



Klock Connections

A Klock Family Newsletter

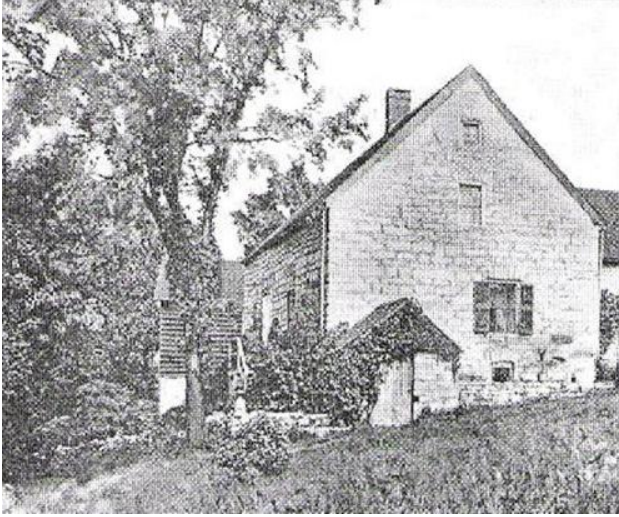
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Fort Klock opened its doors to the public (Memorial Day) for its 48th season.

Memorial Day... Originally, the holiday was known as "Decoration Day." It was started by a Civil War general by the name of John Logan. He was a political leader who served as a General, State Senator of Illionis and had an unsuccessful run for Vice President of the United States. He sought ways help the country come back together after the Civil War. The holiday was first observed May 30, 1868. Gen. Logan chose that date for two very important reasons: First, the day did not mark the anniversary of any Civil War battles, and second "flowers would likely be in bloom all over the United States. Many people would take flowers to local Cemeteries to honor the veterans who lost their lives fighting for their country.

Memorial Day, despite having been around for over 100 years in one form or another, didn't become an official federal holiday until 1971 when Congress passed the National Holiday Act and created a three-day weekend at the end of May.

Darla and I left Michigan on May 1 and had an uneventful trip to New York. An uneventful trip is the best kind to have. We got our camper cleaned, set up and ready for another season. Since arriving in the Mohawk Valley, we have been busy getting the fort ready for the 2010 season. This will be our fifth season as Site Interpreters at Fort Klock.

Woops... As many of you know I also write the Fort Klock Newsletter and several receive both newsletters. I recently mailed out the Spring Issue of the Fort Klock Newsletter. You may have noticed the mistake. I use cut and paste when working on the newsletters and somehow information about the annual 4th of July Strawberry Festival & Art Show got mixed up with the Saint Nicholas Day Celebration which will be held December 5. Just for the record.. The Declaration of Independence will not be read on Saint Nicholas Day and Ice Cream and Strawberry Shortcake will not be served.

Spread the word about the upcoming Klock Reunion. I have sent out a couple hundred postcards to Klock/Clocks and Klock Connected people, but it is impossible to reach everyone. The Reunion is only a couple months away and I need a count on how many plan on attending. So send me you reservations as soon as you can. Please send to our summer address. On the last page of this newsletter I have put a form you can use to let me know if you plan on attending.

Darla and I look forward to the 2010 Season at Fort Klock and hope to see you this summer at the Klock Family Reunion on Saturday, August 7.



**Major Jacob C. Klock
Answering the Call**

In 1861 President Lincoln called for 75,000 Volunteers to help put down the rebellion in the South and to save the Union. 300,000 Young men from the cities, towns villages and farms answered the call of President Lincoln. In St. Johnsville, they pitched a recruiting tent. To the music of fife and drum, hundreds signed up to serve their country. Many of the men of St. Johnsville served in the 115th "Iron Hearted" Regiment of New York Volunteers. They were inducted at Fonda on August 26, 1862 and numbered 1400. By the time the unit was mustered out on July 6, 1865 in Albany fewer than 200 men returned to their families.

