



# Klock Connections

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**Larry James Klock**

Larry James Klock was born in Pueblo, Colorado on October 25, 1949, the son of Philip Morton Klock (Russell Winfield, Gleason Fillmore, John Beekman, Jacob George, Johanguergh “Old George” and Hendrick Klock) and Dorothy Oakley.

Larry came from a rather large family; he was the third of eight children born to Philip and Dorothy. Philip was born April 23, 1915 and died Oct. 25, 1999 and is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery. His mother, Dorothy presently lives in South Gilpin, Colorado.

“Dad was in the army--was in the Normandy Invasion as part of an engineering outfit laying gas pipeline to supply troops with fuel as they moved inland,” Larry told me in his e-mails. Philip and his younger brother Joe also witnessed the attack on Pearl

Harbor. They were working for a private contractor installing underground fuel tanks on a hill overlooking Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred.

Larry retired in August of last year after 34 years of federal service. Larry worked as a Range Conservationist for both the Soil Conservation Service and the US Forest Service. As a Range Con., he managed rangeland resources and worked with ranchers who had grazing permits for National Grasslands and Forests.

Larry got involved in the Forest Service because his father worked in the CCC. The Civilian Conservation Corps was a work relief program for young men established by President Franklin Roosevelt. It was part of the “New Deal” designed to combat poverty and unemployment during the Great Depression. Philip showed his son, Larry some of the ponds and fences they had built as well as the log control structures and willow trees they had planted east of Buena Vista, Colorado on the San Isabel National Forest. Philip also helped build the Lake Isabel dam, ten miles from Rye, Colorado and worked on the Grand Mesa in western Colorado during the CCC years.

In his 34 years with the Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service Larry helped manage the Cimarron National Grassland, Kansas; the Bighorn National Forest, Wyoming; the White River National, Colorado. He worked as District Ranger on the Washakie Range District, Wyoming. He also worked on the Forest Range Staff Pike and San Isabel National Forest and before retiring on the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands.

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## Larry Klock Continued

"I participated in both prescribed fires and wildfires as much as I could," Larry told me in his e-mails. A prescribed fire is a controlled burn. Fire creates plant and animal habitat. Fire causes a biological change necessary to maintain many ecosystems. Many ecosystems would not exist without fire. Wild fires are different. They are not planned and limited to the forest or remote areas. Over the last decade, wildfires have devastated over 20,000 square miles, consumed more than 6,500 homes and other structures and caused losses estimated in excess of \$2.5 billion dollars and resulted in over 40 deaths.

Larry's first wildfire was in the summer of 1968. "Since 1985, when I started keep track, I have been on over 120 wildfires." Larry told me. Wildfire assignments have taken Larry as far north as Washington State to as far south as the Florida Everglades.

Larry normally went out as a Division Supervisor, Safety Officer or Dozer Boss. He has also worked as an on call or when need basis as a helitack crew-member on helicopters.

Larry has participated in 85 prescribed fires since 1985 and typically served as the Ignition Boss, Holding Boss or Burn Boss. "I am continuing to stay involved in the Fire Program by working with the Rye Fire Protection District. I am conducting training for various Departments and will continue taking assignments on both wild fires and prescribed fires," Larry told me in his e-mails.

Larry married Cheryl Ann Chritensen on November 27, 1971 and they had two children; Christy Lea and Kevin James. Christy was born August 16, 1977 and Keven on March 21, 1979.

Thanks Larry; for the information and for letting me profile you in Klock Connections.

## Correction: What was I Thinking!

Last month when I was talking with Vonnie Law about William and Minnie May "Peck" Klock there was a mix-up. I was talking about William and Minnie May and she was talking about their son Earl. Anyway, William and Minnie May have both passed on and are buried in Gouverneur, New York. Their son, Earl and his wife Audrey "Rickett" Klock are among the living. If I had checked my tree I would have known that William James Klock who was born in June 1880, died in 1963. He married Minnie Mae Peck on November 04, 1916. Minnie Mae Peck was born October 12, 1898 and died November 1986. If they were still alive, William would be 126 and Minnie would be 109. I would like to thank all those who wrote or e-mailed me to let me know about the mistake. Sorry about the mix up.

### Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings From:

The Adirondack Record-Elizabethtown Post  
Au Sable Forks, N.Y.  
Thursday, Dec. 23, 1926

### His Wish Gratified

Delos Klock had expressed the wish to relatives and friends that he might live to be 89 years old. On a recent morning, his 89 birthday, he died at the home of his son two miles west of the village of Ephratah, near Gloversville.

