



## Klock Connections, Linking the Past Present and Future

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**George Klock**

George Klock was born about 1844 in Black Lake, St. Lawrence County, New York, the son of Isaac Putman Klock (John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Lany Ann Nellis.

Isaac Putnam Klock is reported to have as many as eighteen children. Fifteen lived to be adulthood and three died as infants. He may have had as many as three wives. He lived in a Sod House in Fon du Lac, Wi. in 1854 or 55

and farmed 100 acres in Fond du Lac and owned a mill. Isaac also served in the Civil War.

When George was 16, he joined the same regiment of his older brothers, John I, as a drummer boy and served in the Civil War.

After the war he went again with his brother to Leadville, Colorado to search for silver. Silver was discovered in Leadville about 1879. The silver boom was largely the consequence of large-scale purchases of silver by the United States Government authorized by Congress in 1878. The boom endured throughout the 1880s, resulting in an intense increase in both the population and wealth of Colorado, especially in the mountains. It came to an end in 1893 in the wake of the collapse of silver prices caused by the repeal of Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Over 82 million dollars worth of silver was mined during the period, making it the second greatest mineral boom in the state of Colorado.

George and John were successful in finding and mining the silver and became very wealthy. Their mine was named "The Little Zilpha Mine". While in Leadville George met and married Adaline Snyder. Several children were born to this union, however most of their children died in a small pox epidemic in the early 1880's. One daughter survived, Zelpha for whom the mine was named after. She carried the scars from small pox the rest of her life. Another child, Etta was born later.

After the silver ran out in their mine, they moved to Orofino, Idaho, where Zelpha married Horace Greer, the local newspaperman.

Later George and his brother moved to Olympia Peninsula, Washington. About the age of 70 he re-married Anna Anderson and built himself a home in Washington. George died at the Old Soldiers Home December 15, 1932 at the age of 88.

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## George Klock Continued



Old Soldiers Home, Retsil, Washington

John I., the brother of George, was born February 16, 1836 and served as a Sergeant Co. A. 32 nd. Wisconsin Infantry and a Captain with the 135<sup>th</sup>. U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War.

John married Francis Krake about 1860. She died and John remarried a Sarah. John died November 01, 1924 at the same Old Soldiers home at the age of 88 years 8 months 15 days. George and John are buried in Veterans Home Cemetery, Retsil, Kitsap County, Washington

**Additional Information:** Information and photo of George was sent to me by Cherie Williams of , Arizona, a descendant of George Klock. Also most of this information came from the research of Robert and Virginia Carsley and Gordon Williams.

### Bessemer Herald

July 13, 1907

Bessemer, Michigan

#### *WIFE DEAD BESIDE HIM*

*Whiteford Farmer finds woman used too much Chloroform.*

*When Ellsworth Klock, a Whiteford farmer, arose the other morning he found his wife dead in bed beside him, with a partly filled chloroform bottle beside her head. Mrs. Klock who was formerly Miss Leida Van Antwerp of Deerfield, had been in poor health for some time and used the chloroform to induce sleep. At the time of her death she was making arrangements to go to Denver for her health.*

**Additional Information:** Physicians during the 1800s used chloroform for sleep induction in order to help patients through painful surgery or

other procedures. Chloroform is dangerous as too much can induce cardiac arrest. During the mid and late 1800s, it was prescribed for a variety of medicinal purposes and could be purchased over the counter. As better, safer drugs became available, it was prescribed less and less.

Leila Van Antwerp was born January 26, 1882 and died July 11, 1907. She married Ellsworth Klock (Elijah Clock, David, Jacob Conrad Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock. Leila was 25 at the time of her death. Ellsworth and Leila had a daughter, Frances who was born in 1905.

Frances married Deane L. Brown December 31, 1923 in Deerfield, Lenawee, Michigan.

The 1900 Census lists Ellsworth living in Whiteford township, Monroe, Michigan. He is listed as farm labor with the family of Sam McMeekin.

The 1910 Census for Whiteford, Monroe, Michigan lists Ellsworth, 33, widowed and living with his brother, Freeman. He later married Marian Lewis who was married before and had a daughter, Alma. They may have had a daughter, Doris.

The 1930 Census Record for Toledo, Lucas Ohio, lists Ellsworth Klock (52), born in Michigan as a Restarant Properietor. Listed with wife, Marian (51) born in New York and step-daughter Alma (18) who was born in Indiana. The World War I Draft Registration Cards lists Ellsworth Klock living in Toledo, Lucas, Ohio. Nearest Relatives listed are Frances and Doris. (His children). Ellsworth was born April 18, 1877 and died March 01, 1945.

