



Klock Connections

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Gordon and Miki

On January 5, 2005, I received a telephone call from Michaela Pohl. Michaela was a very excited lady when she talked to me on the telephone. She had a beautiful story she wanted to share. She was able to find and meet her brother for the first time, thanks to the Klock Connections Web.

Michaela was born in Wiesbaden, West Germany, and was adopted by a wonderful German family. Her adopted family gave Miki lots of love, made sure she got a good education and encouraged her to find her birth family. Her birth mother was young when she gave birth to Michaela and gave her up for adoption. In 1964, soon after giving birth to Michaela, she moved to the United States, married and had another baby. After Michaela got out of high school, she came to the United States and has lived here every since.

Miki had been looking for her family off and on over the last 20 years but had been unable to find them. She had already learned her birth mother's name and where she first settled in the United States. Then in late December 2004 Miki, using Goggle search, typed in her birth mother's name and it took

her to the Klock Connections Web Page. Michaela had told me she had tried Internet searches before but had been unsuccessful. I had just updated my Klock Family Tree on line the night before her search. From this new information Michaela was able to find her birth mother, find out that she had married and that she had a brother. "As soon as I saw his name I realized for the first time in my life that I had a brother!" Miki told me. She found her brother, Gordon, through another Goggle Search, living in North Carolina. She called him and they set up a meeting. Miki and Gordon met over New Years at the home of her brother in South Carolina. "I can't really describe my feelings when we first met in person. We look similar and have important parallels in our lives. We felt a connection immediately," Miki told me. "Finding each other has been a real gift."

Gordon, known as "Capt. Gordon" is an athletic director and a well-known fly fishing guide in North Carolina. Michaela is an Assistant Professor of History at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. She received her B.A. in Liberal Studies from the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington in 1989, and Ph.D. in modern Russian history from Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana in 1999. Miki has also served this country in the US Air Force. She is presently writing a book about the Khrushchev era in Kazakhstan. Miki is not married yet; her fiancé lives in Moscow, Russia. She goes home to visit her family and her fiancé two or three times a year.

I would like to thank Miki, for sharing this wonderful **Continued Next Page**

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story with us and for sending me that great picture for this newsletter. I am glad that my family tree was helpful in your quest to find your birth family. It is heartwarming stories like yours that makes all my work I do on my family tree and the web page worthwhile!

Genealogy Books

The Snell, Zimmerman, Timmerman and Klock families are closely connected. To show how closely they are connected, Nancy Timmerman Cioch, who is President of the SZT Reunion, went through the genealogy books they have. Below is a list of the books and how many Klock's are contained in their genealogies.

Books by David Kendall Martin:

- "The Eighteenth Century Snell Family of the Mohawk Valley" - has 20 Klock names.
- "The Eighteenth Century Zimmerman Family" - has 34 Klock names.
- "The Eighteenth Century Failing Family"- has 18 Klock names.

Books by Carolyn Timmerman Sidenius:

- "Descendants of Lt. Henry Timmerman"- 320 Klock names.
- "Descendants of Lawrence Timmerman" - 16 Klock names.
- "Descendants of David Timmerman" - has 10 Klock names.
- "Descendants of George Timmerman" - has 34 Klock names.
- "Descendants of Peter and Anna Kilts Snell" - has 90 Klock names.

I have attended several of the SZT Reunion's and purchased three of four of their books. The SZT Reunion is held every year at the Snell's Bush Church near St. Johnsville. I will let you know the date of the reunion later in this newsletter. As the Klock Family is

connected to the SZT Reunion family we have an open invitation to attend the reunion.

You can find a complete listing of the SZT Reunion Genealogies and prices on Internet:
www.threeriversshms.com/sztbooks.htm
<http://www.szt-genealogy.org/>

You can also write Nancy a letter:

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An American Tragedy

Austin B. Klock (David, William, Jacob Clock or Klock, Jacob Conrad Clock, Conrad Klock, Hendrick Klock) was a State game Protector, and later became Sheriff of Herkimer County. From 1879 to 1905 Austin was the proprietor of a machine shop in Herkimer, and from 1911 to 1916 the sales agent for the Ford automobile in Herkimer County. Austin was an ardent deer hunter, he made annual trips into the woods each year for many years and up to within a short time of his death. A camp on the Indian River, a tributary of the West Canada, was called "Klock's Camp.

It was while Austin Klock was serving as under sheriff during the term of John M. Richards that he made the arrest of Chester Gillette, who murdered Grace Brown at Big Moose Lake in 1906.

A book, "An American Tragedy" by Theodore Dreiser, recalls this noted murder. Chester Gillette and Grace Brown worked together in 1905 at a skirt factory in Cortland, New York owned by Chester's uncle. Chester was born in Montana and traveled around the Pacific Northwest with his parents, who were captains in the Salvation Army. He attended Oberlin Academy prep school and later worked as a railroad brakeman before coming to Cortland. There he met Grace Brown, a farmer's daughter from South Otselic in Chenango County, **Continued Next Page**

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New York, who had originally come to Cortland to baby-sit for her sister's child.

