on the Edwards and Klock family. Darla and I took them around to the Klock Cemeteries. We also visited with Anita Smith, and took a trip to the library in St. Johnsville and visited Edna Carter. Edna Carter owns the old Edwards Tavern in St. Johnsville. I had talked with Edna a few years ago and she gave me several Klock connected obituaries she had cut from the local papers and saved for me. She also gave Brian information on the Edwards Family.

Brian is the son of Robert and Gretchen Abeling. His grandfather, Robert William Abeling married Mildred C. Edwards. Mildred was the daughter of Romaine Webster Edwards and Veronica Helen Piniha. Romaine was the son of John Y. Edwards and Celestia Saltsman. John Y was the son of Benjamin F. Edwards who married Margaret Klock (Adam I., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock). Benjamin's

Edwards had a sister by the name of Margaret that married Ambrose Klock, who was the brother of Margaret. This started the Klock-Edwards Connection.

Brian is originally from Upstate New York, during grade school, his family relocated to Iowa. He graduated from Monticello High School in 1989. He went on to the University of Northern Iowa to pursue a teaching career. He was a lab assistant for the Earth Science Department and ran middle-distance for the track & field team. There he met Janna, the woman that would become his wife. Janna completed her degree in dental hygiene from the University of Iowa.



After college, they moved to Pekin, Illinois where Brian began teaching 8th grade science. Today Brian is the Director of Technology at West Des Moines Community Schools.

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## **Brian Abeling Continued**

I found a lot of information on the Internet about Brian from "Linkedin" a social networking website for people in professional occupations. He also has a personal web site called Abeling Street. <http://abeling.org/TNGweb/index.php> Brian has a lot of genealogy information on Ancestry.com and on his web site.

In addition to genealogy, Brian likes astronomy. He has been involved in numerous astronomy clubs and done various presentations for clubs and conferences. He also enjoys photography, traveling and collecting sports cards.

Brian and Janna have been married for eleven years and have one son, Wil and one daughter, Carrie. For pictures and more information about Brian and his family check his web pages.

## **Earl Herbert Klock**

Earl Herbert Klock was born February 04, 1874 in Sheffield, Illinois, the son of John Chandler Klock (John Beekman, Jacob George, Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) and Charlotte Amanda Spencer. His father, John Chandler Klock was born in Chautauqua Co. N.Y., where he learned the trade of cabinet making, and soon after his marriage to Charlotte, removed to Sheffield, Ill. In Sheffield he became a furniture dealer and learned the undertaker trade. He was given the name of Chandler for Bishop Chandler of the Methodist dioceses, and a mission school in China---The John Chandler Klock School--- is named for him.

Earl's Grandfather, John Beekman Klock was the son of Judge Jacob George Klock and Maritja Beekman. She was the daughter of Lieutenant Cornelius Beekmen. Martije was proud of her family name, and well she should be. Her father was an officer in the Revolution, and one of her great grandfathers, William Beekman come over with early settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York City. Two streets in Lower Manhattan are still named after him, William Street and Beekman Street.

Earl Herbert Klock was the youngest of nine children born to John Chandler and his wife Charlotte. He married Esther I. Pierce. I don't know if she died or they divorced. Second he

married Freda Anna Pfabe, April 30, 1914 in Fall River, South Dakota. She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on March 02, 1884. Earl and Freda had two sons, John L. and Donald Earl Klock. John died in infancy and Donald married Frances Hartman and had four children.

When Earl was 61 years of age and applying for membership in the South Dakota Society Sons of the American Revolution. He wrote the following about his great-grandfather, Joseph G. Klock.

*"My great-grandfather, Joseph G. Klock, son of Young George G. Klock, who was also a soldier in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment, was a mere boy when the Revolutionary War, and likely a drummer boy. He was carried on some rolls as "Joseph Klock". Later on in the War of 1812, he was a Captain. His name is with the soldiers of New York State in New York in the Revolution. He mentions in his letters that he wore the Uniform, and in another that he helped put down the "Stamp Act". I do not believe he was in the Battle of Oriskany, but am inclined to believe he helped Col. Jacob Klock later in his campaign to put down the harassing Tories and Indians in the Mohawk Valley."*

*"Tradition tells us that during the Battle of Oriskany, Lieutenant Henry Zimmerman was severely wounded and was begging his men not to leave him on the field to fall a pray to Indians and Tories. General Herkimer, hearing his pleadings, ordered a detail to take him to a place of safety. Later, along with the General, who was also wounded, he was taken to the home of Herkimer, down the Valley, where he eventually recovered. He had a daughter, Dorothy. Lieutenant Zimmerman also had a comrade, George G. Klock, in the same regiment. George G. had a son, Jacob G. Klock, and what more natural that that the children of two comrades fall in love. So we find Jacob G. Klock and Dorothy Zimmerman marring on January 3, 1792. Their first child was a daughter, whom they named Margaret, born on December 1, 1792. When Margaret was 17, she married a second cousin, John Beekmen Klock. This couple were my father's parents."*

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## **Earl Herbert Klock Continued**

*"I have in my possession, among the letters of Great grandfather, Joseph G. Klock, one telling of the death of his father, George G. Klock, July 26, 1834, who lived to be 92 and who never had a toothache, nor took a drop of medicine of any kind until a few days before his death.*

*He was one of the grand old men from his uncle, Col. Jacob Klock's regiment. Thus I am the direct descendent of two beautiful romances growing out of the Revolution."*

Earl died June 20, 1943 in Hot Springs, South Dakota and Freda died in 1971. Earl and Freda are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Fall River County, South Dakota.



