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William Ayes Carlton

William A. Carlton was born July 30, 1906 in Saginaw, Michigan, the son of Isaac Bradford Carlton and Alice Mae Klock. Alice was the daughter of Charles H. Klock (Isaac, Christian I., John J. Jr., John J. Johannes Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Fanny Putnam. Isaac and Alice had four sons, the oldest was Harold B. born September 25, 1903. William or Bill as he was called, was born second. Next came Francis on August 24, 1909. The youngest boy was Thoral who was born November 14, 1912.

William "Bill" Carlton, the subject of this sketch, after High School attended the Detroit Institute of Technology in Detroit, Michigan. The Detroit Institute of Technology was a fully accredited, four-year technical college that

closed in 1982 as a result of economic recession.

On September 14, 1940 William "Bill" Carlton joined the U. S. Marine Corps. He took his flight training in Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Grosse Ile, Michigan. He was commissioned in 1941 and



F4F Corsair Fighter of WW-II

served in WW-II as a corsair fighter pilot. "He flew F4F Wildcat's in the South Pacific with Marine Fighting Squadron 212 (VMF-212), known as the "Hell Hounds", Mark Mayville told me in his e-mails. If the name sounds familiar I profiled Mark in Issue 80 of Klock Connections (March 2008).

In action over Rabaul, New Britian, William Carlton became an Ace after shooting down five enemy aircraft. Rabaul was the headquarters of German New Guinea until captured by the British Empire during World War I, when it became the capital of the Australian mandated Territory of New Guinea until 1937. During World War II it was captured by the Japanese in 1942, and it became the main base of Japanese military and naval activity in the South Pacific.

Capt. Carlton took on 14 Japanese Zeroes and in 20 minutes shot down three, probably destroyed another and damaged a fifth. He picked out one Zero of a formation of five **Continued Next Page**

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and dived 13,000 feet to destroy it. Another of his victims he caught at 17000 feet. Before the war was over, Captain Carlton was promoted to Major.

William Carlton married Patricia Palmer about 1938 and she lived in California while her husband was in the South Pacific. Bill and Pat had two daughters; Penni and Debbie. "After the war Uncle Bill got a job with Ford as an Investment Analyst. For a few years they lived in Lincoln Park and I think later on in Walled Lake", Mark told me. Walled Lake is located near Detroit, Michigan. After Bill retired from Ford, They moved to California. He died from cancer in 1984. He died June 01, 1984 in Tustin, Orange County, California.

Obituary of Louis A. Ratnour Canastota, Madison Co, NY September 7, 1907

Canastota Man Struck by Twentieth Century Limited Near Ossining

Louis A. Ratnour a well known and popular young man of this village was instantly killed by the Twentieth Century Limited at Scarborough on the Hudson River division of the New York Central railroad Thursday morning at 8:30. Mr. Ratnour and Clinton Jackson were employed as carpenters on railroad work at this place. A concrete fill was being made on the river side of the tracks.

Ratnour was walking along side of the tracks carrying in his arms two pieces of scantling about eight feet long. The engine struck the pieces of timber and swung Mr. Ratnour around so that he was struck by the tender or the first car of the train and knocked him about twenty feet. His neck was broken, his back was broken, one leg was broken in two places and the back of his skull was crushed. It is probable that death was instantaneous. The train was late and endeavoring to make up time so that its speed was probably more than a mile a minute. The victim left Canastota only a month ago to take the employment which has terminated so terribly. J. H. McMahon of this village was notified of the accident and the remains of the unfortunate young man were shipped here in his care.

