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The Klocks of Fort Klock: Still at home

By Richard Nilsen
The Leader-Herald

ST. JOHNSVILLE –Visitors to Fort Klock may be surprised to find an eighth generation Klock family of ancestor Johannes Klock as site interpreters.

Dave Klock, his wife, Darla, and daughter Ashley, 14, of Michigan say they relish the 200-year-old lifestyle at the historic restoration.

Ashley uses the antique loom to make rugs and wall hangings for sale in the gift shop while her mother tightens the rope bed frame so former occupants could "sleep tight" as Dave narrates the various points of interest around the Colonial-era fortified farmstead June 20.

"There are about two dozen Klock Families in Michigan and over 200 in New York," he said

"I came here to find more family members as I was researching my genealogy. I found my ancestral home and decided to stay and help out at the restoration." He said about 12,000 visitors come to the site yearly counting special events and about 1,000 to 1,500 individual visitors. "Ashley will start school at Oppenheim-Ephratah so we can finish out the season here," Klock said. "You could say she is a state-exchange student."

Fort Klock is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

Klock showed how shake shingles were made with a mallet and splitter as he talked. He also gave the reason for how the short beds were made 200 years ago.

"You sometimes here people were shorted back then," Klock said. "They may have averaged two inches shorter, but the reason beds were shorter is because people at the time believed they should sleep sitting up so they could breath better, which is also why they would pile pillows high."



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He said there also was good reason for the good night wish, "Don't let the bed bugs bite." **Continued Next Page**

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“With mattresses made of straw, there was a good chance there would be bed bugs that would bite,” Klock said.

Outside the farmhouse, Ashley and her mother were gathering flower petals to bring the fresh aroma inside. Darla takes care of the garden and bakes pies in the outside brick oven so visitors can taste authentic baked goods of the era.

Besides the farmhouse, there is a period school house, barn and blacksmith shop.

In the school house, Klock showed a New York state map with a hole in it where the teachers over the years had pointed out Fort Klock’s location.

“I also get to meet more of my extended family here,” Klock said. “I met three this week.”

Activities at the fort include a strawberry festival and art show July 4, a concert the fourth Friday, the biannual Klock Family reunion the first Saturday in August and the craft fair the second weekend in September.

The fort is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is located 2 miles east of St. Johnsville.

For more information call 568-7779 or visit the Web site, www.fortklockrestoration.org

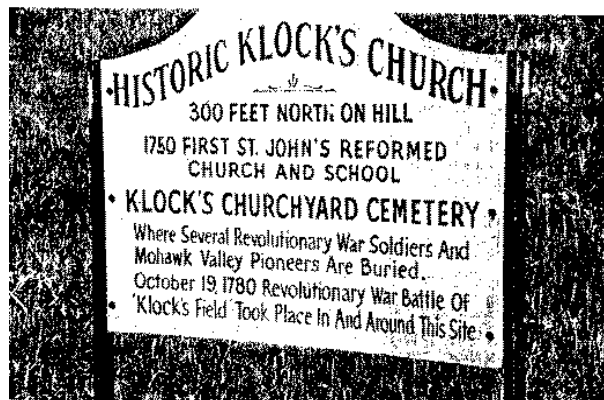
Klock Reunion

There will not be a Klock Reunion this summer. The next Klock Reunion will be held August 2, 2008.

The Klock Reunion, which will be held August 2, 2008 we are going to have a catered BBQ Pork dinner. It will be catered by Gene Culver (Gene’s BBQ.) of St. Johnsville. They will provide the pork, dinner rolls, beans, salt potatoes, and salad.

Working with Anita Smith, St. Johnsville’s Historian, we are planning to unveil a road side marker showing the location of Klock’s Church and Graveyard .

Today the road marker is hard to read and is badly weathered, placed by the Montgomery County Historical Society on Memorial Day in 1980, replacing an earlier sign.



Historic Klock’s Church Marker located a half mile east of St. Johnsville, New York on Route 5.



Adam and Lipe Klock

On hand for the rededication in 1980 were Adam and Lipe Klock (on left) of St. Johnsville. Adam, the last Klock born at Fort Klock when the fort was still in the hands of the Klock Family. Adam presently lives in

New York with his wife Lois, in the Finger-Lakes area. Lipe Klock, was born December 15, 1924 died in 1994.

