



# Klock Connections

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Bob Klock

Robert Howard Klock was born about 52 years ago in north of Watertown in the Thousand Islands area at Alexandria Bay, New York. He attended school at LaFargeville and went to college at Morrisville, New York. Robert currently lives in the southern tier area at Spencer, New York and is the Sales Division Manager for Eastern Metal/USA-SIGN Company in Elmira, New York.

Robert married his childhood sweetheart Jane Elaine Reynolds. "I am the proud father of my three beautiful daughters, Robyn Jayne, Robia Janel, my special angle Michelle Joy, and sorrowful father to my only son Robert Howard, who was taken to heaven at three days old." Bob told me in a recent e-mail.

"As far as I can tell I am the only Klock in this county that is currently registered in the NHPA (National Horseshoe Pitchers Association). I'm not saying I am the only Klock that pitches horseshoes in this county, heaven knows there are tons of backyard horseshoe pitchers all over the county, but there are very few that take this old pastime to the next level and get truly and deeply

involved in promoting the fine sport of Sanctioned horseshoe pitching." Bob is Sec/Treasure officer for the NYS horseshoe pitching association, a NHPA Regional Director for New York State. "As Regional Director I register and coordinate all the sanction numbered tournaments held each year in New York State and I also travel to each town in NYS as required to certify and sanction newly constructed horseshoe courts." Bob told me in his e-mail.

I met Bob and his family at the 2003 Klock Family Reunion. Bob and his mother, Gertrude Wells receives this newsletter. "I have always wondered and yearned to understand and find out what my exact heritage lines were, seems like ever since I was four years old when I lost my Father "Robert Charles Klock" at the young age of 28 when the good lord decided it was his time. My father Ross S. Wells Jr. has always supported this search, saying one should always know their lines. Thanks to my research, including many trips to Fort Klock area and reading the many years of research articles written by (yourself) Dave Klock, I have finally discovered my direct descendant roots flow through the Hendrick Klock line."

I have Bob's line as Robert C., Lionel, Jordan, Levi, Jacob Adam, Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Col. Jacob Klock and Hendrick Klock.

"Two things I can tell you about myself; since I was a wee child about 99% of the time "I need to see it to believe it" and the essence of my whole life theme has always been "Take me as I am or don't take me at all". I didn't know where these traits and characteristics came from,

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## Robert Klock Continued

but my mother has told me, history and personal traits always repeat and without researching or knowing anything about one's heritage, roots, and blood lines, certain characteristics will transition from one generation to another without fail."

"I started pitching serious horseshoes about 15 years ago. My first year I pitched the commonly known "flip shoe", everyone knows this way of pitching, you just grab the shoe in the middle and flip it or throw it at the stake. I would hit about 12 ringers out of 100 shoes and thought that was great; but to my surprise this ringer percentage was not very competitive at all, so I taught myself how to pitch a 1 and 1/4 turn shoe (I would pitch about 1000 shoes a week-end until I felt comfortable with the rhythm and timing). To pitch this type of shoe, you must specifically hold onto one side of the shoe and lift up as you pitch it at the stake, allowing the shoe to turn 1 and 1/4 times in the air before it lands in the pit (40 feet away). I can now commonly hit about 50 ringers out of 100 shoes. Believe me, 50 ringers out of 100 shoes might sound like a lot, but it doesn't even come close to the really good pitchers who pitch 75 to 80 out of 100, but I love the camaraderie and the challenge to constantly improve."

Bob will have a chance to show off his horse pitching skills, he has volunteered to take charge of a horseshoe tournament at the next Klock Family Reunion that will be held at Fort Klock on August 5, 2006. Don't worry you will not have to pitch against him. He is just too good and most of us would not stand a chance, so he will just observe and maybe give a lesson or two.

Thank Bob for the information for this article and letting me profile you in Klock Connections.

## How The States Rank

When you travel to different towns and

states do you ever check the motel phone books to see how many people have the same last name? I know I do. Just for fun I did a phone book check on Yahoo to see which states contained the most Klock Families. Below is the top ten. If you add up all the states there are about 1,015 Klock Families listed in phone books in the U.S. Klock's the have unlisted number would not be included.

- #1 New York--202
- #2 Pennsylvania--197
- #3 California--72
- #4 Florida--66
- #5 Texas--44
- #6 Washington State--34
- #7 New Jersey--31
- #8 Illinois--30
- #9 South Dakota-- 29
- #10 Michigan-- 28

I knew New York, Pennsylvania, California and Florida had the most Klock Families, what surprised me was Texas. The next states in order of Klock Families would be Oregon with 27, Wisconsin, 22, Louisiana, 19, Ohio and Virginia are tied at 17, Massachusetts 16, Colorado and Connecticut tied at 15. The rest of the states have 13 or less.