Mr. Ratnour was 39 years of age and was the son of the late Martin Ratnour and wife. All of his life had been passed in this town and he had made many friends. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and had held the office of secretary. He is survived by one sister, Miss Ella Ratnour of this village.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be under the auspices of Canastota Lodge No. 231, F. & A. M. Rev. Horatio Yates will officiate and burial will be made in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Additional Information: Louis Ratnour was born October 21, 1868, the son of Martin Ratnour and Ann Jenette Clock. Martin was the son of Jacob Ratnour and Elizabeth Betsy Clock (John I. Clock Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock). Martin was born June 23, 1833 and died March 21, 1907. Ann Jenette Clock was born December 04, 1838 and died March 31, 1905. Anna Jenette was the daughter of Henry Clock, John I. Clock, Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock). Both are buried in Lenox Rural Cemetery, Madison Co. New York. Louis and his sister, Ella never married.



P.F.C. Ivan Lewis Klock

Ivan L. Klock

Ivan Lewis Klock was born November 6, 1910 in Alexandria, New York, the son of Jacob Merton Klock (Adam Jacob Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Lucy Ortleib Klock. He attended schools in Lafargeville, and later employed as a gas station attendant.

Ivan was inducted into the army March 24, 1941 and was sent to Camp Upton, Long

Island where he was placed on coast guard duty. From there he was sent to Camp Eustis, Va., and then he was transferred to Camp Stewart, Ga. From Camp Stewart he went to Fort Bragg, N.C. where he was stationed for two months. In November 1941, he received a discharge from the army, but following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor he was recalled into active service and was sent to Baltimore, Md. to guard the airplane factory. On Jan. 24 he was sent to Brooklyn and from there went into foreign service. He was stationed for some time in the Panama Canal

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Zone and for a short time in Australia.

After his hitch in the Army he married Adele "Dale" Comstock on May 15, 1950 in the Lutheran Church in Whitesboro. Adele served in the Navy from 1941 until 1944. Ivan and Adele lived in LaFargeville all their married life. Ivan worked at the Foote gas station before entering the Army. He owned a Mobil Station which he purchased in 1949 and drove truck for the town of Orleans. They operated Klock's Mobil and at their home Klock's Antiques. Adele was also a reporter for the Thousand Islands Sun and was a tax collector and assessor for the town of Orleans. She served as president of the cemetery association for 20 years. Both were members of the Klock-Smith American Legion Post # 1788, which was named in part for his Ivan's brother, Clair O. Klock, who was killed in Germany during WW-II.

Ivan was also a member of the LaFargeville Fire Department and an avid hunter and fisherman. Ivan and Adele had five children; Yvonne Sherry Klock (I profiled Yvonne in Issue # 32, March 2004 issue of Klock Connections) Gary Lee, Craig Comstock and Kim Klock. Ivan died January 15, 2002. Adele was born April 18, 1922 and passed away December 06, 1993. Both Ivan and Adele are buried in Grove Cemetery, Orleans, New York.

**Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why it's called the present!**

E-mail from Bob Hancock

Hi,

My name is Robert Klock Hancock (Jr.) the son of Robert Klock Hancock.

Just by chance I came across Klock Connections and saw my father listed as number 720, Robert Klock Hancock. His mother is shown in parenthesis, Ida B Klock. Her sister, Lilian Klock, lived near her for years in Santa Maria, California where my father and

Stan owned the local newspaper, The Santa Maria Times. Lilian, or Aunt Loo, as we called her, moved to Hermosa Beach and lived in a small house behind my Uncle Stan's home after Ida, Gramma Hancock, passed away in the 1940's in Santa Maria. Lilian passed away while in Hermosa Beach. She never married. My Uncle Stan died in Hermosa Beach in the late 1950's. Our family moved to Fontana, California from Santa Maria in 1948. My father was publisher of that newspaper, the Fontana Herald, and later publisher of the San Clemente Sun in San Clemente, California and the Coastline Dispatch in San Juan Capistrano, California. My father died in 1968 in San Clemente. My mother passed away in 1985 in San Clemente. My sister Marcia Ann (now Marcia Ann Carlson) lives in Concord, California not far from her daughter, Kim. Her son Rob Carlson lives and works in Texas.

I live just outside of San Diego, California in El Cajon. I am 75 years old, never married. You have my sister listed, but not me, so I am pleased to send you this update.

Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely, Bob Hancock

A couple months ago I found the obituary of Ida Klock in The Kingston, Daily Freeman, Kingston, NY. I put the obituary in last month's issue of Klock Connections.

Bob is the son of Robert Klock Hancock Sr. and Ann O'Meara. Robert K. Hancock Sr. was the son of William Hancock and Ida Blanche Klock and Ida was the daughter of Nellis Klock (Daniel J., John J. Jr., John J., Johannes and Hendrick Klock) and Lovina T. Ottman. I sent Bob a copy of last month's issue of Klock Connections. I also sent him a copy of autobiography that was written by his great Uncle, John Nellis Klock back in 1932.

John Nellis Klock is the one who donated 90 acres of land to the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan. The donated land was named Jean Klock Park after a daughter that died in infancy, "Forever" to be used as a park.

Today a Jack Nicholas Signature Golf Course takes up a large portion of that park. Known as the Harbor Shores Golf and Beach Club. For more information see the website www.savejeanklockpark.org

Frederick A. Klock

Fred A. Klock was born on April 3, 1880 son of the Sheldon Klock (Jonas Klock Jacob J. Klock John J. Klock Johannes Klock and Hendrick Klock) and Myra Powell Klock.

Sheldon and Myra had three children; Elgie who died in infancy, Frederick and Nellie. Nellie married Clifford T. Darby and had three children and resided in Branchburg, Somerset, New Jersey

Frederick, a native of St. Johnsville, New York, graduated from the local high school and from Cornell University, where he pursued a course in electrical engineering.

During World War I he was a Major in charge of motor transport at Camp Mende, Md. He married Lillian May Lyon. Two children; Sheldon C. Klock who was born January 11, 1904 and Genevieve, born June 02, 1907.

Sheldon was married twice, first to Katherine Woodruff. Second Sheldon married to Jo L. Conner Sheldon and Katherine had two children, Sheldon Jr.. and Genevieve. Genevieve married Levi Mason Gough. They had a daughter, Carol who was born October 12, 1940 and passed away September 28, 2000. No children with Jo L. Conner.

After the war Fredrick went to Chicago and after working for a while for the North Shore railroad, entered the employ of the Sinclair Refining company in charge of their motor fleets. His long experience in this work later qualified him for the position of maintenance superintendent of the eastern division of the Yellow Coach Lines which he assumed and held until he retired. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Corning , N.Y. now of Filmette, Ill. He also belonged to the American Legion.

After Fredrick retired he moved home to St. Johnsville and resided with his step mother, Lilian L. Richards until his death in 1934 at the age of 53.

Lilian Richards was first married to John F. Klock, son of John J. Klock and Mary Elias. After the death of her first husband, she married Sheldon E. Klock.

While living in Chicago for much of his life he maintained his many friendships in St. Johnsville, where he visited frequently and where he spent with the exception of a few months the last two years of his life.

The Family of Arthur L. Klock

California has the third largest population of people with the last name of Klock in the United States. New York being number one with Pennsylvania coming in a close second.

The family of Arthur L. and his wife Rena Lewis Klock account for many of the Klock families that now reside in California.

Arthur L. Klock was born in 1862 in New York. He married Rena Lewis about 1887 who was born in Illinois about 1865. They had six children; Ralph Lewis was the oldest, followed by Jessie L., Marion F., Esther P., Elenore and Arthur Leslie Jr. Arthur (Oliver, John Beekman, Jacob George, Johanguergh and Hendrick Klock) and Rena Lewis Klock are found on the 1900 Census living in Neponset, Bureau, Illinois. Then in 1910 they are found living in Los Angeles, California.

Ralph Lewis Klock was born March 04, 1888 in New York. He married Ruth Quick Howland. Ruth was born September 25, 1895 in New Mexico. They were married about 1914 in California. Ralph and Ruth had nine children; Mary, Naomia, Martha Rinnie, John, Lois, James Leroy, Phyllis Marie, Susan and Timothy Dan. All nine were born in California.