Jacob C. Klock joined the 153rd New York Volunteers September 1862 at Fonda. At age 26 he was a Captain, and by the age of 28 he was a Major. He was in the Battle of Opequan Creek or Winchester. They fought to gain possession of a ravine. The Union Army won this battle but at a high cost. The 19th corp suffered a heavy lost. 1940 men were killed or wounded. Captain Jacob C. Klock and Captain Dewandilaer were found in the home of a rebel Congressman. Captain Klock was severely wounded in the shoulder, carried to the rear on an army~blanket stretcher, and somehow brought all the way to St. Johnsville by train. Promoted to Major he died at the home of his brother-in-law on Railroad Street, renamed Kingsbury Avenue. His wounds were minor, by modern standards, but in that day, without the advantages of surgery and the miracles of

modern medicine, he die in October 1864, in his thirtieth year.

Major Jacob Clinton Klock was the son of Martin Klock and Eliza Cox. Martin was the son of George G. Klock, Jr. (George G. Klock Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock) and Nancy Klock. Nancy was the daughter of Jacob I. Klock and Anna G. Klock. Jacob I. was the son of Johannes, son of Hendrick Klock. Anna G. was the daughter of Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendick Klock. A Painting of Major Jacob C. Klock hangs in the Library in St. Johnsville.

Shortly after the end of the war, Union veterans formed an organization that was called the "Grand Army of the Republic". The G.A.R. Post # 70 in Fort Plain, New York was named Post Klock in his honor. This G.A.R. Post was open from 6-24-1864 until 1937. The rest of the G.A.R. in New York disbanded in June of 1948.

The Original G.A.R. organized in 1866, would only admit men who had served honorably in the US military during the Civil War. No one else could be a member and that is way the organization ceased to exist.

Jacob C. Klock was just one Klock that answered President Lincoln's call to serve his country. All told about 100 Klock/Clocks served in the Civil War including my Gr. Gr. Grandfather, Isaac Klock.

I don't know how many Klock/Clocks or Klock Connected people served in WW-1, WW-II Korea, and Viet Nam and in Afghanistan. I bet the number would be in the thousands. Just last week I was talking with Michael Klock who lives in Syracuse, New York. Michael and I both go to the V.A. for medical care and occasionally the V.A. computers will get us mixed up. The VA uses your last name and the last four numbers of you social security as identification. Michael and I are the same age, both Viet Nam Vets, and have the same last four numbers of our social security.

**The Late Irving Klock
St. Johnsville Enterprise and News
April 23, 1910**

Some Reminiscences of the Family
of Which He Was a Member
St. Johnsville: April 23—Irving Klock, whose
tragic death occurred at Little Falls Wednesday,

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was well known here. He was a great grandson of George Klock, the well known revolutionary patriot of that name. Colonel George Klock resided between West St Johnsville and East Creek, the house and part of the farm being in the possession of Ray Hilderbrand, whose wife is the granddaughter of George Timmerman, the former proprietor, and one of the most prominent of St. Johnsville's farmers in his day. Considerable of the farm however belongs to Silbert Klock, son of the late Hiram Klock, who was the son of John B. Klock, son of Colonel George Klock. Other children of John B. Klock; Reuben, father of the deceased; David, who resided in Danube; Mrs. Henry P. Bellinger of St. Johnsville; Mrs. Henry D. Elwood of Florida, Montgomery county; Mrs. Charles Walrath of Oneida, and Elizabeth, who lived single. Reuben resided in the eastern part of Danube and was one of the substantial men of that town. He died about 1897. His wife, who survived him a few years, was Barbara A., daughter of Phillip C. Bellinger of Danube. Christian, Phillip's father, came from what is now the town of Root, the Bellingers having been among the earliest settlers in the valley.

