



# Klock Connections

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**Sherman O. Klock  
At Home in the Woods**

Sherman O. Klock wrote a Genealogy that is called the "History and Genealogy of the Klock Family". His work is in the Archives in Albany, New York. A lot of the information in the Klock/Clock Genealogy compiled by Helen Laura Clock Williams came from the work of Sherman Orville Klock. The Genealogy that I have on the Klock Connections Web Page also contains his work.

Sherman was born November 28, 1873 in Macob, St. Lawrence, New York. I could write a book on the life of Sherman O. Klock but he already did that. The book is called the

"Reminiscences of Sherman O. Klock." The book, like his genealogy was never published. I have a copy of both his genealogy and his unpublished manuscript. I got it from the granddaughter of Sherman, Rose Mary Rockwell. Rose and her husband, Rocky were kind enough to let me copy the manuscript under the condition that it was for my own use. Someday the family may want to publish the book themselves.

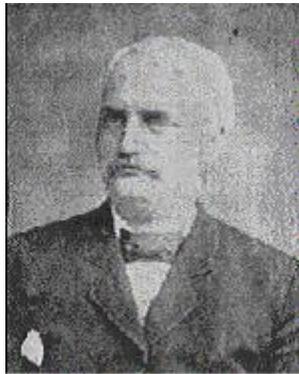
Sherman O. Klock was a great writer, and researcher. I envy the way he could express himself in his writing. "It is a well known fact, I believe, that one becomes concerned about their ancestry—near or remote—only when they begin to get old. Certain it is that youth cares little about it; suffice for them to know that they spring from Adam; so what care they if a black sheep now and then went straying in forbidden pasture, or a horse thief was found hanging from the family tree, or a few fair Magdalene's were seen lying in shame beneath it, on down through the years. But, when this same youth begins to grow old, when the waist line begins to expand for no apparent reason at all, or when the bald spot begins to appear on the head, then will it begin to poke about in search of some ancestor whom it can hold up to view and brag about." From the Reminiscences of Sherman O. Klock.

In May of 1896 Sherman married Edna Starkings. She was born April 12, 1879. Sherman and Edna had three children. Hazel Ada Klock arrived on May 10, 1897, but died two days later. Then arriving on February 06, 1900 was Mildred Edna Klock. Their third and last child made his arrival on September 26, 1904 and they named him Kenneth Sherman Klock. Then just 6 years later on March 28, 1910, Sherman lost his beloved wife, Edna. Sherman remained a widow until he met and married Frances Minon on November 13, 1924. Sherman died January 11, 1940.

Sherman was a farmer, and loved the outdoors. He loved fishing and hunting and just being out side in the sunshine. He would spend days and sometimes weeks at a time in the

deep woods, living off the land. When he was about 50 he became passionately involved in genealogy and starting researching his Klock family roots. Sherman O. Klock,( Jacob A., Luther, John J. Jr., John J., Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock.) like Milo Nellis wrote many articles for the local newspapers. It was then that he compiled his genealogy and wrote his “reminiscences.” Someday I would like to see his book published. It would make a great addition to my Klock collection.

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Levi R. Klock, of Little Falls

#### Old Little Falls Merchant Whose Active Career Has Closed

Levi R. Klock, (Peter P., Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) was born in Little Falls, New York on June 24, 1832, the first born child of Peter P. Klock and Margaret Rosecrantz. He had two sisters; Lucretia and Catherine.

According to his obituary, where some of the information for this article was taken, Levi was “bearer of a name associated with early history of the Mohawk valley and prominent in the annals of the revolution”. Levi was “ a leading merchant and foremost citizen in the affairs of his home public, he departs with a career of active usefulness behind him, sincere respect attending his memory. Absolute probity was one of his chief characteristics. His nature was sympathetic and his impulses kindly. With him the cheerful word was ever foremost and the ready answer never lacking for he possessed a pleasant humor that added life to any gathering”.

Levi was educated in the old Little Falls Academy and except for a few where he

lived in Fort Plain, N.Y., he spent his entire life in Little Falls.

In 1858 he established a clothing store in Little Falls, which he ran for 35 years. The store, was the first clothing store in Little Falls that sold ready-made clothing. Before his store, people in Little Falls would buy cloth and take it to a Taylor to be made or “Mom” would make the clothing herself. “A man of excellent taste and thorough knowledge of his business, Mr. Klock built up a splendid trade, which he held by his square methods.” He retired from his clothing business in 1894.

Levi served one year as a village trustee and after the death of the village president, Mr. Crumby, he was appointed by his fellow trustee's to fill our the term as Village President. He was a Democrat and a party leader.

He was a charter member of the old Rescue Hook and Ladder Company with the local Fire Department.