Hannah Paige Klock

Michigan has one more Klock and I have a new Granddaughter! Hannah Paige was born November 30, 2005 at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She weighted in at 8 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs. Hannah is the daughter of Joshua Klock and Carol Kelly. Welcome to the family, Hannah.

## Hiram G. Walrath

Hiram Walrath was born in Montgomery County, New York in 1821. He was the son of Jacob A. Walrath Jr. and Mary (Klock) Walrath, Mary or Maria (Polly) Klock was the daughter of Jacob I. Klock and Anna G. Klock. Jacob I., was the son of Johannes J. Klock and Ann Margaretha Fox and Johannes was the son of Hendrick Klock. Anna G. Klock, was the daughter of Johanguergh (Old George) Klock and Maria Catharine Walrath and Old George was the son of Hendrick Klock. Now that you are totally confused on the line of Hiram G. Walrath, I will finish the story. Hiram worked as a tailor until 1844. While celebrating the 4th of July holiday he got too close to a cannon burst and lost his left arm at the shoulder, in the accident. After he recovered from the lost of his arm, he engaged in teaching. In 1846 he removed to Belleville, New York and purchased the block of stores and engaged in the drug business. He married Philena Maria Shaver, in 1848. She was the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Polly) Shaver. She worked in a millinery and fancy goods business.

Hiram and his wife, Philena had four children; Gertrude, Bryon, Luella F., and Walter Kellogg Walrath. Gertrude E. married Dennis Young of Henderson, New York; Lucella F., died in 1881, aged 28 years; Byron married Theresa M. Johnson and lived in Syracuse. Theresa died in childbirth March 06, 1887, the day after their daughter, Cady B. was born. Their youngest son, Walter Kellogg Walrath was educated at Union Academy, and graduated in dental surgery at the University of Michigan, in June, 1886. He married Elizabeth Crittenden, daughter of James and Martha (Harris) Crittenden, in 1887, by whom he has a daughter, Florence C., born in 1888. Walter practiced his profession in the Walrath block.

Information for the article came from "Child's Gazetteer, Ellisburgh, Jefferson County, New York

## "Families" By Bernard Klock Schuman and Dale H. Schuman

The following comes from the book "Families" by Bernard and Dale Schuman. Mr. Bernard Schuman, who lives in Florida sent me his book and gave me permission to copy and to use parts in this newsletter and my family tree. Bernard Klock Schuman, is the son of Benjamin James Schuman who married Laura M. Klock, (Frank, George, John H. Klock, Henry G., George I., Johannes, Henrich Jr. and Hendrick Klock). The book was the result of over ten years of research into his family History. Bernard and his son Dale, researched and wrote his book as a means of informing their children and grandchildren of their family's history. Copyrighted in 1983 and printed by Bendale, Printing in Venice Florida, few copies of this book have been printed. There is a copy in Archives in Albany, New York.

I found your book very interesting. Thank you, Bernard, for sending it to me. I will be using the story about your Great-Great Grandfather, John H. Klock in this newsletter and more stories, pictures and information in upcoming newsletters.

### SIXTH GENERATION—IN DIRECT LINEAGE



John H. Klock

John H. Klock was born December 4, 1819 in the town of Lyme, Jefferson County, New York. His father, Henry, was an industrious and successful farmer. Some of John's brothers chose to work on river boats for a

livelihood but John but John worked beside his father and learned of the rewards of successful farming efforts. In 1839 John married

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## Sixth Generation Continued

Emily Estes who was not yet eighteen years of age. Though young and pretty, Emily had experienced hard work in helping her father in his hotel business, and she had learned many business and management skills. She made an ideal partner in life for John Klock.

In 1840 their first son, Richmon, was born; in 1843 their second son and last child, George, was born.

During the late 1840's John and Emily and the two small boys moved to a farm near the village of Tully, New York, a few miles south of Syracuse. The Tully Valley was fast becoming recognized as one of the most fertile and productive farming regions in New York State. Later on other brothers of John came into the same area and shared the benefits of this land.

By 1860 John and Emily had found rewards commensurate with their efforts, a comfortable life on a profitable farm, with that live shared by two sons who worked the land along-side them.

John and his father, Henry, were fortunate in that they were members of the only two successive generations of Klocks, since the immigration of old Hendrick in 1710, who were not called upon to serve their country on the battlefield. It would be another hundred years before this oddity could again be recognized.

