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Climbing Your Family Tree



Steve McMurray

The Herkimer County Historical Society and Herkimer County Community College produced a movie entitled "Climbing Your Family Tree". The show traced Steve McMurray's genealogy. Steve's line going back to Fort Klock would go like this; Steve is the son of LaVergne McMurray and Eleanor Jane Knox. Eleanor was the daughter of Earl Knox and Nellie Huyck. Nellie was the daughter of Oscar H. Huyck and Ella J. Golden. Ella was the daughter of Abner Justus Golden and Catherine Graham. Abner was the son of Isaac Golden and Betsey Read. Betsey was the daughter of Abner Read and Anna Zimmerman. Anna was the daughter of George Zimmerman and Anna Elizabeth Klock. Anna was the daughter of Johannes Klock and Ann Margaretha Fuchs. Johannes was the son of Hendrick Klock.

Steve McMurray is a native of Frankfort, New York and the station manager and news director of WKTU. Steve didn't know anything about his family background beyond his grandparents. The film took him on a journey to discover his roots.



The last stop in the hour long show was Fort Klock. On Saturday October 15, 2011. Anita Smith and I, dressed in colonial garb, showed Steve around the fort and talked about how Steve's roots were deeply rooted in the history of the Mohawk Valley.

If you keep the back issues of Klock Connections check Issue 123 (November 2011). I had an article about Steve and the movie.

"Climbing Your Family Tree" had its premiere Thursday evening November 15th. at the HCCC Amphitheater. Darla and I were already back home in Michigan and were not able to attend the premiere. "The premiere went really well", Susan Perkins, Executive Director of the Herkimer County Historical Society told me in her e-mail. "We were very pleased with the outcome. Your segment was very well done".

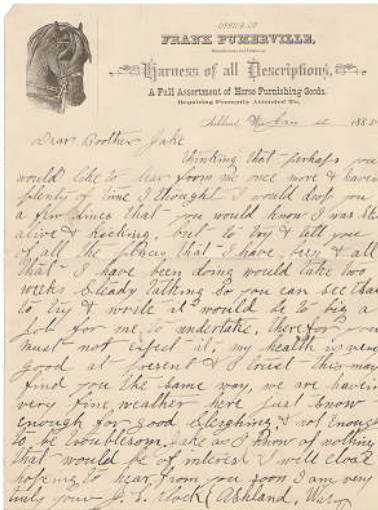
The program is planned to be aired on HCTV, which is broadcast on Time Warner Cable channel 99. I will let you know when it will be aired.

**Correction to last month's Issue of Klock
Connections.**

In last month's Issue of Klock Connections I had an article titled "Sanford's Bible" I do a lot of cut and pasting, moving things around when I do the newsletters. When I moved the article, I somehow lost the last few words of the article. I got a few e-mails telling me that on page 3 the last line is, "His first wife was" and that is where it left off. The paragraph should have read, "Jarvis was also a policeman. He was married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth Schwinler Orlet.

I also said I was going to put a copy the letter written by Jarvis Klock in the newsletter, which I didn't do.

Although Jarvis really didn't say too much in the letter, I will retype it. The letter was written on January 12, 1885 from Ashland, Wisconsin to his brother-in-law Jacob V. Shappie.



Dear Brother Jake,
Thinking that perhaps you would like to hear from me once more & having plenty of time I thought I would drop you a few lines that you would know I was still alive & kicking but I was still alive and kicking but

to try & tell you of all the places that I have been & and all that I have been doing would take two weeks, Steady talking so you can see that to try & write it would be too big a job for me to undertake. There for you must not expect it. My health is very good at present & I trust this may find you the same way, we are having very fine weather here just snowed enough for good Sleighing and not enough to be troublesome. Jake as I know of nothing that would be if interest I will close hoping to hear from you soon I am very truly yours--

J.L. Klock
Ashland, Wis.

Ida Hancock

The Kingston, Daily Freeman, Kingston, NY
Tuesday Evening, October 7, 1947

Mrs. Ida Hancock
Dies in California

Former Kingston Resident
Sister of Late J.E. Klock,
Freeman Publisher

Mrs. Ida Blanche Hancock, mother of two former Kingston newspapermen, died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, September 20 at her home, 717 East Church street, Santa Maria, Calif.

Her two sons were associated with the Freeman 10 years ago, Robert K., as managing editor and city editor, and Stanworth C. Hancock, advertising department.

A sister, Miss. Lillian I Klock, was a proofreader on the Freeman prior to removing to Santa Maria. The late Jay E. Klock, their brother, was publisher of this newspaper until his death in 1937.

Her funeral was held Monday September 22, with services in charge of the Rev. Phil W. Bartlett of the Presbyterian Church of which Mrs Hancock was a member. Entombment was in the Santa Maria Cemetery mausoleum following the rights.

Daughter of Minister

Mrs. Hancock was born in Sharon Springs, N.Y., the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Nellis Klock. Her father was a Congregational minister and newspaper publisher.