They dated occasionally but most of their relationship was conducted in secret. In the spring of 1906 Grace found herself pregnant with Gillette's child and she went home to her parents after Gillette promised to take her away on the trip to the Adirondacks. While she apparently assumed this was to be a wedding trip, it is unknown whether Gillette actually promised to marry her.

After a number of letters begging him to fulfill his promise, Gillette met Grace in Deruyter, New York on July 9, 1906 and they began a trip together. They spent the first night in Utica and then took the train to Tupper Lake, where they spent their second night.

On the morning of July 11 they took the train back towards Utica and stopped at Big Moose Lake in Herkimer County. They rented a boat together and spent the entire afternoon out on the water. Grace left her trunk in the train station and her hat in the hotel, but Chester took everything he had with him out onto the boat.

Sometime around 6 p.m. Grace ended up in the bottom of the lake. She had told Gillette in one of her letters that she could not swim. Chester, taking his suitcase, camera and tripod, ran off into the woods and found a trail to the south. Later that night he arrived at the Arrowhead Hotel in Inlet and stayed there until his arrest three days later. During his trial in November and December 1906, Gillette said Grace had jumped into the lake and committed suicide because of her plight. The district attorney said Chester hit Grace over the head with the tennis racket that had been attached to his suitcase. The jury found him guilty of first degree murder and sentenced him to die in the electric chair. He died on March 30, 1908.

There has been movies, plays and songs written about this tragedy. The book *An American Tragedy* was made into a movie.

The 1931 movie "An American Tragedy" used Dreiser's names, but the 1951 re-make of the movie, "A Place in the Sun" used an entirely different set of names. In this version, Chester's name is Charles Eastman, Grace's name is Alice Tripp and the "other woman" is called Angela Vickers. The district attorney is called Frank Marlowe. I have not seen these movies so I cannot tell you who played the arresting officer, the under sheriff, Austin Klock or the name they used in the movie. In 1996 the story was on an episode of *Unsolved Mysteries* "Grace's Ghost".

The Metropolitan Opera in New York City is producing an opera based on Dreiser's version of the story. It's scheduled to open in December, 2005.

The Chester Gillette - Grace Brown murder case of 1906 was front-page news during the arrest, trial and execution of Gillette. It is still studied today as a model case of using "circumstantial" evidence.

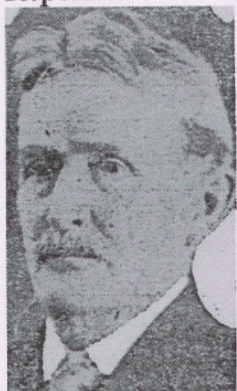
Clock's of the Buckeye State

Timothy Clock, (Johann George Clock, Hendrick Clock, Henrich Klock, Jr., Hendrick Klock) was a descendant of the Klock's of the Mohawk Valley of New York. The name of Klock was one of prominence for generations, in the Mohawk valley. The Ohio branch of this family began when Timothy Clock removed from the Mohawk Valley to settled in Huron County in the early 1800's. Timothy Clock, the pioneer, was a young man when he settled in wilderness of Huron County, Ohio. Born in 1794, he died in Monroeville, Ohio in 1855. There he met and married Miss Phoebe Carr, who was born in 1793 and died in 1872. She was another representative of a pioneer family of patriots from Massachusetts who fought for Independence in the American Revolution. Timothy and Phoebe Clock had seven children. James Anson, Luthera, Berthula, Lovian Viola, Melissa, David Henry and Mary. **Continued Next Page**

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Later, Timothy parents, Johann George and Margaretha Overheiser Clock, along with several of his siblings joined Timothy in Ohio, greatly increasing the number of Clocks living in Ohio. While Timothy was a tanner and currier, his brothers turned their attention to farming.

David Henry Clock was born August 25, 1857 in Monroeville, Huron County. He was the youngest son of Timothy and Phoebe Clock. He attended the local schools and took up the trade harness and saddle making and became skilled in his profession. He married Miss Emma Bishop, who was born March 7, 1835 in Mayville, New York. The Bishops moved to Ohio when Emma was a young woman. Together David and Emma had four children; Talien Morley, Harvey Kilmer, Vernon Carlton, and Bertha Mary. David Clock continued his trade of harness and saddle making until he retired and became the founder of a newspaper called the Erie County Reporter.



Talien Morley Clock

Talien Morley was the eldest son of David and Emma Bishops Clock. He was born October 4, 1857 in Monroeville, Ohio. Attended public schools and took up the printer's trade. In 1882 he moved to

Chicago and found employment at the old Chicago Times. After two years in Chicago he returned home and joined his father on the Erie County Reporter in Huron, Ohio. He continued working with his father and after his death in 1905, took over running the paper.