**Donald Leslie Weeks Jr.**

Donald Weeks Jr. was born September 18, 1926 in Orange, Memorial Hospital in the son of Donald L. Weeks Sr., and Dorothy Dean Klock. Dorothy was the daughter of James Eugene Klock (James G., Peter George, George I., Jacob George, Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Margaret Louise Roberts.

Donald attended school in Orlando, Florida and received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

He served his surgical internship at Cornell

Medical Center in Ithaca, New York. Donald served in the US. Navy during World War II and 1st. Lt. in the US Army in the Korean War. He was a surgeon with the 46th MASH in Korea and at the Ft. Monroe Army Hospital in Virginia.

Donald Weeks Jr. married Helen Coith December 11, 1952 in Winter Park, Florida. Donald and Helen were blessed with three daughters; Barbara Louise, Margaret Ella, Leslie Dean Weeks. Barbara married Joseph Walter Williford and resides in Raleigh, North Carolina. Margaret married George Wade Hopper and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. The youngest of the three daughters, Leslie married Douglas Stewart McReynolds. Douglas and Leslie were divorced and Leslie married Robert Owen Truluck. They reside in Orlando.

According to his Obituary that was published in the Orlando Sentinel June 30 2011, Dr. Donald Weeks Jr. was a "diplomat of American Board of Surgery and America Board of Thoracic Surgery. Fellow of American College of Surgeons. Past Chief of Surgery of Orlando Regional Medical Center and the former Holiday Hospital; former Head of Surgical Residency program, Orlando Regional Medical Center. Practiced surgery 40 years in Orlando. Member: Cathedral Church of Saint Luke, Medical Study Club of Orlando, Country Club of Orlando, "Ol' Timers". Former president: County Club of Orlando, Medical Study Club of Orlando. Author of several scientific papers."

Dr. Donald Weeks Jr. died June 28, 2011, age 84. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen his three daughters and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, David Weeks of Orlando.

## **Klock Connections**

I am going to call this issue of Klock Connection the September/October issue. I have been quite busy at the fort and just did not have the time to get one out. I have been writing this newsletter for just over 11 years now. I guess I can miss an issue after 11 years of putting one issue out every month.

### John Walter Henry

John Walter Henry passed away September 20, 2012. He was born November 01, 1940 in Lake Station, Michigan. John married my sister Sandra Kay Klock at our parent's home in Ewart, Michigan on January 18, 1964. That was almost 49 years ago and I remember it like it was yesterday.. John and Sandy had five children; Bobby Joe, Mary, Beverly, John Jr. and Tommy.

John worked most his life on farms, and in the pulp woods, driving tractors, skidders and log trucks. He also drove trucks and worked in the roofing and siding business. John was just not the type to work in factories, he just didn't like being cooped up in a building or being tied down to a time clock. John loved bowling, hunting, fishing, and camping. He will be missed. I send my love and my sincere condolences to my sister and the entire Henry clan.

### Herschel F. Klock

Herschel Freeman Klock was born March 20, 1908 in New York, the son of Gardner Sylvester Klock (Sylvester, Daniel, John J., Jacob I., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Jennie Robles. Herschel married Gladys Heath and according to the 1940 census resided at 1615 Perkiomen Avenue in Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He is listed as a Meat Cutter. No children listed with them.

Herschel enlisted in the Navy on Jan 7, 1944 at the age of 35 and was assigned to the USS LST-921, a 1,653 ton Landing Ship.



Landing ship tanks (LST) were designed to transport war materials and men to war zones in

Europe and the Pacific. They eliminated the need for harbors as they had the capability of beaching on a shore. They were slow in the water and made great targets for enemy torpedoes. At 16.54 hours (4:54 p.m.) on



August 14, 1944 the enemy attacked a convoy about 11 miles southwest of Hartland Point in the English Channel a torpedo found its target. The LST-921 was damaged. It was hit on the aft side, breaking off the stern. The ship had an complement of 113 officers and men. Two officers and 41 crew members were lost. The survivors were picked up by the USS LST-920. The USS LST-921 was towed to Falmouth, where the cargo was removed. On the 29th. of September the vessel was declared a total loss, decommissioned, stripped and its hulk and used as floating machine shop the US Army in Antwerp. LST-921 only saw 53-days of duty before being knocked out of the war.

Herschel Freeman Klock was one of the 43 men that lost their lives on that day. He was buried in Washington Cemetery, Warren County, New Jersey.

### **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.

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

**Klock, Morgan** 1834-1910 Additional Information: Morgan was the son of Stephen Klock (George G.I., George I, Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Anna Bellinger. He married Catharine Jane Baird, 3 children.

**Klock, Mrs. S.** died in 1889 Additional Information: I think this is Anna Bellinger who married Stephen Klock below.

**Klock, Stephen** 1813-1878 Additional Information: Stephen was the son of George G.I. Klock (George I, Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock).and Harriet Goodale. I have him as born March 09, 1815 and died May 30, 1878. Stephen married Anna Bellinger.

**Sheepfold Cemetery  
Le Ray, Jefferson Co., New York**

AKA: Pine Plains Graveyard

**Klock, Harvey**, 1830-1907. Additional Information: Harvey was the son of Jacob Adam Klock (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). He married Marilla Casler.

**Klock, Lester J.**, 1860- 1940. Additional Information: Lester was the son of Harvey Klock above. He married May Woolever.

**Klock, Marilla (Casler)** 1831-1908, wife of Harvey. Additional Information: Marilla Casler married Harvey Klock above.

**Klock, May (Woolever)** 1876-1918, wife of Lester. Additional Information: Eunice May Woolever married Lester Klock, son of Harvey above.

**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 above. 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.

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