James LeRoy Klock was the sixth born child of Ralph and Ruth. He was born Wednesday June 22, 1927 in Los Angles, California. James Lewis "Jay" drove a Greyhound Bus for 31 years. He married a Doris Meissner and had four sons, their sons Roy, Glen and John and Timothy. James died Jul. 13, 2011. He was preceded in death by his son Timothy December 15, 1995. Burial was made at Menifee Valley Memorial Park, Sun City, Riverside County, California

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.

Cayuga County, New York

Mount Pleasant Cemetery
Also known as: Pine Street Cemetery
Located in Village of Port Byron

Klock, Martin 1912 – 1949. Additional Information: Martin was the son of Lorenzo Klock (Benjamin Clock, Conrad Clock, Jr. Conrad Clock and Hendrick Klock) and Violet Blass. Martin was a farmer and was fatally burned from a gasoline explosion. He was pouring fuel into the tank of his tractor when it exploded.

Klock, Violet E. 1921 – 1959 Additional Information: Violet Elizabeth Blass married Martin Klock. After the death of Martin, Violet married the half brother of Martin by the name of Herbert Carp. Martin and Violet had four children. Herbert and Violet had one child.

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Alburt, Cayuga County, New York

Klock Earl, age 71, buried 10/28/1974. Additional Information: Earl Klock was born in Scipio, New York the son of Fred Klock (George, John H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and "Katie" Katherine Walsh. He was born January 26, 1903. He married Blanche Ballhagen on September 04, 1943 at the Catholic Church in Alburt, New York. He died from Carcinoma of the lungs.

Klock Fred J., age 77, buried 9/22/1947. Additional Information: Fred J. Klock was the son of George Klock (John H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and Mary Ellen Fitzimmons.

Klock Frederick J., age 4 MOS., buried 10/3/1909. Additional Information: Frederick was the infant son of Fred Klock and Katherine Walsh. He was born in Scipio, New York and died from Cholera.

Klock Katherine L. age 91, buried 6/11/1958. Additional Information: "Katie" Katherine Walsh married Fred Klock above. Fred and Katherine had four children.

Klock Louise A., age 48, buried 9/25/1952. Additional Information: Louisa A. Jenner married Vincent Klock. She was born in Ledyard, New York. Vincent and Louise had three children. She died from Cancer.

Klock Vicky, age 42, buried 11/2/1981. Note: Born in Greece; Cause of death: Exsanguination; extensive loss of blood due to internal or external hemorrhage. No Additional Information.

Klock Vincent P., age 77, buried 8/17/1981. Additional Information: Vincent P. Klock was the son of Fred Klock (George, John H., Henry G., George I., Johannes, Han Henrich and Hendrick Klock) and "Katie" Katherine Walsh. He married Louise A. Jenner.

Oneida County, New York

Glenwood Cemetery
Oneida, Madison County
New York

Hasselbarth, Carl O. Jan. 15, 1861 -Jan., 1933. Additional Information: Carl was born in Bremen, Germany. He married Elizabeth Klock, daughter of George Klock (Conrad Clock, John I. Clock, Conrad Clock, Hendrick Klock) and Harriett Smith.

Hasselbarth, Elizabeth G. Klock-- b. 1862 d. Mar., 1933 Elizabeth was the daughter of George Klock/Clock and Harriett Smith. She married Carl O. Hasselbarth.

Klock, DeWitt--b. 1842 d. 1899 Additional Information: Dewitt Klock/Clock was the son of Conrad Clock (John I. Clock, Conrad Clock, Hendrick Klock) . He married Violet Smith (1843-1920).

Klock, Earl D. --b. unknown d. 1950 (Additional Information: There was a Earl D. Kock, brother of Norman C. Klock and Menzo who were , sons of Eugene Klock (Norman Klock, Simeon Klock) Simeon born abt. 1812. I do not have the parents of this Simeon...

Note: I have put information on the cemeteries in Madison County, New York in the newsletter before, but I missed Glenwood Cemetery.

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