She was educated in the Ogdensburg, N.Y. public schools and later graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal Teachers College and taught for a short time following her graduation. Following her short period of teaching, she went into the newspaper business with her sister, Miss. Lillian I. Klock, and established several weekly and daily newspapers in Galien, Plainwell, and Holland, Mich. At that time a brother, Nellis Klock was publisher of several daily newspapers in Michigan and another brother, Jay E. Klock, was publisher of the Kingston Daily Freeman.

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Later she married William S. Hancock, who was connected with the Booth newspapers in Michigan. In 1932 she moved to Kingston and remained here until removing to Santa Maria in the fall of 1938.

While living in Michigan, she was active in the First Presbyterian Church in Flint, and was president of the Woman's Guild of that church for several years. Her interest in church work never diminished despite her failing health.

Besides her membership in the Santa Maria Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Hancock was an active member of the Minerva Club and the D.A.R.

Surviving are her sister, Miss Klock; two sons, Robert K., who married Miss. Ann O'Meara of Kingston; Stanworth C. Hancock, and three grandchildren, Marcia Ann, Bobbie and Judith Blanche, all of Santa Maria. Mrs. Hancock was preceded in death by three brothers, Jay E. Nellis and Ernest all of whom were in the newspaper profession.

Miss Klock went from Kingston to Santa Maria with her sister in 1938 to make her home with her nephews purchased the Santa Maria Daily Times.

Additional Information: I had been looking for quite some time on what happened to Ida Hancock after she left Michigan. A couple weeks ago I found the above obituary, which tells the story better than I could. Ida was the daughter of Nellis Klock (Daniel J., John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Lovina T. Ottman. Nellis Klock was a ordained minister. He held charges at Avoca, Sharon, Knox, Orleans and Louisburg in the state of Illinois. He stopped preaching because of an affection of the throat. He later became a fruit farmer in Illinois and died in 1911. Nellis Klock was the founder of the Holland Sentinel in Holland, Michigan. He founded the Holland Sentinel in 1896 which is still in business today in the City of Holland.. He also published another paper in Holland called the Independent, a weekly newspaper that continued until 1904. His son John Nellis founded the Stockton Harald in 1888 at the age of 22. He was the Founder of the Evening News and later the News- Palladium in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Jay E. Klock was publisher of the Kingston Daily Freeman.

I am still looking for information on what happened to Ida's brother, Ernest G. Klock. In 1900 he lived in Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan where he publishes a weekly paper called the Times. He married Clara R. Barton. They were married 28 May 1898 in Holland, Michigan. He may have moved to Casper, Wyoming.

Dory Frank Klock

Dory Frank "Duke" Klock was born August 8, 1977 in Vero Beach, Florida, the son of Kelvin (Preston Earl Jr., Preston E., Earl E., Thomas Cade, George Henry, Thomas A., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Linda Sue Youngs.

On January 10, 2010 Dory committed suicide. Dory suffered from what is called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. About 30,000 people die by suicide each year in the United States. It is hard to say exactly how many suicides occur because of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, but no matter what the rates are, suicide is always very tragic. Dory served in the US Army from March 27, 1996 until Oct. 4, 2001 and was deployed in the Bosnian during the Bosnian peacekeeping mission.

The Army's first study of the mental health of troops who fought in Iraq found that about one in eight reported symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. The survey also showed that less than half of those with problems sought help, mostly out of fear of being stigmatized or hurting their careers. The survey of Army and Marine combat units was conducted a few months after their return from Iraq or Afghanistan last year. Most studies of past wars' effects on mental health were done years later, making it difficult to compare the latest results with those from the Vietnam or Persian Gulf wars.

Dory did seek help from the V.A. He was talking with a V.A. counselor in West Palm Beach, Florida. He told his mother he felt like he was going crazy... The most common symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is; having problems sleeping, nightmares, vivid memories, or flashbacks of the event that make

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you feel like it's happening all over again, the lost of interest, or feeling numb, anger, and irritability.

I talked with Linda a few days ago on the phone and by e-mail where she sent me more information on her Klock line. Linda and Kelvin were married Aug. 17, 1974 in Indian River, Florida and live in Vero Beach. They are the parents of two children; Dusty and Dory. Dory got the nickname "Duke" from his grandmother and his brother's children, Dusty Jr. and Ciarra who called him Uncle Duke. Kelvin and Lynda visited Fort Klock last year and I gave them a tour of Fort Klock and the grounds. During the tour Linda told me about her son Dory and how difficult it was hard for him to adjust to life after returning from Bosnian. Dory married Jacqueline Lee Miller, March 27, 1999. Two daughters were born from this union; Alexis and Natalie. Alexis was born in Fort Campbell in 2000 and Natalie in 2008.

Dory was employed at the Family Homeless Center, Vero Beach. The Homeless Family Center provides Emergency and Transitional Shelter for Homeless Families from Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, and Okeechobee Counties.