### The Pioneer Hendrick Klock

Hendrick Klock and his family left Germany, like many other Palatine families, in part to escape the wars that were ravaging their homeland at the hands of French armies directed by King Louis XIV about 1708. It is ironic that the Palatines left their homeland to escape the ravages of war only to be confronted with the horrors of war here in their new home in the British Colonies.

Hendrick Klock was born in 1663 in Germany and died 1760 in St. Johnsville,

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### The Pioneer Hendrick Klock Continued

Montgomery Co, New York. He is buried in the

Reg't., Tyron County, New York State Militia. in the Revolutionary War. Col. Jacob Klock also signed the Mohawk Valley Declaration of



## **The Pioneer Hendrick Klock Continued**

married Anna Elizabeth Dygert and had eight children. Conrad went by the "C" spelling for his last name. Many of his descendants also go by the C spelling and several ended up in Michigan. Conrad was one of the first settlers in Fairfield, New York where the town of Clockville took its name. There is a pdf document recently put on the Klock Connections web page called "History of Clockville." It is under "Miscellaneous" The manuscript was found in a box in the Storage Room in the Madison County Office Building. No signature on the document, but since Mr. Tuttle wrote so much history concerning Clockville, it was probably his work. Check it out sometime.

Honjost Klock was born about 1736. He married Catharine Krauss (Crouse) on February 11, 1766. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Went to Madison Co., New York and owned property in Sullivan, three miles from Clockville, N.Y. Honjost and his wife had eleven children.

Adam Klock was born about 1738. Adam was also known as Johan Adam Klock, and called in his father will as Hannarum. Adam Klock was a lieutenant of the Palatine District Regiment of Tryon County Militia and a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety. This was the governing body in the area between the removal of the British and the formation of a new government. It was this committee job to organize a militia to resist the Indian and British raids that occurred all too frequent in the Mohawk Valley. American Militia and Oneida allies tried to come to the aid of Fort Stanwix, but were caught in an ambush at Oriskany on August 6, 1777. Adam was killed in this battle. I do not know who he married. I have him with five children. Little is known about his descendants.

Magdalene Klock: It was once believed that Magdalene married William Nellis, brother of Christian Nellis. An old Bible in very fragile condition was brought to the Nellis Reunion in Stone Arabia in July 1993 which was owned by June Rickard Campfield of Morris, New York and dates back to about 1765. This Bible clearly shows in legible handwriting that William Nellis married Frau Ana Sabina Dyckerd on

Dec. 28, 1714, not Magdalena Klock as once believed. Magdalene may have married Lt. John Bellinger.

## **Klock's Island Park** **Fayette, Iowa**

Last month you may remember an article on George Nellis Klock who resided in Sheldon, Iowa. I was doing research on Klock's Island Park in Fayette. I contacted the Linda K. Adams of the Fayette Community Library to find out about the park and how it got its name. Linda e-mailed me back.

"George Klock was the previous owner of the property where Klock's Island is located. It was deeded to the Fayette Civic Improvement Association in January 1915. I think they paid him for the land, but I would need to check the deed in the bank box to find out how much. Then on September 30, 1936 the Fayette Civic Improvement Association deeded the property to the Town of Fayette. So that's why it's named Klock's Island." Linda told me in her e-mail.

In checking my tree I realized that this George was the son of Henry (Peter, George I., Jacob George, Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Rosannah Burroughs and Henry was the half brother of George Nellis Klock. Peter was married twice, first to Margaret Winegar. Peter and Margaret had six children, including Henry. Second he married Lucinda Altenburg and had five more children including a son, George Nellis.

Henry Klock ran a woolen mill in Elgin and he bought the woolen mill in Fayette in 1866. His son, George remained in Elgin, probably to run that mill while Henry ran the one in Fayette. The land between the old mill run and the Volga River as it went around the bend on the west side of today's Fayette, became known as Klock's Island. Henry and his son George cleared out the brush and cut nearly all the trees on the Island except the walnuts and butternuts. That cutting developed the present grove of nut trees Klock's Island.

Today Klock's Island Park is a beautiful municipal park with 35 camp sites, 25 with electricity. The park has bathroom and showers facilities with boating, fishing, swimming, and hiking, biking and cross-county skiing trails.

## **Cemetery List Continued** **From Last Month**

Weaver. Died, April 26, 1882 aged 64, yrs. 4 mo. 5 days. Hannah Klock was the daughter of Daniel (John J., Jacob I., Johannes J., and