“The Montgomery County Heritage and Genealogical Society will purchase the new cast iron Klock’s Churchyard Marker”, Anita told me in her letter. The marker will be unveiled at noon during the Klock Reunion. The Klock Family has been invited to attend the unvailing.

The Montgomery County Heritage and Genealogical Society, organized in 1976-77, is a Friends society of the Montgomery County History and Archives Department in Fonda, formed to help purchase rare books and records that were too expensive for the Archives budget. “The Montgomery County History and Archives in Fonda is the largest County Archives in this Country”, Anita told me. There is a Montgomery County Historical Society at Fort Johnson, and they support the Fort Johnson museum, and are not connected with the County History Dept.

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We also are planning on laying two wreaths at the Klock Reunion, one at the fort and one at the Klock's Churchyard Cemetery honoring our ancestors who fought at the Battle of Oriskney and The Battle of Klock's Field.

Check future issues of Klock Connections for more information about the 2008 Klock Reunion.

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Fort Klock Members walk in the Footsteps
of Moses Quimby

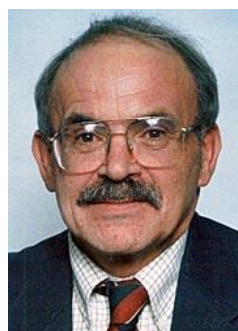
By Skip Barshied
June 2007

It is quite possible that most readers do not know who Moses Quimby was. A resent happening at Fort Klock brought his name back to the forefront, despite the fact that he died a short distance west of Fort Klock on May 27, 1875. You may ask what this had to do with Fort Klock. During routine repairs on the fort property, the siding on the west side of the Cheesehouse needed to be replaced. The job was to be done under the direction of contractor, Todd Bradt. Fort Klock members and Todd's workman were aware that there was a large colony of honeybees within the wall, which in light of the recent decline of the honeybee, we did not want to destroy. If the situation had existed within the lifetime of Moses Quimby, he would have removed the bees, for he was the area's most famous beekeeper. His extensive apiary was on the hillside just east of the village of St. Johnsville. Moses was born of Quaker parents on April 16, 1810 in Westchester County. By 1853 he had relocated to St. Johnsville. In that year he authored one of the first American books about honeybee keeping. The title was "Mysteries of Bee Keeping Explained".

His extensive orchard of fruit trees and vineyards provided nectar for approximately 1000 honeybee hives. The Fort Klock farm so close to the east probably increased his own holdings. In addition to his 1853 book, and an updated edition published in 1865, his contribution to the bee industry was great. In Quimby's youthful days, the bees needed to be killed by brimstone fumes in order to harvest the honey. Quimby invented hives in which the bees were preserved while still being able to take off the honey that was in excess of that which the bees needed to sustain the hive until another spring. Among his other contributions to the industry was making one of the first honey extractors, invention of a bee smoker for subduing bees and devising the first practical knife for removing capings from honeycomb. Today, beekeepers without doubt still benefit because Moses Quimby was a pioneer area beekeeper long ago. You ask, what happened to the Fort Klock bees? Over 150,000 were carefully removed by neighborhood beekeeper Jim Humphrey and doubtless they go about their nature provided task just as Moses Quimby did in the mid 1800's.

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Obituary of Stephen T. Klock



Stephen T. Klock

December 26, 2006
PHILADELPHIA, N.Y. —
Stephen T. Klock, 59, of
County Route 28, died
Tuesday morning at his
home of complications
from multiple sclerosis after
being ill for several years.

Born Oct. 2, 1947 in
Watertown, son of the

late Kenneth R. and Margaret Casse Klock, he graduated from Indian River Central School in 1965.

He had taken several courses at Jefferson Community College.

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Mr. Klock served in the US Army Reserves for two terms in the late 1960s and 1970s.

On Jan. 27, 1968, he married Claudia Schell of Evans Mills at the Theresa Methodist Church.

He worked for many years in agri-business returning to the family dairy farm in the early 1980s. He operated the Klock Family Farm until illness forced him to return to agri-business. The farm continues to be operated today by his family. He retired in 2000 due to illness.

Mr. Klock enjoyed car racing and was a benevolent member of the Philadelphia Fire Department and was involved in Indian River F.F.A. and the local 4-H groups.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Kent and Nicole Klock, and Kirby Klock, all of Philadelphia; three grandchildren; aunt, uncle and cousins.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday at Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Inc., Theresa with Pastor Mona Fargo, Adams United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Childs Falls Sunrise Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Calling hours will be 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Philadelphia Fire Department Benevolent Association, c/o Bruce Lawler, 35852 County Route 23, Philadelphia, N.Y., 13673 or National Multiple Sclerosis Society Upstate New York Chapter, 1650 South Avenue, Suite 100, Rochester, N.Y. 14620-3901.