Christian came during the latter years of the 18th century. Although quite young at the time he had a record as a soldier of the Revolution. His wife was Barbara Devendorf, a lady belonging to a numerous connection among the Palatine settlers. Phillip (died February, 1872), was at one time the largest property holder in Danube. His wife, a lady of the Zimmerman family died a few years before himself. Phillip C. Bellinger is still remembered by those who had dealings with him as a man of unimpeachable integrity, whose word was as good as his bond. Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger were the parents of 10 children, all of whom survived them. A few years ago one of the ten, Gertude, wife of J.M. Bellinger of Currytown, died. Other children of Christian and Barbara Bellinger were: Jacob Bellinger and Mrs. Peter Sharp of the town of Little Falls. Mrs. Conrad Mowers of Stark, Mrs. Conrad Snell of Danube and Mrs. Abraham Snell of Minden. Phillip C. Bellinger and his son-in-law, Reuben Klock, had many points in common, both were hard working, thrifty farmers, who achieved financial success

in their calling, both were unswerving Democrats, without taste for political manipulation or greed for official distinction, and both held to the tents of the Universalist school in theology. Reuben Klock settled in the eastern part of Danube, not far from the Minden postoffice, and resided until his decease. Mrs. Klock also remaining there until she passed on a few years later. On the decease of his parents, Irving Klock came into possession of the home farm. A few years later, an invalid sister, the only unmarried one of the family, passed away, leaving him quite alone. Being alone in the world, he married Mrs. Peeler, widow of John Peeler (died 1896) of East Creek. Having no children to assist him, he decided to retire from active labor and leasing the farm removed to Little Falls. He is survived by three brothers, Byron of Falls Hill, Danube, Elmer who resides in Danube, near Minden and Walter, who is an invalid and three sisters, Iantha, widow of Charles M. Zoller of Minden, Mary G., wife of George W. Spoor of Newville and Alice, wife of Fraser Showerman of Minden. Another brother, Emmett, who resided in Minden, opposite St. Johnsville, died there (where his family still resides), a few years ago. Another child died in infancy. Like his father, deceased was a Democrat politically, and a Universalist theologically. Other relatives are Frank P. Klock, of the First National Bank of St. Johnsville; Walter Elwood, who had a position in the educational work in the Philippines; Emery Bellinger of Sylvan Beach; Otto Bellinger of Los Angeles, Cal.; George P. Bellinger, ex-supervisor of Danube, and Earl J. Bellinger of Sherman, Chautauqua county, New York.

Additional Information: Irving Klock was the son of Reuben Klock (John Bellinger, George G., Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Barbara Ann Bellinger. Irving was the Great-Grandson of George G. Klock. George G. married Catharine Bellinger. George G. Klock was born November 12, 1742 and lived his life a house that was built by his father Johanguergh aka Old George. It was believed that the house was built around 1760. All of George G. Klock's children were born there. I have George and Catharine Bellinger Klock as the parents of 13 children. George G. was a

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private in the Tryon Co. Militia and probably saw much service in the Revolution under his Uncle, Col. Jacob Klock. He inherited much of his father's estate and became known as one of the wealthiest land owners in Central New York. The author of this article has George G. Klock confused with his Uncle Colonel Jacob Klock. He may have been nicknamed or called Colonel.

Jacob M. Klock

Jacob M. Klock was born in Lafargeville, New York on August 28, 1874. He was the son of Adam Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Martha A. Clock (Jacob, Henry, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) Jacob married Miss Lucy Anne Ortlieb in Ogdensburg, 25 Apr 1905, and the couple made their home on a farm near Lafargeville for a number of years. About 1938 they moved into the village of Lafargeville. Jacob Merton Klock, died at his home aged 69 years in Lafargeville Wednesday evening December 28, 1943 at 9:15 after an illness of two years. He had a major operation in a Watertown hospital last September 1942 and never fully recovered.

Jacob and his wife had two sons; Clare born March 23, 1909 and was killed in Germany during World War II in the Battle of the Bulge, October 23, 1944. Ivan Lewis who was born November 06, 1910, married Adele Bernice Comstock. Ivan and Adele had five children. Ivan died and returned to God on January 15, 2002. Jacob and Lucy also had two daughters; Pauline Agnes who was born March 27, 1907 and died October 23, 1917 and Delia who was born April 22, 1924, married Robert Potter Hibbard. Delia and Robert three children. Delia died May 12, 2005. Jacob and Lucy rest in Barnes Settlement Cemetery, Jefferson Co., New York with Clair and Pauline. Ivan and his wife, Adele Bernice Comstock Klock are buried in Grove Cemetery, Orleans, New York.