## Miscellaneous Newspaper Clipping

Post and Gazette, Elizabethtown, N.Y.  
Thursday, October 10, 1895

Mrs. Klock, a young woman of Saginaw, Mich., made a serious mistake it trying to kill herself. She ate half a dozen cucumbers, rind and all, and then took rat poison. Either might have killed her, but one dose counteracted the other and she is still alive.

**Note:** I don't know who this Mrs. Klock was, but this story made the Post and Gazette Elizabethtown, New York. The story was

probably syndicated in papers all over the country.

## Genealogy, Cemetery List Continued

### Newport Cemetery, Herkimer Co., New York

Klock, Phobe, died 5/13/1843. No Information

Myere Park Cemetery, Herkimer Co., New York

Klock, Henry born Palatine 8/7/1748, died Herkimer 6/22/1810 aged 61 yrs. Additional Information: Below is what I have on Henry or Henrick Klock (Johannes J, and Hendrick Klock) was a soldier in the Revolution in Col. Jacob Klock's Reg. of the 2 nd. Tyron County, New York state Militia. He owned 2 farms in Little Falls, New York. He was a director of the Octagon Church, the first church erected in Little Falls. He is buried on his farm about 2.5 miles west of Little Falls, New York.-- Family Tree of Jackie Zimmer, Az.

Henry J. (Sometimes written as Henry I.) Klock was a member of the regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Klock, and was a loyal patriot during the Revolution. After the war he located on a farm to the west of Little Falls, N.Y., which comprised several hundred acres, and later was divided into two. This land lay on either side of the present Mohawk valley turnpike, and contained much of the valley flat-land. One of these at one time lived Silas Klock his grandson, and on the other lived another grandson, Elias. This farm has never been out of the procession of some member of the family, and at present is owned by George Klock. He was a member of the building committee, which built the Old Octagon Church, which stood where the brick schoolhouse now stands (1930), on Church Street at Little Falls, N.Y. He was buried in the old cemetery at Herkimer where now is located Myres Park, and when the remains of

those interred there were removed to Oak Hill Cemetery, his were removed to that place. The original white stone marker, which first marked his burial place, now stands there with this inscription. "Henry Klock a soldier in the Revolution, born in Palatine, Aug. 7, 1749, died in Herkimer June 10, 1810." His wife Margaret, who survived him twenty six years, is buried in the Church Street cemetery at Little Falls.--- SOK Genealogy.

### Wilcox Cemetery

#### Little Falls, Herkimer County, N.Y.

In the woods back of Slovak Cemetery

Klock, Alexander b. unknown d. unknown  
No Information

Klock, Charles P. (or D) d. 3/11/1887 age 39 yrs., 10 mos., 13 days (husband of Amanda Bucklin and son of Alexander & Nancy Klock)  
Additional Information: I have Charles P. Klock (Alexander, Peter A., Adam, Adam, Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) as born May 23, 1849 and died March 11, 1887 and buried in Wilcox Cemetery. I have his wife, Amanda Bucklin Klock as born February 11, 1836 and died in 1913. I have her buried in Church Street Cemetery, Little Falls, New

York. I have them with one child, William A. Klock who was born June 09, 1872.

Klock, Maggie M. b. 11/21/1847 d. 11/23/1847 (dau. of Alexander & Nancy Bateman Klock) Additional Information:

Maggie Klock, (Alexander, Peter A., Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) died in infancy.

Klock, Eugene no dates, (son of Alexander Klock and Nancy Bateman) I have no additional information on Eugene, (Alexander, Peter A., Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) except he was the son of Alexander Klock and Nancy Bateman.

Walrath, Elizabeth (Klock) 1855 - 1913 (daughter of Alexander Klock and Nancy Bateman) married Walter D. Walrath, all headstones for Father and Charles D. ? (Middle initial unclear as to D. or B.)  
Additional Information: Elizabeth Klock Walrath (Alexander, Peter A., Adam, Adam Johannes, Adam, Jacob, and Hendrick Klock) was born March 22, 1855 and died in 1913. Elizabeth and Walter had two sons, George L. and Eugene A. Walrath.

The Klock Family Reunion will be held August 5, 2006 at Fort Klock in St. Johnsville, New York. It will be an all day event with entertainment from "**Stone Soup**", and there will be games for adults and children. Please bring a dish to pass.

Cost will be \$11.00 for per adult. \$5.50 in advance.

\$8.00 for children and young adults still in school. \$4.00 in advance.

Note: Non-Refundable

Yes, we will be able to attend the Klock Family Reunion that will be held August 5, 2006.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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