### Additional Information:

Delos Klock (Jonas, Jacob J., John J., Johannes J. and Hendrick Klock) was born December 15, 1837. Delos came from a large family. He had five brothers; David, Menzo, Abner, Jonas Jr., and Sheldon E. Klock. Five sisters; Elizabeth, Ann, Julia, Mary Jane, and

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### **Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings Continued**

Catherine. Delos was the sixth born child of Jonas Klock and Mary Klock. Jonas married his cousin Mary Klock (Jacob J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock).

Delos's Grandfather, Jacob I. Klock also married his cousin Anna G. Klock, the daughter of Johanguergh, "Old George" Klock. Delos Klock married Catherine House. Catherine House was born in May of 1845 and died in December 1914. Delos and his wife, Catherine are buried in St. Johnsville, New York. His parents, Jonas and Mary as also buried in St. Johnsville.

According to the 1880 and 1900 census Delos was a farmer and lived in Annsville, Oneida, New York. We find him in the 1910 as living in Ephratah, Fulton, New York. This Census lists Delos as 72 years old and his wife Catherine, 64. His son Charles and Charles's wife, Viola are listed as living with them as well as Delos's sister Julia A. Putman, 76. Julia married John Putman, who was born in November 1814 and died September 21, 1890.

Delos and Catherine House Klock had four children; George, Maud M., Anna and Charles.

George Delos Klock lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan and married a Marie. According to census records, they did not have any children. His WW-I Draft Registration says he was born Jan. 12, 1874 and is listed as a Rubber Worker.

Maud M. married C. Chauncy Phelps and had a daughter, Arlene.

Anna married Clyde Munderbeck, the son of George and Viola Munderbeck and they lived in Rome, New York. Unknown if they had any children.

Charles married Viola Duesler and they had a son Delos who was born in November 1908.

If you have any additional information on the family of Delos Klock, please let me know.

### **Tulare County Biographies Wallace H. Klock**

The coming of the automobile has made many changes in industrial operations during the past twenty years and among these there is perhaps none more distinct than that which has marked the development of a new phase of the painting trade. The old-time carriage finisher has given way to a new line of industrial experts who in keeping pace with the enormous demand made upon their services by the necessity of keeping automobiles in spick-and-span condition have evolved processes and methods that were not dreamed of twenty years ago and local establishments have been set up all over the country to cater to this constantly growing demand. Among these establishments in this section of California there is perhaps none better equipped than is that of Wallace H. Klock, a veteran of the Spanish-American war and an expert sign writer and automobile body finisher who has a well established business in this line in Porterville and who in season turns out of his place an average of a car a day, finished in the highest style of the art. Mr. Klock is widely known in his line throughout this section of the state and it is conceded that his establishment is the busiest place of its kind in Tulare county.

Wallace H. Klock is a native son of the old Hawkeye state but like so many Iowans is quite content to make his home in California. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Sheldon, O'Brien county, in northwestern Iowa, July 7, 1882, a son of George N. and Viola (Harkness) Klock, both members of pioneer families in Iowa, the latter of whom died in 1889, her son Wallace then being but seven years of age. George N. Klock,

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## Wallace H. Klock Continued

a substantial farmer and landowner and lawyer, is still making his home in Sheldon, where he is engaged in the practice of law, one of the veterans of his profession in that section of Iowa. Reared in Sheldon, Wallace H. Klock supplemented the education he received in the local public schools by attendance at the Normal School in Denison, Iowa, where he gave special attention to the study of electrical engineering and where he also became interested in sign writing. Though little more than a boy when the Spanish-American war came on he enlisted his services in behalf of this country's arms and was attached to Company L of the Fifty-first Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Upon the conclusion of that term of service he reenlisted and was attached to the Fourth Cavalry, United States army, for service in the war against the Philippine insurrectos. While thus engaged in the Philippine service he was detailed as a sharpshooter for service with the American Expeditionary Force sent into China in 1900 to help put down the Boxer Rebellion and was in that country for five months. Upon the return to this country of the command to which he was attached Mr. Klock reenlisted for a further term of service and was in service at San Francisco and on guard duty there during the time of stress following the memorable disaster which befell that city in the spring of 1906. On November 27, 1917, in St. Paul, Minnesota, he enlisted for the World war and served one year and eight months. He was one year and five months overseas with the Thirty-second Division of the Field Light Artillery.