Talien Clock served as collector of customs for the port of Huron for 18 years. . He was elected Mayor of Huron in 1904 and served six years. Later he was reelected and served

another eight years as Mayor. He served as councilman and was twice elected as it's president. For several years he was a member of the board of education and at various times he served as a delegate to the Republican state conventions. At the request of the late Senator Hanna, who was an admirer of Mr. Clock, he was candidate for nomination for state senator from his district.

Talien Clock married Elsie Pierce, who was born May 02, 1864. Talein Clock died Nov 3, 1928 and is buried in Monroeville, Ohio. Mrs. Mary Overholt, the sister of Talien Clock took charge of the paper and continued as editor and publisher. Talien Clock and Elsie has one child, a daughter, Marian Grace, who was born September 06, 1883. Marian graduated Oberlin College in 1906. She taught chemistry for two years at Boston, Mass. Later she held the position of Bursar at the Museum of National History in Cleveland before going to the office of Collector of the Internal Revenue in Cleveland.

Information from the History of Erie County, Vol. 2. By Hewson L. Peeke, published in 1916. I found some information on Talien or Tallien (seen it spelled both ways in the information) on the Internet. I had Talien Clock on my tree and wanted to find more information on him. I contacted Judy Ryan of the Huron Historical Society in Huron, Ohio. She sent me two obituaries on Talien Clock and the information from the History of Erie County. For more information on Talien Clock, check the obituary section of Klock Connections.

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**Genealogy:
Church Records Continued**

**Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of
Herkimer, N.Y.**

Baptized:

Anna, born February 22, 1802 at New Germany, Parents, Caroli Friderici Glock & Maria Cath. Klien, Sponsors; Petro Rima & wife Catharine.

Heinerich & Elisabetha, twins, born Feb. 27, 1802 at Herkimer, Parents, Petri Glock & Annae Stahring, Sponsors; Henerico & Margaretha Glock, aunt & uncle, Adolph Kessler & Sorothea Eisemann

Petrus, born July 5, 1804 at Herkimer, Parents; Petri Glock & Anna Stahring, Sponsors; Joanne Klok & Catharine Stahring.

Joes. Friedericus, born July 7, 1804, Warrentown, Parents; Jacobi Glock & Margaretha Christman, Sponsors; Petro Eisemann & Catharine his wife.

Catharine, born Nov. 2, 1806, Herkimer, Parents; Petri Glock & Anna Stahring, Sponsors; Petro Eisemann & Catherine, his wife.

Anna, born Nov. 5, 1807, Herkimer, Parents; Joannis Glock & Margrethae Helmer, Sponsors; Petro Glock & Anna, his wife.

Isaac, born Nov. 21, 1808, Parents; Petri Glock & Anna Stahring, Sponsors; Adam Stahring & Elisabeth, his wife.

Sanford, born Jan. 16, 1810, Herkimer, Parents; Joannis Klok & Margaretha Helmer. Sponsors; Magdalena Klok & Joseph Petry

Eva, born May 13, 1810, at Schylertown, Parents; Caroli Frid Glock & Maria Cath. Klein.

Sponsors; Geroge Dietrich & Anna, his wife. Silas, born Dec. 15, 1810, at Herkimer, Parents; Petri Klock & Anna Stahring, Sponsors; Petro Stahring & Fany Klock.

Marriages:

Feb. 13, 1804- Henricus, son of Henerici Keller from Rimshneidersbush, town and country of Herkimer married Barbara Elisabeth Glockin, daughter of Henerici Glock.

Apr. 6, 1806- Jacobus, son of George Helner of Warrentown, married Elisabeth, daughter of Henrick Glock of Herkimer.

Dec. 25, 1806- Johannes, son of Heneerici J. Klock of Herkimer married Margaretha, dau. of Georg Helmer from Warren.

Aug. 4, 1811- Jacobus, son of Jacob Huber married Magdalena Glock, dau. Of Henerici Glock all of Herkimer.

Aug. 30, 1814- Robert Glock, son of Henerici of Herkimer, married Catharine Stahring, dau. of Johannis Nicholai Stahring of German Flats.

Feb. 11, 1816- David Joseph Preuss from Germany married Maria, widow Glock, born Rasbach from Manheim.

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Herkimer, N.Y.**

Jan. 29, 1825- Leonard Hothkins married Catharina Klock dau. Of Petri Klock & Anna Stahring.

March 17, 1830-Little Falls- At home of Hon. Judge George Rosencrantz, Peter P. Klock age 25, farmer, son of Peter Klock & Anna Stahring, married Margareth Rosencrantz, age 19, daughter of the above Rosencrantz and Anna Shell.

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