Cemetery List Continued From Last Month

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.

Riverside Cemetery Brewerton, Onondaga Co., N.Y.

Klock, Alice Ann, (child of Moses & Mary Klock), b. July 21, 1850; d. Mar. 31, 1857. Additional Information: Alice was the daughter of Moses Klock (John J. Clock, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) and Mary (Barnes) Klock. I have Moses and Mary with 12 Children.

Klock, Betsey A., Spouse of John J. Klock or Clock), b. 1829; d. 1905. Additional Information: Betsy was the daughter of Orrin Belknap and Rhoda Phillips. Betsey was the wife of John J. Clock. (See below).

Klock, (Clock) John J., b. 1819; d. 188- (wife of Betsey Ann). Additional Information: John J. Klock Jr. (John J. Clock, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) was born November 9, 1819 and died February 20, 1880. I have them with one child. J. Frank Clock, the spouse of Alice Tarbell, above.

Klock, Conrad d. 17 March 1891, 64y. Additional Information: This Conrad was probable the son of Joseph Klock, Joseph Clock, Conrad and Hendrick Klock.)

Klock, Emma J. d. 8 Sept. 1861, 5y 3m, d/o Jonas & Lydia. Additional Information. Emma was the daughter of Jonas, (Joseph, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock).

Klock, Eugene B. d. 8 July 1861, 12-10-8, s/o Jonas & Lydia (drowned). Additional Information: Eugene was the son of Jonas (Joseph, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock).

Klock, Frank d. 19 Jan. 1931, 80-11-1, s/o John J. & Betsey Additional Information: Frank

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Klock, (John J. Jr. Clock, John J. Clock, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) married Alice Tarbell.

Klock, Georgiette F. d. 26 Aug. 1861, 11-1-5, d/o Jonas & Lydia. Georgiette was the daughter of Jonas (Joseph, Joseph, Conrad and Hendrick Klock).

Klock, James, b. 1841; d. 1891. Additional Information: James Klock, (Abram Klock, Joseph Clock, Joseph Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock)

Klock, Joseph, Private, War of 1812, d. July 20, 1873, age 88 yrs. Additional Information: Joseph Klock or Clock (Joseph, Conrad and Hendrick Klock) was born in 1785 in Clockville, New York. He married a Nancy Klock and had 14 children. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 and served at Sacket's Harbor under Cap't Cadinata. He moved to Hastings, N.Y. and died at the home of his son, Conrad. Several members of this family went by both the K and C spelling of their last name.

2010 Klock Family Reunion

The Klock Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person, (\$5.00 in advance - non-refundable) Includes a great meal prepared by Frank Snyder.

½ Chicken, corn on the cob, coleslaw, beverages and desert.

Paul Graff, who portrays a Mohawk Valley Militiaman and Susan Jones, portraying a Native American female will demonstrate loading and firing of flintlock weapons. Between weapons demonstrations, Paul and Susan will be basket weaving and telling stories about the history of the Mohawk Valley.

For those interested in genealogy, Cathy Ossenfort will be on hand with computer, books and other Genealogy information.

Use the form below to let me know if you can make it to the next Klock Family Reunion.

You can also e-mail Dave and Darla Klock (Daveanddarla2000@yahoo.com).



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**KLOCK
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FORT KLOCK



**ST. JOHNSTVILLE
NEW YORK**

AUGUST 7, 2010

Mail to: **David W. Klock
PO Box 273
St. Johnsville, New York 13452**

We plan on attending the Klock Family Reunion that will be held August 7, 2010 at Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York.

Enclose \$5.00 for each person. Children age 3 and under are free. I understand this deposit is not refundable.

_____ Number of people planning on attending the Reunion.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed (\$5.00 in advance for each person)

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____