In 1853 Levi R. Klock married Lucretia Dillenbeck, a descendant of the Herkimer and Rosecranz family. They had three sons; Irving I., who married Mary Marshall. Irving was a member of the Little Falls Police Force for 25 years, and after his retirement was appointed sealer of weights and measures for the City; Frank, who was a former city clerk; and James R. Klock.

Levi died January 25, 1908, at the home of his son, Irving who lived “ in Williams street, Monday night and resulted from the effects of grip which his age poorly fitted him to resist.” (Obituary) Internment was made in Church Street Cemetery, Little Falls, New York.

Dear Dave:

Just wanted to clarify a cemetery location error. You mentioned Klock, Albert G. buried in Inghams Mills Cemetery. Inghams Mills Cemetery is about 1 mile from Snells Bush Church. It is located in the Town of Manheim, Herkimer County, NY. Stone Arabia is in the Town of Palatine, Montgomery County, NY.

Also wanted to let you know of an item of interest that you could include in your Oct. Klock Connections. There will be a Memorial Dedication Service for Colonel Peter Bellinger on October 15, 1-3 pm at the Fort Herkimer Church, Route 5 S, Mohawk, NY. Col. Bellinger's regiment was composed of the militia of German Flatts and Kingsland districts, and fought at the Battle of Oriskany. He was credited with "holding the frontier" after that Bloody Battle until the end of the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Donald Bellinger and I decided last winter that something should be done about the fact that our ancestor did not have a stone marking his grave. We decided that his wife, Delia Herkimer Bellinger - sister of General Nicholas Herkimer should also have a stone marker.

Now we have planned the Memorial Dedication Service! We want to try to let all family members know. Since there are many Klock descendants who are also Bellinger descendants, your newsletter readers may be interested. We have invited Tryon County Militia Reenactors, members of local chapters of DAR, SAR, and CAR as well as local historical societies.

I am a descendant of Lt. Henry Timmerman, Col. Peter Bellinger, Johannes Klock, George Timmerman, Col. William Feeter, Peter Snell, Peter Kilts. Other ancestor surnames include Fox, Shoemaker, Petrie, Kraft, Broat, Garlock, Doxtader, Nellis, Gramps, Herkimer, Schultz. I might have missed some! These were just the early Palatine names!

I am also planning a meeting of the New

York State Chapter of Palatines to America. This will be held Oct 8, 2005 at the Herkimer Reformed Church, Main St. Herkimer, NY. This event is open to the public.

Sincerely,  
Nancy (Timmerman) Cioch

If you are interested in attending, you can contact Nancy at the following e-mail address. [ncioch@yahoo.com](mailto:ncioch@yahoo.com)



Klock Family Bible

I recently purchased an Old Family Bible on E-Bay that belonged to Augustus Klock. Augustus Klock (John Klock, who married Elizabeth Lackey, Jacob I. Klock, who married Anna Devendorf, John J. Klock who married Catherine Foltz, Johannes J. Klock who married Ann Margaretha Fox, and Hendrick Klock.) was born January 20, 1827. He married Lany A. Fox. They had five children, Wallace, Emma, Eugene, Ella and Walter.

The Bible somehow ended up in Battle Creek, Michigan and on E-Bay. The Bible contains several old family pictures as well as dates of birth and marriages and deaths. The Bible was published in 1882. I will be putting the information and pictures in next month's issue of Klock Connections. I would like to see this Family Bible get back to someone who is a direct descendant of Augustus Klock. If you know a descendant, please have them contact me by regular mail or e-mail.

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## Klock Reunion:

I have been getting e-mails asking about the next Klock Reunion. This is what we have planned so far. It will be an all day event, held at Fort Klock, August 5, 2006. I have a local band lined up that will play for us in the barn. The band is called "**Stone Soup**", an acoustic band. They play a wide variety of traditional blues, jazz, folk songs, gospel, Irish tunes, Australian folk music, and original pieces. Featured will be Suzanne Bladek on guitar, Joseph Sinchak on mandolin, Nick Friers on guitar, and Peter Liljeberg on bass. Joe Sinchak is a Doctor in his spare time and is married to Cindy Sinchak, President of Fort Klock Historic Restoration.

My wife, Darla, Mary Lee and I will be cooking Chili outside on the fire and making corn bread outside in the Dutch oven. We will also be asking you to bring a disk to pass. We will furnish the plates, cups, plastic silverware and drinks. Depending on how many people plan on coming, ice cream may also be available in the barn for a small charge before and after the band. We will have games for adults and games for the kids.

The cost will be \$11.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children and young adults still in high school. This will cover the cost for the band, drinks, (coffee, juice) and a tour of the Fort. So we know how many people to expect, we will need 50% down. \$5.50 for Adults and \$4.00 for children and young adults. (non-refundable) I will put a form in the newsletter after the first of the year that you can use.

With the price of gasoline and travel out of control, we thought we should try and hold the cost down, keeping the reunion simple and yet fun for all.