Upon the completion of this last term of military service Mr. Klock returned east for awhile and became engaged at his trade as a sign writer and finisher in paints and had two years of valuable experience along this line in the finishing department of the great plant of the Buick Motor Company in

Flint, Michigan. He then returned to California and after working for some time in special work in his line in San Francisco, came to Tulare county and bought Brandon's automobile paint shop in Visalia, which he renamed the Visalia paint shop. In 1924 Mr. Klock transferred his operations to Porterville and set up his present establishment on Mill street, where he since has been quite successfully engaged in business, employing a staff of competent painters and, as noted above, turning out more work in the way of automobile body refurbishing than any similar establishment in Tulare county. He was the first in this county to put in a Duco machine and in other ways he keeps his place quite completely up-to-date in its operations.

On July 13, 1909, in Salem, South Dakota, Wallace H. Klock was united in marriage to Miss Stella Durfey, who also was born in Iowa, daughter of Lowell Durfey. Mr. and Mrs. Klock have six children : Wallace H., Jr., Eleanora, Selma, Willard H., Thelma and Lucile. The Klocks have a pleasant home in Porterville and take a proper part in the general affairs of that city. Mr. Klock is an old-time member of the painters union and is affiliated with the fraternal organizations of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is fond of outdoor sports and in his younger days was for several seasons a professional baseball player.

Source: History of Tulare County and Kings County, California – Kathleen Edwards Small & J. Larry Smith, Vol. II, Chicago, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1926. p. 223

### Additional Information:

Wallace Klock was the son of George Nellis Klock (Peter George, George I., Jacob George, Johanguergh “Old George” and Hendrick Klock) and Viola Harkness. Wallace Husted Klock was born 07/07/1882 in Iowa and died in Tulare, California 06/05/1955 at the age of 72.--Roots Web, California Death Index.

## **Cemetery List Continued from Last Month**

Most of the information for this list comes from different Internet sites and may not be completely reliable. If you have additions or corrections, please let me know.

### **Clockville Cemetery Town of Lincoln, Madison Co., NY**

Clock, Melinda (Forbes) wife died Apr. 23, 1857 aged 48. Additional Information: Malinda Forbes was the daughter of Bartholemew Forbes. She married Adam Clock (John I., Conrad and Hendrick Klock) July 04, 1830. They had five children.

Clock, C Duane. Son of Adam. Died Oct. 10.1925 aged 70. Additional Information: Duane Clock (Adam, John I., Conrad and Hendrick Klock) was married twice, first to Grace T. Cady (below) and then to Hattie Wells. Duane and Grace Cady had five children. A set of twins died in infancy. No children with Hattie.

Clock, Grace (Cady) wife June 18, 1911 aged 50. Additional Information: Grace Cady married Duane Clock (above)

Clock, Fred A. Son of Duane. Died Aug. 14, 1936 aged 51. Additional Information: Fred (Duane, Adam, John I., Conrad and Hendrick Klock) was born September 03, 1885, married Edna Marie Bull April 14, 1914. No children.

Clock, Edna (Bull) Wife of Fred. Died May 21, 1938 aged 49. Additional Information: Edna Bull was born Oct. 9, 1888, the daughter of Charles and Annie L Bull. She married Fred A. Clock (above)

Clock, (Twins) Died 1882. Sons of Duane. Additional Information. Henry and Claude died in infancy. They were the children of Duane and Grace Cady Clock. (see above)

## **Walnut Grove Cemetery Wampsville, Madison County, New York**

Klock, Maria (Foland) d.06-26-1868, aged 29y, 9m, wife of Irvin Klock, daughter of Jacob and Hanna Foland. Additional Information: Maria Foland married Irvin Klock (Solomon, John Bellinger, George G., Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) Irvin and Maria had three children; Elizabeth L., Jennie L., and Homer. No information on children.

### **Adams Center Union Cemetery Jefferson County, New York**

Beatrice A. Klock, died in 1971, 47 years old. No Information.

Edison S. Klock, died in 1975, age 65. Additional Information: Edison Klock was the son of Elmer Edison Klock (Henry D., Adam, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Fanny "Sanford" Klock. He was born October 06, 1912 and died February 28, 1975 in Orange County, Florida. No information if he was married or had any children. He may have been married to Beatrice A. above.

Seth G. Klock, died in 1980, aged 65. Seth G. Klock was the son of Marva Klock (Henry D., Adam, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Edna "Trowbridge" Klock. Seth married Jennie Scofield and they had a daughter,. Cindy who married Paul Gibbs.

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I switched Internet carriers and no longer have the swmcom.net address. I am going to use my Yahoo address because if I change carries, I will not have to change my e-mail address again, but more importantly, if my computer crashes, like it did last summer, I will not lose e-mails and e-mail addresses.