Condolences may be sent online to frederickbrosfuneralhome.com.

Photo and information found on line provided by Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Inc. and Newzjunky, Watertown, N.Y.

Additional Information: Stephen (Glen, James, George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) was the son of Kenneth R. Klock and Margaret Casse Klock.

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Information for this list Cemetery listing comes from different Internet sites and may not be completely reliable. If you have additions or corrections, please let me know.

Town of Clayton Clayton Cemetery Jefferson County, New York

Klock, George N. 1862 - 1901. Additional Information: George N. Klock was born March 01, 1862 and died June 27, 1901. I have him as the son of Nathaniel Klock (Harvey, George G.I., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich, and Hendrick Klock) and Mary J. Parker. He married Lucy Johnson on July 4, 1885. George and Lucy had three children; Lottie "Cattie", Hattie and Nathan George Klock.

Town of Alexandria Plessis Cemetery Jefferson County, New York

Hutton, (Harten), Leona (Klock) b. Feb. 7, 1893, d. Sept. 16, 1992, wife of Henry. Additional Information: Leona was married twice, first to Henry Harden, second to Harry Hutton on . Nov. 8, 1941. She was the daughter of Jordan C. Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Cora Bergen Klock. No Children.

Harten, Henry 1884-1938 Additional Information: (Spouse of Leona Klock above.)

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Hutton, Harry L. b. Sept. 10, 1898, d. March 29, 1988, married Nov. 8, 1941. Additional Information: 2nd. Spouse of Leona Klock.

Town of Brownville Dexter Cemetery Jefferson County, New York

Klock, Andrew died 1857, aged 55. Additional Information: Andrew Klock was born February 08, 1802 and died March 27, 1857. He was the son of Henry J. Klock (John J., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) and Margaret Rouse. Andrew married Elizabeth Van Allen, the daughter of Richard Van Allen and Anna C. Zimmerman on February 25, 1824. No record of any children.

Klock, Albert, J. b. April 9, 1929, d. Aug. 3, 1996, son of Thomas & Mary. Additional Information: Albert Klock (Thomas Cade, Jr., Thomas Cade, George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) Albert Klock was a Transfer Site Supervisor and was not married. Social Security Death Index gives the date of birth of Albert as April 9, 1929 and the date of death as Aug. 3, 1996. Last residence as Three Mile Bay, Jefferson, New York.

Klock, Alice (Gale) 1899 - 1967. Additional Information: Alice married Percy Klock (Thomas Cade, George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) on November 24, 1919. I have them with three children; Robert, Ruth and Barbara.

Klock, Clarence P. b. April 18, 1946 d. June 30 1979. No Additional Information.

Klock, Earl E. b. Aug. 16, 1886 d. Dec. 24, 1974 married Nov. 27, 1907.

Additional Information: Earl E. Klock was the son of Thomas Cade Klock (George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Edith Frederburg. He married Olga Hollenbeck on November 27, 1907 in Cape Vincent, Three Mile Bay, Jefferson Co., New York. Earl and Olga had five children; Edith, Harriet, Percy, Preston and Wesley.

Klock, Edith (Frederburg) 1866-1941 wife of Thomas Cade. Additional Information: Edith Frederburg married Thomas Cade Klock (George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) on April 29, 1885. She was born May 11, 1869 in Limerick, New York and died July 28, 1941. Thomas Cade and Edith had nine children.

Klock, Elizabeth 1883 - 83y9m. No Additional Information

Klock, Eleanor M. (Chavoustie) b. 1921 wife of Fred B. Additional Information: Eleanor Chavoustie was the daughter of Earl C. and Julia Chavoustie. She married Fred B. Klock. (See Line Below)

Klock, Fred B. b. Aug. 12, 1921 d. May 2, 1980 married Dec. 27, 1943 WWII Vet. Additional Information: Fred B. Klock was the son of Ned James Klock (Thomas Cade, George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Rena M. Cook.

Klock, George H. b. Jan 21, 1890, d. April 17, 1962, married Dec. 5, 1915. Additional Information: George was the son of Thomas Cade Klock (George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock). He married Isabelle E. Hollenbeck. I have no record of any children.

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