Military honors were conducted by the Army Honor Guard and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3918 Vero Beach. A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. on January 16th. in Crestlawn Cemetery, Vero Beach with Rev. Buddy Tipton officiating.

Byron Von Klock

Byron Von Klock was born November 27, 1942 in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Donald Earl Klock (Earl Herbert, John Chandler, John Beekman, Jacob George, Johanguergh Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Frances Hartman.

Byron Klock graduated from South High School in Pueblo, Colorado in 1960. A National Merit Scholar finalist, he attended the University of Denver on a Centennial Scholarship where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry in 1964. He continued his education with a fellowship at Yale University where he received Master of Science, Master of Philosophy and Doctorate degrees in Chemistry in 1966, 1967 and 1969. In 1969, he began a

thirty-four year career with Texaco in the Research and Development Department in Richmond, Virginia. He then held positions of increasing responsibility in Texaco's research facilities in Port Arthur and Houston, Texas. In 2000, Dr. Klock was named a Texaco Fellow in recognition of his technical expertise and design achievements in gasification technology and having established a worldwide reputation as an expert in his field. He is credited with 12 patents, with several other patents in the application process. Then on December 10, 1999 he married Maria A Herr.

Byron was also an accomplished artist. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and was a voracious reader. He died August 23, 2003 in Houston, Texas. His obituary was published in the Houston Chronicle, September 7, 2003 where information for the article came.

Survivors include his wife, Maria of Houston; brother, Eric and wife Suzy of Snohomish, Washington and sister, Gail and husband Lynn of Golden Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Frances Klock and brother, Karl all of Pueblo.

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.

Oakwood Cemetery Town of Theresa Jefferson County, New York

Keller, Geneva (Klock) 1891-1938, wife of Charles H. Additional Information: Geneva was the daughter of Edgar Klock (George, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Col. Jacob and Hendrick Klock) and Augusta Houghton. She married Charles H. Keller.

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Keller, Charles H. 1883-1941, spouse of Geneva (Klock) Additional Information: Charles Keller married Geneva Klock above.

Keller, Karl E. 1916 died young, son of Charles H. & Geneva. Additional Information: See line above.

Klock, Charles E. b. April 9, 1885, d. April 25, 1973 married Nov. 29, 1905. Additional Information: Charles E. Klock was the son of Martin Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Sally House. Charles married Melissa Bartlett.

Klock, Clarence Levi, born Oct. 15, 1909, died June 15, 1998 married Feb. 6, 1933. Additional Information: Clarence was the son of Charles E. Klock and Melissa Bartlett. See line under Charles E. Klock above.

Klock, Cora A. (Bergen) born 1863, died May 24, 1934, wife of Jorden C. Additional Information: Cora A Bergen married Jorden C. Klock, the son of Levi Klock and Peggy Ann Zeller.

Klock, Doris Marie (Pederson) b. Aug. 31, 1915, d. Dec. 11, 1996, wife of Clarence. Additional Information: Doris Marie Pederson married Clarence Levi Klock, above.

Klock, Emma (Schwarz) 1867-1941 No Information

Klock, Frank E. 1895-1960, son of Martin. Additional Information: Frank E. Klock was the son of Martin Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Sally House.

Klock, Jason H. b. 1882, d. Nov. 10, 1934 Additional Information: Jason H. Klock was the son of Martin Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Sally House. Jason H. Klock married Minnie Parker.

Klock, Jorden C. b. March 4, 1857, d. March 30, 1937. Additional Information: Jorden C. Klock was the son of Levi Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Peggy Ann Zeller. He married Cora Bergen and they had three children.

Klock, Levi b. May 4, 1857. Additional Information: Levi was (PROBABLY) an infant son of Levi Klock and Peggy Ann Zeller.

Klock, Jorden C. born March 4, 1857, d. March 30, 1937. Additional Information: Jorden C. Klock was the son of Levi Klock (Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Peggy Ann Zeller. Jorden C. Klock married Cora Bergen.

Klock, Levi b. May 4, 1891, aged 71yrs. Additional Information: Levi Klock was the son of Jacob Adam Klock (Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock). Levi married Peggy Ann Zeller.

Klock, Lutie b. Nov. 29, 1889 d. Jan. 2, 1891, daughter of Jorden C. Additional Information: Lutie was the daughter of Jorden C. Klock and Cora Bergen.

Klock, Martin 1852-1926. Additional Information: Martin was the son of Levi Klock and Peggy Ann Zeller. He married Sally House.

Klock, Mellisa A (Bartlett) b. Sept. 30, 1885 d. July 26, 1977 wife of Charles E. Additional Information: Melissa Bartlett married Charles E. Klock, the son of Martin Klock (Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Sally House.

Klock, Minnie W. b. 1893, d. July 29, 1925, wife of Jason E. Additional Information: Minnie Parker married Jason E. Klock.

Klock, Peggy Ann (Zeller) no dates, wife of Levi. Additional Information: Peggy Ann Zeller was born August 11, 1823, death about 1920. She married Levi Klock.