Some people are under the belief that they must provide proof that you're a member of the Klock Family to attend the Klock Reunion. No one will be asking you to prove your connection.

I will have the Genealogy of Sherman O. Klock, The Klock/Clock Genealogy, my genealogy and other genealogy books at the reunion for you to look through. I am sure others will bring their genealogy too, if you do not know your connection, maybe you can find it at the reunion. If you are not interested in genealogy, that's ok too. Just come and have a good time.

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Newspaper Clipping sent to me by  
Lynn McAuliffe of Superior, Co.

Fri 8/26/05  
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# On the side

## DID YOU KNOW?



Clara Cressingham      Carrie C. Holly      Frances Klock

The first female state legislators in the United States.

Courtesy of the Denver Public Library's Western History Collection

### Women's suffrage

Today is the 85th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the federal right to vote. Prior to that, women's suffrage rights were determined at the state level.

**1893:** Colorado became the second state in the nation to grant women voting rights. Wyoming was first.

**1894:** The first female state legislators in the country were three Republicans elected to the Colorado House of Representatives: Clara Cressingham of Arapahoe County, Carrie C. Holly of Pueblo County and Frances Klock of Arapahoe County.

**1913:** Helen R. Robinson, an Arapahoe County Republican, was sworn in as the first woman elected to serve in the state Senate.

**1960:** The town of Hooper in Alamosa County was the first Colorado municipality to have an all-female governing board. The mayor, clerk and treasurer and all town board members were women.

Sources: Colorado State Archives; Center for American Women and Politics

## **Cemetery Listing For Klock's Continued**

### **The Old Herkimer Cemetery Town of Little Falls Off Overlook Rd., off Route # 5**

#### **(Also known as Klock-Petrie Cemetery)**

Petrie, Daniel D., d. 3-5-1885, 81yr (spouse of Margaret Klock. Margaret was the sister of Elizabeth Klock) Additional Information: Daniel was born February 07, 1804. He married Margaret Klock who was born May 15, 1800 and died December 05, 1866. She was the daughter of Peter Klock and Anna (Nancy) Stahring.

### **Little Falls Cemetery Little Falls, Herkimer County, N.Y. (Not sure which Cemetery in Little Falls)**

Note: When I say I have no information, I just cannot tell who this person was from the information or cemetery records I may have them on my tree somewhere.

Klock, Alfonso d. 1923 (No information)

Klock, Alexander d. 1854 (No information)

Klock, Amanda L. d. 1913 (No information)

Klock, Benjamin, died 10/8/1862 aged 70 yrs. 6 mo. and 7 days. Additional Information: Benjamin Klock, (Jacob George, Johanguergh "Old George" and Hendrick Klock.) He married Thankful House on November 14, 1822. They had nine children.

Klock, Catherine M. 7/9/1876, aged 31 yrs. 11 mo. 23 days. (No Information)

Klock, Charles died 4/23/1870 aged 21 yrs. 10 mo. 6 days. Additional Information: Charles Henry Klock (Elias, Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) Charles married Ester Petrie and they had a daughter that was born three month after the death of Charles. Nellie E. Klock was born July 11, 1870 and died November 20, 1876. She is also

buried in this cemetery.

Klock, Eliza, died 1874 aged 55 years, spouse of Elias. Additional Information: Elizabeth Sharp married Elias Klock (Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) was born September 04, 1820 and died October 20, 1874. Elias and Elizabeth Sharp Klock had five children.

Klock, George N. 1909-1925. Additional Information: George N. Klock (George, Frank Elias, Elias, Peter, Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) died at the age of 16.

Klock, Harriet, died 1830 (No information)

Klock, Henry d. 1854 aged 31 yrs., spouse Margaret. Additional Information: I have Henry Klock, (John H., Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) born May 19, 1823 and died June 06, 1854. He was killed in a railroad accident on the Michigan Central R.R.. He married Nancy (Unknown) and they had one child, Ella Florence, born 1850, died Aug. 7, 1851.

Klock, John died 1867 aged 83 yrs. 1 mo. 19 days. Additional Information: John H. Klock, (Henrick Johannes, Johannes J., and Hendrick Klock) was born August 17, 1784 and died October 06, 1867. He married Margaret Helmer on December 25, 1806. They had nine children. Henry listed above was their son.

Klock, Julia, died 7/3/1853 aged 28 yrs. 10 days  
No Information.

Klock, Levi R. died 1908. Additional Information: Levi R. Klock was born June 25, 1832, the son of Peter P. Klock. He died January 25, 1908. See picture and article on page 2. He is buried in Church Street Cemetery, Little Falls, New York.

Klock, Lucretia, died 1893. Additional Information: Lucretia Dillenbeck, the wife of Levi R. above. She was born in 1829. Buried in Church Street Cemetery, Little Falls, New York.

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